

MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 221

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Resolutions

- **Resolution 221-01**

The ccNSO council resolves to adopt the response to the request for public comments on the proposed model for Root Server System Governance. The Council requests its chair to submit the response that was drafted for that purpose, after this resolution becomes effective. The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the drafting team. The Council requests the secretariat to publish the response on the ccNSO website correspondence page. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 221-02**

The ccNSO Council appoints the following people to the respective roles as specified:

- Member MPC Effectiveness Review Team: *Olga Cavalli (NomCom Councillor), Irina Danelia (.ru), Khaled Khelifi (.tn), Peter Koch (.de), Sean Copeland (.vi)*
- Member SOPC: *Mostafa Al Mahmud (.bd)*
- Member ccNSO Study Group IANA disaster recovery: *Peter Koch (.de), Antonia Chu (.cn), Barrack Otieno (AFTLD), Irina Danelia (.ru), Jodi Anderson (.nz), Katrina Sasaki (.lv)*

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. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

Action Items

- **Action item 221-01**

The Council requests the secretariat to publish the response to the request for public comments on the proposed model for Root Server System Governance on the ccNSO website correspondence page.

- **Action item 221-02**

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.

- **Action Item 221-03**

The ccNSO Chair to remind the Council to share proposed topics to discuss with the ICANN Board in Dublin, on the mailing list.

- **Action Item 221-04**

The ccNSO Secretariat to inform the Tech WG Chair of the outcome of his request to revise the ToR of the ccNSO Study Group on Disaster Recovery.

- **Action Item 221-05**

The GRC to review ICANN's Code of Conduct along with the ccNSO SOI guideline by the end of this year (2025).

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
- Nigel Roberts, .jj, ge

Latin America/ Caribbean

- Everton T. Rodrigues, .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

Regional Organisations

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

Apologies Received

Ai-Chin Lu, Chris Disspain, Jenifer Lopez and Olga Cavalli sent their apologies. Nigel Roberts and Jaijit Bhattacharyya were absent without sending an apology.

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/H4wIBg>
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses:
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

Agenda

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome

Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair.

Alejandra noted that there are three items for AOB: Update from Onboarding and Mentoring Committee, a request from the Tech Working Group Chair and an announcement of the ICANN-adopted Code of Conduct for Community Participation.

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

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that apologies had been received from Chris Disspain, Jenifer Lopez, Olga Cavalli and Ai-Chin Lu. He also confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. Relevant Correspondence

a. Tripti Sinha to SO/AC Chairs RE: Review of Reviews CCG Charter Approval and Board Appointed Participants.

Discussed under item 11

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 220

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 8 September 2025. No questions or comments were raised, The 220th minutes are confirmed.

b. Action Items

Alejandra Reynoso noted all action items have been completed.

- **Action item 220-01 (completed)**
The chair of the ccNSO Council is requested to share the final report of the second ccNSO Finance Working Group with ICANN's CEO and President, specifically the Principles and Banded Model in Annex A. The chair of the Council is also requested to suggest to ICANN to use a segmented and personalized conversation regarding the voluntary financial contribution by ccTLDs as contemplated in the Final Report.
- **Action item 220-02 (completed)**
The secretariat is requested to replace the 2013 Guideline with the 2025 Principles and Banded Model, when the decision to adopt the final report of the second ccNSO Finance Working Group becomes effective.
- **Action item 220-03 (completed)**
The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the 2nd IFRT recommendations as soon as possible.
- **Action item 220-04 (completed)**
The secretariat is requested to inform the ccNSO appointee on the CCG, upon publication of the resolution to support the transfer of IANA intellectual property rights from the IETF Trust to the IETF IPMC.
- **Action item 220-05 (completed)**
The Council requests Peter Koch and Luis Diego Espinoza, the ccNSO appointed members to the RSS GWG, to advise the drafters of the ccNSO submission in response to the request for comments on the proposed Functional Model for Root Server System Governance.
- **Action item 220-06 (completed)**
The secretariat is requested to seek volunteers from Council to join a drafting team of the ccNSO submission in response to the request for comments on the proposed Functional Model for Root Server System Governance, and start the drafting process as soon as possible
- **Action item 220-07 (completed)**
The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the updated review schedule for ccNSO working groups and committees. The secretariat is requested to seek volunteers for the MPC review starting in September, and is requested to update the ccNSO workplan accordingly.
- **Action item 220-08 (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.

4. Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 220, August 2025)

Alejandra Reynoso, noted that there were no intermeeting decisions.

5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee since Council meeting 220

No specific work items have been identified

UPDATES

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

7. Update Working Groups (written updates)

- 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**
- p. ICANN How We Meet Group**
- q. CCG Review of Reviews**

8. 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**

9. Update ccNSO Website redesign

Alejandra Reynoso provided an update regarding the ccNSO website redesign: the second part of the proofreading has been completed and the small team will review it.

Everton Rodrigues, member of the small website team, noted that everything was on track and is happy that soon we will have a brand new website for the ccNSO.

10. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN

Patricio Poblete, Chair of the ccPDP4 Board Caucus, provided an update: the Caucus was able to finish the second reading of the validation procedure. He added that in the next meeting, the Board Caucus will focus on specific items that require more in-depth analysis. They are making progress.

11. Progress Review of Reviews

Alejandra Reynoso gave the update on Chris Disspain's behalf. Chris is one of the ccNSO appointees to the Review of Reviews CCG. No co-Chairs have been appointed yet and it was noted that progress appears to be slower than anticipated but work is moving forward. Looking forward to the developments during the upcoming meeting in Dublin.

A session on this topic has already been scheduled for Prep Week in Dublin, including two plenary discussions. In addition, Bart Boswinkel from the ccNSO Secretariat added that an internal ccNSO session is scheduled on Tuesday afternoon. This session will provide ccNSO-appointed members with an opportunity to consult, discuss, and gather feedback from the ccTLD community.

12. Progress “How we meet” CCG

Alejandra Reynoso noted that significant time was invested in the “How we meet” process, including extensive consultations and a public comment period. She explained that the next steps involve the development of an implementation plan based on input from various sessions and the public comment feedback. She also observed that the group has not been very active lately and that further updates are expected around ICANN84.

13. Progress Nomination process Board seat 11

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Board Nomination Process Manager, gave an update. On 4 September, ICANN Legal informed the Council Chair and the Nomination Process Manager that the due diligence review for Patricio Poblete had been completed. The report did not raise any concerns for the ccNSO leadership.

Patricio accepted his nomination within the deadline and fulfilled all eligibility requirements. In accordance with Council Decision 219-02, no election is required. He has nevertheless been invited to participate in a Q&A session during ICANN 84 in Dublin.

Patricio Poblete expressed his appreciation, stating that he looked forward to meeting everyone in Dublin.

14. Progress Council selection process

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Council Election Process Manager, provided an update to the Council. As of the reporting date, at least one nomination had been submitted from every geographic region with the exception of North America. Candidates from Africa, Europe, and Latin America & the Caribbean had been seconded. Under the rules, a nomination must be seconded by a representative of another ccNSO member from a different territory but within the same region. The European candidate had been nominated by someone who was not a representative; accordingly, the Election Process Manager contacted the appropriate representative to seek confirmation, which was still pending.

Stephen Deerhake, ccNSO Councilor from the North American region, reported that the region was working on identifying a candidate and expected progress within the week.

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

a. Chair update

- i. Planning webinar: ccNSO update to LACTLD
- ii. ccNSO update to APTLD
- iii. Monthly SO/AC Chairs meeting

Alejandra Reynoso, updated the Council on an upcoming webinar with LACTLD in early October to refresh the ccNSO’s goals and functions and to highlight committees and working groups of particular interest to that region. At the recent APTLD meeting, a ccNSO update was delivered, showcasing the SOPC committee. The session was well received, and a volunteer from the APTLD region came forward to join SOPC. A similar engagement is planned for the LACTLD region.

During the monthly SO/AC Chairs meeting, topics for a roundtable in Dublin were discussed, including risk aversion, technological tools and timelines, the implementation plan for “How We Meet,” the timing for updating the Meeting Strategy document, and the Review of Reviews, which is expected to be a prominent item in Dublin.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, added that the first meeting of the ccNSO Policy Advisory Implementation Group (ccPAIG) on the Review Mechanism took place. The Board adopted the Review Mechanism Policy in Prague. The meeting went well, and set a good tone as it’s the first time this type of group met.

16. CSC related matters

a. Selection of Membership

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO staff support for the CSC, mentioned that the CSC was informed that the full slate has been approved by both Councils. As of the first of October, the new slate will be effective.

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

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, gave an update and mentioned that ICANN Org had raised questions concerning how to implement clauses around alternates and review frequency in the draft charter and Bylaws. Staff prepared discussion points and draft text revisions for both the charter and the Bylaws, which were submitted to ICANN Legal for review. The team awaits feedback on the next steps. Since both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils must play a role in amending the charter (especially regarding alternates and related governance), the matter is of significant importance.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

17. Adoption draft response to request for comments Root Server System Governance Working Group

Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair, referred to the comments circulated the previous day, and expressed her appreciation with clarity and conciseness. Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, pointed to concerns regarding the number of volunteers needed. Peter Koch, ccNSO appointed member to the RSS GWG, expressed support for the proposed text but observed that the committee's size reflected an imbalance: it was currently based on the 12 root server operators (who are all present), plus the 6 Registry Stakeholder Group (for gTLDs) and 6 ccNSO (for ccTLDs) appointed representatives. It would be preferable for the root server operators to find a way of representation [to lower the number of seats] or to devise alternative mechanisms to balance influence. Peter noted these topics had already been under discussion within the GWG. Lastly, Peter announced his intention to abstain from the vote (citing roles on both sides) while stating he had no objection to the substantive text.

The Council approved the following resolution moved by Pablo Rodriguez and seconded by Sean Copeland. Peter Koch abstained. There were no questions regarding the resolution, the motion was adopted.

