MINUTES
ccNSO Council meeting 226
Thursday, 19 February 2026 | 21:00 UTC

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Action Items

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- **Action item 226-06**
  The Chair shall draft a response to the request for early input on the gNSO PDP on DNS Abuse Management from the ccNSO.

Attendees

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liaisons to ccNSO, appointed by ALAC and GNSO
- [x] 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

Ai-Chin Lu, sent her apology.

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting: https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/AQDWK
- 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 she had an item for AOB regarding GNSO's PDP.

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***

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that an apology was received from Ai-Chin Lu and that the meeting was not quorate.

2. **Relevant Correspondence**
See: https://www.icann.org/en/ccnso/council/correspondence
    - Note to Russ Weinstein, SVP Policy Support re Implementation cc Review MEchanism (ccPDP3 RM), item 7 agenda
    - Note to ICANN's secretary re resignation of Stephen Deerhake and Molehe Wesi as ccNSO Councillors (item 9 c)

3. **Minutes & Action Items**

a. ***Minutes Meeting 225***

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 9 February 2026.
No questions or comments were raised. The 225th minutes were confirmed.

b. ***Action Items***

The Chair noted all action items had been completed except 225-06 which awaits action by the GRC, but from the Council perspective it was closed.

- **Action item 225-01**
  The Council requests the ccNSO Domain Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) to nominate up to two (members), up to one (1) participant and an alternate, [to represent the ccNSO in GNSO PDP 1 DNS Abuse Associated Domain Name Check] and inform the ccNSO Council as soon as feasible, and no later than 30 January 2026.
  (**Completed**)

- **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 (**Completed**)

- **Action Item 225-03**

The secretariat is requested to seek volunteers for the IGLC review as feasible to ensure the review can start in February. The Review team should include 3-5 members of which at least 3 Councillors. Members of the Review Team are not expected to be a member of the IGLC. (**Completed**)

- **Action Item 225-04**
  The ccNSO Chair is requested to inform the Fellowship Program of the ccNSO Mentor and Selection Committee appointments. (**Completed**)

- **Action Item 225-05**
  The GRC is requested to propose a procedure to select the ICANN Fellowship related positions taking into consideration that they need to be Councillors. (**Completed**)

- **Action Item 225-06**
  The ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is requested to review the Council Selection Process Guideline, taking into account the recommendations from the Selection Process Manager. **(Pending)**

- **Action Item 225-07**
  The Secretariat is requested to inform ICANN's Secretary of the election results in accordance with section 10.4(i) of the ICANN Bylaws. (**Completed**)

- **Action Item 225-08**
  The ccNSO Chair is requested to respond to Eberhard on behalf of the Council with the decision to keep interpretation for Tech Day (**Completed**)

UPDATES

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

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

5. **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

Peter Koch, member of the RSS GWG, noted his term would end on 31st of March 2026. The group will likely close. At the group's last meeting, they discussed the Public comment and a session in Mumbai to present the results. The Board could recommend a council for the Root Server Governance which would hold 6 seats to be filled by the ccNSO. Peter suggested an informal session to brainstorm on how to fill those seats if that should be decided.

6. Update Liaisons (written updates)

a. Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC

b. Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council

7. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN & Implementation ccPDP3

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, Before proceeding with the topic it was noted that the meeting was quorate

Update- The ccPDP4 Board Caucus had not met since the previous council meeting. The group planned to meet the following week to complete the implementation feasibility assessment.

Regarding the ccPDP3, the ccPAIG met in January to reply whether or not it was a requirement to allow a claimant to suggest non-precertified reviewers for a panel. The ccPAIG supported ICANN's interpretation that allowing non-precertified reviewers was not a requirement assuming that the size and diversity of the pool of certified reviewers was large enough to allow choice to constitute a 3 members panel to review, giving both the ccTLD manager and IANA the chance to select a panelist.

8. Progress CCG Review of Reviews

Chris Disspain, CCG Review of Reviews member, mentioned the group will have a webinar during ICANN85 prep week, a plenary session in Mumbai and joint sessions with all the SOACs. The group will mainly be discussing the five principle buckets and possibly reducing them to four buckets.

9. Update Chair, Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organisations, Secretariat

a. One-on-One ICANN CEO and ccNSO leadership

b. Webinar AFTLD

c. Resignation Molehe Wesi

The Chair gave an update on the One-on-One with ICANN CEO, she noted two topics were discussed. The ccNSO's participation in the GNSO PDP on DNS Abuse and ICANN's outreach and messaging related to the financial working group report recommendation reminding them to have balanced messaging regarding ccTLDs and GTLDs.

The Chair gave a summary for the AFTLD webinar, it was mainly an overview of the ccNSO, its purpose, goals and its working groups. It was an invitation for the community to join the work of the ccNSO and get inspired from those who are already contributing.

The final item was regarding the resignation of Molehe Wesi. Alejandra thanked Molehe for his work and contributions to the ccNSO.

An additional update was noted from the Chair regarding LACTLD's request to fill a survey regarding their strategic planning process for 2026 - 2030. A few councillors volunteered to reply to the survey.

- **Action item 226-01**
  ccNSO Councilors to reply to the LACTLD survey regarding Strategic planning process for 2026-2030 by the end of February 2026.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

10. **Submit Council Statement public comment section 17, 18 and charter of CSC.**

The Chair noted the Board supported the change to Article 17 and 18 of the ICANN bylaws on the frequency of the IANA Function Reviews and the CSC Effectiveness Reviews, and the change to the membership structure of the CSC, allowing alternates.

