# MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 225
Thursday, 22 January 2026 | 12:00 UTC

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## Resolutions

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## Action Items

- **Action Item 225-01**
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- **Action Item 225-08**
  The ccNSO Chair is requested to respond to the Tech WG Chair, regarding session length flexibility and interpretation during Tech Day sessions, on behalf of the Council.

## Attendees

Africa
- [ ] Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km
- [x] Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
- [ ] Molehe Wesi

Asia/Australia/Pacific
- [x] Jordan Carter, .au (Vice-Chair)
- [x] Ai-Chin Lu
- [x] Jiankang Yao, .cn

Europe
- [x] Chris Disspain
- [x] Peter Koch, .de
- [x] Nigel Roberts

Latin America/ Caribbean
- [x] Everton T. Rodrigues, .br
- [ ] Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- [x] Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

North America
- [x] Sean Copeland, .vi
- [x] Vacant
- [x] Pablo Rodriguez

NomCom appointed Councillors
- [x] Jaijit Bhattacharyya
- [x] Olga Cavalli
- [x] Wafa Dahmani

Liaisons to ccNSO, appointed by ALAC and GNSO
- [ ] Nacho Amadoz, GNSO liaison to ccNSO Council
- [x] Laura Margolis, ALAC liaison to ccNSO Council

ICANN Staff
- [x] Joke Braeken
- [x] Bart Boswinkel
- [x] Claudia Ruiz

Invited Guests
- [ ] none

Regional Organisations
- [x] Barrack Otieno, AfTLD
- [ ] Phavanhna Douangboupha, APTLD
- [ ] Peter Van Roste, CENTR
- [ ] Rocio de la Fuente, LACTLD

## Apologies Received

Jenifer Lopez, Molehe Wesi and Ali Hadji Mmadi sent their apologies.

## Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting: https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/NwC2K
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses: https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. **Welcome**

Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair.
The Chair noted the change in order of the agenda since Nick Wenban-Smith, DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) Chair, is joining the meeting and will participate in the second item: ccNSO participation in GNSO PDP DNS Abuse. No items for AOB were noted.

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 have been received from Jenifer Lopez, Molehe Wesi and Ali Hadji Mmadi. He also noted that the meeting was quorate.

2. **Participation ccNSO in GNSO PDP 1 DNS Abuse *Associated Domain Name Check***

The Chair noted that the GNSO council adopted the charter for the PDP working group and that the ccNSO was asked to participate and send representatives by 9 February. After a summary of the conversation in the December Council meeting, the discussion first addressed the agreement on participating, second the manner of the participation and third how to select the representatives.

The council resolved that a) the ccNSO would participate, b) participation would include up to two (2) members, up to one (1) participant and up to one (alternate) and c) the DASC would be requested to select the ccNSO representatives, considering the specific knowledge requirements on DNS Abuse issues, ICANN policies and procedures, Registry/Registrar services. The resolution was moved by Chris Disspain and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. No questions or comments were raised.

- **Resolution 225-01**
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  **The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.**

- **Action Item 225-01**
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- **Action Item 225-02**
  The Chair of the Council is requested to inform the GNSO secretariat before 9 February 2026 of the nomination of the ccNSO representatives in GNSO PDP 1 DNS Abuse Associated Domain Name Check

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. **Relevant Correspondence**

4. **Minutes & Action Items**

   a. ***Minutes Meeting 224***

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 09 January 2026.
No questions or comments were raised. The 224th minutes were confirmed.

   b. ***Action Items***

The Chair noted all action items have been completed except action item 224-04, which was waiting the completion of the special election of the African region (item 17 of the agenda), and action item #222-02 regarding the tracking of action items which is being taken over by ICANN, therefore closed by the Chair.

