

ccNSO Newsletter | October 2019



The ICANN66 annual general meeting runs from 2 to 7 November 2019 in Montréal, Canada. The high-level ccNSO schedule for ICANN66 is available [here](#).

The ccNSO program begins on Saturday, 2 November, with a meeting of the Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) and a three-hour meeting of the ccNSO Retirement of Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLD) Policy

Development Process (PDP) Working Group. On Sunday, 3 November, the ccNSO Council will hold a three-hour workshop, followed by a preparatory meeting where the ccNSO will plan for their joint meetings with the ICANN Board of Directors, the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. The Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOPC) and the Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee will also hold meetings on Sunday. Tech Day, a workshop open to all community members with an interest in technical, operational, or security topics, is scheduled for Monday, 4 November. Tuesday, 5 November, and Wednesday, 6 November, are dedicated to the ccNSO Members Meeting, where the ccTLD community and others with an interest in ccTLD-related matters will discuss and receive updates on topics relevant to ccTLD managers. The ccNSO program ends on Thursday, 7 November, with a meeting by the Meetings Program Committee (MPC).

Read the [pre-ICANN66 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. Go to the [ccNSO schedule & remote participation hub](#)

Download the [ICANN66 ccNSO Google Calendar](#) & [Quick set-up guide](#)

ICANN66 ccNSO Members Meeting

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This includes a panel discussion on the ccTLD perspective on Internet governance, sessions on the Internet of Things and the ccNSO Policy Development Process on the Retirement of ccTLDs, and an update on Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) policy development.

- **Agenda**

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

- **Session Summaries**

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 4 November 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 ICANN66, Tech Day will feature presentations on machine learning, Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) deployment, and application port scanning.



ICANN66 links to bookmark now

- [ICANN66 meeting website](#)
- [ICANN66 full schedule](#)
- [Venue Map](#)
- [Mobile App](#) Please download the mobile app by searching for "ICANN66" in your app stores.

Working Group & Committee updates

Empowered Community Administration (ECA) Update

The [Empowered Community](#) is the mechanism through which ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) can organize under California law to legally enforce community powers. The community powers and rules that govern the Empowered Community are defined in the ICANN [Articles of Incorporation](#) and [Bylaws](#).

The [Empowered Community Administration](#) is the administrative body through which the Empowered Community acts. Each of the Decisional Participants of the Empowered Community designates one representative to the Empowered Community Administration.

Read the latest update by Stephen Deerhake, ccNSO appointed member to the ECA, [here](#).



Guidelines Review Committee (GRC)

The purpose of the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is to review the current guidelines and to ascertain whether they reflect current practices and working methods, identify potential gaps, and based on this analysis propose changes to the current guidelines to the Council. Documents, meeting recordings, and additional information of the Committee can be found on its [wiki space](#).

Read the latest report by Katrina Sasaki, GRC Chair, [here](#). It covers a GRC activity overview between July and October 2019.



Universal Acceptance Steering Group

Universal Acceptance is the concept that all domain names should be treated equally. Domain names and e-mail addresses should be accepted, stored, processed and displayed in a consistent and effective manner.

The UASG is the Universal Acceptance Steering Group. It was founded in February 2015 and tasked with undertaking activities that will effectively promote the Universal Acceptance of all valid domain names and email addresses. The group is made up of representatives from more than 120 companies, governments and community groups. Read an article by Ajay Data, UASG Chair, [here](#) or read more about Universal Acceptance and the work by the UASG [here](#).



