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pre-ICANN69 Virtual ccTLD News Sessions

We seek presenters!

The ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC) will organise for the second time a set of Virtual ccTLD News Sessions.

The MPC seeks presentation proposals from the ccTLD community, focusing preferably on one of the following 2 topics:

1. Policy updates by ccTLD registries during the COVID-19 pandemic
2. Legislative initiatives that impact ccTLD registries (e.g. the **Digital Services Act package** by the European Commission, or other similar initiatives around the globe)

Alternatively, the MPC might consider presentation proposals, covering for instance best practices, case studies, recent developments, ccTLD activities and ccTLD management related topics, both from an operational, marketing or legal point of view.

There will be 2 options to participate, prior to ICANN69:

- **Virtual ccTLD News Session #1** | Tuesday, 29 September 2020 (11 UTC)
- **Virtual ccTLD News Session #2** | Thursday, 1 October 2020 (19 UTC)

Find the instructions on how to apply **here**. The deadline is Friday, 4 September 2020 (23:59 UTC)

Help developing the ccNSO's IDN policy

ccPDP4: (de)selection of IDN ccTLD strings

Apply now

Interested in participating in this policy development process? Consult the instructions on how to apply and read background materials included **here**.

The call for volunteers will close Friday, 7 August 2020 (23:59 UTC).

The ccNSO seeks volunteers for the Working Group which is tasked to develop policy recommendations for the (de)selection of IDN ccTLD strings, as part of the fourth ccNSO Policy Development Process (ccPDP4). In time, the results of this ccPDP will replace the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process, which currently guides the selection process of IDN ccTLD strings.

During its meeting on 21 May, the ccNSO Council adopted the **Issue Report** on Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain strings. With the adoption of this report, the fourth policy development process (ccPDP) for the ccNSO is initiated.

Read more or consult the recordings of a recent webinar **here**.

Next steps?

1 — **ccNSO Council appoints WG members**
- After closure call for volunteers

2 — **Kick-off discussions**
- Review of issues identified in Issue Report and Charter
- Agree on working method and decision making
- Work plan & High-Level Schedule

3 — **WG members to nominate chair & vice chair**
- To be appointed by the ccNSO Council

Candidates ICANN Board Seat 12

Nigel Roberts	Katrina Sataki

On Tuesday, 30 June 2020, 23.59 UTC, the recent **call for nominations for the position of ICANN Board seat 12 was closed**. In accordance with the applicable rules, the following candidates – in alphabetical order – were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination:

- **Nigel Roberts**
- **Katrina Sataki**

Both candidates accepted their nomination, and due diligence verifications will be starting shortly. An election will be held – starting in November 2020, after completion of the due diligence verifications – according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council.
The ccNSO Council and ccNSO members have agreed that the ccNSO members shall propose and elect candidates for the two ICANN Board seats allocated to the ccNSO, and that the winner of said election – i.e. the candidate that receives the majority of the votes cast – shall in turn be nominated to the ICANN Board seat by a majority vote of the ccNSO Council.

A Q&A session will be held at the October 2020 Virtual ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN69. This Q&A session will provide the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community an opportunity to interact with the candidates. In preparation of this session, the candidates were invited to share their written **candidate statements**.

Read more.

ccNSO Council highlights

The ccNSO Council conducted its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 24 June 2020. The agenda and relevant background material are available **here**, and the resolutions approved by the ccNSO Council are available **here**.

Highlights of this ccNSO Council meeting include:

- Adoption of the amended SOPC charter. The SOPC reviewed its charter and suggested some revisions, including changes to the membership rules.
- Adoption of RWP-Proposed Assessment & Initial Implementation Plan for the ccNSO Review. The ccNSO Review Working Party (RWP) concluded its initial assessment of the recommendations made by the independent reviewer.
- The ccNSO Council Nomination and Election Process for 2021. The ccNSO Council adopted a timeline and election process, including the appointment of an election process manager. Nominations will start in September 2020, followed by elections (if needed) in November 2020.
- Adoption of the Final Report of the Cross-Community Working Group on New gTLD Auction Proceeds. The ccNSO Council is expected to adopt the Final Report of the CCWG-AP at its August 2020 meeting.
- Review of the first ccNSO Council Virtual Workshop. The ccNSO Council looked back at the format of its first virtual workshop, review the results, and prepare next steps.

The Council will not meet in July. The next ccNSO Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20 August 2020 (12:00 UTC.)