

ICANN 65 MARRAKECH 24–27 June 2019 **POLICY FORUM**

The ICANN65 policy forum runs from 24 to 27 June 2019 in Marrakech, Morocco. The high-level ccNSO schedule for ICANN65 is available [here](#).

The ccNSO starts on Monday, 24 June with the PDP Retirement Working Group having a 3-hour meeting, to be followed by a Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) meeting. Moreover, the ccNSO Council will hold a preparatory meeting to lay the groundwork for its formal meeting on Wednesday, and to prepare for the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#) and the joint meetings with GAC and the GNSO Council. [Tech Day](#), a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics, is scheduled for Monday, 24 June. Topics the ccNSO Council will discuss during its meeting on Wednesday, 26 June will be made available on the on the [ccNSO Council workspace](#) closer to the meeting.

Read the [pre-ICANN65 Policy Report](#).

How to get organized? How to participate remotely?

The one-stop wiki page for all your Remote Participation queries is now available. This wiki page covers remote participation details for all ccNSO open and public meetings.

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ICANN65 ccNSO Members Meeting

Tuesday, 24 June and Wednesday, 25 June are dedicated to the ccNSO Members Meeting, when the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) community and other interested parties will discuss and receive updates on topics relevant to ccTLD managers. The ccNSO Members Meeting is open to all with an interest in ccTLD-related topics.

- **Consult the Agenda**

Consult here the agenda of the [ccNSO Members Meeting](#).

- **Which topics are covered?**

Get prepared and learn more about the topics covered during the ICANN65 ccNSO Members Meeting via the [Session Summaries](#).



Tech Day

Monday 24 June is [Tech Day!](#)

Since 2006, Tech Day has been part of ICANN Public Meetings. It provides a forum for both experienced people and newcomers to meet and to present and discuss technical and operational registry topics, security, and other DNS-related work. At ICANN65, Tech Day will focus among others on RDAP

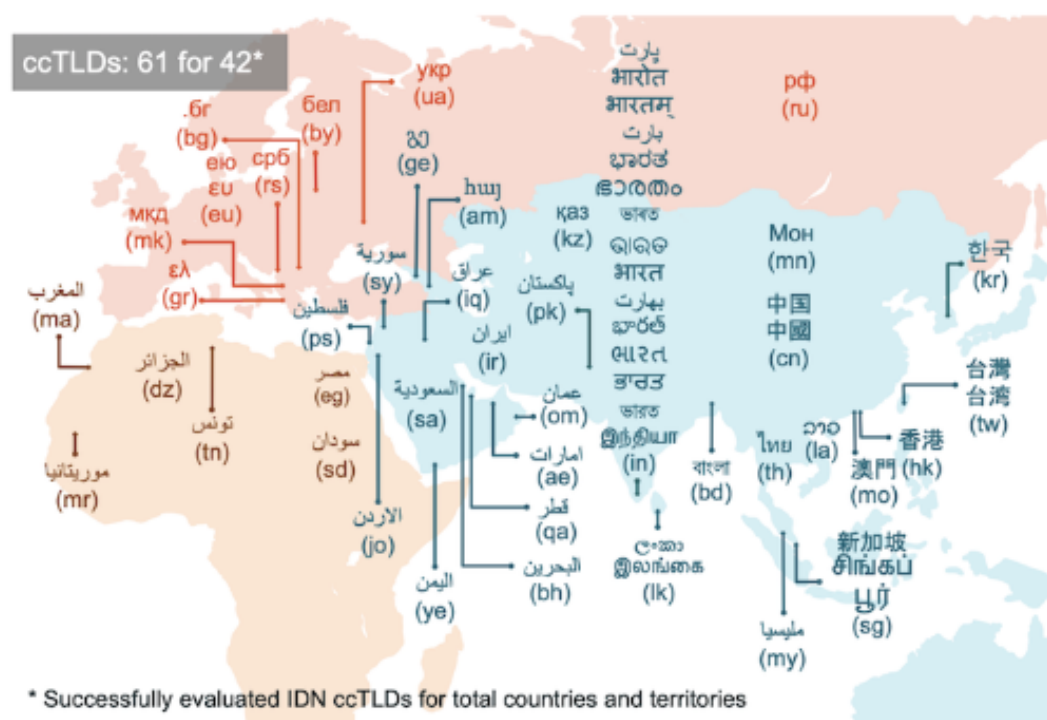


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applications, linking blockchain to DNS, IoT, Internationalized Domain Names (IDN), EAI deployment. Other topics of interest include DNSSEC, eMail and the DNS.

