

Minutes

ccNSO Council meeting 215

Thursday, 13 March 2025, ICANN82 (Seattle, US)

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Decisions

- **Resolution 215-01**

The ccNSO Council extends the 360 review process until 21 March 2023. The results will be shared with the individual Councillors starting 25 March 2025.

- **Resolution 215-02**

In accordance with the procedure to select its chair and vice-chairs, as included in the [Guideline ccNSO Roles and Responsibilities](#) adopted on 26 February 2018, Alejandra Reynoso was duly nominated and seconded as candidate Chair of the ccNSO, and accepted her nomination and the ccNSO Council elects Alejandra Reynoso to serve as its Chair starting at the end of the ICANN82 until the end of ICANN85.

The secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary accordingly and post an announcement on the ccNSO Website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 215-03**

In accordance with the procedure to select its chair and vice-chairs, as included in the [Guideline ccNSO Roles and Responsibilities](#) adopted on 26 February 2018, Adebisi Oladipo and Jordan Carter were duly nominated and seconded, and accepted their nominations. It is noted that the Chair, and Vice-Chairs are all representing different ICANN regions. The ccNSO Council elects Adebisi Oladipo and Jordan Carter to serve as its Vice-Chairs starting at the end of the ICANN82 meeting until the end of the ICANN85 meeting.

- **Resolution 215-04**

The ccNSO Council adopts the March 2025 overview of roles and responsibilities and their assignment to Councillors, including those of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair as decided under a. and b. above. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution and the overview on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 215-05**

The ccNSO Council adopts the Template/Blueprint for review. The ccNSO Chair and secretariat are requested to develop a schedule and timeline for review of the various groups, after consulting the various committees and taking into account the workload to conduct a review and need for a review. The schedule and timeline are expected by meeting 216. This would allow the Council to launch a review well before the Prague meeting (ICANN83). The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication. The chair is requested to inform the various working groups as soon as possible after the resolution becomes effective.

- **Resolution 215-06**

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for the extraordinary ccNSO Council European election. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO secretariat, as Election

Process Manager. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 215-07**

The following persons are appointed:

- Alishah Shariff (.uk) to the IGLC
- Ann Ibrahim (.nz) to the UAC

The secretariat is requested to inform the appointees and chairs of the committees accordingly. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution as soon as feasible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

Action Items

- **Action item 215-01**

The current ccNSO appointees to the Customer Standing Committee jointly with the Chair will seek a qualified candidate to fulfill the role of alternate member.

- **Action item 215-02**

The Secretariat will take the necessary steps for a Council comment on the IFRT2 request for comments

- **Action item 215-03**

The Secretariat is requested to send a reminder with the links to the 360 degree review survey to the eligible Councillors.

- **Action item 215-04**

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. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-05**

The Secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary of the election of Biyi Oladipo and Jordan Carter as ccNSO Council vice chairs and post an announcement on the ccNSO Website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-06**

The Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the assignment of the Council Roles and Responsibilities and the overview on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-07**

The ccNSO Chair and secretariat are requested to develop a schedule and timeline for review of the various groups, after consulting the various committees and taking into account the

workload to conduct a review and need for a review. The schedule and timeline are expected by meeting 216.

- **Action item 215-08**

The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution regarding the adoption of the Review Blueprint as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

- **Action item 215-09**

The chair is requested to inform the various working groups about the Review Blueprint as soon as possible after the resolution becomes effective.

- **Action item 215-10**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the timeline for the special Elections for the European region, and the appointment of the Council Election Process Manager as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

- **Action item 215-11**

The secretariat is also requested to publish the resolution regarding the appointment of members to various committees and/or working groups as soon as feasible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-12**

Molehe Wesi and Jodi Andersson, the ccNSO appointees to the ICANN discussion group, are requested to review the outcomes of the members' meeting session on "how we meet".

- **Action item 215-13**

ccNSO Council is requested to prepare a statement in response to the request for public comments on the "How we meet" process.

- **Action item 215-14**

The Council drafting team and Secretariat are requested to prepare a draft letter to the ICANN Board by Council meeting 216, regarding the Pilot Holistic Review and related matters.

- **Action item 215-15**

The Council drafting team and Secretariat are requested to prepare a draft response to the request for clarification regarding the retirement policy by Council meeting 216.