- **Resolution 221-01**

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- **Action Item 221-01**

The Council requests the secretariat to publish the response to the request for public comments on the proposed model for Root Server System Governance on the ccNSO website correspondence page.

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

The Council approved the following resolution moved by Everton Rodrigues and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. There were no questions regarding the resolution, the motion was adopted.

- **Resolution 221-02**

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- Member SOPC: *Mostofa Al Mahmud (.bd)*
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- **Action Item 221-02**

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.

Wafa Dahmani, NomCom appointed councilor, made the observation that Khaled Khelifi had participated in the Buddy Program in Prague. Alejandra expressed satisfaction that the ccNSO onboarding efforts were proving to be successful.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

19. ICANN84

- a. Reminder ccNSO-relevant programme***
- b. Topics for discussion during joint session with Board***
- c. Reminder about the calls for presentation proposals***

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, pointed out some highlights on the schedule of the upcoming ICANN meeting in Dublin.

Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair, asked the council to propose topics to discuss in the joint session with the Board in Dublin.

- **Action Item 221-03**

The ccNSO Chair to remind the Council to share proposed topics to discuss with the ICANN Board in Dublin, on the mailing list.

20. Any Other Business (AOB)

Alejandra Reynoso raised the first item under AOB, regarding an update from the ccNSO Onboarding and Mentoring Committee (OMC).

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, provided the update, noting that the OMC had been actively enhancing the Buddy Program. Thanks to the program, one individual had already joined the SOPC. The Program aims to pair newcomers with experienced participants during and after the ICANN meeting week, helping them understand ccNSO workings, highlighting ongoing activities, and encouraging active participation.

The Buddy Program was initially launched in Prague and had been revised following a survey of both buddies and newcomers. Bart furthermore added that soon all Council members and the broader community would receive invitations to serve as buddies, as well as notices to invite newcomers from their own organizations, especially those attending ICANN meetings for the first or second time. One challenge the OMC had encountered was making contact with newcomers before the meeting; the Chair urged everyone to help by notifying the OMC or secretariat when they knew of a newcomer, so a buddy connection could be made in advance.

Alejandra Reynoso raised the second item under AOB.

The Tech Working Group chair submitted a request to the Council to revise the Terms of Reference for the ccNSO Study Group on the IANA role in disaster recovery to include the Tech Working Group chair or a vice chair as an ex-officio member of the Study Group. The Study Group already had the TLD Ops

Chair serving as an appointed ex-officio member, given their involvement in disaster recovery, business continuity, and tabletop exercises. The Council was asked to consider this request, keeping in mind that the Tech Working Group is primarily focused on organizing Tech Day and occasionally has collaborated with the SOPC on aspects of the PTI Budget or Operating Plan, though not in an ex-officio capacity.

Council members discussed the proposal. Peter Koch, ccNSO Council member from the European Region, and Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, expressed concerns that granting ex-officio status could expand the perceived scope of the Tech WG and emphasized that the Study Group is open anyhow to new members. Wafa Dahmani, NomCom appointed Councillor, acknowledged the principle of allowing voluntary participation. Alejandra noted that the request was to change the ToR rather than to apply for membership, and that the call for volunteers had been open to all.

The Council agreed to decline the request to formally add the Tech WG Chair or Vice-Chair as ex-officio members of the ccNSO Disaster Recovery Study Group.

- **Action Item 221-04**

The ccNSO Secretariat to inform the Tech WG Chair of the outcome of his request to revise the ToR of the ccNSO Study Group on Disaster Recovery.

Alejandra Reynoso raised the third item under AOB, regarding the ICANN adopted Code of Conduct for Community Participation.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that SO/ACs are expected to implement the Code of Conduct and the level of implementation will be reviewed after two years. He suggested that the GRC review the Code of Conduct along with the ccNSO SOI guideline. Sean Copeland, GRC Chair, asked whether the review by GRC could occur before Dublin or by the end of the year. Bart indicated that the Dublin schedule is tight but completing the review by the end of the year is feasible. Sean noted that this timeline did not appear overly burdensome.

- **Action Item 221-05**

The GRC to review ICANN's Code of Conduct along with the ccNSO SOI guideline by the end of this year (2025).

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that the IANA Functions Review Team (IFRT) was now closed. Peter Koch, ccNSO appointee to the IFRT and co-Chair, provided a retrospective, noting that some items will return for further review. Suggestions had been made to change the frequency of the reviews, which will require a bylaw amendment and a Council vote. Both ccNSO and GNSO Councils have approved the recommendations of the IFRT; the matter is now with the Board for consideration and guidance on next steps. Peter thanked the team and staff for their support and acknowledged co-Chair Ashley Heineman for her key role in advancing the process. Alejandra thanked the ccNSO appointees to the IFRT for their hard work and reminded that the proposed bylaw amendments should be coordinated to avoid overlapping with CSC reviews.

21. Next Council Meetings

- 26 October 2025 | 08:00-09:00 UTC | Council prep (ICANN84)
- 30 October 2025 | 14:00-15:00 UTC, Meeting 222 (ICANN84)
- 20 November 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 223
- 18 December 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 224

22. Adjourn