

Notes, AGENDA & Resolutions
ccNSO Council meeting 219
Thursday, 17 July 2025 | 18.00-19.30 UTC

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Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/F4wlBg>
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses:
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome

Update to agenda:

On item 14. After this item was included we were alerted that the IFR Team has not yet formally adopted its Final report, so any decision would be premature.

On item 16 a. Fortunately no decision needed re extension of call for volunteers (overtaken by events).

On the last day of the call for volunteers we received two complete applications.

Next steps, as we have two candidates, is that we will be asked to select a preferred candidate. Before final selection we will have to formally coordinate the selection with RySG. That will be the role of the CSC selection committee:

- Molehe Wesi
- Jiankang Yao
- Peter Koch
- Jenifer Lopez
- Pablo Rodriguez
- Olga Cavalli
- Jaijit Bhattacharya

a. SOI updates

Consult the [ccNSO SOI Guideline](#)

Complete the SOI [template](#)

Check the ccNSO [Statements of Interest](#)

No updates

Meeting quorum

Meeting is quorate.

Apology from Sean

2. Relevant Correspondence

Letter to Jonathan Zuck re Community Reconsideration Request

3. Minutes & Action Items

Minutes Meeting 218

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 30 June 2025.

No comments,

Minutes are confirmed

Action Items Meeting 218

Reminder 360 review. Nigel indicated he will not complete 360, due to short time on Council. Deferral of 3rd CSC effectiveness review letter to be sent by mid-August 2025.

No questions or comments re other action items.

- ***Action Item 218-01 (Completed)***

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the ccNSO Council Election Process guideline as soon as possible.

- ***Action Item 218-02 (Completed)***

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council election as soon as possible.

- ***Action Item 218-03 (Completed)***

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the proposed timeline for the Board Seat 11 Nomination Process as soon as possible.

- ***Action item 218-04 (Completed)***

The Secretariat is requested to circulate the 360-degree Council review surveys by 1 July 2025 to all eligible Council members. The deadline for responses is 18 July 2025.

Once the survey period has closed, the Secretariat will share the results with the Chair of the Council. In the case of the Chair being reviewed, the results will be shared with both Vice-Chairs.

- ***Action item 218-05 (Ongoing)***

After the closure of the 360-degree Council review surveys, the Chair of the Council will meet individually with each Councillor who was the subject of a review. In the case of the Chair being reviewed, both Vice-Chairs will jointly meet with the Chair to discuss the results.

- ***Action item 218-06 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the ToR for the Study Group on Disaster Recovery as soon as possible, and to launch a call for volunteers, once there is a decision regarding the timeline.

- ***Action item 218-07 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the ToR for the Study Group on IANA Public Records as soon as possible, and to launch a call for volunteers, once there is a decision regarding the timeline.

- ***Action item 218-08 (Completed)***

The secretariat is requested to update the overview of policies, procedures and practices relevant to ccTLDs, and to publish the updated version of the overview.

- ***Action item 218-09 (Completed)***

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the closure of the ccPDP3-RM WG and the update of the policy overview as soon as possible.

- ***Action item 219-10 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM) as soon as possible.

- ***Action item 219-11 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM) as soon as possible.

- ***Action item 219-12 (Completed)***

Regarding the appointment of the members to the various working groups and committees, the secretariat is requested to inform the respective working groups and enable the appointees to fulfil their role. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website.

- ***Action item 219-13 (Completed, see item 16 a)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers for one CSC member and one alternate, as per the timeline approved by Council. Furthermore, the Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the timeline and the decision regarding the launch of the call for volunteers as soon as possible.

- ***Action item 218-14 (Completed)***

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the deferral of the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review as soon as possible.

- **Action item 218-15 (Ongoing)**

The ccNSO Council chair is requested to - jointly with the chair of the GNSO Council - inform the chair of the ICANN Board of Directors that the ccNSO and GNSO Councils will defer defining the method on how the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review will be conducted.

4. Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 218, June 2025)

- a. Decision on procedure on how to handle ALAC's Community Reconsideration Request (25 Jun 2025)*
- b. Decision not to support the ALAC Community Reconsideration Request (special Council meeting 8 July 2025)*

No Comments or questions

5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee since Council meeting 218

No specific work items have been identified

No Comments or questions

UPDATES

Some written updates are pending for items 6, 7, and 8 are available or will be coming soon to our inboxes. . As to item CSC: we will discuss under item 16.

