ICANN74 ccNSO Sessions at a glance

The ccNSO program begins on Monday, 13 June, with Tech Day. Tech Day is a workshop open to all ICANN community members with an interest in technical, operational, and security topics.

The ccNSO schedule will continue on Tuesday, 14 June, and start with a joint session of the ccNSO Council and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, followed by a ccNSO Policy Session, when two ccNSO policy development working groups will provide an update on their progress to date and seek input from the ccTLD community. On Wednesday, 15 June, during a ccNSO Governance Session, there will be a discussion on the need to introduce a general statement of interest procedure for the ccNSO and ccNSO Council conflict of interest arrangements. There will also be a discussion on the impact of the inclusion of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD managers as members of the ccNSO on existing rules and operating procedures. Finally, on Thursday, 16 June, ccTLD managers will share their experiences with Domain Name System (DNS) abuse, including priorities and approaches.

The third and fourth ccNSO policy development working groups will have their working sessions on Tuesday, 14 June. On Wednesday, 15 June, the Tech Working Group and Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee and its security subgroup will all meet. On Thursday, 16 June, there will be a meeting of the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee. The ccNSO program will conclude with a ccNSO Council meeting.

The detailed ccNSO schedule, including a summary of the topics covered and remote participation details for ICANN74, is available on the ccNSO ICANN74.

Important notes for ICANN74 attendees

The ICANN74 Policy Forum schedule has been published. Registration is required. [https://74.schedule.icann.org](https://74.schedule.icann.org)

- You are encouraged to sign up for sessions as soon as possible.
- In-room seating is limited. There is no limit for remote participants.
- You can sign up for one session maximum, per time slot.
- For security purposes, participation links will be posted 24-hours prior to session start times.
- Visit the Participation Tools page for links to download the latest version of Zoom for access to the ICANN74 sessions.
- Please see the ICANN Meeting Virtual Participation How-To Guide for more information on how to get the most out of the virtual meeting tools.
- All participants (in-person and remote) will be required to access Zoom. Session links can also be found on the ccNSO workspace.

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 May 2022 edition
Join the ccNSO Newcomer webinar

Are you new to the ccNSO, or would like to learn more? Join Biyi Oladipo (ng), ccNSO Council Vice Chair, for a 1-hour ccTLD Webinar for newcomers. Biyi will help you to gain an understanding of the work of the ccNSO, what to expect from the ccNSO at the Virtual ICANN74 Virtual Policy Forum, as well as how ccTLD community representatives can participate in the important work that affects you and your region.

Register in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register for the ccNSO newcomer webinar
ICANN74 ccNSO Policy Session

Tuesday, 14 June 2022 | UTC

The ccNSO is planning a policy session for ICANN74 to showcase its work. Two ccNSO policy development process (ccPDP) working groups will provide updates on their progress and seek input. Both working groups will also hold their respective sessions during ICANN74.

- Third ccPDP on the Retirement of ccTLDs (ccPDP3) | The ccPDP3 working group has identified which decisions related to the retirement of a country code top-level domain (ccTLD) that should be subject to consideration by the group and explored requirements for the review mechanism. The working group is considering various requirements for approval, including the bindingness of the review mechanism. The working group charter, work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

- Fourth ccPDP Working Group on the (de)selection of Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) ccTLD strings (ccPDP4) | The ccPDP4 working group completed its review and discussion of the 2013 policy proposals for the IDN ccTLD string selection process. The ccPDP4 consists of three subgroups: the variant management subgroup, the confusing similarity review subgroup, and the de-selection subgroup.

By ICANN74, all subgroups will have completed their initial proposals, or will be in the final phases of doing so. During ICANN74, the working group will hold a session to start the stress-testing of its draft policy recommendations. The working group charter, work plan, and other relevant documents are available on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

ICANN74 ccNSO DNS Abuse Session

Thursday, 16 June 2022 | 08:30-10:00 UTC

This session informs the ICANN community on the views of ccTLDs from different geographical regions on DNS abuse. What are their top priorities? What do they do to mitigate DNS abuse? The session serves as useful input for the ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee, which is the core of the ccTLD-driven process around DNS abuse. In keeping with the nature of the ccNSO, the purpose of the committee is not to formulate any policy or standards, recognizing that policy development in this area is out of scope of the ccNSO policy remit. The overarching purpose is to raise understanding and awareness of the issues pertaining to DNS abuse, promote open and constructive dialogue, and ultimately to assist ccTLD managers in their efforts to mitigate the impact of DNS abuse.

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ICANN74 ccNSO Governance Session

ccNSO Governance
Wednesday, 15 June 2022 | 08:30-10:00 UTC

The focus of the ICANN74 governance session will be on ccNSO statement of interest and conflict of interest processes. Based on feedback from this session, the subteam of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee will develop proposals for consideration by the ccNSO Council and ccNSO membership. In addition, there will be a discussion on the impact on existing rules and operating procedures of the inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers as members of the ccNSO.

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**ccTLD News Sessions**

**Recordings are out now**

The recordings for the pre-ICANN74 Virtual ccTLD News Sessions are out now. ccTLD News is a global platform for both experienced and new people to meet, share experiences and discuss ccTLD-related aspects. The most recent edition of ccTLD News consisted of two 90-minute sessions held Thursday, 19 May (13 UTC) and Tuesday, 24 May (6 UTC).

The first session focused on the **impact of the pandemic for ccTLDs**, whereas the theme for the second session was the **relation between ccTLDs and their national cybersecurity ecosystems**.

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**Internet governance**

**Internet governance and the challenges of the digital transformation**

The ccTLD manager for .it (Italy) dedicated a special issue to “**Internet governance and the challenges of digital transformation**” in its *Journal of Informatics and Law (Rivista Italiana di Informatica e Diritto, RIID)*. The Italian National Research Council (CNR) which operates the ccTLD .it Registry since 1987, called on scholars and experts to share and deepen the many issues that today impact on the evolution of the Internet ecosystem and its governance, in its various aspects: technical, legal, economic, social and political.

Adriana Lazzaroni (.it) wrote a short summary about what is included in the special edition of the journal. Adriana works in the International Relations Unit of .it ccTLD Registry (Registro .it) and she is part of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC).
ccNSO Council Highlights

The ccNSO Council had its 183th meeting on Thursday, 19 May 2022. The ccNSO Council will reconvene on 16 June at ICANN74. Council meetings are open to observers. To attend the June meeting, please register for ICANN74.

Highlights from recent Council discussions:

- Discussion on the timing of the Question & Answer sessions with the candidates for the upcoming Board Seat 11 nominations and the ccNSO Council elections. Council determined that the Q&A will be held virtually, post-ICANN75. More details regarding the timeline for both council elections and board nominations will be determined during the June Council meeting.
- A discussion on the Impact of the upcoming change to Article 10 and Annex B to the ICANN Bylaws, to include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO.

At ICANN74, the Council will hold a public meeting to adopt the FY22-24 ccNSO work plan, which details the expected duration of the ccNSO PDPs, community work, and ccNSO administrative tasks. In addition, the ccNSO Council is expected to appoint new leadership teams for the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee and ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee. Further, it is expected that the Council will also adopt the timelines for the ccNSO ICANN Board Seat 11 nomination process and the upcoming ccNSO Council elections. Additional topics for the ccNSO Council meeting will be made available on the ccNSO Council workspace closer to the meeting.