

# MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 223  
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## Resolutions

- **Resolution 223-01**

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The ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is requested to review the Board Nomination Process Guideline, taking into account the recommendations from the Nomination Process Manager.

The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible and inform the GRC.

The ccNSO Chair is requested to inform the Empowered Community Administration (ECA) and ICANN's Secretary of the nomination results. This decision takes effect upon publication of the resolution.

- **Resolution 223-02**

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

- Members of the following committees, study groups or working groups:
  - Kristian Ørmen (.se), member of DASC
  - Hsuping Tang (.tw), member of DASC
  - Siphokazi Simandla (.za), member of IGLC

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 223-01**

The Secretariat is requested to publish the Board Seat 11 Nomination Process report resolution as soon as possible and inform the GRC.

- **Action item 223-02**

The ccNSO Chair is requested to inform the Empowered Community Administration (ECA) and ICANN's Secretary of the Board Seat 11 Nomination results

- **Action item 223-03**

Following the adoption of the latest Board Seat 11 Nomination Report, the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is requested to review the Board Nomination Process Guideline, taking into account the recommendations from the Nomination Process Manager.

- **Action item 223-04**

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 223-05**

The Secretariat is requested to schedule a call between Chris Disspain, Peter Koch, the DASC and Council leaderships to discuss the ccNSO participation in the GNSO PDP on DNS Abuse Mitigation and report back on the next council meeting.

## 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
- Vacant
- Pablo Rodriguez

### 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

Ali Hadji Mmadi, Olga Cavalli and Jordan Carter sent their apologies.  
Molehe Wesi was absent without sending an apology.

## Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:  
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/J4wlBq>
- 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: Closure of the GAC and ccNSO joint meeting and World Cafes, an invite from the Registry Stakeholder Group to cooperate in a GNSO PDP and the tentative block schedule for ICANN85.

##### *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 Ali Hadji Mmadi, Olga Cavalli and Jordan Carter. He also confirmed the meeting was not quorate, a councillor was missing from the African region.

#### 2. Relevant Correspondence

#### 3. Minutes & Action Items

##### *a. Minutes Meeting 222*

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 14 November 2025. No questions or comments were raised. The 222nd minutes are confirmed.

##### *b. Action Items:*

Alejandra Reynoso noted almost all action items have been completed. Some are pending for the new website to be launched. Action item 222-02 needs further discussion regarding hosting and maintenance and will be kept as an agenda action item.

- **Action item 222-01**  
The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to schedule a call for volunteers for a small group to review the Bylaw Change Playbook and prepare a response to be adopted by the Council at Meeting 223 in November. **(See agenda item 16)**
- **Action item 222-02**  
The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to create a joint tracker in a google doc for all SO/ACs to add any pending requested items to the Board. **(Pending, awaiting clarification and confirmation by other SO/AC)**
- **Action item 222-03**  
Following the conclusion of the candidate Q&A, the Nomination Process Manager is requested to prepare the Nomination Process report for discussion by Council at meeting 223. **(Completed, see item 13)**
- **Action item 222-04**  
The Council Election Process Manager is requested to launch a call for nominations for one seat on the ccNSO Council, for the African region. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 222-05**  
The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the updated ccNSO FY26-27 Portfolio of Activities and quarterly overview. **(Pending, awaits launch of new website).**
- **Action item 222-06**  
The ccNSO Chair is requested to inform the RySG and CSC about the adoption by ccNSO of the changes to the CSC Charter. The secretariat is requested to inform ICANN legal and other relevant ICANN staff, and publish this resolution **(Completed).**
- **Action item 222-07**  
The secretariat is requested to publish the updated overview of the policies, guidance and practices for ccTLDs, and to archive the previous version. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution regarding the adoption of the updated overview. **(Pending, awaits launch of new website).**
- **Action item 222-08**  
The secretariat is requested to inform the leadership teams of the various working groups and committees and persons appointed, of appointments and enable their participation in the respective teams. This also includes the nominees for the 2026 ICANN leadership Program. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 222-09**  
The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch calls for volunteers for the SOPC, IANA Whois Accuracy Study Group and RZERC. **(Completed)**.

