MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 229
Thursday, 21 May 2026 | 13:00 UTC

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Resolutions

- **Resolution 229-01**
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  The Council requests the secretariat to publish this decision as soon as possible. This decision becomes effective on publication.

- **Resolution 229-03**
  First, as required under its Charter the Tech WG has nominated Luis Diego Espinoza (.na) as Vice-Chair of the Tech WG. Following the nomination the ccNSO Council appoints Luis Diego Espinoza (.na) as Vice-Chair of the Tech WG.

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Action Items

- **Action Item 229-01**
  The Secretariat is requested to post the ccNSO Board Director Removal, NomCom Board Director Removal and Board Recall guidelines on the ccNSO website.

- **Action Item 229-02**
  The Secretariat is requested to post the May 2026 Quarterly Monitor, replacing the February Quarterly Monitor.

- **Action Item 229-03**
  The ccNSO Council requests the Secretariat to launch a call for volunteers for the ccNSO appointee to the NomCom as soon as possible.

- **Action Item 229-04**

The ccNSO Council requests the Secretariat to change all online Council Meetings to 13:00 UTC starting after Seville.

- **Action Item 229-05**
  The Secretariat is requested to inform the leadership teams of the various working groups, committees, ICANN Planning and persons appointed and enable their participation in the respective teams.

- **Action Item 229-06**
  Councillors to review the Board Nomination Guideline by 29 of May, before consulting the membership.

Attendees

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

Asia/Australia/Pacific
- [x] Jordan Carter, .uk (Vice-Chair)
- [x] Jiankang Yao, .cn
- [x] Sami Mohamed Ali, .bh

Europe
- [ ] Chris Disspain
- [x] Peter Koch, .de
- [x] 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] Pablo Rodriguez
- [x] Charles Noir, .ca

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
- ☑ 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
Chris Disspain.

Background and supporting documents

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome
Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, Council Chair.

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 an apology from Chris Disspain and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. Relevant Correspondence
See: https://www.icann.org/en/ccnso/council/correspondence
- Request for input Co-Chair's draft Review of Review
- Response Council to request for input

3. **Minutes & Action Items**

   a. ***Minutes Meeting 228***

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 6 May 2026. No questions or comments were raised. The 228th minute was confirmed.

   b. ***Action Items***

The Chair noted all action items had been completed.

- **Action Item 228-01**
  The Secretariat is asked to launch a call for volunteers for a new member to the Planning Prioritization Process group. **(Completed, see item 15)**

- **Action Item 228-02**
  The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to formally welcome the RED.ES as a member. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 228-03**
  The secretariat is requested to publish the membership approval of RED.ES, the ccTLD Manager of .es. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 228-04**
  The secretariat is requested to publish the adoption of the ccNSO Guideline Statement and Conflict of Interest.

- **Action item 228-05**
  The secretariat is requested to inform the leadership team of the IGLC and persons appointed and enable their participation in the respective teams. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 228-06**
  The Secretariat to send a calendar invite for the ICANN86 Council prep call. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 228-07**
  The Triage committee to evaluate the proposal of defining and establishing a small group of councillors to act as a sounding board for ccNSO-appointed liaisons to technical groups (CSC, RZERC, IFR, future RSS Governance Council, etc.), including agreeing on its structure, scope, and level of informality, and exploring whether it should also support the identification and assessment of future appointees (**To be scheduled)**.

4. **Intermeeting decisions since meeting 228 (April 2026)**
   a. Comments to the Co-Chair’s Review of Reviews Refined Outline

5. **Triage Committee decisions since Council meeting 228**
   The Triage committee has reviewed 3 requests for action with following decisions:
   - Not to take action on request to expression for interest in becoming chair and chair-elect for the 2027 NomCom
   - Referred action on Approval Action and Rejection Action to the Rejection and Approval Action manager

- Secretariat to alert community members to respond to survey ICANN's Ombuds, if they received the Survey.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the Triage Committee has revised its procedures and the Charter will be updated accordingly. Additionally, decisions on mandated topics described in its Charter will no longer go to the Council as advice for decision and will remain documented during Council meetings.

UPDATES

6. Written updates

If any - since meeting 228 from the following groups can also be found on the wiki space for this meeting.

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the only real change to the written updates was the way it is displayed. The overall idea is to give each group an overview of the current status and what the next steps are.

Governance Groups:

- ECA
- CSC
- RZERC
- Planning Prioritization Process
- RSS GWG (Dormant)

Liaisons:

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

ccNSO WG and Committees:

- ccPDP4-IDN (Dormant)
- DASC
- GRC
- IGLC
- MPC
- OMC
- SOPC
- Tech WG
- TLD-OPS SC
- UAC

7. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN & Implementation ccPDP3

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, stated the ccPDP3 is now fully handled by the Global Domains & Strategy division (GDS). The caucus will meet to discuss the assessment of the PDP4 and finalize all 14 sections of the policy. It will also consider four potential questions for the ccNSO aimed at clarifying language in the policy and confirming implementation details.

8. Progress CCG Review of Reviews

The comments on the CCG's Refined Outline were sent on behalf of the Council. The SOAC Chairs had a meeting with the CCG to discuss the direction of travel on the proposal of a scoping committee for the reviews. There will be a plenary session at ICANN86.