IDN ccTLD Policy Update

On Thursday, 7 November, the ccNSO will hold a session to inform on and to discuss the next steps regarding the IDN ccTLD Policy Update, including the preliminary timeline for the fourth ccNSO Policy Development Process. All interested are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us on Thursday, 7 November | 10:30-12:00

Background

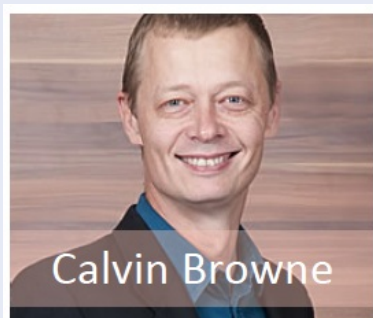
The ccNSO Council requested the ICANN Board agree to end the second ccNSO Policy Development Process (ccNSO PDP2) on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. Read the letter [here](#). The ccNSO Council also requested the ICANN Board that no further steps are taken to change the current IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. In the absence of a formal policy, the current process enables countries and territories to request strings for IDN ccTLDs. It is the ccNSO Council's firm belief that, until a ccNSO policy replaces the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process, the current process should remain in place.

The ccNSO Council intends to launch the fourth ccNSO PDP to build the work of the second ccNSO PDP2, and the experience of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process. The fourth ccNSO PDP will address issues identified by the ccNSO IDN PDP2 Preliminary Review Team (PRT), which includes outlining the differences between the similarity review and IDN Variant TLD Implementation and also streamlining the selection process of IDN (cc)TLD strings. Read more about the ccNSO IDN PRT [here](#).

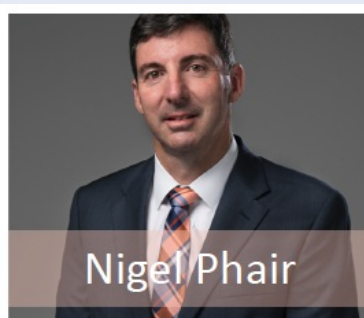
The ccNSO Council is also in the process of preparing a request for changes to Article 10 of the ICANN Bylaws. The changes cover two aspects: an updated definition of ccNSO membership, and enabling IDN ccTLDs to become members of the ccNSO. In Montreal, the Council will consult the ccTLD Managers on the changes necessary to include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO.



Q&A with candidates Board Seat 11



Calvin Browne



Nigel Phair



Patricio Poblete

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](#)

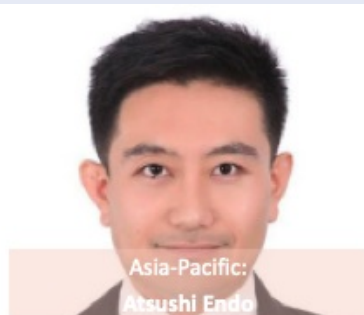
All 3 candidates accepted their nomination. An election will be held - starting in January 2020, after completion of the due diligence verifications - according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council. Read more [here](#).

[Q&A Session](#): Tuesday, 5 November 2019 | 14:10-15:00 | room 516C

Q&A with candidates ccNSO Council



Africa:
Souleymane Oumtanaga



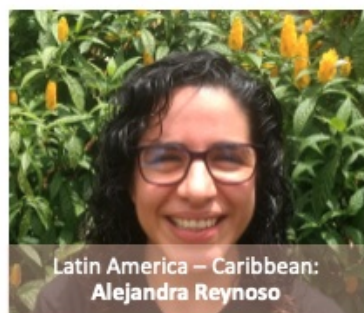
Asia-Pacific:
Atsushi Endo



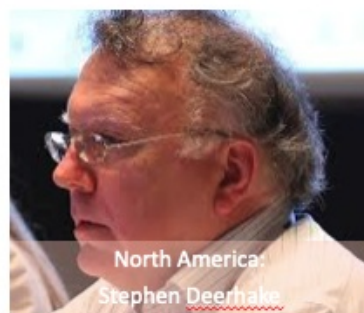
Asia-Pacific:
Ai-Chin Lu



Europe:
Giovanni Seppia



Latin America – Caribbean:
Alejandra Reynoso



North America:
Stephen Deerhake

Candidates ccNSO Council

In accordance with the approved timeline, 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 Deerhake

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 will be held - according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council - among the ccNSO members from the Asia-Pacific region. Voting starts on Tuesday, 19 November 2019 (00:01 UTC) and closes on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 (23:59 UTC)

Read more [here](#).

Q&A Session: Wednesday, 6 November 2019 | 14:15-15:00 | room 516C

