MINUTES
ccNSO Council meeting 232
Thursday, 13 August 2026 | 13:00 UTC

Resolutions

- **Resolution 232-01**
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- **Resolution 232-02**
  The ccNSO Council adopted the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council election. The ccNSO Council appointed Joke Braeken, ccNSO secretariat, as Council Selection Process Manager. The scheduled selection process will be conducted under the ccNSO Council Selection Process Guideline. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 232-03**
  The ccNSO Council appoints the following people to the respective roles as specified:
    - Barbara Pearse (.nz), chair of the DASC
    - Bastiaan Goslings (.nl), member IGLC
    - Riyadh Zehrah (.ye), member UAC

  The secretariat is requested to inform the DASC accordingly and publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

  Again, the Council wants to express its deep appreciation to Nick Wenban-Smith for his leadership of the group and all the hard work he has put into it, making the DASC a successful ccNSO group.

Action Items

- **Action Item 232-01**
  The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to formally welcome the IE Domain Registry CLG as a member.

- **Action Item 232-02**
  The Secretariat is requested to develop a report on pros and cons of this procedure considering the current landscape. Not urgent.

- **Action Item 232-03**
  The Secretariat is requested to inform the leadership teams of the various working groups, committees and persons appointed and enable their participation in the respective teams.

- **Action Item 232-04**
  Include NomCom ccNSO Councillor Job Description adoption in the September Council meeting.

Attendees

Africa

- ☑ Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km
- ☑ Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
- ☐ Ingabire Mwikarago, .rw

Asia/Australia/Pacific

- ☐ Jordan Carter, .uk (Vice-Chair)
- ☑ Jiankang Yao, .cn
- ☑ Sami Mohamed Ali, .bh

Europe

- ☑ Chris Disspain
- ☐ Peter Koch, .de
- ☑ Nigel Roberts

Latin America/ Caribbean

- ☑ Everton T. Rodrigues, .br
- ☑ Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- ☑ Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

North America

- ☑ Sean Copeland, .vi
- ☑ Pablo Rodriguez
- ☑ Charles Noir, .ca

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

Apologies Received

Ingabire Grace Mwikarago, Jordan Carter, Peter Koch, Olga Cavalli and Bart Boswinkel.

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting: https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/WADWK
- 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

b. *Meeting quorum*

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, noted apologies from Ingabire Grace Mwikarago, Jordan Carter, Peter Koch, Olga Cavalli and Bart Boswinkel and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. Relevant Correspondence

See: https://www.icann.org/en/ccnso/council/correspondence

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. *Minutes Meeting 231*

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 28 July 2026

No questions or comments were raised. The minutes for the 231st Meeting were confirmed.

b. *Action Items*

All action items had been completed. No questions or comments were raised.

- **Action Item 231-01**
  The Secretariat to inform the current observers of the ccNSO Council mailing list of the Council's decision to discontinue observer access and direct them to the public archive. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 231-02**
  The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to formally welcome TeleYemen as a member. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 231-03**
  The Secretariat is requested to publish the membership of TeleYemen, the ccTLD Manager of .ye. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 231-04**
  The ccNSO Council request the Secretariat to publish the adopted proposed timeline for the Board Seat 12 Nomination Process as soon as possible. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 231-05**
  The Secretariat is requested to inform the leadership teams of the various working groups, committees and persons appointed and enable their participation in the respective teams. (**Pending)**

- **Action Item 231-06**
  The ccNSO Council requested its chair to inform the Board Caucus by sending the responses that were drafted to the questions for clarification by the Board Caucus on ccPDP4-IDN. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 231-07**
  Councillors to review the documents, regarding the implementation of the CIP Framework, and provide feedback by 29th of July. **(Completed)**

4. Intermeeting decisions since meeting 231 (July 2026)

- Support ccNSO Council Statement re Draft Report CCG Review of Reviews
- Adoption Timeline 360 review
- Selection member and alternate CSC

5. Triage Committee decisions since Council meeting 231

see ccNSO Triage Process Tracker

There were no intermeeting decisions by the ccNSO Triage Committee.

UPDATES

6. Written updates

If any - see wiki space for this meeting.

The written updates were sent to the Council mailing list and were posted on the wiki along with the report from the GNSO Council Liaison.

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
- UA

7. Update ccPDP4-IDN

Patricio Poblete, Chair of the ccPDP4-IDN Board Caucus, noted that the Board had been on a break and was scheduled to resume work the following week. In the meantime, the team and staff had continued revising the assessment document, incorporating the responses received from the Council. A full Board session on ccPDP4-IDN has been scheduled for the September workshop in Los Angeles, with the aim of advancing the matter toward a Board decision, potentially at the AGM. Overall, the work has been progressing and is nearing completion.

8. Progress CCG Review of Reviews

Chris Disspain, CCG Review of Reviews Co-Chair, noted the public comment closed and the team had been reviewing the comments received. The SO/AC chairs were notified that a second public comment period was planned, which might require an extension beyond the timeframe outlined in the charter. The team considered the second public comment important due to significant changes expected in the revised draft report before finalization.

The Council agreed that the same drafting team would work on the second public comment, and that a webinar would be held to solicit the views of the membership. The views gathered through the webinar will inform the Council's future decision on whether to support the CCG Review of Reviews Final Proposal.

9. Update GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP1

The small group of ccNSO-related participants met the previous week to discuss whether to submit a comment on the upcoming public comment. The group considered highlighting the progress made and reaffirming that the policy did not apply to ccTLDs. It had also been suggested that, if no formal comment was submitted, the community should be informed so that individuals could provide their own inputs. It was agreed that the Council would not submit a comment.