Attendees

Africa

- Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km
- Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
- Molehe Wesi, .za

Asia/Australia/Pacific

- Jordan Carter, .au (Vice-Chair)
- Ai-Chin Lu
- Jiankang Yao, .cn

Europe

- Chris Disspain
- Peter Koch, .de
- Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk

Latin America/ Caribbean

- Demi Getschko, .br
- Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

North America

- Sean Copeland, .vi
- Stephen Deerhake, .as
- Pablo Rodriguez, .pr

NomCom appointed Councillors

- Jaijit Bhattacharyya
- Olga Cavalli
- Wafa Dahmani

Liaisons to ccNSO, appointed by ALAC and GNSO

- Desiree Miloshevic, GNSO liaison to ccNSO Council
- Laura Margolis, ALAC liaison to ccNSO Council

ICANN Staff

- Joke Braeken
- Bart Boswinkel
- Claudia Ruiz

Invited Guests

- None

Apologies received

Ai-Chin Lu

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/-4sIBg>

- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses: <https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

Agenda

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, the Chair of the ccNSO Council. Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, confirmed the meeting was quorate, and that apologies were sent by Ai-Chin Lu, whereas Wafa Dahmani, Ali Hadji Mmadi and Jiankang Yao attended remotely. No updates were disclosed regarding Statements of Interest, and Alejandra mentioned that there was one item for Any Other Business, namely an e-mail from ICANN org.

1. Relevant Correspondence

No relevant correspondence was shared

2. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 214

The minutes from the previous meeting were not yet circulated

b. Action Items Meeting 214

These action items are preliminary ones, as taken from the meeting notes. The final list of action items depends on the distribution and approval of the meeting minutes. No questions or comments were raised.

- ***Action item 214-01 (ongoing)***

GRC to prepare a draft response to the request for comments on the Proposed Updates to the Operating Standards for Specific Reviews.

- ***Action item 214-02 (ongoing)***

Secretariat and Peter Koch to draft input for Council's discussion and consideration, regarding input for the work by the RSS GWG.

Alejandra Reynoso suggested skipping items 3 and 4, in the interest of time. No questions or comments were raised.

3. Intermeeting Decisions (since meeting 214, February 2025)

a. Adoption Board Seat 12 Nomination Report and formal nomination by Council of Byron Holland to Board Seat 12

4. Inter-meeting Decisions Triage Committee

There were no inter-meeting decisions by the ccNSO Triage Committee.

UPDATES

5. Update ECA, IFRT & CSC (from the ICANN82 sessions)

Alejandra Reynoso has identified the need to find a replacement for an alternate member on the Customer Standing Committee (CSC). Alejandra proposed that together with the current members, Frederico Neves (.br) and Pablo Rodriguez (.pr), will identify a suitable alternate to serve for the remainder of Nicklas Pousette's term, which will continue until the beginning of October. Alejandra furthermore specified that the selected alternate will serve as a CSC shadow, stepping in when one of the primary members is unavailable. This ensures continuity in CSC activities and decision-making processes. No questions or comments were raised.

- **Action item 215-01**

The current ccNSO appointees to the Customer Standing Committee jointly with the Chair will seek a qualified candidate to fulfill the role of alternate member.

Alejandra Reynoso suggested skipping items 6, 7 and 8, in the interest of time. No questions or comments were raised.

6. Update Working Groups (from the ICANN82 sessions)

- a. *ccPDP3-Review Mechanism - Dormant*
- b. *ccPDP4-IDN - Dormant*
- c. *DASC*
- d. *FIN2 WG*
- e. *GRC*
- f. *IGLC*
- g. *MPC*
- h. *OMC*
- i. *PGA WG*
- j. *SOPC*
- k. *Tech WG*
- l. *TLD-OPS SC*
- m. *Triage Committee*
- n. *UAC*
- o. *CIP-CCG*
- p. *Planning Prioritization Process group*
- q. *RZERC*
- r. *RSS GWG*
- s. *ICANN How We Meet Group*

7. Update Liaisons (written updates)

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

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

8. Update ccNSO Website redesign

There has been no meeting by the website team since Council meeting 214.

9. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN and ccPDP3-RM

Regarding the ccNSO policy to introduce a review mechanism for specific decisions of the IANA Function Operator regarding the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs (ccPDP3-RM), Alejandra Reynoso referred to the Question and Answer session held during the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN82, where Becky Burr, chair of the ccPDP3-RM Board Caucus, provided an update on the expected next steps. Alejandra furthermore noted that ccPDP4-IDN is proceeding well. No questions or comments were raised.

10. Update Chair, Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organisations and Secretariat

a. pre-ICANN82 SO/AC Round Table

Alejandra Reynoso updated Councillors on the pre-ICANN82 Round Table: The primary topics of discussion were the "How We Meet" process and the "Reviews", both of which are included in the agenda for further discussion later.