As to IANA Function Review, chair was informed that IFRT will publish its final report shortly and this will include two recommendations which will require action from the ccNSO Council . Hence item 14 was on agenda and is now just informational. Council to discuss discuss at the next meeting in August

Peter Koch: IFRT co-chairs have presented recommendations to GNSO Council
Recommendations remain the same as in the initial report. Support of the two mentioned recommendation required before sending final report to the Board

No further questions or comments regarding items 6,7 and 8 on the agenda

6. Update ECA, IFRT & CSC (written updates)

7. Update Working Groups (written updates)

- A. *ccPDP4-IDN - Dormant*
- B. *DASC*
- C. *FIN2 WG*
- D. *GRC*
- E. *IGLC*
- F. *MPC*
- G. *OMC*
- H. *SOPC (no meeting since ICANN83)*
- I. *Tech WG (no meeting since ICANN83)*
- J. *TLD-OPS SC*
- K. *Triage Committee*
- L. *UAC*
- M. *CIP-CCG*
- N. *Planning Prioritization Process group*
- O. *RZERC*
- P. *RSS GWG*
- Q. *ICANN How We Meet Group (dormant)*

8. Update Liaisons (written updates)

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

Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC
Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council
Update ccNSO Liaison to UASG

9. Update ccNSO Website redesign

According to current planning, the website will go live in December 2025, depending on progress of developing new content for the new website. The steering group is making progress in developing new and reviewing existing content. ICANN hired as proof reader.

10. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN

Gradually making progress, including implementation assessment and review of some of the more complicated recommendations (variant, variant management). Well advanced in work

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

a. Secretariat update: change affiliation Pablo Rodriguez

Chair update - no concern Pablo to continue in his role in personal capacity

Pablo: thanks NA ccNSO members for support

b. Roundtable 16 July 2025 - Review of reviews

To be discussed under item 17.

No update on "How we meet"

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

12. Adoption ccNSO portfolio FY 26-27

For discussion and adoption

Self explanatory: No questions

Overview of portfolio of activities, resourcing & and prioritization

Background material: Note and recommendation Triage Committee

The Council has received a proposal from the Triage Committee to adopt the FY26-27 Portfolio of activities workplan. It includes an overview of all the current, and anticipated work items that take at least 2 months. It also includes an analysis of resourcing (both volunteer and staff), and suggestions on prioritizing and scheduling upcoming work items.

Chris noted, self explanatory.

Resolution

Mover Pablo

Second Wafa

Resolution

Background - In its note to the ccNSO Council dated 10 July, "Setting priorities – What is ccNSO expected to deliver during FY26 -FY27?" the ccNSO Triage Committee noted that following the [ccNSO Purpose and Goals Statement](#), ccNSO activities need to add value to ccTLDs in at least one of the following areas:

- Policy development
- Sharing of Information and practices
- ICANN related work
- ccNSO Foundational work

For FY26-27, most work items are already underway or known to be pending. The bulk of the activities are related to sharing information and practices on specific themes (such as Internet Governance, DNS Abuse, Universal Acceptance, Tech Day). Within these themes, a topical approach by the committee or working groups drives the (work) agenda and activities, which are geared around and towards sessions at ICANN meetings. Activities to deliver on these work items or topics are handled at committee level, including their prioritization.

The number of current work items under the ccNSO policy related work items is limited. Two ongoing work items have been identified (assistance implementation ccPDP3 Review Mechanism and similar work re ccPDP4). As suggested by the PGA, several Study Groups are pending: Two for which Terms of Reference have been developed and four that still need to be chartered.

The ccNSO also undertakes activities which are directly or indirectly ICANN bylaw mandated. They will be undertaken, with or without participation of the ccNSO. Deferring or non-participation will result in limited or no influence in the (outcome) of these efforts. This includes amongst others, the "review of reviews". Foundational work of the ccNSO is primarily related to the governance, management and administration of the ccNSO, and consist of ongoing work and innovation in this area.

Due to resourcing constraints the ccNSO is not in a position to take on all of (pending) work items and deliver on them in parallel. Some pending items will need to be deferred or delivery on current items need to be postponed and/or delayed by the groups themselves, also to mitigate the risk of diminishing quality.

Taking into account the limited availability of volunteers and staff, the Council is recommended to launch the Disaster Recovery Study Group first around ICANN84, after the bulk of the work of the ccPAIG Review Mechanisms is concluded, and before the start of the IANA Data Accuracy Study Group. However, the council is advised to start preparing the work of the IANA Data Accuracy Group before ICANN84, to use ICANN84 to raise interest and discuss planning. The subject of disaster recovery has overlap and hence is of interest to people involved in the Operational Stability and Security theme and will most likely attract people who are not engaged in policy work nor in "review of reviews".

Decision

The ccNSO Council adopts the FY26-27 workplan as proposed by the Council Triage Committee, and included in its note to Council circulated on 10 July 2025. The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the workplan on the ccNSO website. This is an administrative decision and becomes effective upon publication.

No questions re resolution

Adopted

13. Call for nominations Board Seat 11: decision regarding election

Since its introduction, having the option “None of the Above” on the ballot has raised eyebrows and questions. Some of you will recall it was introduced at the suggestion of some members in 2017.

