



## ccNSO Newsletter | November 2019

### Join the Root Server System GWG

The ICANN Board recently passed a resolution to initiate the Root Server System (RSS) Governance Working Group (GWG): consequently, the ccNSO seeks two (2) volunteers for the Root Server System CWG. The GWG is the core of the community-driven process to develop a final cooperation and governance model for the Root Server System.

- **Closing date**

This call for volunteers closes Monday, 16 December 2019, 23:59 UTC.

- **Read more**

Consult the background details, information on how to join as well as the Candidate Qualification requirements and Council selection procedure [here](#). The GWG charter, operating procedures, work plan and other relevant resources are published on its [workspace](#).

### The ccNSO has a new member

Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO 3166-1 country-code top-level domain.



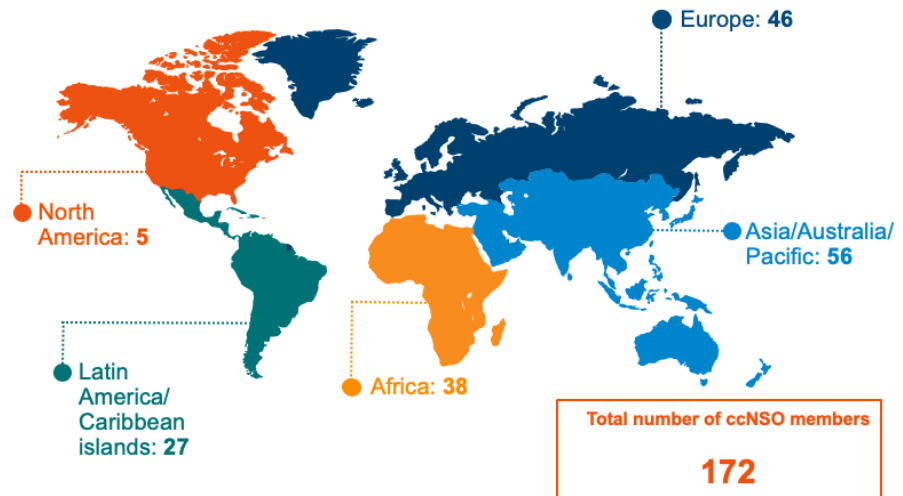
The Council of the country code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) approved the current .tz ccTLD manager as newest ccNSO member. The ccNSO currently numbers 172 members. Welcome to TCRA!

Following the recent transfer of the .tz ccTLD from Tanzania Network Information Center (tzNIC) to Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) - tzNIC is no

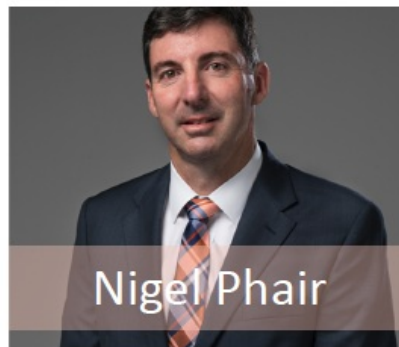
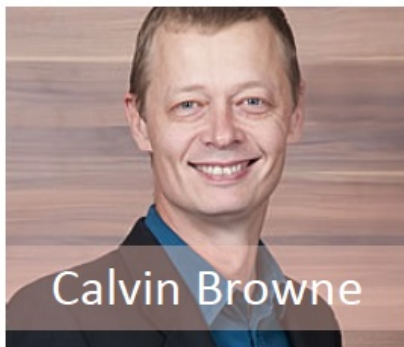
According to the ICANN Bylaws, ccNSO membership is limited to ccTLD Managers (originally Sponsoring Organisation), which are the entities listed as ccTLD Manager in the IANA TLD Delegation record.

Consult the list of ccNSO members [here](#).

longer the ccTLD Manager of .tr. The ccNSO Council concluded that the ccNSO membership of tzNIC has ended, after completion of the transfer process of .tz to TCRA.



## ICANN Board & ccNSO Council nominations

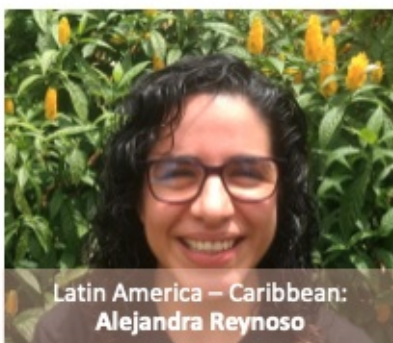


### Candidates ICANN Board Seat 11

On Wednesday, 2 October 2019, 23.59 UTC, the recent call for nominations for the position of ICANN Board seat 11 was closed. In accordance with the applicable rules, the following candidates were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination:

- [Calvin Browne](#)
- [Nigel Phair](#)
- [Patricio Poblete](#)

All 3 candidates accepted their nomination. An election will be held - starting in January 2020, after completion of the due diligence verifications - according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council. Read more [here](#) or consult the recording from the ICANN66 [Q&A Session](#), held on Tuesday, 5 November 2019 | 14:10-15:00.



