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ccNSO Newsletter | March 2020

Effects of the Coronavirus pandemic

Message by the ccNSO Council Chair

Dear ccTLD Managers,

*How are you during this difficult time? How are your colleagues and registries doing? Is there anything we (individually, as registries, as the ccNSO Council, as the ccNSO) can do to help? Please let the **ccNSO Secretariat** know.*

Stay healthy and safe, Katrina Sataki

- **ICANN Org issues work from home guidance**
- **ICANN events cancelled**

Preparing for a virtual ICANN68 Policy Forum

Join the special ccNSO Council meeting

Due to the quickly developing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is highly probable that ICANN68 – scheduled to be held in June in Kuala Lumpur – will be held virtually. To adequately **prepare for a potential Virtual ICANN68 Policy Forum**, the ccNSO

Council and the ccNSO Working Group and Committee Chairs will meet, to discuss the impact and way forward for the ccNSO schedule.

Topics on the agenda will include, among others:
- Lessons learned from the virtual ICANN67 Community Forum
- Which meetings need to be held as part of the ICANN68 schedule? Based on which criteria?
- Which meetings should be held, but not necessarily as part of ICANN68? For instance, are there any sessions that should be held as webinars instead?
- Which meetings can or should be deferred until the next time we meet in person?
- How – if any – should the ccNSO contribution to ICANN68 plenary sessions look like?

The meeting will be held via Zoom, on **Tuesday, 7 April 2020, (noon) 12.00 UTC.** You are welcome to join. Details on how to participate can be found **here**.

Patricio Poblete nominated to ICANN Board Seat 11

The ccNSO Council **nominated** Patricio Poblete as Director fulfilling ICANN Board Seat 11. Patricio his 3-year term will start at the end of ICANN69 in Hamburg, Germany.
The ccNSO Council congratulates Patricio on his future role as ccNSO appointed Board member and thanks Calvin Browne and Nigel William Phair for standing as candidates.

SOPC submitted comments to ICANN's FY21-25 Operating and Financial Plan

In accordance with ICANN's bylaws, the draft FY21–25 Operating & Financial Plan describes a five-year plan as well as a one-year plan of current and planned activities to deliver its FY21–FY25 Strategic Plan. The draft FY21 Operating Plan & Budget reflects the planned activities for 01 July 2020 through 30 June 2021.

The ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) welcomed the opportunity to comment on ICANN's FY21-25 Operating and Financial Plan. **Read the SOPC comments here**. Background on the public comment can be found **here**.

About the SOPC
The goal of the SOPC is to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of

ccTLD managers in ICANN's strategic and operational, planning and budgetary processes.

Meet the new ccNSO Council leaders

Katrina Sataki (.lv)
Chair

Pablo Rodriguez (.pr)
Vice Chair

Alejandra Reynoso (.gt)
Vice Chair

The annual term of the current ccNSO Chair and Vice-Chairs concluded at the end of ICANN67. During the March ccNSO Council meeting, the ccNSO Council appointed Katrina Sataki (.lv) as Chair of the ccNSO and Alejandra Reynoso (.gt) and Pablo Rodriguez (.pr) as Vice-Chairs. They were all appointed for a one-year term, starting at the end of ICANN67 and ending at the end of ICANN70.

The ccNSO Council wishes to thank Byron Holland for his commitment and service as Vice Chair, since 2016. Additionally, a long-standing community member left the Council – Hiro Hotta, .jp. His seat on the Council was taken by Ai-Chin Lu, .tw.
The ccNSO Council welcomes Ai-Chin and wishes to wholeheartedly thank Hiro for his continued and dedicated service to the ccNSO Council.

ccPDP3: what is the current status?

This third-ever ccNSO Policy Development Process aims to develop policy recommendations for the ICANN Board, which will include a review mechanism pertaining to decision on the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.
In March 2017, the Council decided at the time to split the work in 2 phases:

- **Phase 1 (ccPDP3-ret)**

This group is about to publish its Interim Report for public comments. The working group focused on the retirement of the delegated Top Level Domains associated with alpha-2 codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard. Read more **here**.

- **Phase 2 (ccPDP3-rm)**

Here, the focus lies on the review mechanisms pertaining to decisions regarding the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. The ccNSO council recently appointed members on the Working Group. As per the groups' charter, participants from other SO/ACs and experts from ICANN org staff and PTI have been invited to join the group as well. To inform interested parties about the work of this Working Group, the ccNSO Secretariat hosted a series of webinars, targeted at ccTLD Managers, ALAC and GAC members. You will be able to find the recordings **here**.   The webinars have proven to be an effective way to involve other SO/ACs in the work of ccPDP3-rm.

The group had its inaugural meeting on 25 March. Moving forward, topics on the group's agenda include:

- Nomination of a Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair, who will then be appointed by the ccNSO Council.
- Discussion on the "Rules of Engagement". These rules are intended to guide the internal working methods of the group.
- Review of the charter and agreement on high-level working plan.

For more information, go to the **ccPDP3-RM workspace**.

Highlights from the ccNSO Council

Recent ccNSO Council discussions and decisions

The enhancement of the ccNSO's accountability and transparency is a continuous exercise in partnership with the global ccTLD community. As part of that process, moving forward all ccNSO Council meetings are open to observers, unless stated otherwise. The ccNSO Council meetings at ICANN public meetings were already open to observers: this is now extended to all meetings.

The next ccNSO Council meeting will be held on **16 April 2020 (18 UTC).** Details regarding the agenda, background documentation and information on how to join the upcoming ccNSO Council meeting are available **here**. Consult the Council Resolutions and Decisions **here**.

The ccNSO Secretariat

The ccNSO Secretariat welcomes Claudia Ruiz to the team. Claudia will be providing support to the Customer Standing Committee, and otherwise support the ccNSO and the At-Large community. Maria Otanes recently moved on to a different role within ICANN Org.
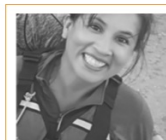
The ccNSO Secretariat, as part of ICANN's Policy Development Support Team, provides logistical and substantive support to the ccTLD Community.
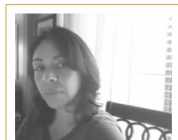
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