Alejandra furthermore referenced additional meetings:

- Retirement Policy: Council leadership met with ICANN org staff regarding the retirement policy. This is also addressed under AOB
- Pilot Holistic Review: A meeting was held with other SO/ACs to discuss the next steps. See also item 17 on the agenda.
- Newcomers Engagement: Leadership and the Onboarding and Mentoring Committee (OMC) met with newcomers and plan to make this a recurring informal event. The goal is to improve onboarding and develop a mentoring program.
- RySG Collaboration: A meeting was held to identify common topics of interest and gather feedback. A session at ICANN83 has been proposed.

Councillors provided additional updates. Peter Koch, ccNSO Councillor from the European region, mentioned that the IFRT public comment period will start on March 20th, with Olga Cavalli, Sami Mohamed Ali, and Peter Koch representing the ccNSO. Alejandra mentioned that a draft statement would need to be drafted. Additionally, Peter suggested Council look at the Root Server System Governance Working Group suggestions and ccTLD representation. Biyi Oladipo, Council Vice Chair and Vice chair for the ccNSO OMC called upon all Councillors to increase their engagement with fellows and newcomers. Pablo Rodriguez, Councillor from the North American region, referenced a recent meeting in the LAC space with an outlook for greater engagement with and by ccTLDs from the Caribbean region.

- **Action item 215-02**

The Secretariat will take the necessary steps for a Council comment on the IFRT2 request for comments

b. Update Councillors from various sessions they attended during ICANN82

11. Update Council 360 Review

The ccNSO Council approved the resolution regarding the extension of the Council 360 degree review. The resolution was moved by Olga Cavalli, and seconded by Stephen Deerpake. Peter Koch abstained. No questions were raised regarding this agenda item.

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned that only 6 responses were received, and a minimum of 10 is required. She asked the outgoing Councillors to answer the 360 review survey questions. Biyi Oladipo, Council Vice chair, asked the Secretariat to re-send the links to the surveys.

- **Resolution 215-01**

The ccNSO Council extends the 360 review process until 21 March 2023. The results will be shared with the individual Councillors starting 25 March 2025.

- **Action item 215-03**

The Secretariat is requested to send a reminder with the links to the 360 degree review survey to the eligible Councillors.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

12. Roles and Responsibilities Councillors

The Council chair expressed her thanks to all for the achievements and cooperation over the past year, reflected in the 2024 Achievements report and the way Council handled the assignment of Roles and Responsibilities. The Council Vice chairs appreciated the leadership by Alejandra and the excellent dynamic between chair and vice chairs.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, explains the process for the election of a chair and two vice chairs. Nick Wenban-Smith, outgoing Councillor, acts as meeting Chair for this agenda item.

The ccNSO Council approved the resolutions regarding the assignment of the election of one Council Chair, the election of two ccNSO Council Vice Chairs, and the Council Roles and Responsibilities. The resolution was moved by Jenifer Lopez, and seconded by Chris Disspain. No questions or comments were raised.

a. Election of the ccNSO Council Chair

Pablo Rodriguez nominated Alejandra Reynoso, Demi Getschko seconded. There were no further nominations. Alejandra accepted the nomination and confirmed that she is a Council

member elected by the ccNSO members from the Latin American and Caribbean region. Councillors congratulated Alejandra on her reappointment.

- **Resolution 215-02**

In accordance with the procedure to select its chair and vice-chairs, as included in the [Guideline ccNSO Roles and Responsibilities](#) adopted on 26 February 2018, Alejandra Reynoso was duly nominated and seconded as candidate Chair of the ccNSO, and accepted her nomination and the ccNSO Council elects Alejandra Reynoso to serve as its Chair starting at the end of the ICANN82 until the end of ICANN85.

The secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary accordingly and post an announcement on the ccNSO Website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-04**

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. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

b. Election of the ccNSO Council vice-chairs

Molehe Wesi nominated Biyi Oladipo, Pablo Rodriguez seconded. Sean Copeland nominated Jordan Carter. Chris Disspain seconded. There were no further nominations. Both Biyi and Jordan accepted the nomination.

- **Resolution 215-03**

In accordance with the procedure to select its chair and vice-chairs, as included in the [Guideline ccNSO Roles and Responsibilities](#) adopted on 26 February 2018, Adebisi Oladipo and Jordan Carter were duly nominated and seconded, and accepted their nominations. It is noted that the Chair, and Vice-Chairs are all representing different ICANN regions. The ccNSO Council elects Adebisi Oladipo and Jordan Carter to serve as its Vice-Chairs starting at the end of the ICANN82 meeting until the end of the ICANN85 meeting.

