

Submit your presentation proposal! Present at ccTLD News

On **6 and 7 October 2021**, there will be the next edition of the virtual ccTLD News Sessions. We now seek speakers on a variety of ccTLD-related topics, including among others Internet Governance. Please submit your presentation proposal by **13 September, 23:59 UTC**.

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Save the date! Join the ccNSO Rules Webinar

Join us on **Thursday, 26 August 2021 at 12 UTC**. Your participation in this session is important!

The ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee invites all ccNSO members to a webinar to discuss the proposed new set of Rules for the ccNSO. The new Rules will have a direct impact on the governance structure of the ccNSO, specifically on the respective roles and responsibilities of the Council and ccNSO membership. The current internal ccNSO Member Rules were adopted in 2004, and since then the ccNSO has evolved.

[Read more](#)

Heads Up! Find out what it takes to join the ccNSO Council

The 3-year term for five members of the ccNSO Council will end in March 2022. On 15 September 2021, the ccNSO will open a call for nominations to fill those seats. Are you considering running as a candidate for the ccNSO Council? Would you like to learn more about the ccNSO Council and the need to nominate candidates? You are invited to join the ccNSO Council Chair and other Councillors for a webinar on **Thursday, 16 September 2021 at noon UTC**.

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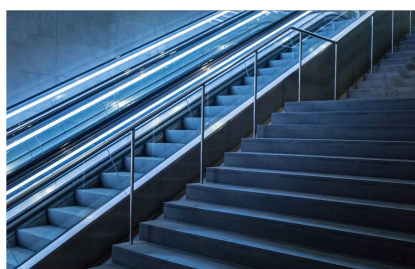
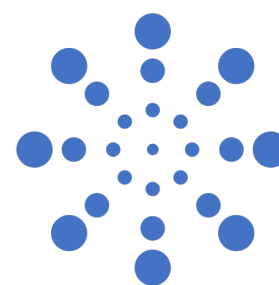


ICANN72 Update

ICANN72 will convene as a Virtual Annual General Meeting due to the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ICANN72 Virtual Annual General Meeting will take place in the Pacific Daylight Time zone (UTC -7) but the exact dates may change slightly following consultation with ICANN community leadership.

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The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered, will soon become available on the [ccNSO ICANN72 workspace](#).



The Policy Development Process on the retirement of ccTLDs reaches an important milestone

The ccNSO membership recently voted in support of the ccNSO Council recommendation to adopt the proposed policy on the retirement of ccTLDs. Consult the vote report [here](#).

The proposed policy is about the trigger event of a ccTLD retirement process, the retirement process itself, and the impact of the trigger event on the Root Zone Database. The policy is directed at ICANN, and within scope of the ccNSO policy development process as stated in Annex C of the ICANN Bylaws.

As a next step, a report on the voting will be sent to the Issue Manager. The report will be included in the Draft Board Report, which - after approval by the ccNSO Council - will be submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors.

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[Stephen Deerhake \(.as\)](#)
Chair ccPDP3-RET



[Eberhard Lisse \(.na\)](#)
Vice Chair ccPDP3-RET

Meet the ccPDP3-RET leadership team

Stephen Deerhake and Eberhard Lisse, respectively Chair and Vice Chair of the ccPDP Working Group on the retirement of ccTLDs, reflect on the process that led to the ccNSO membership supporting the ccNSO Council's recommendation to adopt the proposed policy. Find out what some of the Working Group's struggles were, and how Stephen and Eberhard looked back on their role as members of the ccPDP3-ret leadership team. They also talk about why it is important to contribute to the work of the ccNSO, and how even smaller ccTLDs can make a difference.

Read the interview with ccPDP3-RET Chair Stephen Deerhake [here](#), and the interview with the Working Group's Vice Chair Eberhard Lisse [here](#).

ccNSO Council Highlights



The ccNSO Council had its [175th meeting on 22 July 2021](#). Topic highlights from the July 2021 Council meeting:

- CSC related matters, including the 2nd CSC effectiveness review, the [call for Expressions of Interest](#) for one ccNSO appointed CSC member and a CSC Activity Update.
- ICANN org's proposal to create an ad-hoc community representative group to coordinate on those WS2 recommendations where community prioritization and coordination may be required
- Council's perspective on the minimum requirements for hybrid public ICANN meetings: This topic was deferred to the September meeting.
- Progress regarding the expanded role of the ccNSO Council's Triage Committee (Read more [here](#))
- A potential role for the ccNSO with respect to DNS Abuse. During its July meeting, a Mini-workshop style exercise was held, where Councillors and others expressed their views on the ccNSO and DNS Abuse. Councillors and others identified a number of aspects to shape the potential role of the ccNSO with respect to the discussions on DNS Abuse. The Secretariat in the meanwhile provided a summary to start the Council work on an action plan.
- Potential paths forward regarding the update of the ICANN Learn ccNSO Course: Council in the meanwhile took a decision on next steps online to undertake an extensive review of the ccNSO Course on ICANN Learn, before translating the course in the various languages ICANN provides translations. The review will be driven by the ccNSO Outreach and Involvement Standing Committee and ccTLD community volunteers.
- Update regarding the ICANN71 session At-Large Policy Session 2: ccTLD Governance Models - Testimonies from At-Large End Users. Following a Council decision, the Chair of the ccNSO sent a [letter](#) to the ALAC Chair, on behalf of the ccNSO Council. The ccNSO Council adopted the latest (19 July 2021) version of the letter to the ALAC to express its substantive and procedural concerns with respect to the ICANN71 ALAC session ccTLD Governance Models - Testimonies from At-Large End Users. The Chair is also requested to do whatever she believes is necessary to resolve the outstanding issues, within the parameters set in the [letter](#).

The ccNSO Council will not meet in August, and will reconvene on 16 September at 20 UTC. All Council meetings are open to observers. Please contact the [ccNSO Secretariat](#) if you would like to join.

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