**4. Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 222, October 2025)**

None.

**5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee since Council meeting 222**

None.

UPDATES

**6. Update ECA & CSC (written updates)**

**7. Update Working Groups (written updates)**

- ccPDP4-IDN (Dormant)*
- DASC*
- GRC*
- IGLC*
- MPC*
- OMC*
- SOPC*
- Tech WG*
- TLD-OPS SC*
- Triage Committee (reported)*
- UAC*
- CIP-CCG*
- Planning Prioritization Process group*
- RZERC*
- RSS GWG*
- CCG Review of Reviews (item 11)*

**8. Update Liaisons (written updates)**

- Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC*
- Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council*

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

**9. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN**

No update since meeting 222.

**10. Progress Review of Reviews**

Alejandra Reynoso noted the group was still in fact finding mode and there had been a couple of webinars.

Chris Disspain, ccNSO appointee to the Review of Reviews CCG, mentioned the webinars had been very straightforward, input on past reviews successes and challenges was gathered. On the next CCG call, possible solutions and the idea of using the strategic plan and the annual reports will be discussed.

Alejandra Reyoso, asked if a session with the ccNSO was needed in Mumbai?

Chris Disspain, confirmed there will be a plenary session and that the CCG is going to reach out to all the SO/AC's to ask for a meeting in Mumbai and to expect to receive a letter soon.

### **11. Progress “How we meet” CCG**

No update since meeting 222.

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

Alejandra Reynoso gave an update:

During the Production Planning call for Mumbai, two topics were addressed. First was the planning of the Smart Africa Capacity Building session against Tech Day. Both Eberhard Lisse, Chair of the Tech WG and Alejandra Reynoso expressed their concern. Scheduling conflicts need to be avoided, concerns were noted and steps will be taken to avoid this in the future. The second topic was an experimental session for the Board and the community. Arising from the ‘How we meet’ process, the aim of this meeting is for all SO/AC’s to discuss a common topic with the Board all together instead of individually, looking forward to being more productive. It has been proposed for Mumbai but alternative proposals were made to have this meeting at the Community Forum, where there are no bilateral sessions with the Board.

Additionally the ccNSO website was confirmed to be launched the week of the 15th of December. An early Christmas present.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

Note: Later in the meeting Adebiji Oladipo joined the call and quorum was met.

### **13. Adoption Nomination process Board seat 11 Report**

Joke Braeken, Council Election Manager, gave an update noting the Nomination Report was in the Council members inboxes and on the Council wiki for this meeting. The report contains details about the Board seat 11 nomination process, the result of the nominations, links to the reference materials, such as candidate statements, Q&A recording and relevant guidelines.

There were two observations in the report that needed highlighting:

The first observation concerned the Board Seat Nomination guideline, which, unlike the ccNSO Council Selection guideline, did not explicitly state who was eligible to nominate, second, or vote. It was recommended that the Council requested the Guidelines Review Committee to review the Board Seat Nomination guideline to determine whether it should be adjusted for consistency across all nomination procedures.

The second observation alluded to the Council Decision 219-02 which stated that no election was needed when there was only one candidate for a Board seat, while the Board Seat Nomination guideline still required an election even in uncontested situations. It was therefore recommended that the Council requested the Guidelines Review Committee to consider adjustments to ensure alignment across procedures.

Upon adoption of the report, the nomination process would formally conclude and Patricio Poblete would be nominated for ICANN Board Seat 11.

The ccNSO Council resolved to adopt the Board seat 11 Nomination Process report as proposed. The resolution was moved by Pablo Rodriguez and seconded by Peter Koch.

Patricio Poblete, board member, thanked everyone once again.

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### **14. Progress Council selection process**

#### ***a. Update on election process***

Joke Braeken, Council Election Manager, gave an update noting the EU region, LAC region and NA region were uncontested, therefore, no elections would be held for those regions. Regarding the AP region, there are two nominees that accepted their nominations and an election needs to take place. The Q&A took place at ICANN84, and voting in the election had begun earlier in the week [18 November], closing on 9 December. A new voting tool is being used, and so far no issues reported and votes are being submitted.