- **Action item 215-05**

The Secretariat is requested to inform the ICANN secretary of the election of Biyi Oladipo and Jordan Carter as ccNSO Council vice chairs and post an announcement on the ccNSO Website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

c. Adoption of Assignment of roles and responsibilities of Council members

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the distribution of the Roles and Responsibilities on Sunday during ICANN82. By adopting the overview of roles and responsibilities of Councillors, individual Councillors are appointed to the various committees and liaison roles.

- **Resolution 215-04**

The ccNSO Council adopts the March 2025 overview of roles and responsibilities and their assignment to Councillors, including those of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair as decided under a. and b. above. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution and the overview on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- ***Action item 215-06***

The Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the assignment of the Council Roles and Responsibilities and the overview on the ccNSO website as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

13. Blueprint Review Process ccNSO Working Groups and Committees

The ccNSO Council approved the resolution regarding the blueprint of the review process for ccNSO working groups and committees. The resolution was moved by Stephen Deerhake, and seconded by Ali Hadji Mmadi. No questions or comments were raised.

Alejandra Reynoso reported that following the successful completion of the review of the DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) in January, the Council requested the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the GRC to document the methodology used for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the DASC. The purpose of this documentation is to apply the same method to review the purpose, effectiveness, and efficiency of other ccNSO Committees and long-standing working groups. The document outlining this methodology was shared with the group a few days ago.

Alejandra also highlighted the importance of considering the aggregate effect of committee reviews. While reviewing each committee individually every two to three years may seem reasonable, collectively, this results in a continuous review process. To manage this workload effectively, it is suggested that before initiating new reviews, the Council prioritizes them and establishes a plan to conduct a maximum of two reviews per year.

- ***Resolution 215-05***

The ccNSO Council adopts the Template/Blueprint for review. The ccNSO Chair and secretariat are requested to develop a schedule and timeline for review of the various groups, after consulting the various committees and taking into account the workload to conduct a review and need for a review. The schedule and timeline are expected by meeting 216. This would allow the Council to launch a review well before the Prague meeting (ICANN83). The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication. The chair is requested to inform the various working groups as soon as possible after the resolution becomes effective.

- ***Action item 215-07***

The ccNSO Chair and secretariat are requested to develop a schedule and timeline for review of the various groups, after consulting the various committees and taking into account the workload to conduct a review and need for a review. The schedule and timeline are expected by meeting 216.

- **Action item 215-08**

The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution regarding the adoption of the Review Blueprint as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

- **Action item 215-09**

The chair is requested to inform the various working groups about the Review Blueprint as soon as possible after the resolution becomes effective.

14. Adoption Election Time Special European region selection and appointment Council election process manager

The ccNSO Council approved the resolution regarding the adoption of the timeline for the special Elections for the European region, and the appointment of the Council Election Process Manager. The resolution was moved by Peter Koch, and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. No questions or comments were raised.

Alejandra informed the group that Nicklas Pousette, the Councillor-elect for the EU region, resigned before the start of his term, which was originally scheduled to begin at the conclusion of ICANN82. Other councillors from the EU region expressed a preference to fill the vacant seat as soon as possible rather than waiting for the review of the Council selection guidelines.

- **Resolution 215-06**

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for the extraordinary ccNSO Council European election. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO secretariat, as Election Process Manager. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-10**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the timeline for the special Elections for the European region, and the appointment of the Council Election Process Manager as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

15. Appointment members or chairs/vice chairs to committees and working groups, if any

The ccNSO Council appointed members to various committees and/or working groups: Alishah Shariff to IGLC and Ann Ibrahim to UAC. The resolution was moved by Peter Koch, and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. No questions or comments were raised.

- **Resolution 215-07**

The following persons are appointed:

- Alishah Shariff (.uk) to the IGLC
- Ann Ibrahim (.nz) to the UAC

The secretariat is requested to inform the appointees and chairs of the committees accordingly. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution as soon as feasible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 215-11**

The secretariat is also requested to publish the resolution regarding the appointment of members to various committees and/or working groups as soon as feasible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

16. Update “How we meet” process and next steps

Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, raised concerns regarding ICANN’s presentation, noting that while it was presented as a straightforward discussion by the community, it primarily consisted of suggestions for cost savings. He encouraged ccTLD managers to share their perspectives through the public comment process. Jordan also referred to the ccNSO Members Meeting session, where comments from the ccTLD community were aggregated. Alejandra Reynoso assigned Molehe Wesi and Jodi Andersson, the ccNSO appointees to the ICANN discussion group, to review the outcomes of the members’ meeting session. A ccNSO statement will be prepared in response to the request for public comments.