- ***Action Item 224-01***

ccNSO Secretariat to change the ccNSO Council email archive to be open to the public, and allow read only subscribers to the mailing list and let the Council know when the changes have been implemented. **(Completed - Council to be informed)**

- ***Action Item 224-02***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to inform the previous and current ccTLD manager that the ccNSO membership of the manager of .ly ended. **(Completed)**

- ***Action Item 224-03***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to inform the GRC to review the Council Selection Process Guideline, taking into account the recommendations from the Selection Process Manager. **(Pending meeting GRC)**

- ***Action Item 224-04***

The ccNSO Chair is requested to inform ICANN's Secretary of the election results in accordance with section 10.4(i) of the ICANN Bylaws. **(Pending adoption Election African Region)**

- ***Action Item 224-05***

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. **(Completed)**

- ***Action Item 224-06***

The secretariat to include the topic on “ccNSO participation in GNSO DNS Abuse PDPs” in the January 2026 Council meeting agenda. **(Completed, item 18)**

- ***Action Item 224-07***

The secretariat to include the topic on “Tech Day’s interpretation service” in the January 2026 Council meeting agenda. **(Completed, item 19 b)**

5. **Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 224, December 2025)**
   None

6. **Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee since Council meeting 224**
   No meeting since Council meeting 224

UPDATES

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

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

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

Biyi Oladipo, ccNSO Vice Chair, updated the council regarding the OMC. The committee has been discussing the buddy program for newcomers as well as defining the steps for engagement at ICANN85. The committee is also working on updating the buddy program guidelines for Council's consideration and adoption soon. Additionally, there is an ongoing review to bring back the Mentoring program (designed as a deeper, long-term engagement), which in the past had a successful start, but was suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

   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 (reported)***
   k. ***UAC***
   l. ***CIP-CCG***
   m. ***Planning Prioritization Process group***
   n. ***RZERC***
   o. ***RSS GWG***

9. **Update Liaisons (written updates)**
   a. ***Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC***
   b. ***Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council***

10. **Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN & Implementation ccPDP3**

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that the Board Caucus for the ccPDP on IDNs met the previous week and planned to meet at least once more before the ICANN85 meeting. The remaining work focused on reviewing the staff assessment of the IDN ccTLD selection process and the final two chapters covering the applicability of the review mechanism and the timing of policy reviews. These items were still pending. Once completed, the initial assessment would be closed, and preparation for discussion by the full Board would begin. The process was nearing completion.

Regarding the implementation of ccPDP3, ICANN staff had completed the implementation planning and handed it over to the implementers. During implementation, a question arose regarding the selection of non-pre-certified reviewers as described in Annex B, and ICANN staff provided an initial interpretation to address this issue. The Policy Assistance Implementation Group, was asked to provide feedback on this interpretation. The group agreed that allowing reviewers who were not pre-certified would create many problems and difficult questions. The small group found that pre-certification was originally introduced to make sure reviewers were fair and unbiased. It also helped ensure there was a large enough group of reviewers to choose from when forming a panel of three reviewers, instead of relying on only a few people. This approach supported fairness in the review process. The implementation team seemed to think the same way, but this still needed confirmation.

### 11. Progress CCG Review of Reviews

Chris Disspain, CCG Review of Reviews member, sent an update via email to the council.

### 12. Progress "How we meet" CCG

The Chair relayed a message from Jodi Anderson, CCG member, that no additional input was received.

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

The Chair gave two updates. First was regarding the NomCom joint meeting, where three points were discussed: 1) The ccNSO Councillor profile was explained in more detail, and questions were answered to help NomCom better select candidates for the Council. 2) The NomCom timelines were also explained, including when it was best for the ccNSO to provide input. Finally, 3) there was a brief conversation about observations previously made to the Board regarding the NomCom selection process.

