

## Questions for the Board at ICANN 78

### Topic 1: ICANN's position on the global digital compact and the WSIS+20 review.

The ccNSO noted Goal 6 of the ICANN CEO: **Goal 6: WSIS+20 Review** – *In 2025, the United Nations General Assembly will conduct a review of the progress made since the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). The outcome of this [WSIS+20 Review](#) has the potential to impact ICANN's mission, so ICANN will develop and implement a communications and engagement strategy to address this process.*

As you may know the ccNSO has organized a session on WSIS +20 during ICANN78, and various ccTLDs are actively engaging in the process.

By setting/accepting this CEO goal the board will have expectations about the communication and engagement strategy and the impact of strategy. What does the board consider a good outcome of the process? Will the new CEO be working on this goal i.e will there be continuity? Do you see a role for ccTLDs and ccNSO in achieving this outcome?

### Topic 2: Clarification of Procedure, if any, from requesting a Bylaw changes to initiate the corresponding public comment:

The ccNSO would like to understand how community requests to change the Bylaws are effectuated. To date it is unclear to us who should take the initiative to start a Bylaw change process, when it should be put in motion and which steps, if any, need to be taken between a request for a bylaw change and the launch of the corresponding public comment process.

Further, if this procedure does not exist, what do we [the community and ICANN] need to do to develop such a process, to streamline Bylaw change requests?

#### Background

At times the Board is requested/recommended to change the ICANN Bylaws. Such a request originates from (a part of) the community, including the ccNSO, or through one of the many review processes.

Recent examples of successful requests from the ccNSO are:

1. The changes with respect to Article 10 from June 2022 - to enable IDNccTLDs to join the ccNSO - which was requested in February 2020.
2. The 2019 amendment regarding IANA Function Review. which was raised with the Board in October 2018. The Board responded in December 2018 that the issue of the Bylaw would be raised with the other SOs and ACs, which to our understanding started in 2019 with the launch of public comment in June 2019.

Recent examples of pending 2023 requests/suggestions are:

1. The request to adjust the frequency of IANA Function Reviews from every 5 years to every 5 years after conclusion of the previous IFR. This was submitted through the recent public comment process and in the summary report it was noted that: *"ICANN org does not have the unilateral ability to incorporate updates to that section for approval by the Board. ICANN org notes and encourages the community to further this conversation to allow for more effective reviews that continue to serve the community's needs".*
2. The request to adjust the frequency of the Bylaw mandated CSC Effectiveness Review from every 3 years to every 5 years after conclusion of the previous review. This resulted from the second CSC Effectiveness Review and was conveyed to the Board by a joint letter from the ccNSO and GNSO Councils in May 2023. It is worth noting that if the Bylaws are not amended, the ccNSO and GNSO Councils are expected to launch the 3<sup>rd</sup> CSC Effectiveness review by 1 October 2024, knowing that the major recommendations – providing a framework for a general review of the IANA Naming Functions Services SLAs – will not have been completed.