

MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 233

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Resolutions

- **Resolution 233-01**

The ccNSO Council supports the conclusions of the Review Team, specifically its conclusion that the IGLC plays a vital and vibrant role in raising the ccTLDs awareness level regarding Internet Governance topics. The Council also supports the suggestions for the IGLC, and requests the IGLC to review and adopt the suggestions deemed feasible and report back to the Council in June 2027 on progress made in implementing the suggestions. The Council adopts the recommendations made, and requests the Triage Committee and GRC to take these in consideration in the review process of the working methods of the ccNSO and WG and Committees in the March-June 2027 period.

The Council thanks the IGLC Review Team for its work and with the submission of its Final Report the work of the Review Team is concluded. The Council congratulates the IGLC on the outcome of the Review. Finally, The Council requests the secretariat to publish this resolution as soon as feasible and inform the IGLC, GRC and Triage Committee accordingly. This Resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.

- **Resolution 233-02**

The ccNSO Council adopts the ccNSO Continuous Improvement Program as proposed by the Guideline Review Committee and its proposed implementation Phasing. The Council requests the GRC to take all necessary steps to implement the program as proposed and report to Council regularly on progress of implementation, and looks forward to receiving the outcomes of the Pilot phase in February 2027, in time to inform the review of the ccNSO's working methods. The Council requests the secretariat to publish this resolution as soon as feasible and inform the GRC and broader community accordingly. This Resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.

- **Resolution 233-03**

The ccNSO Council adopts the 2027 job-description. The Chair is requested to inform the Chair of the 2026 NomCom accordingly. The secretariat is requested to publish this decision as soon as feasible. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 233-04**

The Council adopts the September 2026 proposed Guideline: ccNSO Sessions Programming. The Council thanks the GRC and MPC for their diligent work. The Council requests the secretariat to post this decision on the website as soon as feasible and inform the GRC and MPC of the decision. This Resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.

- **Resolution 233-05**

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

- Riyadh Zehrah (.ye), member DASC
- Jane Fulford (.ca), member SOPC

- Following a call for nominations among the members of the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC), Sami Mohamed Ali (.bh) as Chair and Maria Kolesnikova (.ru) as Vice-Chair of the UAC. The Council suggests the UAC nominates a second Vice-Chair to ensure continuity and broader leadership pool.

Action Items

- **Action Item 233-01**
The Secretariat is requested to inform the IGLC, GRC and Triage Committee of the adoption of the IGLC Review Report.
- **Action Item 233-02**
The Secretariat is requested to inform the GRC and broader community about the adoption of the Implementation CIP Framework.
- **Action Item 233-03**
The Chair is requested to inform the 2026 NomCom of the adoption of the 2027 Job description.
- **Action Item 233-04**
The Secretariat is requested to inform the GRC and MPC of the adoption of the ccNSO Sessions Programming Guideline.
- **Action Item 233-05**
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.
- **Action Item 233-06**
Council Leadership and the Secretariat to prepare a briefing paper outlining the proposed topic for the joint meeting with the ICANN Board in Bali.

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

Nigel Roberts.

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/HgDbK>
- 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 an apology from Nigel Roberts and confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. Relevant Correspondence

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

No correspondence relevant for this meeting

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 232

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 20 August 2026

No questions or comments were raised. The minutes for the 232nd Meeting were confirmed.

b. Action Items

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

- **Action Item 232-01**
The Chair of the ccNSO is requested to formally welcome the IE Domain Registry CLG as a member. **(Completed)**
- **Action Item 232-02**
The Secretariat is requested to develop a report on pros and cons of this procedure considering the current landscape. **(Pending, 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. **(Completed)**
- **Action Item 232-04**
Include NomCom ccNSO Councillor Job Description adoption in the September Council meeting. **(Completed)**

4. Intermeeting decisions since meeting 232 (Aug 2026)

- ccNSO Council Approval for CSC full Membership Slate 2026–2027

5. Triage Committee decisions since Council meeting 232

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.

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, gave an update on the Policy proposal. The Board expressed consensus support for the recommendations at its Los Angeles workshop, with one possible exception concerning the Risk Treatment and Appraisal Procedure (RTAP). Concerns were raised that allowing confusingly similar TLDs to be managed by different entities could conflict with the single-entity principle. The Board is expected to proceed with the rest of the recommendations at the upcoming Bali meeting. If the RTAP provisions are not adopted, the Board will provide a rationale and the Council shall decide on next steps.

8. Progress CCG Review of Reviews

Chris Disspain, CCG Review of Reviews Co-Chair, noted the CCG is finalizing going through the public comments and expects to publish the next draft of the report before Bali for public comment and discussion during the meeting. A request for a formal deadline extension is being planned, with a revised completion date to be confirmed before Bali.

9. Update GNSO DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP1

Public comment period opened 18 August and closes 28 September 2026.