Firstly, it is unclear what it means. If someone is dissatisfied, there is the alternative of nominating someone else.

Secondly it forces an election, even with one candidate, and experience has shown that this option is hardly selected if at all, and therefore has no impact.

Unfortunately the GRC had no time to propose an update to the Guideline, their focus was on the Council election Guideline. However section 5.2 of the Board seat nomination Guideline allows us to take a decision if we believe the impact is unreasonable.

Stephen: “None of the above” is indeed embarrassing. No ground swell, it should be removed

Nigel: Agree “None of the above” does not make sense, was inserted in a non-transparent manner at the time. Concern about process. Would go against the Rules. This is Members issue Also concern with changing procedures while a process is running.

Note: members may ask for vote on decision.

Jordan: this is not a ccNSO Rules or Bylaw issue but an issue of the voluntary Guideline, voting is not underway, nor will it be.

Peter discomfort with process - but believes substance makes sense

According to the Guideline

(<https://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccnso-nominations-icann-board-guideline-15dec22-en.pdf>)

section 3.7, the members have an opportunity to vote even if there is only one (1) candidate. This was introduced at request of some form the community to allow them to express

that they would not support the candidate by checking the option “None of the Above”. For this election and going forward, it is proposed that in case of only one candidate no voting will be required and if there are two or more candidates the option “None of the above” is struck from the ballot. The reasons to suggest this decision is that it has become more difficult over time to explain the background and rationale of the option. In addition, and related, having to vote with only one (1) candidate on the ballot is unnecessarily cumbersome, both for the emissaries and staff.

Resolution

Background - According to the applicable Guideline

(<https://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ccnso-nominations-icann-board-guideline-15dec22-en.pdf>) section 3.7, ccNSO members have an opportunity to vote even if there is only one (1) candidate. This was introduced at request of some members of the community in 2017 to allow them to express that they would not support a candidate by checking the option “None of the Above”. For this election and going forward, it is proposed that in case of only one candidate no voting will be required and if there are two or more candidates the option “None of the above” is struck from the ballot.

Decision - **The ccNSO Council support the suggestion to strike the option “None of the above” from the ballot, and support the suggestion that no election is needed if only one candidate has been duly nominated, seconded, and accepted the nomination. The secretariat is requested to adjust the Board Nomination timeline accordingly (i.e. for the case of only one candidate) and the ballot. Although administrative in nature, this decision affects members directly, hence this decision becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.**

Wafa Moves

Chris seconds

Nigel abstains

Stephen - Additional point raised: should GRC look at minimum to vote during on-line meetings? For example 2 minutes?

14 Approval of 2nd IANA Function Review Team recommendations

As stated under Welcome: No decision, deferred until August meeting.

Background material -

ccNSO Council is required to support recommendations from the 2nd IFRT to make it to a Bylaw change:

Section 18.6 (b) of the [Bylaws](#) reads that any recommendations by the IFR that would amend the IANA Naming Function Contract shall only become effective if: (i) *The IFR Recommendation has been approved by the vote of (A) a supermajority of the ccNSO Council (pursuant to the ccNSO's*

procedures or, if such procedures do not define a supermajority, two-thirds (2/3) of the ccNSO Council's members) and (B) a GNSO Supermajority;”

The IFR2 will make the following recommendations that meet the above criteria (note: the [IFR2 draft report](#) that was published for public comment in March-April 2025 also included these two recommendations and received no objections. The final report is now moving through the final consensus steps with the IFR2).

- **Recommendation 1:** The IFRT2 recommends removing the policy details from the IANA Naming Function Contract (see Annex A, 4 (i) (1)).
- **Recommendation 2:** The IFRT2 recommends identifying and pointing to the appropriate policy authority for DNSSEC in the IANA Naming Function Contract (see Annex A, 4 (i) (1)).

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

Council to vote upon regular resolution to appoint new members to working groups and committees.
Chair pleased to see that again there are people volunteering that we have not seen before.

Chris: Moves

Wafa: seconds

No questions re resolution

To be appointed:

- *Member IGLC: Jaijit Bhattacharya*
- *Member MPC: Heidi Isabel Hernandez Lopez*
- *Members ccPAIG: Irina Danelia, Peter Koch, Nick Wenban-Smith, Jordan Carter and Chris Disspain*

Draft Resolution

Decision

The ccNSO Council appoints the following people:

- **Member IGLC: Jaijit Bhattacharya**
- **Member MPC: Heidi Isabel Hernandez Lopez**
- **Members ccPAIG: Irina Danelia, Peter Koch, Nick Wenban-Smith, Jordan Carter and Chris Disspain**

The secretariat is requested to inform the various working groups and committees and persons appointed and publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

Approved, no abstentions

16 CSC related matters

a. Progress Selection of Member

Update and Decision

As stated at Welcome this agenda item is overtaken by events. Council will not spend time on it. Councillors will be asked to select a member to replace Frederico Neves.

