

(ccTLD Manager/operator)

Subject: CCNSO Study on the use of Emoji's at the second level in ccTLDs.

On 26 February 2018 the ccNSO Council constituted the Emoji Study Group (ESG) to provide it with a comprehensive overview of the issues associated with the use of Emoji used in second level domains as well as any current practices by ccTLDs which allow such registrations. For more details please refer to <<https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/emoji-sld-purpose-scope-activities-26feb18-en.pdf>>

As part of this work we have looked for indications of use of Emojis as or in second level domains in ccTLDs. Therefore, we are contacting you to seek your assistance with our study. If your ccTLD accepts the registration of Emoji's at the second level, could you please forward to us ([Kimberley.carlson@ICANN.org](mailto:Kimberley.carlson@ICANN.org)) pointers to relevant public information directly related to this practice in your registry. This might be a list of accepted Emoji's as well as any technical specifications or requirements.

The ESG would also welcome any presentations or memoranda you would wish to submit to it on this subject. The intent is to understand the different approaches and incorporate as many perspectives as possible into the study group report.

The ESG's current plan is to complete the first draft of its report for the ccNSO Council for ICANN 64 - Kobe Japan and as such would encourage ccTLD's who wish to provide their information to do so as soon as possible so it can be included in the report.

For further information on the study group, please refer to <https://ccnso.icann.org/en/workinggroups/emoji-sld.htm>

Thanking you for your collaboration

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