

# Final Report on the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review

## Status of this Document

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The Preliminary Report has been drafted by the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Working Group team members, and was published for Public Comment:

<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-06mar18-en>

The Working Group has reviewed all comments and, based on the feedback, including the public session at the San Juan ccNSO meeting, made minor amendments to the Preliminary Report. The group submits the current Final Report to the ccNSO Council for its consideration.

## Preamble

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In January 2016, the ccNSO Council approved a [recommendation by the ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group](#), to hold three (3) ccNSO Members Meetings a year. This recommendation is revisited, as part of a review of the ccNSO meeting strategy. In 2018 the Council appointed the [ccNSO Meeting Strategy Working Group](#). The review by this group is conducted according to the [Terms of Reference](#) as approved by the ccNSO Council, and based on a consultation with the broader ccTLD community.

The objective of the review was to assess all relevant issues related to the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review and, following Community Input, recommend a course of action to the ccNSO Council.

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# 1. Issue Description

## Background & Scope

Following the introduction of [ICANN's new meeting Strategy](#), the ccNSO Council approved a [recommendation by the ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group](#) in January 2016 to hold three (3) ccNSO Members Meetings a year. This recommendation is reviewed, as part of the review of the ccNSO meeting strategy. The review is conducted by the [ccNSO Meeting Strategy Working Group](#), according to the [Terms of Reference](#) as approved by the ccNSO Council, and based on a consultation with the broader ccTLD community.

The goal of the ccNSO meeting strategy review was to consider whether the current ccNSO meeting strategy, within the overall framework of the ICANN meeting strategy, is adequate and provides a sound basis for the ccNSO to perform its work as envisioned. The review is limited to the ccNSO meeting strategy.

Specifically, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy review focused on:

1. Review goals and formats of the ICANN public Meetings, and review how the ccNSO sessions fit in.
2. Consider other formats for the ccNSO members meetings
3. Establish the need, or lack thereof, to have a ccNSO members meeting in every ICANN Meeting.
4. Consider how best to encourage sharing of ideas and developing relationships between ccNSO members and participants

## Read more

- [ccNSO council Resolution 136-02/2017, adoption Terms of Reference and appointment Review Team](#)
- [Slide deck community consultation on the draft Terms of Reference at ICANN60, Abu Dhabi \(November 2017\)](#)
- Background paper, about the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review, the ICANN meeting strategy, and the ccNSO meeting distribution at ICANN meetings. This background paper was shared together with the online survey. The ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team recommends the community to become familiar with the content of this document, in order to have a meaningful discussion and consultation at the upcoming ccNSO Members Meeting (ICANN61, San Juan) [https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/ccNSO+Meeting+Strategy+Working+Group?preview=/69284122/79434676/ccNSOmeetingstrategyreview\\_backgroundpaper\\_Febr2018.pdf\[community.icann.org\]](https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/ccNSO+Meeting+Strategy+Working+Group?preview=/69284122/79434676/ccNSOmeetingstrategyreview_backgroundpaper_Febr2018.pdf[community.icann.org])
- ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Wiki: <https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/ccNSO+Meeting+Strategy+Working+Group>

## Community Consultation: Survey

In order to collect input from the broader ccTLD community on the current and potentially future strategy for the ccNSO Members Meetings formats, the Review Team send out a survey to the Council, ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community between 12 February 2018 and 26 February 2018 (noon UTC). 19 responses were received. Consult the full survey results, including data trends and individual responses, here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-58NBMVGH8/>

In ANNEX A you will be able to find a short graphical summary of the feedback received. The main feedback from the survey has been incorporated into the draft recommendations.

## 2. Draft recommendations

Based on the results of the survey, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team, made the following draft recommendations:

1. Organise a ccNSO Members Meeting at every ICANN meeting
2. Ask the meeting programme WG to explore the possibility to organise a 1-day ccNSO Members Meeting during the Policy Forum (i.e. the second ICANN meeting of the year)
3. Keep the ccNSO Members Meeting as 1 single stream, and do not organise parallel sessions.
4. Invite the meeting programme WG to keep in mind those priorities highlighted via the survey, when putting together the agenda for the ccNSO Members meeting, being:
  - a. Developing relations between ccTLDs
  - b. Providing updates by and to the ccTLD community

Furthermore, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team recommends:

5. That the Meeting Programme Working Group attempts avoiding overlap or duplications with regional organisations' meetings.
6. That the ccNSO council ensures that the joint sessions with other supporting organisations and advisory committees at public ICANN meetings are a valuable experience for all parties, in terms of their objectives and timing.

