

ccTLD Transfers since 2003

As a follow-up of the e-mail sent by Joke Braeken to the ccNSO Council mailing list on Thu, 16 May 2019 (subject: issue following recent transfer of .tr to a new ccTLD Manager), and the discussions during the May 2019 ccNSO Council meeting, the ccNSO Secretariat reached out to IANA services staff, and received a list of all ccTLD transfers since 2003 – the year the ccNSO was established – to date. According to the overview, in total 59 ccTLDs underwent a transfer. The ccNSO Secretariat checked whether the organisation listed as ccTLD Manager in the IANA delegation record, matched with the entry as member in the ccNSO Member Database. Based on this analysis, 11 ccTLD manager entries may need to be adjusted i.e. require special attention, as the entry in the IANA delegation record and the ccNSO Member Database are not identical.

- For 7 ccTLDs, there is clear mismatch between the ccTLD manager listed in the IANA delegation record, and the ccNSO Member Database.
e.g. the old ccTLD Manager, prior to the transfer, is still listed as the organisation in the ccNSO Member Database.

Clear mismatch (7 ccTLDs):

bn	Brunei Darussalam
cx	Christmas Island
ml	Mali
pt	Portugal
tg	Togo
vg	Virgin Islands, British
vu	Vanuatu

- For the other 4 ccTLDs, there is a minor mismatch.
e.g the name of the organisation in the ccNSO member database does not entirely correspond to the name of the ccTLD manager in the IANA delegation record. For example for the manager of .bb, the ccNSO Member DB lists “Government of Barbados, Telecommunications Unit”, whereas in the IANA delegation the record mentions “Government of Barbados, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development, Telecommunications Unit.

Minor mismatch (4 ccTLDs):

bb	Barbados
bf	Burkina Faso
iq	Iraq
mk	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of

Next steps:

Under the auspices of the ccNSO membership application manager, Souleymane Oumtanaga, the ccNSO Secretariat will reach out to those 11 ccTLD managers, using among others the ICANN65 meeting. The approach for each of the ccTLDs is determined on a case-by-case basis.

timing end ccNSO membership

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1/ either when the Board decision is published

Or

2/ when the change becomes effective in the IANA delegation record.

ICANN legal confirmed the following:

1. Membership of the previous ccTLD Manager as ccNSO member ends, from the moment onwards the change becomes effective in the IANA delegation record.
2. Following the transfer of a ccTLD Manager, membership of the ccNSO ends by definition

Please find included below the response from ICANN legal:

ICANN Bylaws Section 10.4(a) defines ccNSO membership as consisting of ccTLD managers, which is in turn defined as the entity responsible for managing a ccTLD. Therefore, METU's membership in the ccNSO would have ended when its responsibility for managing .tr ceased (and where they are not responsible for managing any other ccTLDs). This is when a ccTLD transfer request is effected by the IANA department (which was 2019-05-06 for .tr). You may want to reach out to the IANA department if you need to know more precise timing as it relates to the end of a ccTLD manager's responsibility and updates in the root zone database.

The Board action you reference from 3 May 2019 was limited to confirming that the IANA department followed the proper procedures in evaluating the ccTLD request for transfer. Upon this determination, the IANA department must then take action to complete implementation of the ccTLD's transfer in the root zone. Therefore, METU's ccTLD management role wouldn't cease until the IANA department removed its responsibility for managing the ccTLD.