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

a. Update Chair

Wafa Dahmani was reappointed by the NomCom for another term which starts at the end of the AGM in Bali. There will be an APTLD webinar and the Chair will give an update on behalf of the ccNSO. Lastly, a call has been scheduled with Sally Costerton on the 27th of August regarding ccTLD engagement between ICANN and ccTLDs and the planning of the corresponding session at ICANN87 to consult the ccTLD community.

b. Update Vice-chairs

Biyi Oladipo, ccNSO Vice-chair, summarized a conversation he and Jordan Carter, ccNSO Vice-chair had with Russ Weinstein, SVP Policy Development Support. They discussed the replacement for Bart Boswinkel and emphasized the importance of appointing someone with strong ccNSO and ccTLD operational knowledge. Russ explained in their conversation the reasons for the delay in publishing the job opening, which had since been advertised and the recruitment process is underway. It was confirmed that a member from the Policy team will support the ccNSO Secretariat during the Bali meeting. Both Biyi and Jordan underscored the need to have this process concluded as quickly as possible to Russ in their conversation.

c. Councillors, Regional Organizations, Secretariat, if any

None

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

11. Approval Membership .ie

The ccNSO Council approved the membership application IE Domain Registry CLG, ccTLD Manager .ie (Ireland). The resolution was moved by Nigel Roberts and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. No questions were raised.

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12. Operational practices ccNSO WG/C: consolidated guideline

The GRC began reviewing five related ccNSO guidelines covering working groups, committees, cross-community working groups, SOI/COI guidelines, and the selection of chairs and vice chairs. The review also considered the new ICANN Join procedure and aimed to identify gaps, overlaps, and areas for improvement. The GRC plans to consolidate repetitive guidance into a single, more accessible guideline while maintaining references to the SOI/COI guidelines.

13. Update on Introduction Implementation CIP Framework

The GRC had a webinar, there were few questions or comments, which was viewed positively given the scope of the work. The ccNSO engaged in the process for some time and appeared to be in a good position. No additional comments or feedback had been received following the webinar. Council will be asked to take an online decision to adopt documents and formally kick-off the ccNSO Continuous Improvement Program.

14. Introduction to outdated regional self-selection procedures

A 2007 working group developed recommendations allowing ccTLDs to self-select their region for ccNSO purposes, which had been adopted by the Council and supported by an established procedure and application form. During the migration of documents to the new ccNSO website, it was noticed that both were outdated. The process no longer reflected changes to the ICANN Bylaws, including provisions allowing multiple ccTLD managers from the same country or territory to join the ccNSO.

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15. Adoption timeline Council Elections

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16. Update Board Seat 12 nomination

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, noted Byron Holland's current term as the ICANN Board Director for Seat 12 was scheduled to end at ICANN90. A call for nominations was opened in July and closed on August 13, with Byron having been nominated and seconded for reappointment. Following acceptance of the nomination, the ICANN due diligence process will begin, followed by a candidate Q&A session in Bali. As the guidelines had recently been updated, with only one candidate an election would not be required.

17. CSC Member and Alternate appointment

Pablo Rodriguez, was selected as the ccNSO CSC member, with Luis Diego Espinoza appointed as the ccNSO CSC alternate, and the full slate has been submitted for approval. The matter was referred to the relevant Council small committee, with the GNSO Council also expected to approve the slate.

18. Progress 2026 Guideline: ccNSO Sessions Programming

The Council was asked to provide feedback on the guideline, which had subsequently been shared with the community for consultation. The GRC had received one comment proposing the inclusion of session design principles to guide the ccNSO program and assess meeting effectiveness. The MPC and GRC were expected to consider the feedback and return with an updated guideline for Council discussion and adoption

19. 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 Sean Copeland and seconded by Biyi Oladipo. No questions or comments were raised regarding the appointments.

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

20. Introduction report IGLC review

The draft IGLC review report was circulated to Annaliese for review and feedback. The review included interviews with leadership and members, as well as an analysis of committee attendance and published materials. Overall, the IGLC had been viewed as a successful and valuable committee with a strong purpose, reputation, and collaborative environment. While participation had presented some challenges, particularly due to time zones, the committee had maintained healthy core membership renewal and geographic representation. The review had concluded that the IGLC remained aligned with its purpose and continued to be needed, with some opportunities for further improvement. Following adjustments from feedback received, the report will contain recommendations to both council and IGLC and will be sent to Council for adoption.

21. ICANN87 - Bali
Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, gave a high-level overview of the ccNSO Block schedule for Bali.

22. Any Other Business (AOB)
NomCom announced their leadership selection. The ccNSO Council has been asked to review the job description by 30 September. This will be added as a topic to the next Council meeting.

- **Action Item 232-04**
  Include NomCom ccNSO Councillor Job Description adoption in the September Council meeting.

The Chair was invited to participate as a panelist in a GAC session on open-source agentic AI, but she felt that others were better suited to speak on the topic and proposed asking Bruce Tonkin to participate if available.

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, noted some council members and group leaders have not yet submitted their SOI and requested for them to do so at their earliest convenience, if not done so yet. Additionally, reminded Council members to be mindful of which address they use to post on the Council mailing lists. If using another address than the one subscribed, postings need to be manually approved and risk delayed delivery.

23. Next Council Meetings

- 17 September 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 233
- **22 October 2026 | ICANN87 - Bali, Meeting 234**
- 19 November 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 235
- 17 December 2026 | 13:00 UTC, Meeting 236

24. Adjourn