To date the secretariat has received one (1) incomplete application. Despite repeated requests, the required additional information has not been provided.
Suggestion to extend/ renew call for volunteers

Draft Resolution is taken of the roll of decisions

b. Bylaw and Charter Update to accommodate Adjustment frequency of reviews and Alternates

Informational and for discussion

Background material: Note ICANN Legal, circulated prior to ICANN83. The secretariat and GNSO support staff have been working on suggestions. Update to be provided during the meeting

Bart Boswinkel to provide update CSC Bylaw and charter changes

1. CSC adopted changes to the SLA change mechanism; this will allow CSC to do a full review of the IANA Naming Services SLAs. To start in October 2025 (ICANN84)
2. Bylaw and Charter changes: preliminary advice of staff supporting
 - Bylaw change re frequency, suggest to adopt as proposed, as the the changes reflect recommendations of 2nd CSC effectiveness review team.
 - Details on Alternates: questions and preliminary direction of travel introduced, to be circulated to Council for review.

Comments / questions

No questions

17. Progress Review of Reviews

Since ICANN83, there have been on-going discussions with ICANN and other groups, including on possible charter and (need for) Bylaw change.

Introduction by the Chair: Arrived at probably the major item on the agenda

First is an update on where we are right now. Since Council special meeting of 8 July the scene is changing quickly.

1. Like the ccNSO Council, the other members of the empowered community did not support the ALAC Request for Community Reconsideration of the Board Resolution on ATR4 atc. So this track discontinues. I am pleased to say that the ASO/NRO fully supported our reasoning.
2. At the end of June, (before our 8 July meeting), Biyi, Jordan, myself, and with the help of Chris drafted a possible charter for a small cross-community group that could manage and run the “review of review” process that was detailing the roadmap that was discussed in Prague
3. As you will recall ICANN would work on a possible Bylaw to be introduced to “heal” the breach of bylaws with respect to deferring of ATR4 and other reviews. As you may also recall we indicated that from our end such a Bylaw change is not necessary. In Prague some community members even said it would be even worse, changing the Bylaws to mitigate a breach.

So, since the beginning of July, Biyi, Jordan, Chris and I participated in a series of conversations around how to organize the cross community group.

1. The first one was two weeks ago, with Becky and Theresa Swinehart and other staff members, to understand if there were possible showstoppers from the ICANN side. Effectively there were none. Also understanding that ICANN would start with compiling the available data.
2. Last week was the monthly informal SO/AC chairs call, where Becky, Theresa and Tripti also joined,
3. yesterday with a larger group to go over the draft charter

Main topics, and we are converging:

- Purpose, scope and deliverables:
- Membership : 2 per appointing organization, 2 Board members and two senior org persons. SO/AC may propose more, but selection of 18 in total by chairs SO/AC, Chair of Board and CEO
- If the charter is good enough, the Board will kickstart the process and CCG.
- SO/AC need to approve outcome of process
- Deliverables schedule:
Focus on outcomes Fact finding and initial discussion based on findings, in Dublin
Present Proposals for alternatives for current reviews: Mumbai

The team (chair, vice-chairs and Chris Disspain) was mandated to continue with discussion with others to reach closure on charter and process. During this process the Council will be informed and at the time of nominations will see results. Nominations of members will be according to ccNSO selection procedures.

18. ICANN84

Tentative block schedule: for discussion

The schedule is not stable yet, given the various moving parts. Community session: review of reviews on Monday. Thursday possibly second session. Meeting with GAC, Board and RSSAC. Note about meeting with RSSAC: included at initiative of RSSAC prior to ICANN83. Peter K raised that possible topic could be the creation of the new structures. Peter K and Luis, second rep to the working party to be included in preparation of the session.

Re meeting GAC: two meetings: one working session between GAC UA working party and ccNSO UAC (Saturday block 5) Full GAC-ccNSO meeting Wednesday (90 minutes). Coordination through Sean as GAC agenda liaison.

19 Any Other Business (AOB)

- a. Introducing Note Maarten Simon on transfer IANA related Intellectual property rights from IETF Fund to IETF IPMC, and expected role of the ccNSO (Council)***

Introduced

- b. Continuous Improvement Framework - introduce final report***

Link to the report circulated by Chris, and was discussed at the GRC meeting. Suggestion is to run a workshop in Dublin, inviting WG chairs and Councillors. Impact the framework Council adopted early 2024. The goal is to discuss and reach agreement on implementation of CIP's Framework that will replace the Organizational Review of the ccNSO.

NO other AOB

20. Next Council Meetings

- 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

21 Adjourn

Chair adjourned meeting at 19.47 UTC