

In preparation of each ccNSO Council meeting, a written update regarding the work by the various working groups and committees is drafted. It includes information about the current status, next steps and what the activities are about. The December edition is out now.

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In January 2022, the IGLC will launch a call for volunteers. To learn more, join us on Wednesday, 19 January 2022 at 08:30 UTC for a short webinar, hosted by IGLC chair Pierre Bonis (.fr). This webinar is targeted at potential new IGLC members and those want to learn more about the work of the IGLC. More information will soon be posted on the ccNSO website.

Help shape future sessions: for and by ccTLDs



Join the MPC

More to come in January!

Do you have a finger on the pulse? What are the latest topics and trends ccTLD world? Do you have experience with agenda setting? The MPC needs you!

In January 2022, the MPC will launch a call for volunteers. To learn more, join us on Wednesday, 26 January 2022 at 13 UTC for a short webinar, hosted by MPC chair Barbara Povse (.si). This webinar is targeted at potential MPC members and those want to learn more about the work of the MPC. More information will soon be posted on the ccNSO website.

About the MPC

The MPC coordinates and manages the high-level schedule of the ccNSO-related sessions and related matters, including the ccNSO Members Meeting agenda at ICANN public meetings. Membership of the Committee is open to all ccTLD managers (whether members or non-members of the ccNSO).

Pre-ICANN73 ccTLD News Sessions

Keep an eye out for the call for presentation proposals

In March 2022, the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) will hold the next edition of the virtual ccTLD News Sessions. The MPC will soon issue a call for presentations and is seeking speakers on a variety of ccTLD-related topics.

There will be two options to participate.

- Session 1 | Wednesday, 2 March 2022, 13 UTC
- Session 2 | Thursday, 3 March 2022, 7 UTC

Each 90-minute session has a unique agenda.

The sessions are an excellent opportunity for both experienced and new people to meet, share best practices, be informed about trends, and discuss ccTLD-related aspects. When creating the agenda, the MPC intends to put a focus on contributions regarding capacity building efforts by ccTLDs.

[Read more.](#)

Meet the ccNSO Members



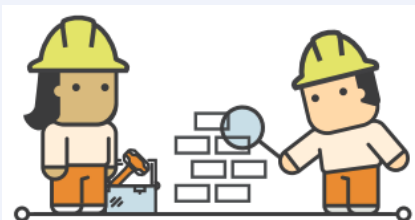
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The Impact of Data Protection Legislation on ccTLDs

Angela Matlapeng is .bw Administration Staff, Vice Chairperson at AfTLD - the African Regional Organisation, and member of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC). Angela reflected on the impact of data protection legislation on ccTLDs. In her article, she focuses on the case of the Botswana ccTLD.

She talks about how data protection legislation creates an uneven playing field for registrars from different continents, and how essential it is to strike a balance between protecting end user personal data and DNS Abuse mitigation. Read the article by Angela Matlapeng [here](#).

ccNSO Council Highlights



The ccNSO Council had its 178th meeting on Thursday, 16 November 2021. The ccNSO Council will reconvene on 27 January 2022 at 12:00 UTC. Council meetings are open to observers. Contact the [ccNSO Secretariat](#) for participation details.

Highlights from recent Council discussions:

ccNSO Council elections

The ccNSO Council adopted two election reports:

- *Regular annual Council elections*

In March 2022, at the conclusion of ICANN73, the 3-year term of five ccNSO Councillors ends. The ccNSO opened a call for nominations to fill those seats. For the Asia-Pacific region, 2 candidates stepped forward and the ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific participated in an election. For the other regions only one candidate was nominated and seconded: no elections needed to be held in those regions. The incumbent members were appointed for another 3-year term: Africa: Biyi Oladipo, Asia Pacific: Jordan Carter, Europe: Nick Wenban-Smith, Latin America/Caribbean: Demi Getschko, North America: Pablo Rodriguez.

- *Special Council elections EU region*

Giovanni Seppia will step down from the ccNSO Council on 31 December 2021. The ccNSO members in the European Region selected Chris Disspain for the remainder of Giovanni's term (until March 2023). Chris will take the seat on the Council on 1 January 2022.

Read more [here](#).

The role of the ccNSO with respect to DNS Abuse

The ccNSO Council invited the ccTLD Community to join a public workshop on Thursday, 18 November 2021 at 12:00 UTC. During the workshop Councillors and members from the ccTLD community further discussed the suggestions from the ICANN72 DNS Abuse Session regarding suggested activities the ccNSO could undertake to complement existing work by the

community.

During the December Council meeting, a small group of Councillors presented their findings from the ICANN72 session and the November workshop. A plan is expected to be presented to the ccTLD community in early 2022. The goal is to launch the ccNSO activities with respect to DNS abuse by ICANN73.

Revamp ICANN Learn ccNSO onboarding Course

A small team of ccTLD volunteers performed an extensive revision of the current ccNSO Onboarding Course (ICANN Learn identifier 150.1), addressing both content, accessibility, the level of engagement and other aspects. The small team will soon finalise its recommendation to the ccNSO OISC and Council, for final review and adoption. The aim is having the course eventually translated in the various languages ICANN provides translations in.

New ccNSO Rules

The ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee subgroup on Rules invited the ccTLD Community to join a public [webinar](#) on Thursday, 9 December 2021 at 13:00 UTC. The subgroup presented their latest draft of the updated ccNSO Rules, which is open for comments until Thursday, 23 December 2021. Based on the feedback, the Working Group will finalize its draft, which will be put before the ccNSO membership for adoption through a voting process around end February 2022.

High-level ccNSO schedule at ICANN73

The ccNSO Council will conduct its monthly meeting in March at the occasion of ICANN73. Moreover, it will hold a number of joint sessions, with GNSO, GAC, and the ccNSO-related ICANN Board members. The Tech Working Group is planning for Tech Day, whereas the MPC) expects to organise two sessions as part of the ccNSO Members' meetings:

- A governance session, on the New ccNSO Rules and a ccNSO Conflict of Interest Guideline
- A ccNSO & DNS Abuse Session.

The MPC also organises 2 editions of the [ccTLD News Sessions](#), prior to ICANN73.

Happy holidays from the ccNSO!

ICANN will be closed from 24 December through 1 January 2022.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Boas Festas

Joyeuses fêtes!

Happy Holidays

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Счастливых праздников!



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