



ccNSO Newsletter | September 2019

Join the ccNSO community webinar for newcomers



Welcome to the ccNSO!

The ccNSO will host a community webinar, targeted at newcomers from the ccTLD community.

Are you new to the ccNSO, or would like to learn more? During this webinar, the ccNSO Council Chair and Secretariat will help you to gain an understanding

of the work of the ccNSO, what to expect at ICANN66 in Montréal, as well as how you can start to participate in the important work that affects you and your region. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

There are two options to participate:

- Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 11 UTC
- Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 19 UTC

To participate, please RSVP to joke.braeken@icann.org to receive a calendar invite and dial-in details. Kindly specify which slot you prefer to attend. A recording will be made available [here](#).

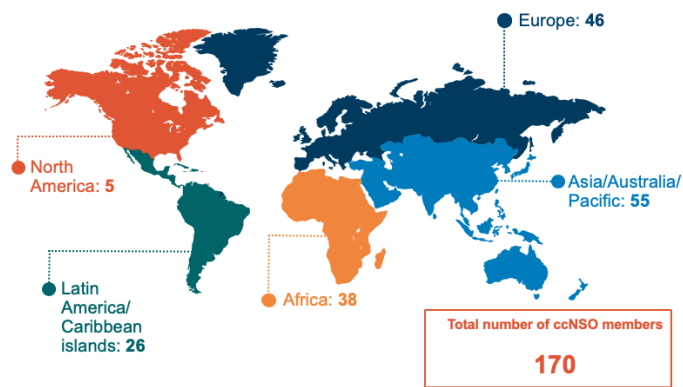
The ccNSO has 5 new members

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

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](#).



The Council of the country code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) approved the following ccTLD managers as newest ccNSO members:

- Telecommunications Radiocommunications and Broadcasting Regulator (TRBR) |.vu (Vanuatu)
- ARCEP Benin |.bj (Benin).
- Tele Greenland |.gl (Greenland)
- ZICTA |.zm (Zambia)
- Interpoint Switzerland |.cg (Congo)

The ccNSO currently numbers 170 members. Welcome to all! The ccNSO Council looks forward to a fruitful collaboration.



Vanuatu (.vu)



Benin (.bj)



Greenland (.gl)



Zambia (.zm)



Congo (.cg)

ICANN Board & ccNSO Council nominations

ICANN Board Seat 11 nominations closing 2 October

The term of the ccNSO Nominated Director fulfilling ICANN Board Seat 11 (Chris Disspain) will expire at the ICANN69 Annual General Meeting 2020 in Hamburg.

The ccNSO Council opened a call for nominations to fill ICANN Board Seat number 11. Nominations will close Wednesday, 2 October 2019 (23:59 UTC).

Find out how to nominate or



Call for nominations to the ccNSO Council ongoing

In March 2020, at the conclusion of ICANN67 in Cancun, the 3-year term of the following ccNSO Councillors ends:

- Souleymane Oumtanaga (Africa)
- Hirofumi Hotta (Asia-Pacific)

second a candidate, who is eligible and what the next step are. Read more [here](#).



- Giovanni Seppia (Europe)
- Alejandra Reynoso (Latin America/Caribbean)
- Stephen Deerhake (North America)

The ccNSO has opened a call for nominations to fill those seats. The nomination and secondment procedure closes on Wednesday, 2 October 2019 (23:59 UTC).

For more details, read the announcement published [here](#).

Next Steps

A Questions and Answers session will be held at the upcoming ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN66 in Montréal, Canada. The Q&A session gives the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community an opportunity to interact with the candidates. Consult [here](#) the agenda of the ICANN66 ccNSO Members Meeting.

Highlights from the ccNSO Council

Overview of some of the recent ccNSO Council decisions

- [Submission Council Statement](#) Draft report 2nd ccNSO Review.
- Appointment Alejandra Reynoso (.gt) to the Customer Standing Committee (CSC). Consult the call for volunteers [here](#).
- ccNSO Council response to the request for input by ATRT3.
- Appointment Frederico Neves as co-chair of the IANA Functions Review Team (IFRT).
- Submission [letter](#) to the ICANN Board of Directors on IDN ccTLD policy. The ccNSO council currently awaits a response from the ICANN Board of Directors regarding a recent letter sent by the ccNSO Council on the IDN overall proposed policy. Expected is that ccNSO PDP4 can be launched at the ICANN66 ccNSO Council meeting in Montreal, to address the limited set of issues identified pertaining to the selection of IDN (cc)TLD strings, and - after consultation with the ccTLD community - the proposal to amend ICANN bylaw article 10, to review the definition of ccNSO membership and include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. The first step in launching a ccNSO PDP includes appointing an issue manager, which produces an issue report and proposed timeline for adoption by the ccNSO Council.
- Adoption of the final report by the [Emoji Study Group](#). Recommendations include a continuation of the dialogue with the ccTLD community and especially those accepting emoji as second level domains, define and communicate consistently what is and what is not an emoji, identification of ccTLDs and others that accept emoji in 2nd level domains

Recordings and transcripts of the 19 September Council meeting are posted on the public wiki: https://community.icann.org/x/MQn_BQ The next ccNSO Council meeting will be held on 17 October 2019.



Find out more about the high-level ccNSO schedule at ICANN66

- **Saturday, 2 November:** Working Group and Committee meetings
- **Sunday, 3 November:** Working Group and Committee meetings, ccNSO Council workshop, ccNSO Council prep meeting, SOPC workshop, TLD-OPS workshop (closed), joint meeting between ccNSO & ALAC
- **Monday, 4 November:** Tech Day, joint meeting between the ccNSO & GNSO Councils
- **Tuesday, 5 November:** ccNSO Members Meeting, joint meeting between the ccNSO & ICANN Board, joint meeting between ccNSO & GAC in parallel with the ccNSO Members Meeting.
- **Wednesday, 6 November:** ccNSO Members Meeting, ccNSO Council meeting
- **Thursday, 7 November:** Working Group and Committee meetings

Links to bookmark now

- **ccNSO Remote Participation Hub**: closer to the meeting, you will find here an overview of all relevant ccNSO sessions, and how to participate remotely
- **ccNSO Members Meeting agenda**
- **ICANN66 meeting website**: Contains a.o. the venue map. Please make sure to register for the meeting.
- **Comprehensive ICANN66 meeting schedule** [available 14 October 2019]

Join the TLD-OPS workshop

TLD-OPS Standing Committee Offers Guidance on the Implementation of Business Continuity to Small ccTLD Operators

At ICANN66, the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) **Top-Level Domain Operations (TLD-OPS) Standing Committee** will hold a workshop to test its draft disaster recovery and business continuity playbook, which serves as a basic business continuity implementation guide for small country code top-level domain (ccTLD) operators. The workshop will be held on Sunday, 3 November 2019, and is open to TLD-OPS community members. Participants are expected to actively contribute, and attendance is limited to three persons per ccTLD. Pre-registration is required. Register [here](#).