The Council resolved to request the Chair to draft a Council statement in support of the proposed Bylaw changes and amended CSC Charter. The resolution was moved by Sean Copeland and seconded by Peter Koch. No questions or comments were raised.

For decision
Draft Resolution
Decision
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11. **Introduction update SOI Guideline**

Sean Copeland, GRC Chair, noted the material regarding the SOI Guideline had been circulated on the 17th of February 2026. ICANN's code of conduct triggered a review of the current SOI guideline. Additional information being asked is country of residence. A more structured escalation path will be implemented. If an SOI is determined not to be up to date it can lead to the suspension of membership. The Secretariat will include a note with information regarding updating SOIs with the yearly membership. Next steps are to get community feedback, finalize the document by the April meeting so the ccNSO Council can approve it.

12. **Approval OMC mentor/mentee program**

The meeting became not quorate when a councillor had to leave and the threshold of having one councillor elected from each ICANN Region wasn't met anymore. All resolutions from this point forward were deferred to email decision-making.

For Decision
Material circulated 17 February 2026

Draft Resolution
Background
The ccNSO onboarding and mentoring committee (OMC) is tasked with the onboarding, mentoring and engaging newcomers in the activities of the ccNSO. As part of these tasks the OMC has updated the 2018 mentoring program, which developed under auspices of the ccNSO Onboarding and Involvement Standing Committee, which has been formally closed.

Due to the pandemic and its aftermath, the OISC mentoring program was never carried forward beyond an initial start in 2019.

Although the OMC was mandated to launch and oversee a mentoring program, the OMC seeks Council support for the program, to ensure broader support and visibility.

Decision
The ccNSO Council supports the ccNSO mentoring program as proposed by the ccNSO Onboarding and Mentoring Committee. The secretariat is requested to inform the OMC of this decision and publish as soon as possible. This decision becomes effective upon publication and the Council wishes the OMC success with the program.

- **Action item 226-03 (following intersessional decision)**
  The Secretariat is to inform the Onboarding and Mentoring Committee (OMC) of the Council's decision regarding the ccNSO mentoring program proposal.

13. Update and closure 360 Councillors review
For discussion: continue or discontinue the survey

Draft resolution
Background
Per Council decision at meeting 225, the ccNSO Council 360 review was launched on 23 January 2026, and closed 18 February. The results were circulated to the Council members on 18 February. .The Council notes that at least 11 Councillors have completed the survey and have concluded the survey in time, despite the various reminders.

Decision
The ccNSO Council formally closes the January - February 2026 360 Councillors survey.
This is a Council administrative decision and becomes effective upon publication.

14. Update MPC Review
Informational/for decision

Material circulated 17 February 2026

Sean Copeland, member of the MPC Review team, acknowledged the learning from this second Committee Review. How the meeting structure helps and hinder this process. During the interviews, the passion comes out. Two main recommendations: 1) Continue MPC and 2) Improve: what the MPC does, align it with reality.

The Chair noted next steps included an email decision to support the findings and recommendations.

15. **Approval ccNSO membership application .ly**
    For Decision
    ccNSO membership application General Authority of Communication and Informatics, ccTLD Manager .ly (Libya)

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, explained that following the transfer of the .LY (Libya) top-level domain to the General Authority of Communications and Informatics (GACI), the membership of the previous ccTLD manager in the ccNSO ended in October 2025. The new ccTLD manager has since applied to become a member of the ccNSO. The IANA Services team reviewed this application and reported that there are no concerns or pending actions requiring the Council's attention.

Draft resolution
Decision
The ccNSO Council approves membership of the General Authority of Communication and Informatics, the ccTLD Manager of .ly (Libya) and welcomes the General Authority of Communication and Informatics as member 180 of the ccNSO. The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to formally welcome the General Authority of Communication and Informatics as member. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 226-04 (after Intersessional decision)**
  The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to formally welcome the General Authority of Communication and Informatics, the ccTLD Manager of .ly (Libya), as member.

16. **Appointments to committees or working groups, if any**
    For decision

    - Appointment members IGLC Review team

      Resolution

      Decision
      The ccNSO Council appoints the following persons as Members of the following committees, study groups or working groups:

- **Idrissa Sarr (.ng) - Member DASC**
- **Jenifer Lopez, Alejandra Reynoso, Seann Copeland (all Councillors), and Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk) as members of the IGLC Review Team**

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 226-05 (following intersessional decision)**
  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.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

17. Planning for ICANN85
Informational

a. ***Draft ccNSO schedule***
b. ***Preparing for Roles and responsibilities:***
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fmToQ3l3nrj78jgwy8RpFGLF4qfq7jrW/edit?gid=1267171788#gid=1267171788

There were no changes to the draft ccNSO schedule. Councillors were reminded of the roles and responsibilities to be addressed at the prep-council meeting in Mumbai, as well as the procedure to elect the Chair and Vice-chairs.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

The Chair alluded to the message forwarded to the council mailing list with a request for early input on the gNSO PDP on DNS Abuse Management from the ccNSO. It was agreed that the Chair will draft a response referring to the ccNSO Council Resolution 225-01, which states that "[...] the ccNSO does not have a view, nor holds a position on the matter addressed through the PDP, nor do the members represent a view or position of ccTLDs in general."

- **Action item 226-06**
  The Chair shall draft a response to the request for early input on the gNSO PDP on DNS Abuse Management from the ccNSO.

19. Next Council Meetings
- **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

20. Adjourn