

MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 228
Thursday, 16 April 2026

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Resolutions

- **Resolution 228-01**

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- **Resolution 228-03**

The ccNSO Council appoints the following persons as Members of the following committees, study groups or working groups:

- Desiree Miloshevic (.gi) to IGLC

The secretariat is requested to inform the leadership team of the IGLC and persons appointed and enable their participation in the respective teams. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

Action Items

- **Action Item 228-01**

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- **Action Item 228-02**

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- **Action item 228-04**

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- **Action item 228-05**

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- **Action Item 228-06**

The Secretariat to send a calendar invite for the ICANN86 Council prep call.

- **Action Item 228-07**

The Triage committee to evaluate the proposal of defining and establishing a small group of councillors to act as a sounding board for ccNSO-appointed liaisons to technical groups (CSC, RZERC, IFR, future RSS Governance Council, etc.), including agreeing on its structure, scope, and level of informality, and exploring whether it should also support the identification and assessment of future appointees.

Attendees

Africa

- Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km
- Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
- Ingabire Mwikarago

Asia/Australia/Pacific

- Jordan Carter, .au (Vice-Chair)
- Jiankang Yao, .cn
- Sami Mohamed Ali

Europe

- Chris Disspain
- Peter Koch, .de
- Nigel Roberts

Latin America/ Caribbean

- Everton T. Rodrigues, .br
- Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

North America

- Sean Copeland, .vi
- Pablo Rodriguez
- Charles Noir

NomCom appointed Councillors

- Jaijit Bhattacharyya
- Olga Cavalli
- Wafa Dahmani

Liaisons to ccNSO, appointed by ALAC and GNSO

- Nacho Amadoz, GNSO liaison to ccNSO Council
- Laura Margolis, ALAC liaison to ccNSO Council

ICANN Staff

- Joke Braeken
- Bart Boswinkel
- Claudia Ruiz

Invited Guests

none

Regional Organisations

- Barrack Otieno, AFTLD
- Phavanhna Douangboupha, APTLD
- Peter Van Roste, CENTR
- Rocio de la Fuente, LACTLD

Apologies Received

Jordan Carter and Charles Noir sent their apologies.

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/AYDZK>
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses:
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome

Welcome by Alejandro Reynoso, Council Chair. The chair noted an item for AOB from Peter regarding IANA and RZERC.

a. SOI updates

- Consult the [ccNSO SOI Guideline](#)
- Complete the SOI [template](#)
- Check the ccNSO [Statements of Interest](#)

No updates to SOIs

b. Meeting quorum

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the meeting was not quorate. A representative from North America was missing.

2. Relevant Correspondence

See: <https://www.icann.org/en/ccnso/council/correspondence>

None

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 227

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 8 April 2026.

No questions or comments were raised. The 228th minute was confirmed.

Russ Weinstein introduced himself, he explained that he became Head of Policy Development and Support at ICANN in January 2025.

He shared that he had been with ICANN since 2012, initially supporting the 2012 round of the new gTLD program, where he worked on operational aspects such as evaluation panels and delegation

procedures. He later transitioned to overseeing registry services, engagement, and registrars, gaining extensive experience in the gTLD and registry space. He expressed appreciation for the ccNSO's role in the ICANN community and highlighted his goal of improving collaboration across groups, reducing conflicts, and supporting more effective cross-community work. He concluded by thanking the members for their contributions and emphasizing the importance of supporting their efforts.

b. Action Items

The Chair noted all action items had been completed.

- **Action item 227-01**

The secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary of the election of Alejandra Reynoso as ccNSO Council Chair and post an announcement on the ccNSO Website. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 227-02**

The secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary of the election of Adebisi Oladipo and Jordan Carter as ccNSO Council Vice-Chairs and post an announcement on the ccNSO Website. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 227-03**

The secretariat is requested to publish the overview of roles and responsibilities and their assignments on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. **(Completed)**.

- **Action item 227-04**

The Council requests its Chair to publish the comments on the proposed change of Articles 17, 18 and the charter of CSC. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 227-05**

The Council requests the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC) to draft a comment on ICANN's Universal Acceptance Expert Group's draft Guidelines for Advancing UA Adoption and to submit it in the related public comment forum on their own behalf. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 227-06**

The secretariat is requested to publish FY 26-27 Portfolio Activities and the February 2026 quarterly overview **(Completed)**

- **Action item 227-07**

The secretariat is requested to inform the leadership teams of the various working groups and committees and persons appointed and enable their participation in the respective teams. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 227-08**

The secretariat is requested to confirm on whether the Council would submit a comment on the Standard Bylaws Amendment – Transition Article on Specific Reviews Public Comment. **(Completed)**

4. Intermeeting decisions

- a. Appointment of participants to the Chairing Skills Pilot Training
- b. No Comment on Standard Bylaws Amendment – Transition Article on Specific Reviews

5. Triage Committee decisions since Council meeting 227

No decisions have been made, Chris Disspain, Triage committee Chair, noted the committee would meet the following week and will work on an updated version of the two year working plan.

UPDATES

Written updates - if any - are published on the wiki space for this meeting.

6. Update ECA & CSC (written updates)

7. Update Working Groups (written updates or taken from the meeting)

- a. *ccPDP4-IDN (Dormant)*
- b. *DASC*
- c. *GRC*
- d. *IGLC*
- e. *MPC*
- f. *OMC*
- g. *SOPC*
- h. *Tech WG*
- i. *TLD-OPS SC*
- j. *Triage Committee*
- k. *UAC*
- l. *CIP-CCG*
- m. *Planning Prioritization Process group*
- n. *RZERC*
- o. *RSS GWG*

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, discussed a new streamlining for the written updates.