## 3. Community consultation on the draft recommendations

The Preliminary Report was published for comments (<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-06mar18-en>) to seek Community input on the recommendations, additional information, and to allow correction or updates of information provided so far. This included a [second survey](#).

In addition, the RT organised an interactive session to consult the ccTLD community on the initial recommendations on Tuesday 13 March 2018 at the ccNSO Members Meeting in San Juan - ICANN61. Consult a summary of the the input received in San Juan here: [https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=84213918&preview=/84213918/84215400/recommendations\\_feedback\\_13032018\\_call05april.pdf](https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=84213918&preview=/84213918/84215400/recommendations_feedback_13032018_call05april.pdf) The input received via this face-to-

face consultation has proven to be valuable to the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team, especially since the second survey had a very low response rate. Only 3 responses were collected to the online survey asking feedback on the recommendations. Please find the survey results here: <https://de.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-3W825CRKL/>

The RT thanks everyone who provided feedback, either by participating in the discussion in San Juan or through the online survey.

## 4. Final recommendations

Following review of the comments, including the results of the face-to-face consultations, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review team updated the Preliminary Report. Since no major concerns were raised against the draft recommendations, the ccNSO Meeting Review Team suggests to keep the recommendations as they are, with one minor adjustment on the wording of recommendation number 5, where the word “unnecessary” has been added.

The final recommendations on the ccNSO Meeting Strategy review, as submitted by the Review Team, are:

1. Organise a ccNSO Members Meeting at every ICANN meeting
2. Ask the meeting programme WG to explore the possibility to organise a one (1)-day ccNSO Members Meeting during the Policy Forum (i.e. the second ICANN meeting of the year)
3. Keep the ccNSO Members Meeting as one (1) single stream, and do not organise parallel sessions.
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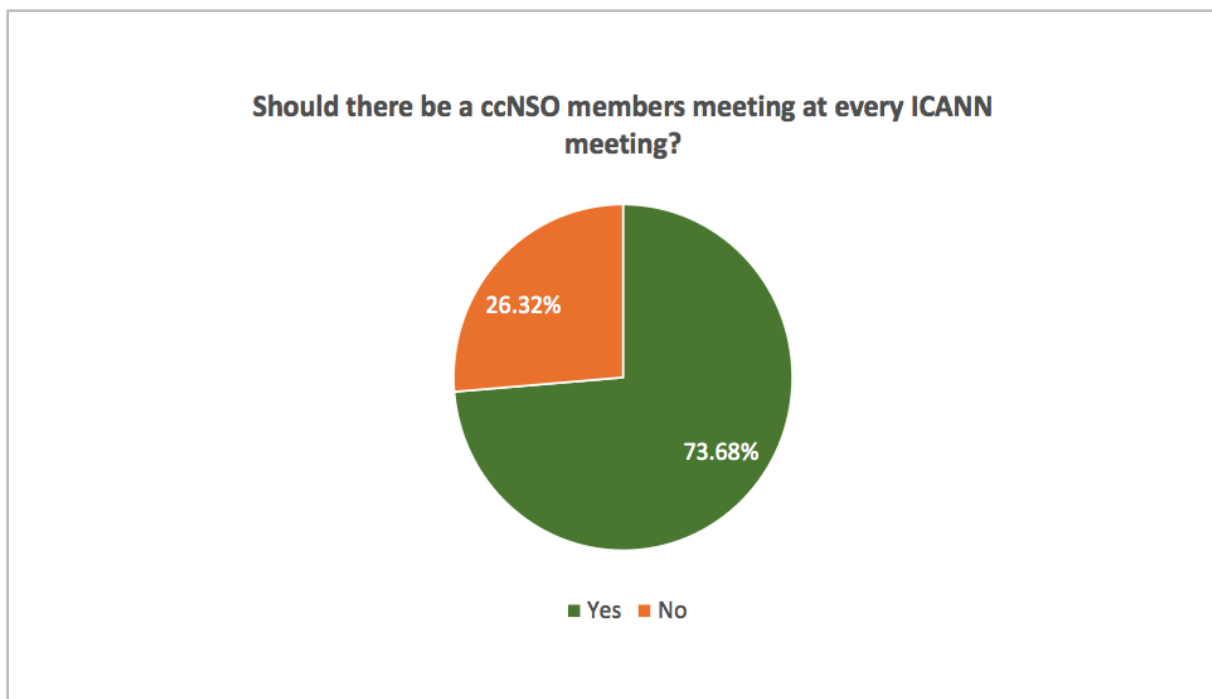
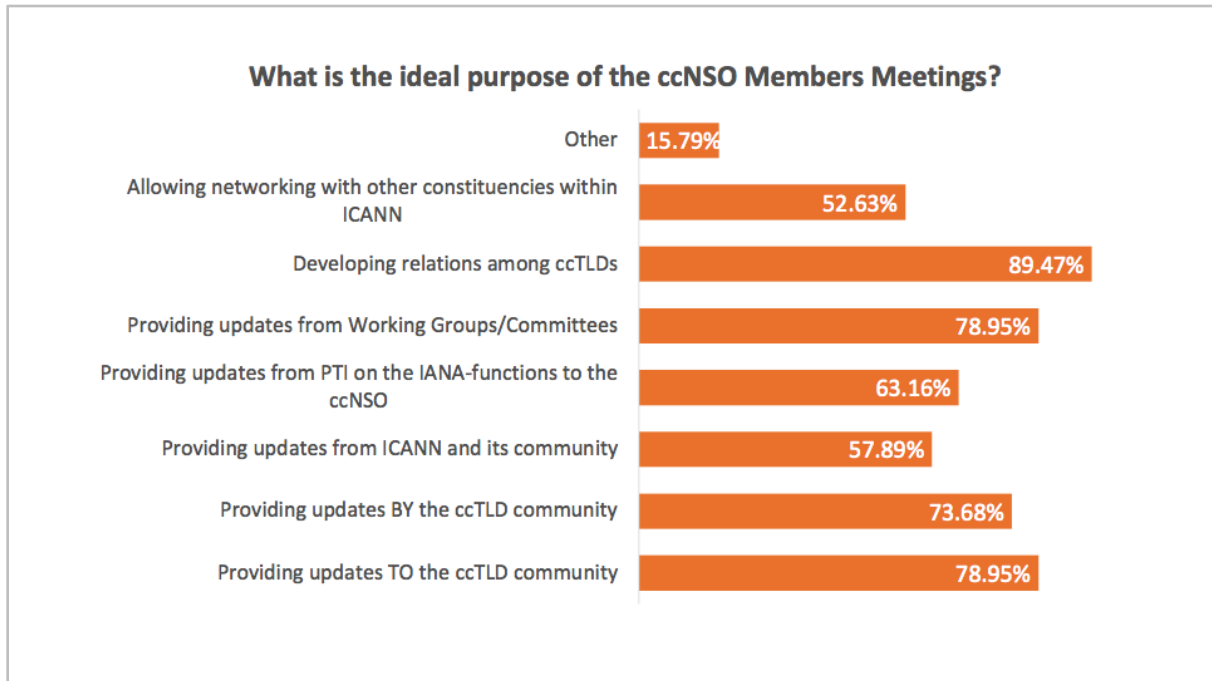
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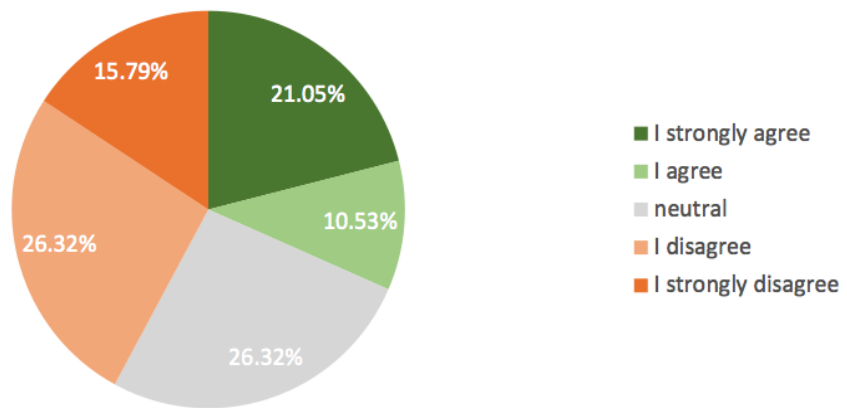
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## Graphical summary first survey results