- **Action item 215-12**

Molehe Wesi and Jodi Andersson, the ccNSO appointees to the ICANN discussion group, are requested to review the outcomes of the members’ meeting session on “how we meet”.

- **Action item 215-13**

ccNSO Council will prepare a statement in response to the request for public comments on the “How we meet” process.

17. Update Pilot Holistic Review (PHR) and Continuous Improvement Program (CIP) and next steps

Chris Disspain, ccNSO appointee to the PHR, reported that the Board had been considering a review, and the co-chairs of the PHR had discussions with Board and community members, including a meeting with SO/AC chairs and the Chair of ATRT3. The approach to PHR would be viable, as long as the community accepts the premises on which the review is based. The process is contingent on both community and Board approval. Tripti raised concerns, suggesting that the process might need to be reconsidered entirely, questioning the purpose of ATRT4. While some see it as a waste of time, others, particularly At-Large, do not share this view.

Alejandra Reynoso suggested writing to the Board first. Chris agreed, emphasizing that their communication could influence the Board’s decision. It was decided to wait for the Board’s letter and then respond accordingly. Regarding ATRT4, Alejandra noted that the discussion had been deferred to April and highlighted its cascading effects. Chris suggested drafting a note to the Board asking whether they intend to move forward with ATRT4 and other reviews.

Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, expressed concerns that the entire review system is flawed. Originally intended as a useful process, it now requires a broader evaluation of the ICANN

system. He suggested pausing all reviews, including PHR and bylaw reviews, and appointing a design team to create a more effective review process. Chris agreed, aligning with the concerns expressed by the Chair of the ICANN Board. Peter Koch, ccNSO Councillor for the European region, cautioned that not all bylaw reviews are the same and that they should avoid dismissing valuable reviews.

A drafting team was formed, consisting of Chris Disspain, Jordan Carter, Sean Copeland, and Peter Koch, to prepare a letter to the Board. The goal is to have the letter drafted by the next Council meeting, with Bart noting a mid-April timeframe.

- **Action item 215-14**

The Council drafting team and Secretariat requested to prepare a draft letter to the ICANN Board by Council meeting 216, regarding the Pilot Holistic Review and related matters.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

Alejandra Reynoso informed the Council that ICANN had sent a note regarding the retirement policy, which she had shared with the group. She suggested that the Council should not respond immediately but aim to provide a response by the next Council meeting in April at the latest. She emphasized that this request should take priority over any previous discussions on the matter. Alejandra also urged Councillors not to respond to any questions regarding the .su case in their capacity as Councillors, reminding the group that the Retirement Working Group was formally closed at the 22 September 2022 meeting.

She requested that Jordan Carter, Biyi Oladipo, Chris Disspain, and Peter Koch, along with the secretariat, prepare a response to be circulated to the Council. The group agreed to this approach.

- **Action item 215-15**

The Council drafting team and Secretariat are requested to prepare a draft response to the request for clarification regarding the retirement policy by Council meeting 216.

19. Next Council Meetings

- 17 April 2025 | 21:00 UTC, Meeting 216
- 15 May 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 217
- 12 June 2025 | time TBC, Meeting 218 (ICANN83)
- 17 July 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 219
- 21 August 2025 | 12:00 UTC (Meeting 220)
- 18 September 2025 | 21:00 UTC (Meeting 221)
- 30 October 2025 | time TBC, Meeting 222 (ICANN84)
- 20 November 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 223
- 18 December 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 224

20. Thank you and Adjourn

The Council congratulated Stephen Deerhake on winning the Community Excellence Award. A special thank you was extended to .us for hosting the outstanding ccNSO Cocktail and to Demi Getschko, outgoing Councillor for the Latin-American and Caribbean region for yearlong dedication and contributions to the ccNSO. The Council also expressed appreciation to Nick

Wenban-Smith, outgoing Councillor for the European region, for his willingness to continue contributing to the work of the ccNSO, particularly within the DASC. The Council welcomed Everton T. Rodriguez, the incoming Councillor for the LAC region. Gratitude was also expressed to the volunteers who organized sessions, as well as to the secretariat, in-room staff, and interpreters for their efforts. Finally, appreciation was given to all participants, both in person and remotely, for their engagement in the meeting.