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ccNSO Members Spotlight



IDN News: .eu in Greek (.εu)

On 16 November 2009, ICANN launched the Internationalised Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) Fast Track Process. As of that date, eligible countries and territories were able to request their respective IDN ccTLDs through the process.

ICANN recently **announced** the completion of the string evaluation request for the Internationalised Domain Name ccTLD “εu” (xn--qxa6a) under the Fast Track Process. As a result, EURid (the .eu ccTLD manager) will start the IANA delegation process of the .eu ccTLD in Greek to the Root Zone. EURid **confirmed** that the launch of the .εu is planned for 14 November 2019.



Interview with Muhammed Rudman, President of the .ng ccTLD Manager

Muhammed Rudman recently took his seat as President of the NIRA Executive Board. NiRA is the ccTLD manager for .ng, the Nigerian country code top level domain. He has been actively involved in the industry for many years.

In this **interview**, you will be able to read more about his experiences as .ng President to date, the importance of the ccNSO for ccTLDs in general and for the .ng ccTLD in particular, and the major challenges and upcoming work items for the African ccTLD community.

Rudman: *“Through the interactions at the ccNSO, so many smaller registries such as the .ng has benefited immensely from the experiences of larger registries in areas of policy, business, and technical infrastructure management.”* Read the interview [here](#).

Working Group & Committee updates

IDN Preliminary Review Team (IDN PRT)

In September 2013, the ccNSO concluded its work on the overall policy for selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. This recommended policy was developed to replace the Fast Track process. As issues emerged with the selection of IDN ccTLD strings under the Fast Track process, by mutual agreement the ICANN Board did not take a decision regarding the recommended policy, to gain experience with the changing methods for string selection under the Fast Track. As a result, the original recommended policy is overtaken by events, due to the refinements under the Fast Track process. Consequently,

Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC)

As a result of the discussions by the ccTLD community at ICANN63 in Barcelona, the ccNSO recently established a new committee: the **Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC)**. The Committee will take an active role in coordinating and facilitating the participation and input of ccTLD Managers in Internet Governance-related discussions and processes. The focus will be on those Internet Governance-related topics that are relevant to ccTLDs. The IGLC will provide regular feedback to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community.

the original policy recommendations need to be reviewed - and possibly updated - to reflect the current state of play.

The briefing and discussion in Marrakech is intended to inform the ccTLD community and other interested parties on the work done to date by the ccNSO IDN Preliminary Review Team (IDN PRT). The IDN PRT will focus during its briefing on the areas in the recommended policy with respect to the selection of IDN ccTLD strings that need to be reviewed, and possibly updated. In addition, the IDN PRT will inform the community present with respect to the second part of the IDN ccTLD proposed policy on the inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in the ccNSO. Read more about the IDN PRT on its [workspace](#).

During the ccNSO Members Meeting in Marrakech, the IGLC will introduce itself and its activities to the ccTLD community present. Moreover, the IGLC encourages all interested parties to attend the IGLC meeting on [Thursday, 27 June | 15:15-16:45 | Opale](#)). You are encouraged to provide input on the following questions:

1. Which Internet Governance-related topics are relevant to you, and to ccTLD managers in general?
2. How should the IGLC interact with the ccTLD community and how would you like to stay informed about its activities?

Continue to check the [IGLC wiki](#) for further information and updates on the activities of the ccNSO IGLC.



Update by the Study Group on the use of emoji as second level domains ([emoji SG](#))

The ccNSO Council established this study group to provide a comprehensive overview of the risks associated with the use of emoji in second-level domains as documented in SAC095 and current practices by ccTLD managers when accepting emoji in second-level domains. The draft final report - which will be presented in Marrakech - was issued for a lightweight consultation ahead of ICANN65. [Read more](#).

