The role of the ccNSO Council is to administer and coordinate the affairs of the ccNSO and to manage the development of policy recommendations. This means that the Councillors are actively involved in determining the work and direction of the ccNSO: they lead and participate in various ccNSO-working groups; they engage the community in topical issues and they develop positions based on community feedback.

The Council meets at ICANN’s international meetings, held three times per year; and between the meetings, on regularly scheduled telephone conferences.