Report ccNSO Council Elections
26 November 2018

1. Background

In March 2019, at the conclusion of ICANN64 in Kobe (9-14 March 2019), the 3-year term of the following ccNSO Councillors ends:

Africa: Abibu Ntahigiye
Asia-Pacific: Debbie Monahan
Europe: Peter Vergote
Latin America/Caribbean: Demi Getschko
North America: Pablo Rodriguez

The ccNSO opened a call for nominations to fill those seats. 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 23 August 2018, taking into consideration the fact that ccNSO members had a possibility to ask direct question to the candidates at the ccNSO members meeting in Barcelona (ICANN63). Joke Braeken was appointed Election Manager on 23 August 2018.

2. Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on Wednesday, 12 September 2018 (00:01 UTC).   The call for nominations was posted on the ccNSO website on 11 September 2018, and shared on the same day with the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

3. Close of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Wednesday, 3 October 2018, 23:59 UTC.

4. 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:

- **Africa:**

Biyi Oladipo was nominated by Fiona Ongeso (.ke) on Wed Oct 3 2018 | 10:12:42 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Mamothokoane Tlali (.ls) on Wed Oct 3 2018 | 13:54:23 UTC.

No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Asia-Pacific:**

Jordan Carter was nominated by Hirofumi Hotta (.jp) on Sat Sep 15 2018 | 16:10:44 UTC and by Boyoung Kim (.kr) on Wed Sep 19 2018 | 08:30:05 UTC. Boyoung's nomination was seconded by Hirofumi Hotta (.jp) on Tue Sep 25 2018 | 14:02:49 UTC.

No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Europe:**

Nick Wenban-Smith was nominated by Hilde Thunem (.no) on Mon Oct 1 2018 | 15:54:13 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Roelof Meijer (.nl) on Tue Oct 2 2018 | 11:08:26 UTC, and by Peter Vergote (.be) on Wed Oct 3 2018 | 14:18:46 UTC.

Marta Moreira Dias was nominated by Giovanni Seppia (.eu) on Tue Oct 2 2018 | 18:44:25 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Daiva Tamulioniene (.lt) on Wed Oct 3 2018 | 06:43:18 UTC.

No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **Latin America/Caribbean:**

Demi Getschko was nominated by Alejandra Reynoso (.gt) on Tue Sep 18 2018 | 17:59:28 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Rafael (Lito) Ibarra on Mon Oct 1 2018 | 15:08:21 UTC, by Sergio Ramírez (.uy) on Mon Oct 1 2018 | 21:29:18 UTC, and by Rosalía Morales (.cr) on Tue Oct 2 2018 | 14:18:02 UTC.

No other nominations or secondments were received.

- **North America:**

Pablo Rodriguez was nominated by Stephen Deerhake (.as) on Thu Sep 20 2018 | 01:27:23 UTC. This nomination was seconded by Byron Holland (.ca) on Thu Sep 20 2018 | 11:25:02 UTC, and by Dotty Sparks de Blanc (.vi) on Mon Sep 24 2018 | 17:58:53 UTC.

No other nominations or secondments were received.

5. Acceptance Nominations

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

Africa:	Biyi Oladipo
Asia-Pacific:	Jordan Carter
Europe:	Nick Wenban-Smith, Marta Moreira Dias
Latin America / Caribbean:	Demi Getschko
North America:	Pablo Rodriguez

6. Elected Councillors: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, North America

As only one candidate was nominated and seconded within the nomination period for the African, Asia-Pacific, Latin American / Caribbean and North American regions, no elections needed to be held in those regions. The nominated and seconded candidates accepted their nomination, and agreed to participate in a Q&A session with the community at ICANN63 in Barcelona. Since at the close of nominations there are no more valid candidates in the aforementioned geographic regions than there are seats on the ccNSO Council available for those regions, then the nominated candidates shall be selected to serve on the ccNSO Council. The elected Councillors will take his seat at the end of the ccNSO Council face-to-face meeting during ICANN64.

7. Elected Councillors: Europe

In accordance to the applicable rules, two candidates from the European region were nominated, seconded and have accepted their nomination. Consequently, an election needed to be held among the ccNSO members of the European Region according to the timeline previously agreed upon by the ccNSO Council. Only ccNSO members from a Geographic Region are allowed to vote for candidates to the ccNSO Council from that Geographic Region.

The two candidates, Marta Moreira Dias and Nick Wenban-Smith, interacted with the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community at a Q&A session, held during the ccNSO Members Meeting at ICANN63 in Barcelona.

