



### Stay tuned for ccTLD News!

Mid-February, the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) will publish the agenda for the upcoming ccTLD News Sessions, scheduled to be held on 2 and 3 March. Keep an eye out for the announcements on the ccNSO website.

ccTLD News Sessions have an excellent collection of case studies, statistics, new developments, trends and more. The ccTLD News Sessions have been a part of the ccNSO Members Meetings for several years and have provided a global platform for both experienced and new people to meet, share experiences and discuss ccTLD-related aspects. The sessions are open to all.

[Read more](#)

### Keep informed about the work of the ccNSO

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 January 2022 edition is out now.

[Read more](#)

### Tech Day seeks presenters



Tech Day will be held as a virtual workshop at ICANN73 on Monday, 7 March 2022 (13:00 - 18:00 UTC). The Tech Working Group seeks presenters.

Proposals should preferably focus on one of the following topics:

1. DNSSEC, in particular within the LAC Region and with regards to SHA-1 Transition
2. DNS Abuse Prevention and Mitigation Tools
3. Best security management practices, lines of defense, to protect the registry from bad actors, attacks or malware.

Tech WG welcomes suggestions for additional topics. Those interested in presenting should contact [ccNSO-techday@icann.org](mailto:ccNSO-techday@icann.org)

# ICANN73 VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FORUM

The ICANN73 Virtual Community Forum will be held from 5-10 March 2022, in UTC - 4.  
[Information and schedule](#) | [Prep Week \(22-24 February\)](#)



## ccNSO Sessions at a glance

The ccNSO program begins on Monday, 7 March with Tech Day, a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics.

The ccNSO schedule will continue on Tuesday, 8 March with a joint session between the ccNSO and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). The ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN73 starts with a session on the role of the ccNSO with regards to DNS Abuse matters, followed by a ccNSO governance session on the ccNSO conflict of interest proposals and information about the upcoming ccNSO members vote for the adoption of the new ccNSO Rules. The [ccNSO Members Meeting](#) continues on Thursday, 10 March with an opportunity for members to participate in a question and answer session with ccTLD-related members on the ICANN Board of Directors. The ccNSO program at ICANN73 will conclude with a ccNSO Council meeting.

The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN73, is available on the [ccNSO ICANN73 workspace](#).

### ccNSO & DNS Abuse Session

Tuesday, 7 March (14:30 - 16:00 UTC)

This session builds on previous work during ICANN72 and a November workshop, when ccTLDs and the broader community suggested areas - with respect to DNS Abuse - for the ccNSO to get involved in. Since then, the ccNSO Council has been working on a roadmap, which focuses on the core role of the ccNSO, such as enhanced information and best practice sharing, exploring also a notification mechanism based on the TLD-OPS model.

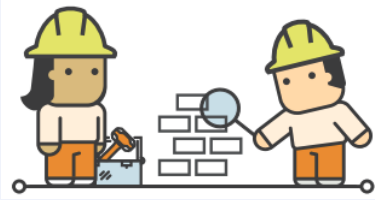
During ICANN73, Council will present the roadmap, consult the ccTLDs present, and discuss next steps. Relevant materials will be presented to the ccTLD community ahead of the session. Council expects to adopt the roadmap at their meeting during ICANN73, scheduled for Thursday, 10 March 2022.

### ccNSO Governance Session

Tuesday, 7 March (16:30 - 18:00 UTC)

During this session, the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) will present their first draft of the ccNSO Conflict of Interest (COI) proposals and the ccNSO internal procedures with respect to the role of the ccNSO as member of the Empowered Community. The GRC seeks input and feedback from the ccNSO community and other stakeholders.

Moreover, this session informs the ccNSO membership about the voting regarding the adoption of the internal rules of the ccNSO. Voting is expected to begin after ICANN73. 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 ccNSO Council had its [179th meeting](#) on Thursday, 27 January 2022. The ccNSO Council will reconvene on 24 February 2022 at 21:00 UTC. Council meetings are open to observers. Contact the [ccNSO Secretariat](#) for participation details.

Highlights from recent Council discussions:

### Council work plan prioritisation

Currently, the Triage Committee is dedicated to quickly review incoming requests for input and make a suggestion to the Council on how to react to the requests. To better balance the workload against the available resources, Council suggested an expanded mandate for the Triage Committee, which includes work on the Council work plan prioritisation. A Council workshop will be held in February, on the proposed ccNSO strategic plan.

### The role of the ccNSO with respect to DNS Abuse

During ICANN72 and a subsequent workshop, ccTLDs and the broader community suggested areas - with respect to DNS Abuse - for the ccNSO to get involved in. Since then, a small ad hoc group of Councillors and others has been working on a roadmap. The draft roadmap was presented to Council at their January meeting. During ICANN73, Council will present the roadmap, consult the ccTLDs present, and discuss next steps. Relevant materials will be shared with the ccTLD community prior to the session. Council expects to adopt the roadmap at their meeting during ICANN73, scheduled for Thursday, 10 March 2022.

### New ccNSO Rules

The ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee subgroup on Rules is currently finalising its draft, which will be put before the ccNSO membership for adoption through a voting process after ICANN73. At the January Council meeting, Council expressed its support for members to adopt new rules related to ccNSO internal governance. The proposed rules would replace the current governance rules in place since 2004. The new rules were developed following various consultations with members to identify issues and propose revisions. In order for the new rules to be adopted, a vote from at least 86 ccNSO members is required, and at least 66% of the votes needs to be in favour. The new rules would have a direct impact on the governance structure of the ccNSO, specifically on the roles of councillors and the relationship between Council and ccNSO members.



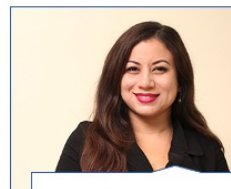
Biyi Oladipo



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Jenifer Lopez



Sean Copeland

### New ccNSO appointees

- Council appointed Biyi Oladipo (.ng) as the ccNSO Liaison to GAC. Together with his GAC counterpart, he will play a fundamental role in the agenda setting of potential joint sessions. Biyi replaces Giovanni Seppia, who stepped down from his role in the ccNSO.
- Jenifer Lopez (.pa) was re-appointed as mentor to ICANN's Fellowship Program.
- Annaliese Williams (.au) and Abdullah Cemil Akcam (.tr) were appointed as Vice Chairs to the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC), to allow for a smooth transition mid 2022, when Pierre Bonis (.fr) steps down from his role as IGLC Chair.
- Council appointed Sean Copeland (.vi) as member to the Customer Standing



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