

ccNSO Board Seat 11 Nominations 2026

Nomination Report

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1 Executive Summary

- The Nomination Report, prepared by the Nomination Process Manager, is to be reviewed and adopted by the ccNSO Council.
- Upon adoption of the report, the nomination process will formally conclude, and Patricio Poblete will be nominated for ICANN Board Seat 11. Once the ccNSO Council's decision takes effect, the Council Chair will notify the Empowered Community Administration (ECA) and ICANN's Secretary.
- The designation of the nominee by the Empowered Community, in accordance with ICANN Bylaws Section 7.2, will become effective once the ccNSO Council's decision is in effect, as per the Rules of the ccNSO.

2 Introduction

The three-year term of Patricio Poblete, the ccNSO-nominated Director for Board seat 11, will end at the ICANN87 Annual General Meeting in October 2026. By that time, Patricio will have served two consecutive terms and is therefore eligible for reappointment. According to ICANN Bylaws, a Director may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

The ccNSO Council is required to select a candidate in accordance with the relevant ICANN Bylaws and internal rules of the ccNSO applicable at the time of the call for nominations.

The nomination timeline was designed to account for:

- The time required to organize the nomination process.
- The necessary period for due diligence verifications.
- The opportunity for ccNSO members to directly question the candidate(s).
- The election process by ccNSO members.
- The potential need for a run-off election.
- The Bylaws requirement of appointing a Director by 17 April 2026 (six months prior to ICANN87)

3 Nomination Period

3.1 Launch Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period started on Wednesday, 2 July 2025 (00:01 UTC). The Nomination Process Manager published the call for nominations on the ccNSO website and shared it with the ccNSO members and ccNSO Council mailing lists.

Instructions included, among others:

- Start and end time, as per the timeline established by Council
- Templates, as per the guideline
- Where to send nominations/secondments and how to consult the nomination archive

3.2 Closure Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Wednesday, 23 July 2025 (23:59 UTC). On 1 August, after the closure of the nomination period, the Nomination Process Manager posted an announcement on the ccNSO website, giving a heads up about the Q&A with the candidate. The announcement was also shared with the ccNSO Members and ccNSO Council mailing lists.

3.3 Nomination Results

At the close of the call, the following nominations and secondments were received:

Demi Getschko (.br) nominated Patricio Poblete on 2 July 2025.
Nigel Roberts (.gg) seconded the nomination on 2 July 2025.
Clara Angela Collado Vilorio (.do) seconded the nomination on 7 July 2025.
Eberhard Lisse (.na) seconded the nomination on 18 July 2025.

There have been no further nominations or secondments. Kindly note the Nomination Observation below.

3.4 Nomination Observations

These observations were added for transparency purposes. The election process manager did not receive any questions or comments from the ccTLD community regarding any of the observations.

Observation 3.4 | A: Eligibility to Nominate or Second

As per the ccNSO ICANN Board Seat 11 and 12 Nomination Process Guideline, Section 3.4:

“Nominating and seconding of candidate(s) is limited to ccTLD Managers who are members of the ccNSO on the date the call for candidates is published.”

The ccNSO Board Seat Nomination guideline – in contrast to the ccNSO Council Election guideline - does not include explicit reference regarding “Eligibility to Nominate and Second”, and “Eligibility to Vote”. Furthermore, the ccNSO Council Election Guideline specifies that only the Representative from a ccNSO member will be able to nominate and second candidates to serve as a ccNSO Councillor.

Recommendation

The Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to verify if and how the ccNSO Guidelines should be adjusted, to ensure alignment across all nomination procedures.

3.5 Acceptance Nomination

One candidate, Patricio Poblete, was nominated, seconded, and accepted his nomination before the deadline, as per the applicable rules.

4 Due Diligence Verifications

4.1 Start Due Diligence Verifications

The ccNSO Council calculated sufficient time for the due diligence verifications to be completed, prior to the start of the voting rounds by the ccNSO membership. The candidate warranted, confirmed he is aware of, and consented to:

- The Country of Citizenship or Domicile included in the nomination form.
- Not to hold a position as an official of a national government or a multinational entity (section 7.4 (a) of the ICANN Bylaws;
- Section 7.4 (b) of the ICANN Bylaws;
- Section 7.4 (d) of the ICANN Bylaws;
- Fully cooperate to undergo a due diligence screening by an external provider, which includes providing necessary consent to ICANN to transmit personal data to the due diligence provider.

The candidate explicitly confirmed he consented to the processing of his personal data in accordance with the ICANN Privacy Policy for the purposes of providing it to the independent provider to conduct due diligence.

4.2 Completion Due Diligence Verifications

On 4 September 2025, the ccNSO Council Chair and the Nomination Process Manager were informed that the Due Diligence Process has concluded, and no concerns were raised that warrant further consideration and decision by Council.

5 Question and Answer Sessions

A Question & Answer session, moderated by Andrew Lewela (.ke), was held at ICANN84. The session was an opportunity for the ccNSO membership to engage directly with the candidate and ask questions.

6 Election

As per ccNSO Council decision 219-02, if there is only one candidate, no election is required.

6.1 Election Observations

These observations were added for transparency purposes. The election process manager did not receive any questions or comments from the ccTLD community regarding any of the observations.

Observation 6.1 | A: Seats with a single candidate not going to election

As per the ccNSO ICANN Board Seat 11 and 12 Nomination Process Guideline, Section 3.7:

“Even if there is only one Candidate or two Candidates, if two seats become vacant, the Nomination Process Manager will inform the ccNSO Council and members about the election date.”

The ccNSO Board Seat Nomination guideline – in contrast to the ccNSO Council Election guideline – requires elections, even if the seat goes uncontested.

Recommendation

The Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to verify if and how the ccNSO Guidelines should be adjusted, to ensure alignment across all election procedures.

7 Conclusion

The ccNSO has a voluntary internal arrangement for electing candidates for ICANN Board Seats 11 and 12. The next step is for the ccNSO Council to formally nominate the elected candidate, as outlined in Section 10.3(i) of the ICANN Bylaws. The Nomination Process Manager submits this Nomination Report to the ccNSO Council for discussion and adoption. The Empowered Community Administration (ECA) and ICANN's Secretary will be informed of the nomination results accordingly.

ANNEX A: Links

- Announcements on ccNSO website related to the Board Seat 12 Nomination Procedure: <https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/nominations.htm>
- ccNSO Internal Rules: <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/internal-membership-rules-26oct22-en.pdf>
- ccNSO Guideline Board seat 11 and seat 12 nominations: <https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/ccnso-nominations-icann-board-guideline-15dec22-en.pdf>
- ICANN bylaws <https://www.icann.org/en/governance>
- Board Seat 12 FY 25 Nomination process timeline as adopted by ccNSO Council: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bkmj0dmDAuO92Muek6lv4wNbgzujPHrtelFdX4YIQRy/edit?usp=sharing>
- Archive for nominations and secondments: <https://lists.icann.org/hyperkitty/list/ccnso-boardnominations@icann.org/>
- Candidate statement [POBLETE BoardSeat11 CandidateStatement 2025.pdf](#)
- Recording ICANN84 Q&A with Board Seat 11 candidate <https://sched.co/29QO2>
- About the ICANN Board of directors <https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/about-the-board/getting-to-know-the-icann-board-of-directors-16-08-2022-en.pdf>