7.1. Launch of the elections

In accordance with the approved timeline, the voting started on Thursday, 8 November 2018 (00:01 UTC). A formal election notice was published on the ccNSO website on 7 November 2018 and shared that same day with the ccnso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists. The [election notice](#) contained, among others, the following information:
- The names of the candidates and their candidate statements
- Information on how the election will be conducted
- Election opening and closing dates

The ballots were sent by the e-mail address tally@icann.org, to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each European region ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database.

7.2. Close of the elections

In accordance with the approved timeline, the election closed on Thursday, 22 November 2018 (23:59 UTC).

7.3. Election observations

- **Observation 1**

At the time the ballots were distributed, the European region counted 44 ccNSO members. Please find the list included below, sorted in alphabetical order.

Albania (.al)	France (.fr)	Montserrat (.ms)
Belarus (.by)	Germany (.de)	Netherlands (.nl)
Belgium (.be)	Gibraltar (.gi)	Norway (.no)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (.ba)	Greece (.gr)	Poland (.pl)
	Guadeloupe (.gp)	Portugal (.pt)
British Virgin Islands (.vg)	Guernsey (.gg)	Romania (.ro)
Bulgaria (.bg)	Iceland (.is)	Russia (.ru)
Cayman Islands (.ky)	Italy (.it)	Serbia (.rs)
Croatia (.hr)	Jersey (.je)	Sint Maarten (Dutch part) (.sx)
Curaçao (.cw)	Latvia (.lv)	
Czech Republic (.cz)	Lithuania (.lt)	Slovakia (.sk)
Denmark (.dk)	Luxembourg (.lu)	Slovenia (.si)
Estonia (.ee)	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of (.mk)	Sweden (.se)
European Union (.eu)		Ukraine (.ua)
Faroe Islands (.fo)	Moldova (.md)	United Kingdom (.uk)
Finland (.fi)	Montenegro (.me)	

Two additional ccTLDs from the European region joined the ccNSO on 10 November 2018, namely Liechtenstein (.li) and Switzerland (.ch). Those ccTLD Managers were not eligible to vote in this election round.

- **Observation 2**

The ballots were sent by the e-mail address tally@icann.org , to the e-mail address of the primary contact of each European region ccNSO Member, as listed in the ccNSO Members database. For 1 ccNSO member, the ballot could not be delivered to the e-mail address of the primary contact. The Nomination Manager verified the e-mail address of the admin-c contact in the IANA database for that ccTLD, and noticed that the IANA admin-c e-mail address is identical to the email address of the primary contact in the ccNSO Member Database. Therefor, the ballot could not be delivered.

- **Observation 3**

A councillor noted that in the election timeline approved by the ccNSO council, there is no reference to the UTC deadline on which the election results should be published by the Election Manager. The Election Manager suggests to include both the date and time by which the voting results will be announced, in case of future elections.
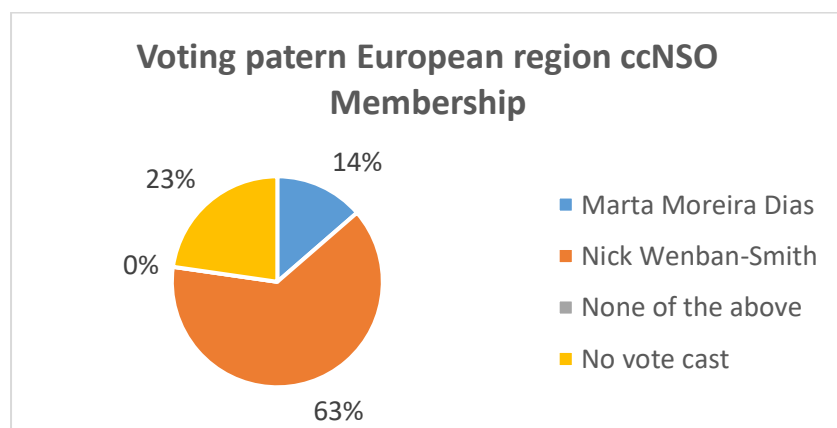
The Guideline: ccNSO Council Election Procedure mentions the following:

> *6. Elections*
> *[…] The full record of the number of votes will be published at the end of selection process on the ccNSO Website. The results of the election will be announced by the Election Manager. The Chair of the ccNSO Council shall inform the ICANN Secretary of the selection.*

7.4. Election results

Out of 44 ccNSO members from the European region, 34 members (77%) casted their votes: Marta Moreira Dias received 6 votes, Nick Wenban-Smith received 28 votes. There were no members that voted for the option "none of the above".

Voting patern European region ccNSO Membership

- 14%
- 23%
- 0%
- 63%

- ■ Marta Moreira Dias
- ■ Nick Wenban-Smith
- ■ None of the above
- ■ No vote cast

8. Closure of the Election Process

The Council Election process 2019 will formally close 7 days after adoption and publication of this report.