## Candidates ccNSO Council

The nomination period for the ccNSO Council closed on Tuesday, 15 October 2019, 23:59 UTC. In accordance with the applicable rules, the following candidates were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination for the ccNSO council election:

- Africa: [Souleymane Oumtanaga](#)
- Asia-Pacific: [Atsushi Endo](#), [Ai-Chin Lu](#)
- Europe: [Giovanni Seppia](#)
- Latin America – Caribbean: [Alejandra Reynoso](#)
- North America: Stephen Deernhake

### Next steps: Africa, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, North America

As only one candidate was nominated and seconded within the nomination period for the African, European, Latin American-Caribbean and North American regions, no elections need to be held in those regions. Since at the close of nominations there are no more valid candidates in the aforementioned geographic regions than there are seats on the ccNSO Council available for those regions, the nominated candidates shall be selected to serve on the ccNSO Council.

### Next steps: Asia-Pacific

For the Asia-Pacific region, in accordance with the applicable rules, two candidates were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination. Consequently, an election needed to be held - according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council - among the ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific region. Voting started on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 (00:01 UTC) and closes on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)

Read more [here](#) or consult the recording from the ICANN66 [Q&A Session](#), held on Wednesday, 6 November 2019 | 14:15-15:00 (last 45 min)

## ccNSO Members from the Asia-Pacific region: Let your voice and vote be heard!



This is a kind reminder to vote in the elections for the position of ccNSO council member for the Asia-Pacific region. You have a choice to determine the direction of the ccNSO Council and who will represent you. Let your voice and vote be heard by casting a ballot for the ccNSO Council candidate that best represent you.

Voting closes on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)**. The ballot was sent by [tally@icann.org](mailto:tally@icann.org) to the e-mail address of the primary contact for the Asia-Pacific ccNSO Members, as listed in the ccNSO Member database. Only ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific region are eligible to vote in this election round. Read more [here](#).

## Highlights from the ccNSO Council

### Overview of some of the recent ccNSO Council decisions

- Appointment Barbara Povse (.si) as chair of the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee. Alejandra Reynoso (.gt) stepped down as MPC Chair at ICANN66.
- ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) were invited to nominate one individual each (total of seven) to serve as a mentor in the ICANN Fellowship Program. The ccNSO appointed Alejandra Reynoso (.gt) for another term as mentor to this program.
- Next phase of the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) overall proposed policy. The ccNSO Council started the next phase of the policy development process (PDP) addressing issues related to the selection of IDN country code top-level domain (ccTLD) strings and the proposal to amend Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws, which aims to include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. The first step in launching a ccNSO PDP includes appointing an issue manager who produces an issue report and proposed timeline for adoption by the ccNSO Council.
- Approval of the IANA Naming Function Service Level Agreement change. Publication of IDN/Label Generation Ruleset Tables. Read the letter to the CSC [here](#).
- Support and approval of the requested Fundamental Bylaw change for Section 18.7 of the ICANN Bylaws. Read the letter to the ECA [here](#).
- A decision to start a review and harmonization of the charters and terms of reference of all ccNSO working groups and committees.
- Follow-up decisions from the ICANN66 ccNSO Council workshop held on Sunday, 3 November. At ICANN66, the ccNSO held a workshop to begin prioritizing areas of improvement for the ccNSO. The ccNSO Triage Committee will lead this project and is developing a work plan to guide prioritization efforts over the next few months. Suggested recommendations for improvement include topics related to diversity, good faith, and accountability mechanisms. Recommendations for improvement were gathered from the Final Report of the Second ccNSO Organizational Review and the Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing



ICANN Accountability Workstream 2 recommendations. By February 2020, the Triage Committee will present its recommended implementation plan to the ccNSO Council for next steps.

- The ccNSO Council re-confirmed its [requirements](#) to the NomCom leadership team regarding the skill set and requirements for NomCom appointed ccNSO Council Members.

Consult the Council Resolutions and Decisions [here](#).

The next ccNSO Council meeting will be held on 19 December 2019.

