

Report ccNSO Council Election

4 December 2017

Background

In March 2018, at ICANN61 in San Juan (10-15 March 2018), the 3-year term of 5 ccNSO Councillors (one from each region) ends. The councillors whose term expires, are:

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| Africa: | Abdalla Omari |
| Asia-Pacific: | Young-Eum Lee |
| Europe: | Katrina Sataki |
| Latin America/Caribbean: | Margarita Valdes |
| North America: | Byron Holland |

The [timeline](#) of the launch of the nomination period was defined following the [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) and was approved by the ccNSO Council on 14 August 2017, taking into consideration the fact that ccNSO members had a possibility to ask direct question to the candidate(s) at the ccNSO members meeting in Abu Dhabi (ICANN60, 1 November 2017). Joke Braeken was [appointed Election Manager](#) at the ccNSO Council Telephone Conference on 24 August 2017.

Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on Tuesday, 26 September 2017, 00:01 UTC. The [call for nominations](#) was posted on the ccNSO website on 25 September 2017, and shared on the same day with the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

Close of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, 23:59 UTC.

Nomination Results

The nomination archives can be found at: <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnso-nominations/>

At the close of the call, the following nominations and secondments were received, per geographical region:

AFRICA

- On 26 September 2017, Abdalla Omari was nominated by Alex Corenthin (.sn). This nomination was seconded a first time by Ali Hadji Mmadi (.km) on 28 September 2017, and a second time on 29 September 2017.
- On 28 September 2017, Abdalla Omari was nominated by Ali Hadji Mmadi (.km). This nomination was not seconded.

ASIA-PACIFIC

- On 7 October 2017, Young-eum Lee was nominated by Hirofumi Hotta (.jp). This nomination was seconded by Deborah Louise Monahan (.nz) on 10 October 2017.
- No other nominations or secondments were received.

EUROPE

- Katrina Sataki was nominated by Peter Vergote (.be) on 04 October 2017. This nomination was seconded by Svitlana Tkachenko (.ua) on 13 October 2017 and by Patrick Raimond (.gp) on 17 October 2017.
- No other nominations or secondments were received.

LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

On 12 October 2017, Margarita Valdés Cortés was nominated by Clara Collando (.do). The nomination was seconded by :

- Eduardo Santoyo (.co) on 13 October 2017
- Monica solino (.uy) on 13 October 2017, and a second time on 14 October 2017.

NORTH AMERICA

On 12 October 2017, Byron Holland was nominated by Pablo Rodriguez (.pr). This nomination was seconded by Stephen Deerpake (.as) on 12 October 2017.

Acceptance Nominations

In accordance to the applicable rules, the following candidates were nominated, seconded and have accepted their Nomination for the council election:

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| Africa: | Abdalla Omari |
| Asia-Pacific: | Young-Eum Lee |
| Europe: | Katrina Sataki |
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Elected Councillors

As per region only one candidate was nominated and seconded within the nomination period, no elections needed to be held. All nominated and seconded candidates accepted their nomination, and participated in a Q&A session with the community at ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi. The elected Councillors will take their seat at the end of the face-to-face meeting during ICANN61.

Observations

1: templates for nominations and secondments

Ali Hadji Mmadi (.km) seconded the nomination of Abdalla Omari 3 times: On 26 September 2017, he sent an email to ccnso-nominations@icann.org, confirming his intent to second the nomination of Abdalla Omari by alex Corenthin (.sn). However, the Election Manager informed Ali Hadji Mmadi about the template that needs to be used for a secondment to be valid. Ali Hadji Mmadi subsequently submitted the correct template on 28 September 2017, and a second time on 29 September 2017.

Based on an advice by the Election Manager from [31 October 2016 Report on the ccNSO Council Regular Elections](#), the ccNSO Council instructed the Guideline Review committee and the secretariat to review the templates for nominations and secondments as part of a review of the ccNSO Council Election Guideline. Despite the fact that the draft revised ccNSO Council Election guideline has to date, 30 November 2017, not yet been adopted by the ccNSO Council and is not applicable to the Council Election FY18, the slightly adjusted and clear wording of the templates as included in the [call](#)

[for nominations](#), ensured a smooth nomination and secondment procedure. The templates included in the call for nominations followed the [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#), except for the fact that in the secondment template, it was not needed to specify the full name of the nominator whose candidate was being seconded.

2: timing of Council Elections

2.1. Appointment Election Manager

Joke Braeken was [appointed Election Manager](#) at the ccNSO Council Telephone Conference on 24 August 2017. The applicable [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) however specify the following: *“The ccNSO Council shall appoint the Election Manager and establish the time line for nomination and election of ccNSO Councillors by members, no later than 1 August of each year.”*

2.2. end regular term council member

As part of its mandate, the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee (GRC) reviewed the current ccNSO Guideline pertaining to Council Elections. The GRC noted that according to Article 10.4 (g) (was Article IX, section 4.7) of [the ICANN Bylaws](#), the end of the regular term of a Council member is at the end ICANNs annual meeting. Assuming Annual Meetings of ICANN are held late October, early November (see ICANN calendar) the time line as prescribed in the ICANN Bylaws is at odds with the relevant timeline for the Council elections since the creation of the ccNSO.

The Guideline Review Committee requested Council whether to change the future election periods and align them with the ICANN Bylaws, or leave it “as is”. Following a discussion of the Council the election period remains “as is” allowing elected Councillors to take their seat on Council at the end of the first face-to face meeting in a calendar year.

Closure of the Election Process

The Council Election process 2017 will formally close 7 days after adoption and publication of this report.