

At-Large Workspace: ICANN Bylaws Amendments: ccNSO-Proposed Changes to Article 10 and Annex B

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02 March 2022	ICANN Bylaws Amendments: ccNSO-Proposed Changes to Article 10 and Annex B	ADOPTED Consensus Call	OFB-WG	Holly Raiche Otieno Barrack						ICANN org Contact(s): art.boswinkel@cann.org

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What We Need Your Input On

The purpose of this Public Comment proceeding is to obtain community input on proposed changes to ICANN Bylaws Article 10 and Annex B requested by the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) prior to further consideration by the ICANN Board. The proposed changes support the improvements arising out of the second Organizational Review of the ccNSO (ccNSO2 Review), specifically the need to allow Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) country code top-level domain (ccTLD) managers to become members of the ccNSO if they choose to do so.

The proposed changes are the result of extensive consultations with the members of the ccNSO. The proposed changes address issues of definition of membership and voting rights when there are multiple ccTLD manages from the same country or territory and are important to the continued effectiveness of ccNSO processes.

The ICANN Board, taking on the ccNSO request, agreed to initiate the Standard Bylaws Amendment Process established in Article 25, Section 25.1 of the ICANN Bylaws. As required by Section 25.1, prior to approval of a Standard Bylaw Amendment by the ICANN Board, a draft of the Standard Bylaw Amendment is required to be published for Public Comment.

Proposals For Your Input

[Proposed ICANN Bylaws Amendments Article 10 and Annex B \(PDF, 130.17 KB\)](#)

[Provide Your Input](#)

Background

Since the launch of the IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process in 2009, some countries and territories may have multiple ccTLDs, which can each be operated through different ccTLD managers. To date, however, the ICANN Bylaws defining membership in the ccNSO did not clearly identify a membership and voting structure when there are multiple ccTLD managers within the same country or territory. To support the inclusion of ccTLD managers for IDN ccTLDs, as well as improvements arising from the ccNSO2 Review. The ccNSO Council has proposed changes to Article 10 and Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws. The ccNSO Council initially requested ICANN Bylaws amendments on 7 February 2020. The ccNSO leadership then coordinated with the ICANN Legal department on the substance of the amendments. After further consultation with the ccNSO membership, on 9 September 2021 the ccNSO Council chair renewed the request to the ICANN Board for initiation of the Standard Bylaws Amendment Process with refined language.

As clarity in membership and voting structure is key for continued healthy operations of the ccNSO as anticipated through the Organizational Review process, the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) considered and recommended to the ICANN Board that the Standard Bylaws Amendment Process be initiated with the posting of the proposed changes for Public Comment. The ICANN Board, following the OEC recommendation, approved the initiation of the Standard Bylaws Amendment Process. The ICANN Board has not evaluated the substance of the proposed ICANN Bylaws amendments, as that will be reserved until the ICANN Board can consider the Public Comment submissions.

Next Steps

The ICANN Board will consider Public Comment submissions in evaluating the proposed Standard Bylaws Amendment.

Supporting Information

This additional information from ICANN org provides more context for this Public Comment Proceeding and may help you review the proposals for input and publish a submission.

Supporting Information

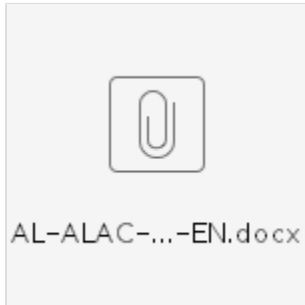
[7 February 2020 Letter from ccNSO Council Chair Katrina Sasaki to ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman](#)

[ICANN Board Resolutions 2021.10.28.06-10](#)

[9 September 2021 Letter from ccNSO Council Chair Alejandra Reynoso to ICANN Board Chair Maarten Botterman](#)

FINAL VERSION SUBMITTED (IF RATIFIED)

The final version to be submitted, if the draft is ratified, will be placed here by upon completion of the vote.



FINAL DRAFT VERSION TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE ALAC

The final draft version to be voted upon by the ALAC will be placed here before the vote is to begin.

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DRAFT SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION

The first draft submitted will be placed here before the call for comments begins. The Draft should be preceded by the name of the person submitting the draft and the date/time. If, during the discussion, the draft is revised, the older version(S) should be left in place and the new version along with a header line identifying the drafter and date/time should be placed above the older version(s), separated by a Horizontal Rule (available + Insert More Content control).

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