To reach quorum, at least a majority of all emissaries entitled to vote in the Asia-Pacific region needs to cast a vote. The ccNSO has 58 members from the AP region, corresponding to 57 territories and therefore 57 emissaries. Only 12 emissaries had voted to date.

Before ICANN84, emissaries from the region had received a personalized heads-up, and a reminder had also been sent via the ccNSO mailing list. The Regional Organization [APTL] helped spread the word, and the Secretariat remained in contact with both the Regional Organization and the ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement team to continue promoting the vote and ensuring emissaries received any needed updates.

#### ***b. Update call for Nomination African region***

Joke Braeken, Council Election Manager, gave an update noting that for the African region, the sole nominee had not accepted their nomination, and at ICANN84 the Council had decided to launch a new nomination process. This process had begun the previous week [13 November] and is scheduled to close on 4 December. One candidate had been nominated in accordance with the guideline. A secondment had also been received, but it had not been submitted by the representative of the ccTLD manager; therefore, the Secretariat had contacted the representative for confirmation, which was still pending.

After the nomination and election rounds close, a report would be submitted to the Council for consideration and eventual adoption. This report would include nomination and election details, as well as any issues and observations. The elected candidates would take their seats at the end of ICANN85.

Pablo Rodriguez, ccNSO councillor, asked if it would be helpful to reach out to the Regional Organizations asking them to invite the emissaries to vote and participate sooner since they are not reacting quickly.

Joke Braeken, responded that the Secretariat had been in touch with the Regional Organization [AFTLD] before ICANN84 to provide a heads-up about the upcoming election. After the Regional Organization's reminder, several emissaries had contacted the Secretariat to update their information. The Secretariat had continued working with both the Regional Organization and Global Stakeholder Engagement colleagues to promote the vote and assist emissaries with any necessary updates.

**15. Appointment members, or chairs/vice chairs 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 Everton Rodrigues and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. There were no questions regarding the resolution, the motion was adopted.

**Resolution 223-02**

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- **Members of the following committees, study groups or working groups:**
  - **Kristian Ørmen (.se), member of DASC**
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**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 Item 223-04**

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## **16. Review Bylaw change Playbook**

Alejandra Reynoso, reported that the SO/AC Chairs had finally received the first version of the Bylaw Change Playbook just before the ICANN meeting in Dublin, along with a request to provide feedback. The playbook had been forwarded to the Council, as well as a draft response containing observations and comments.

Having the playbook been sent by Russ Weinstein, SVP Policy Development Support, to the SO/AC Chairs shortly before the Dublin Roundtable, the request for feedback did not appear to initiate a formal process. Therefore, it was suggested that the observations be sent to Russ as an informal response, without requiring a formal resolution. The Council agreed with this approach.

Alejandra further explained that while preparing the draft response, the group had reviewed the Bylaw Change Playbook to understand its flow, timelines, and the roles and responsibilities of the various parties involved, and those responsible for process oversight. Previous instances in which bylaw changes had been requested were also examined, along with the reasons those requests had, or had not, resulted in actual changes.

The proposal focused on these examples: a) The request to amend Article 18 to adjust the composition of the IFRT for the first IANA Functions Review; although the community had supported the change, the Board had not accepted it, resulting in the review beginning almost a year late. b) The amendment of Article 10 regarding ccNSO membership, which had been completed relatively smoothly. c) A public comment suggesting a change to the frequency of the IANA Functions Reviews. d) A request to amend Article 17 on the frequency of CSC Effectiveness Reviews, following the second CSC Effectiveness Review Team's recommendation, which was still in progress. e) The second IANA Functions Review Team's own request, supported by the ccNSO, to modify the frequency of the IANA Functions Reviews, which was also in progress.

### SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

None

## **17. Any Other Business (AOB)**

Alejandra Reynoso, noted the first AOB about the closure of the World Cafe Sessions. For the joint GAC and ccNSO session, the organizing committee received the summaries and will make them available to the broader community by being published on the ICANN84 schedule for future reference.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, added the use of flip charts and scribes at each station. The notes were compiled into an overview and circulated to the co-hosts before it was sent to the broader community.