Peter Koch, RSS GWG member, noted the group submitted the final report after the public comment period. The group is waiting for the ICANN Board's decision regarding the group. The group will be noted as dormant until the decision is made.

Chris Disspain, member of the Planning Prioritization Process group, let the Council know that he would not be able to continue.

- **Action Item 228-01**

The Secretariat is asked to launch a call for volunteers for a new member to the Planning Prioritization Process group

8. Update Liaisons (written updates)

- a. *Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC*
- b. *Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council*

9. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN & Implementation ccPDP3

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that ccPDP4 had been nearing the end of its initial assessment, with staff preparing next steps focused on implementation planning and Board consideration.

For ccPDP3, implementation planning had concluded, transitioning the focus to actual implementation under GDS. The ccPAIG had remained available to support any issues arising during implementation to help avoid delays.

10. Progress CCG Review of Reviews

Chris Disspain, CCG Review of Reviews Co-Chair, mentioned an outline of the current position on reviews had been finalized and would be distributed to SO and AC chairs. The structure had been simplified from five to three buckets, covering accountability and transparency, structural, and on-demand reviews.

The document would be sent for feedback, with a webinar scheduled for May 5 and further engagement planned with leadership groups. Based on input received, the document was to be revised into a draft proposal for public comment and discussion in Sevilla.

11. New standing item: Update GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP1

Nick Weban-Smith, was appointed Vice Chair of the PDP. A call for volunteers was launched, the DASC will select a new member from the volunteers.

The Chair asked the Council members if they wanted to keep the item on the agenda as a standing item or move it to written updates. It was decided to keep it on the agenda.

12. Update Chair, Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organisations, Secretariat Informational

a. Update Chair

The Chair's updates included, SO/AC Chairs Roundtable agenda for Seville, focused on initiatives that will make things more effective and efficient. The one-on-one with ICANN CEO is scheduled for May. A webinar with APTLD is being organized, the goal is to raise awareness of the work the ccNSO does and get ccTLD engaged. Lastly, the Chair met with .es, she welcomed them to the ccNSO and gave them a brief introduction to the ccNSO.

b. Update secretariat

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, announced he is retiring, his last day will be on 01 October 2026 and Seville will be his last ICANN meeting.

Alejandra offers a heartfelt tribute to Bart, recognizing his lasting impact, leadership, integrity, and mentorship while reflecting on his transition to retirement. Pablo and Joke add brief messages of gratitude, emphasizing Bart's strong work ethic, willingness to share knowledge, and the appreciation the team feels, along with the sense that they will miss not just a colleague but a friend, even as they value the remaining time with him.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

13. Approval Membership .es

The ccNSO Council approved the membership application for .es. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. The only comment raised was from Patricio Poblete, ICANN Board member who thought .es was already a member.

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14. Approval ccNSO Guideline Statement - and Conflict of Interest

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15. Shadowing fellowship mentor

For information and action

Proposed action: Request GRC to update selection procedure

(<https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/guidelines-ccnso-appointees-version-1-procedures-22mar21-en.pdf>) to select fellowship mentor and alternate/shadow mentor.

Jenifer López (ccNSO Councillor) is stepping down after several years as Fellowship Mentor. The role is intended for a councillor, ideally with fellowship experience. Drawing on past transitions, Everton Rodríguez (ccNSO Councillor) has expressed interest and is considered a strong fit given his background as a fellow. He will start shadowing Jenifer from now on.

The Chair reminded that the GRC is also expected to formalize the mentor selection process, including provisions for a shadow mentor.

16. Appointments to committees or working groups, if any

The ccNSO Council resolved to appoint the following people to their respective roles. The resolution was moved by Peter Koch, and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. No questions or comments were raised.

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

17. ICANN86

a. Draft Block Schedule

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, gave a high level overview of the ccNSO block schedule for Seville, she reminded everyone on the call about the call for presenters for ccTLD News.

b. Council meeting

The Chair reminded everyone that there will not be a prep session in Seville because it is a Policy Forum. The Council will meet virtually before Seville to discuss session assignments and rapporteurs for the ICANN meeting.

- **Action Item 228-06**

The Secretariat to send a calendar invite for the ICANN86 Council prep call.

c. ccNSO Cocktail sponsorship

The Chair noted that the ccNSO was still looking for sponsors for the ccNSO Cocktail, if anyone is interested in sponsoring, please reach out to Claudia Ruiz.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

Peter Koch, ccNSO Councillor, followed up on an email regarding the Root Service System Governance Working Group (RSSGS), they are anticipating 24 Councillors, six from the ccTLDs.

Peter feels there might be a need for coordination once the structure comes up. It would be good to have a process in mind and a committee to take it on, perhaps the GRC.

The chair noted that the Triage committee might take it into consideration. Once the Triage committee gives their feedback, the Council will discuss next steps.

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Everton Rodrigues, ccNSO Councillor, expressed concern regarding ICANN87 due to the persisting instability in the region. The Chair added that there is growing concern among SO and AC chairs due to a lack of communication from ICANN about potential plans or options. While there is trust that ICANN is working on solutions, the silence creates uncertainty and speculation. The issue is being raised with leadership, and the next steps include continuing discussions with other chairs to seek clarity, with the possibility of escalating to the Board if needed.

19. Next Council Meetings

- 21 May 2026 | 15:00 UTC, Meeting 229. Note the changed time due to overlap with pre-ICANN86 policy webinar
- **11 June 2026 | ICANN86 - Sevilla, Meeting 230**
- 16 July 2026 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 231
- 13 August 2026 | 21:00 UTC, Meeting 232
- 17 September 2026 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 233
- **22 October 2026 | ICANN87 - Muscat, Meeting 234**
- 19 November 2026 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 235
- 17 December 2026 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 236

20. Adjourn