9. Update GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP1

The election of Nick Weban-Smith as Vice-Chair of the PDP group, came with an opening for a member from the ccNSO. The DASC was mandated to handle the membership to the PDP and the list of ccNSO participants was updated as follows:
Member: Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk) | EU (Vice Chair)
Member: Eberhard Lisse (.na) | AF
Member: Diego Ernesto Luna-Quevedo (.co) | LAC
Alternate: Bruce Tonkin (.au) | AP
Participant: Mira Fajriyah (.id) | AP

10. **Update Chair, Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organisations, Secretariat**
    Informational

    a. ***Update Chair***

        i. Update on Jordan's confirmation on the council after change of affiliation

The AP region confirmed Jordan's continuation in the Council after his change of affiliation from .au to .uk. The Council congratulated Jordan.

        ii. 1-on-1 meeting with ICANN's CEO and President

The one-on-one with ICANN CEO was cancelled due to personal reasons and will be rescheduled. At the roundtable in Seville, the topics for discussion will be: status of How We Meet, an update from the review of reviews, a conversation with the leadership of the DNS Abuse PDP1 on the new format of the PDP, a debrief on the Board's prep week session of the code of conduct and finally a tour de table on priorities from all SOAC's.

    b. ***Update Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organizations, Secretariat, if any***

Everton Rodrigues, ccNSO Councillor, informed that .br joined CENTR last year and recently they attended their Jamboree. Additionally noted that LACTLD will hold a workshop next week in Panama.

Jordan Carter, ccNSO Councillor, announced that APTLD will meet in Australia in February 2027.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

11. **Adoption ccNSO Board Director Removal, NomCom Board Director Removal and Board Recall Guidelines**

The ccNSO Council approved the adoption of the ccNSO Board Director Removal, NomCom Board Director Removal and Board Recall Guidelines. The resolution was moved by Pablo Rodriguez and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. Sean Copeland abstained. No questions or comments were raised.

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12. From the Triage Committee

a. Update Triage Process

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the test phase for the new procedure for the Triage committee had been documented and will be presented at ICANN86 in Seville

b. ccNSO Portfolio of Activities

i. Quarterly Monitor ccNSO Portfolio
Informational

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the Quarterly monitor had been circulated and highlighted some changes: the board consideration of the PDP4 was estimated to be adopted by ICANN86 and now it is ICANN87.The ccNSO Disaster recovery study group started late and will not meet their original deadline but they will finish their work by ICANN87. The ccNSO IANA Public Record study group is on track and should be completed by December 2026.

The GRC has been very active. The board nomination process guideline estimated to be up for adoption by Mid-July. They made progress on the implementation of the Continuous Improvement Program (CIP), which had an impact on the quarterly monitor.

No additional comments from the Council.

- **Action Item 229-02**
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ii. Update ccNSO Work plan: FY27- FY28 Portfolio of Activities
Informational

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the Triage committee started using click up to help manage, update and adjust the portfolio. A proposal on how to balance the workload and capacity will come to the Triage first and to the Council in Seville. The CIP implementation plan is proposed to start in July and will take effort form GRC.

Bart Boswinkel is retiring on October 1st, meaning that the Secretariat will need to reorganize. If the team is missing one staff member (1/3 of the Secretariat) this will have an impact on the level of support for current activities and definitively on future ones. The Triage committee will be asked to hold off on launching any new initiatives (which include reviewing committees or starting any new study groups or activities until ICANN88) to allow for the new Secretariat team to adjust.

13. Launch call for volunteers for a ccNSO appointee to the NomCom

The Council decided to launch a call for expression of interest for a NomCom appointee. The resolution was moved by Charles Noir and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. No questions or comments were raised.

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14. Re-consideration scheduled start time Council calls

Considering the current timezones in which Councillors live, it is proposed that starting with meeting 231, all Council calls will all start at 13:00 UTC (6:00am for Sean and 9:00pm for Jiankang)

- **Action Item 229-04**
  The ccNSO Council requests the Secretariat to change all online Council Meetings to 13:00 UTC starting after Seville.

15. Appointments 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 Pablo Rodriguez, and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. Charles Noir abstained. No questions or comments were raised regarding the appointments.

It was discussed whether or not a councillor should abstain when mentioned in a decision, concluding that it was recommended to abstain and express verbally their opinion on the rest of the list of appointments for the record. Additionally, splitting multiple appointments from one decision was also addressed, and will be considered when having councillors in the decision.

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

16. Introduction updated Board Nomination Guideline

In the July/August timeframe the Council will need to launch the next cycle of the Board Seat nomination process and the GRC was asked to review and update the Board Nomination Guideline to include the recommendations from the Nomination Process manager.

Sean Copeland, Chair of the GRC, updated the Council on the major changes: better definitions, better alignment between the nomination process and the council selection, and the responsibilities are clearer.

- **Action Item 229-06**
  Councillors to review the Board Nomination Guideline by 29 of May, before consulting the membership.

17. Update ICANN86

a. Prep call

Expect a review of ICANN86 sessions that might be of interest outside of the ccNSO sessions and assignment of rapporteurs. Additionally the Council will also get an update on the portfolio of activities.

b. Council meeting

The conditional approval of the CSC Charter to the Approval of the Fundamental Bylaw changes will be included in the agenda.

c. Block Schedule

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, gave a brief update on the ccNSO Block schedule in Seville, noting that there were no changes since the previous Council meeting. It was noted that there will be an Approval Action Community Forum on Thursday block 1.

18. Any Other Business (AOB)

None

19. Next Council Meetings

- **11 June 2026 | ICANN86 - Sevilla, Meeting 230**
- 16 July 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 231
- 13 August 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 232
- 17 September 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 233
- **22 October 2026 | ICANN87 - Muscat, Meeting 234**
- 19 November 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 235
- 17 December 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 236

20. Adjourn