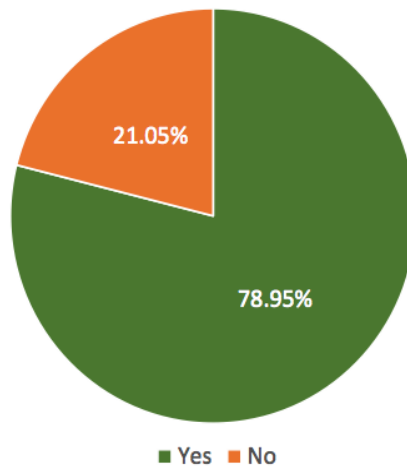
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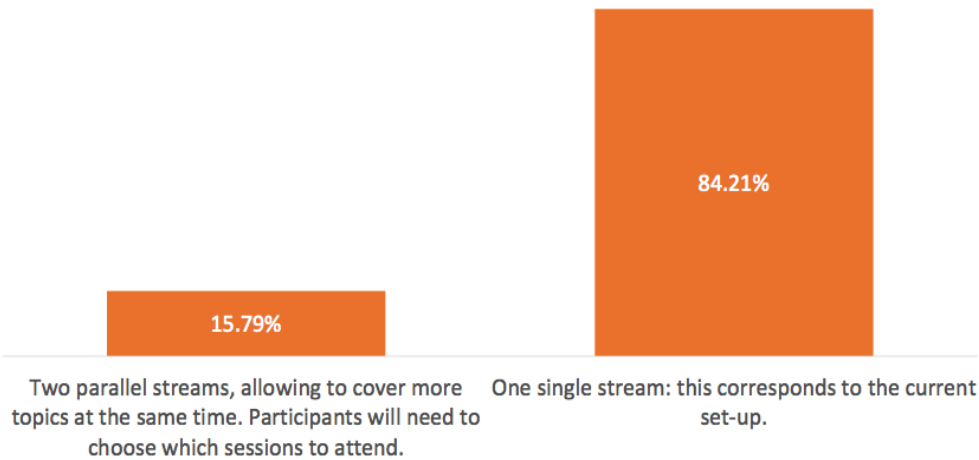
**Do not organize a ccNSO Members Meeting during the June ICANN meeting**



**Should the standard ccNSO members meeting be held over two days?**



### Which format of the ccNSO Members Meeting do you prefer?



#### What aspect(s) of the current ccNSO Meeting Strategy go(es) particularly well?

- Technical and strategic policy discussions
- Members updates, ICANN and IANA updates, PTI reports
- Special topics sessions
- The council engenders a good spirit and the meetings are open and very good natured
- Working group updates
- Community building, consultations with the community, community involvement, networking
- Joint meetings with GNSO and GAC and meeting with ICANN Board
- The decision making
- remove the regular briefings, as they are repetitive and non-informative
- The ccNSO has managed well to get an efficient and standardized meeting schedule together. Most of the sessions are relevant and timing is usually good. I would recommend not interfere too much with the meeting format.

#### What aspect(s) of the current ccNSO Meeting Strategy need(s) improvement?

- Making the basic ccNSO principles stronger: not to be bound by any non-local policy.
- Translation is needed
- Any questions for decision or vote need to be clearly indicated at least a week in advance for due consideration of the background and options. It is unclear when we vote and why it's worth it.
- Avoid overlap with the Regional Organisations meetings, and duplication in general
- More interaction, more best practice sharing
- More time with GAC
- more round table discussion and share the discussions with all
- remove the regular briefings, as they are repetitive and non-informative
- presentations of participants
- The interactions with the other SO's/AC's is often a bit sloppy.