

Application for the position of ccNSO liaison to the gNSO

By Maarten Simon

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Dear members of the ccNSO Council,

I hereby apply for the position of ccNSO liaison to the gNSO.

I see this as a perfect role where I can serve the community by combining my knowledge and experience in the ccTLD world with my interest in the policies and politics of the generic world and more specifically the influence the work done in one of the two has on the other.

Over the years I have seen that discussions and policies developed in the gNSO have an effect on the policies developed by individual ccTLD's. A clear example is the UDRP which over the years has been implemented with typical local amendments and variations by a large number of ccTLD's. An example the other way around is WHOIS. Many European ccTLD's have limited the publicly published personal data over the last 15 years and developed solutions to still accommodate the goals of the WHOIS while the gNSO is struggling heavily with it currently.

My hope is that in my liaison role I will not only exchange information between the two councils but play a role in further connecting the two worlds so that they can learn from each other and work together where possible. I will of course do this from a ccTLD perspective and in close connection and cooperation with you with a focus on the cc interests in the gNSO, for example with regard to outcome of the WT5 discussions around the protection of geo related names and 2-character domains.

Given my background, that I will describe in the short biography underneath, I am convinced that I am fully qualified for the role. I hope therefore that you will appoint me.

Best regards,

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Short biography Maarten Simon

I was born in the Netherlands in 1966 and still live and work there. After finishing high school I went to university where I received a masters degree in law. I got involved in ICT law in 1999 as a result of the millennium bug and finished a specialized ICT Law course in that year cum laude. That kick started my attorney at law career. In the seven years as attorney I

worked mainly in ICT law with a crossover to insolvency law during the 2002 bursting of the ICT bubble.

In 2007 I joined SIDN, the manager for the .nl domain, as its legal counsel and soon got involved in national and international policy discussions with respect to WHOIS, domain name dispute resolution and the likes. I expanded my role over the years to legal and policy manager, a role I currently still fulfill.

From 2007 on I have been actively involved in Centr with a focus on the Legal and Regulatory Group that I have served as a vice chair in the last two years. I also started to follow policy discussions within ICANN and am a regular ICANN attendee. I have been a member of the ccNSO Studygroup on Geographical Names and of the Guidelines Review Committee. I further have been a ccNSO appointed member of the CWG IANA and still am the ccNSO appointed member to the very dormant CCG, the group that in the name of the communities that use the IANA services makes sure that the IETF takes good care of the IANA trademark and domain names.

My native language is Dutch but I am also quite capable of communicating in English and do read and speak some German and French.

Employer support letter

SIDN support this application and will allot me the time and finances to be able to fulfill the tasks that come with it. A support letter will be attached to this document.

Statement of interest

I am employed by SIDN which main occupation is managing the .nl domain. SIDN also provides services as a registry back end provider currently to .aw (Aruba) and to the .amsterdam and .politie both Dutch gTLD's.