

AGENDA

ccNSO Council meeting 225

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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

a. SOI updates

Consult the [ccNSO SOI Guideline](#)
Complete the SOI [template](#)
Check the ccNSO [Statements of Interest](#)

b. Meeting quorum

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

Introduction

On 15 January the GNSO Council requested the ccNSO Council to determine if the ccNSO intends to nominate and put forward participants for this PDP. If participation is considered, the ccNSO needs to identify whether to appoint Members, Participants, and/or Alternates. According to the invitation Observers, who are interested in these policy deliberations, will have the ability to enroll, but they will not be considered active participants of the PDP.

If participation is considered the ccNSO may nominate up to maximum 2 members, or 1 participant and 1 alternate.

Further, according to the charter, members, participants and alternates are expected to have a level of expertise with respect to: a. DNS Abuse issues, b. ICANN policies and procedures, and c. registry/registrar services.

The differences in roles are described in the charter. Accordingly:

- **Members** - Members are expected to participate during the course of deliberations and in any WG consensus calls. Members are expected to represent the view of their appointing organization, and may be called on to provide the official position of their appointing organization. Members are expected to have a level of expertise with respect to DNS Abuse issues, ICANN policies and procedures, and registry/registrar services in order to contribute to the deliberations effectively.
- **Participants** - Participants may be from a GNSO SG/C or SO/AC as listed in the chart below. Participants will be able to actively participate in and attend all WG meetings. Participants are encouraged to engage in the WG deliberation throughout its lifecycle and are expected to keep up with all relevant WG deliberations to ensure they remain informed and can contribute when needed. However, Participants do not participate in the consensus designation process. Participants are encouraged to possess similar levels of expertise as Members.

- **Alternates** - Alternates will only participate if a Member is not available. Alternates will be responsible for keeping up with all relevant WG deliberations to ensure they remain informed and can contribute when needed

Draft Resolution

Background

The ccNSO Council was requested to nominate up to 2 members or 1 participant , and 1 alternate to the GNSO PDP 1 Associated Domain Name Check. After extensive discussion during meeting ccNSO Council meetings 224 and 225, the ccNSO Council believes that the benefits of participating in this PDP for the ccTLD and broader community outweigh the potential negative impact participation could have on ccTLDs. As to the mode of participation (members or participant, and alternate), the ccNSO Council believes that the interests of the community are best served with participation of members and an alternate, however noting that the ccNSO itself does not have a view or will not hold an official position on the matters discussed in the PDP, nor could members represent the view or position ccTLDs. The ccNSO Council taking into account the requirement of the charter that members and hence alternates are expected to have a level of expertise with respect to: a. DNS Abuse issues, b. ICANN policies and procedures, and c. registry/registrar services, is of the view that participants of the ccNSO DNS Abuse Committee are best positioned to participate in the GNSO PDP.

Decision

Per request of the GNSO Council the ccNSO Council decides to participate in the GNSO PDP 1 Associated Domain Name Check with two members and one alternate. The GNSO Council will be informed that the ccNSO does not have a view, nor holds on a position on the matter addressed through the PDP, nor do the members represent a view or position of ccTLDs in general. The Council requests the cNSO Domain Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) to nominate (Alternative 1: two (2) members) or (Alternative 2: one (1) participant,) and an alternate and inform the ccNSO Council as soon as feasible, and no later than 30 January 2026. The Chair of the Council is requested to inform the GNSO secretariat before 9 February 2026 of the nomination.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Relevant Correspondence
4. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 224

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 09 January 2026

b. Action Items

- **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)

- 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 Informational

11. Progress CCG Review of Reviews Informational

12. Progress “How we meet” CCG Update.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

14. Councillor 360 review

According to the schedule ( Frequency of 360 reviews) the next round of 360 reviews needs to be launched. This will include review of the following Councillors:

- NomCom - Wafa and Jajit
- ccNSO members appointed Councillors - Biyi, Jordan, Pablo, Nigel and Everton

Proposed timeline:

Start Survey 23 January

Conclude Survey: 13 February

Send result to Councillors and chair: 19 February

Appoint Bart Boswinkel as Survey Process manager

Resolution***Decision***

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline to conduct the ccNSO Councillors 360 review:

- Start of Survey: 23 January 2026
- Closure of Survey: 13 February 2026
- Sending results to individual Councillors and chair: 19 February 2026

The ccNSO Council appoints Bart Boswinkel as Survey Process manager. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This decision becomes effective upon publication of the resolution.

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

According to the working group/committee adopted in the September 2025 review schedule, the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Group is subject to effectiveness and efficiency review.
For decision

Resolution***Background***

According to the scheme for review of ccNSO Committees as adopted by Council in August 2025, the effectiveness and efficiency of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee is expected to be reviewed from January 2026 to May 2026.

Decision

The ccNSO Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the effectiveness and efficiency of the IGLC.

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. The volunteers are to be appointed online as soon as feasible.

The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

16. Appointment members, or chairs/vice chairs to committees or working groups, if any

a. *Review external appointments*

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NdPoBTmQUVIPhMy1PsoZr6rUxUxHzRDQ/edit?gid=868409716#gid=868409716>

Need to appoint Pablo as member Fellowship Selection Committee and Jennifer as ccNSO Fellowship Mentor (term ended December 2025, no term limit and only open to Councillors)

b. *Appointment to ccNSO Committees and working groups*

The secretariat received no requests for appointment

Resolution

Decision

The ccNSO Council appoints the following people to the respective roles as specified:

- **Members of the following committees, study groups or working groups:**

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.

17. Adoption Selection Report: special elections African region

Background

Five ccNSO Council seats with terms ending in March 2026 opened for nominations from 9–30 September 2025, with nominees required to accept their nominations by 10 October 2025. The sole nominee from the African region did not accept the nomination, leaving that regional seat without an eligible candidate. As a result, the Council initiated a new call for nominations specifically for the African region seat, following the ICANN Bylaws, the ccNSO Council Selection Guideline, and the Council-adopted timeline. The call for nominations (Africa region only) closed on Thursday, 4 December 2025 at 23:59 UTC, and the deadline for the nominee to accept the nomination was 12 December, 23:59 UTC.

Resolution

Decision

The ccNSO Council adopts the ccNSO Council Election Process report as proposed, including its recommendations, and formally confirms the election of the following person: Grace Ingabire (AF region). The term of the elected councillors starts at the end of the ccNSO Council in Mumbai (ICANN85).

The Council congratulates the elected candidate. With the adoption of the Election Report, the Council Election Process for the AF region is now closed.

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. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution promptly and also to inform the GRC. 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. This decision takes effect upon publication.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

18. Planning for ICANN85

a. Draft ccNSO schedule

b. Interpretation Tech Day

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