

Call for Nominations for ccTLD Operators to Participate in the NTIA/IANA Stewardship Transition Coordination Group

Summary

A 'Coordinating Group' is being formed as part of the process to develop an IANA stewardship transition proposal. There will be 27 representatives on this group, including 4 ccTLD operators. The ccNSO has been asked to select these four individuals. The purpose of this email is to seek nominations for these four places. A decision will be taken by ____, 2014.

Background

On 14 March 2014 the US Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced its intent to transition stewardship of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions to the global multistakeholder community. The NTIA asked the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), as the IANA functions contractor and global coordinator for the Domain Name System (DNS), to convene a multistakeholder process to develop a proposal for the transition. IANA also said that the transition proposal must have broad community support and address the following four principles:

- Support and enhance the multistakeholder model;
- Maintain the security, stability, and resiliency of the Internet DNS;
- Meet the needs and expectation of the global customers and partners of the IANA services; and,
- Maintain the openness of the Internet.

The NTIA also said that it will not accept a proposal that replaces the NTIA role with a government-led or an inter-governmental organization solution. Full details of IANA's announcement are available [here](#).

As part of that process, on June 8, 2014, ICANN announced that it is creating a 'Coordinating Group' as part of the process to develop an IANA stewardship transition proposal. The creation of this group was informed by comments received by ICANN on a previous proposal. ICANN stated what it thought the role of the Coordination Group would be: "it will be responsible for preparing a transition proposal respective of the differing needs of the various affected parties of the IANA functions. It should be responsible for assembling the components from the respective communities into a single proposal meeting the criteria set out by NTIA". However, ICANN went on to say that "this document does not prescribe the roles and responsibilities for the Coordination Group. The Coordination Group may use the input at its discretion as it works toward defining its modes of operation and working methods." The full text of the ICANN announcement can be found [here](#).

ccTLD Participation on the Coordinating Group

The ICANN announcement stated that the Coordination Group will be comprised of 27 individual members who will be selected through their respective communities and processes and that ‘care is urged to ensure diligent observance to diversity standards and to guard against any conflict of interest.’ Four of these 27 places on the Coordinating Group are reserved for ccTLD operators, both ccNSO members and non-ccNSO members, as selected by the ccNSO. This is the text of the announcement: “Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO and non-ccNSO Country Code Top-Level Domain [ccTLD] operators, as selected by the ccNSO)”.

ICANN also indicated that Coordination Group members will not be remunerated but that travel, meal and lodging costs for Coordination Group members to participate in Coordination Group meetings will be covered by ICANN, upon request and in accordance with ICANN's community travel support guidelines.

Call for Nominations

The ccNSO in, conjunction with the Regional ccTLD Organizations, is seeking nominations from ccTLD operators who might wish to be one of the four ccTLD representatives on the Coordinating Group, both ccNSO members and non-ccNSO members.

Candidates are expected to have:

- a thorough understanding of operating requirements of a ccTLD manager,
- a clear understanding of the multistakeholder model of Internet governance,
- a willingness to devote considerable time and energy to this process, which is expected to last at least 15 months, and to travel to face-to-face meetings, at ICANN’s expense, the first of which is expected to be held on June 16-18;
- effective communication skills in order represent ccTLD interests on the Coordination Group and to keep the ccNSO and broader ccTLD community abreast of the state of play in the Coordination Group.

Candidates for this role are requested to provide the ccNSO (insert email address) with the following by (deadline date)

- a recent curriculum vitae summarizing background and experience, including that in ccTLD operations, and
- a statement of what the candidate sees as being the main objectives that ccTLD operators should be seeking in an IANA transition proposal.

An evaluation committee comprised of two members of the ccNSO Council, including its chair, one member of a Boards of a regional TLD organization and an independent member will review applications make a recommendation of the four ccTLD operator representatives to the ccNSO Council at a meeting on ____ 2014.

Interviews of shortlisted candidates may be conducted.