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

a. Update Chair

The ccNSO leadership had a couple of meetings: one with Sally Costerton and her team, to plan a session in Bali on improving ICANN ccTLD engagement, and another with Kurtis Lindqvist to discuss current ccNSO matters and the ccNSO Continuous Improvement Program implementation.

ccNSO Participation in APTLD activities, including a preparatory webinar on 26 August and the regular APTLD update on 15 September. The Chair used these opportunities to promote ccNSO engagement, encourage participation in the ongoing survey, and highlight upcoming ccNSO activities at ICANN87.

Finally, the 360 evaluation received strong participation, with an average of 15 responses per evaluated Councillor, and the one-on-one calls were still ongoing.

b. Update Vice-chairs

None

c. Councillors, Regional Organizations, Secretariat, if any

Everton Rodrigues, ccNSO Councillor, announced that LACTLD had organized a workshop on an open, secure, and trustworthy Internet, held in person on September 21–22 in Montevideo, Uruguay. The workshop had provided training and facilitated dialogue among judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement agencies from across the LAC region.

Sami Mohammed Ali, ccNSO Councilor, thanked the Chair for the APTLD presentation and noted that participants had expressed interest in joining the groups. They planned to share additional information and contact details to encourage further participation.

Potential new ccNSO group members are encouraged to contact the ccNSO Secretariat for guidance on the application process.

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, noted a new ccNSO membership application had been received from Aland. .ax, but minor adjustments were still required before it could be processed. A corrected submission was awaited.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted that the Secretariat would be understaffed after ICANN87 and considering the need to have two staff members at full working groups calls, it was suggested for committees and working groups to limit their meetings to every two weeks or monthly, where possible. Additionally, taking into consideration the timezones of the remaining Secretariat members, it was also suggested having the timing of the calls to be scheduled between 14:00 UTC and 20:00 UTC. The ccNSO Council supported the temporary change.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

11. Update Board Seat 12 Nomination Process

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the call for nominations for ICANN Board Seat 12 had closed on 13 August. Byron Holland had been the sole nominee for ICANN Board Seat 12, with his nomination meeting the applicable requirements. Due diligence checks are pending, and a Q&A session is planned for the ICANN87 Bali meeting.

12. FY2027 Council Selection Process

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the call for nominations is still ongoing. One position is available in each of the five regions. At least one candidate had been nominated in four regions, while no candidate had yet been nominated for Asia-Pacific. Some nominations were still awaiting a secondment.

13. Update ccNSO Workplan: Quarterly Monitor - Deferred

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the Triage Committee meeting had been deferred to allow time to prepare its work plan and consider how to use the Continuous Improvement Program outcomes for the Lisbon and future workshops on working methods. A meeting was

expected the following week, along with an update and quarterly monitoring of group deliverables.

14. Adoption of IGLC Review Report

The ccNSO Council approved the adoption of the IGLC Review Report. The resolution was moved by Ali Hadji Mmadi and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. .

An observation was made regarding the terminology used to classify committee members' attendance rates. It was suggested that alternative terms be considered for future work to avoid confusion.

A clarification was made that the recommendations for the Council should be considered as part of the ongoing continuous improvement efforts in general, rather than being limited to the IGLC.

- **Resolution 233-01**

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15. Adoption Implementation CIP Framework

The ccNSO Council approved the adoption of the Implementation CIP Framework. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. Sean Copeland abstained. No questions or comments were raised.

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- **Action Item 233-02**

The Secretariat is requested to inform the GRC and broader community about the adoption of the Implementation CIP Framework.

16. NomCom Job Description

The ccNSO Council approved the 2027 job description for the NomCom. The resolution was moved by Pablo Rodriguez and seconded by Wafa Dahmani. No questions or comments were raised.

- **Resolution 233-03**

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- **Action Item 233-03**

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17. Adoption of Guideline: ccNSO Sessions Programming

The ccNSO Council approved the adoption of the ccNSO Sessions Programming Guideline. The resolution was moved by Olga Cavalli and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. Everton Rodrigues abstained. No questions or comments were raised.

- **Resolution 233-04**

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- **Action Item 233-04**

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18. 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 Rodrigues and seconded by Sean Copeland. Sami Mohamed Ali and Peter Koch abstained. No questions or comments were raised regarding the appointments.

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

19. ICANN87, 17-22 October 2026 in Bali, Indonesia

Explore the draft ccNSO programme for ICANN87

<https://www.icann.org/en/ccnso/meetings>

The Chair noted the upcoming joint meeting with the full ICANN Board. The Council was asked to suggest topics for discussion with the full Board at the upcoming meeting.

A proposal was made to review the ccNSO Policy Development Processes to check possibilities for improvement in future PDPs, however it was deferred until the ccPDP4-IDN is officially over.

The topic “How can we change the dynamics of our bilateral meeting?” was proposed and supported.

- **Action Item 233-06**

Council Leadership and the Secretariat to prepare a briefing paper outlining the proposed topic for the joint meeting with the ICANN Board in Bali.

20. Any Other Business (AOB)

As this was Bart Boswinkel's final Council meeting before his retirement, the Chair expressed her heartfelt thanks to him on behalf of the Council and the ccTLD community.

21. Next Council Meetings

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

22. Adjourn