For the GRC Continuous Improvement Program session, Sean Copeland, GRC Chair, thanked everyone who participated in the session. The session was insightful and showed some disconnects and instances that are workable. The GRC is looking for answers that are more human and to know how people feel about their own community.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, added that it was really about the distinction between quantitative and qualitative indicators. They are developed and designed as a joint effort for the stakeholders.

Alejandra Reynoso, noted the second AOB about the GNSO PDP and DNS Abuse and a meeting with the Registry Stakeholder Group. The GNSO Council will soon update the Issues Report and Charter to reflect the public comments on the PDP and they would like the DASC to participate. Alejandra suggested that the DASC should not participate as it is out of their scope and bandwidth and to follow normal practice to share the call for participation with the individual ccTLDs, including DASC members.

Chris Disspain, ccNSO councillor, asked if the Council should consider it given the topic of DNS abuse.

Alejandra Reynoso responded, people can participate individually but not represent the ccNSO on such matters. To cooperate further the ccNSO could propose to have a joint session in Mumbai between the DASC and the Registry Stakeholder Group.

Chris Disspain, said the issue extended beyond the Registry Stakeholder Group and was a broader GNSO matter. He was concerned that gTLD policy work on DNS abuse could create precedents that later pressured ccTLD registries through governments or local communities. He suggested the ccNSO might have needed to consider taking a position or having representation in these discussions, not to push any agenda but to understand potential impacts on ccTLDs.

Peter Koch, ccNSO councillor, agreed that having a conversation would be useful, noting that ccTLDs are increasingly affected by GNSO precedents and that groups like the GAC often did not understand the differences between gTLDs and ccTLDs.

Chris Disspain, added that if a government supported new gTLD anti-abuse policies, it might later expect similar measures from its ccTLD.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, building on what Peter and Chris had noted, the timing was appropriate because the GNSO was still discussing the Issues Report that would define the PDP, and the process had not yet been launched. Any invitations would therefore come later. He suggested that it would be useful to have an informal conversation with at least the DASC leadership before the next Council meeting, so the matter could be addressed more fully at the upcoming meeting.

***Action Item 223-05***

The Secretariat is requested to schedule a call between Chris Disspain, Peter Koch, the DASC and Council leaderships to discuss the ccNSO participation in the GNSO PDP on DNS Abuse Mitigation and report back on the next council meeting.

Alejandra Reynoso, noted the final AOB, the ICANN85 ccNSO Block Schedule for Mumbai. Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, gave an update on the early ccNSO draft schedule.

On Saturday and Sunday, ccNSO working groups and committees will hold internal working sessions. Monday is Tech Day, Tuesday and Wednesday are the ccNSO member meetings. On Tuesday, there will be a traditional Welcome session, a potential IGCL session, as well as working groups and committees updates. In the afternoon, it was proposed to hold two related sessions on market trends. At ICANN84 in Dublin, during the SOPC working session there was a presentation on an anonymized regional overview of market trends. Although it had been very interesting, the session had been too condensed to allow for detailed discussion. Therefore, a more extensive follow-up was being proposed. The first session would have focused on the data, while the second session would concentrate on the strategies that ccTLDs adopted in response to developments in their respective regions, countries, or territories.

On Wednesday, the day would begin with a casual newcomers' meetup organized by the Onboarding and Mentoring Committee, followed by the traditional ccTLD News Session. Three additional sessions had been planned: Potentially a joint meeting with the Registry Stakeholder Group, a joint session with ccTLD related Board members and session on the Review of Reviews.

#### **18. Next Council Meetings**

- 18 December 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 224
- 22 January 2026 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 225
- 19 February 2026 | 21:00 UTC, Meeting 226
- **12 March 2026 | ICANN85 - Mumbai, Meeting 227**
- 16 April 2026 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 228
- 21 May 2026 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 229
- **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

#### **19. Adjourn**