The second update was regarding an informal discussion with Sally Costerton about a recommendation from the Finance Working Group focusing on reaching out to ccTLDs, building long-term relationships, and ensuring that ICANN-related events did not focus only on gTLDs but also included ccTLDs.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, gave an update regarding the opening of the ccNSO Council mailing list and archive, agreed in the last Council meeting to support transparency and allow observers to read the emails. Councillors were informed that the opening action had been taken and from now on non-Councillors could read emails on the Council list and archive. The Secretariat plans to provide regular updates on who is subscribed to the list.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

### 14. Councillor 360 review

The Chair noted that according to the planning the 360 review was scheduled for launch, highlighting the earlier discussions with the NomCom and the need to provide feedback before March for it to be considered in their process. The proposed timeline was presented allowing the input to be delivered to the NomCom on time.

The Council resolved to adopt the proposed timeline and appoint Bart Boswinkel as Survey Process Manager. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. No questions or comments were raised.

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15. **Review IGLC Adoption terms of reference & Call for volunteers**

The Chair noted, the IGLC review was part of the regular schedule for committee and working group reviews. IGLC members, including Councillors who were part of the IGLC, were not expected to join the review team. Eligible Councillors are encouraged to volunteer, as Council participation is needed. The reviews support the continuous improvement of the working groups and committees.

The Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the effectiveness and efficiency of the IGLC. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani and seconded by Sean Copeland. No questions or comments were raised.

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16. **Appointment members, or chairs/vice chairs to committees or working groups, if any**
    a. ***Review external appointments***
       https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NdPoBTmQUVlPhMy1PsoZr6rUxUxHzRDQ/edit?gid=868409716#gid=868409716

The Chair explained the external appointments would be reviewed at the Mumbai meeting, but two appointments were needed before then. The terms of Jenifer Lopez as Fellowship Mentor and Pablo Rodriguez as Fellowship Selection Committee Member had ended in December, and both had agreed to continue for a new term. These roles are required to be filled by Councillors, but there isn't a written procedure yet. Therefore, it was suggested for the GRC to propose a procedure to select the ICANN Fellowship related positions, after the external appointments review in ICANN85.

The Council agreed to extend the current appointments. Alejandra thanked Jenifer and Pablo for taking on the demanding job.

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***b. Appointment to ccNSO Committees and working groups***

The secretariat received no requests for appointment

**17. Adoption Selection Report: special elections African region**

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Selection Process Manager, gave an update noting the report was brief and explained the special Council selection process, the call for nominations, the results, and related observations. It included an executive summary showing that Grace Ingabire Mwikarago was selected by the region. The report formally ended the special African Region Council selection process.

The Council adopted the ccNSO Council Election Process report. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. Sean Copeland abstained from the vote. No questions or comments were raised.

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

**18. Planning for ICANN85**

***a. Draft ccNSO schedule***

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, summarized the ccNSO block Schedule for ICANN85 in Mumbai, noting the working groups meetings are taking place over the weekend. The CSC session was moved to Monday Block 1 due to lack of availability of rooms. Monday is dedicated to Tech Day, where there will be a joint session with the Universal Acceptance Committee during Block 4. Other highlights were mentioned and calls for volunteers were still ongoing.

The Chair noted on Saturday block 1 will be the Council prep call, when the roles and responsibilities will be reviewed.

***b. Interpretation Tech Day***

After a summary of the requests from the Tech WG regarding session length flexibility and the removal of interpretation during Tech Day sessions, plus the related conversation from the December Council meeting, the Chair opened the floor for further discussion. It was noted that session lengths were controlled by the ICANN meeting team, and out of scope for the Council. Interpretation was seen as important because not all participants speak English equally, even if documents were in English, and it promotes inclusiveness. It was observed that recordings are available in other languages when there is interpretation, and there were no statistics on live usage or recording views. Councillors agreed it was better to keep interpretation and to train presenters to speak slowly for a multilingual audience. The Council agreed to continue providing interpretation services.

- **Action Item 225-08**
  The ccNSO Chair is requested to respond to the Tech WG Chair, regarding session length flexibility and interpretation during Tech Day sessions, on behalf of the Council.

**19. Any Other Business (AOB)**

**20. Next Council Meetings**

- 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

**21. Adjourn**