AGENDA & DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

ccNSO Council meeting 221 Thursday, 18 September 2025 | 21:00 UTC

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Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting: https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/H4wlBg
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses: https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm

Agenda

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. Relevant Correspondence

a. Tripti Sinha to SO/AC Chairs RE: Review of Reviews CCG Charter Approval and Board Appointed Participants.

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 220

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 8 September 2025

b. Action Items

• Action item 220-01 (completed)

The chair of the ccNSO Council is requested to share the final report of the second ccNSO Finance Working Group with ICANN's CEO and President, specifically the Principles and Banded Model in Annex A. The chair of the Council is also requested to suggest to ICANN to use a segmented and personalized conversation regarding the voluntary financial contribution by ccTLDs as contemplated in the Final Report.

• Action item 220-02 (completed)

The secretariat is requested to replace the 2013 Guideline with the 2025 Principles and Banded Model, when the decision to adopt the final report of the second ccNSO Finance Working Group becomes effective.

• Action item 220-03 (completed)

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the 2nd IFRT recommendations as soon as possible.

• Action item 220-04 (completed)

The secretariat is requested to inform the ccNSO appointee on the CCG, upon publication of the resolution to support the transfer of IANA intellectual property rights from the IETF Trust to the IETF IPMC.

• Action item 220-05 (completed)

The Council requests Peter Koch and Luis Diego Espinoza, the ccNSO appointed members to the RSS GWG, to advise the drafters of the ccNSO submission in response to the request for comments on the proposed Functional Model for Root Server System Governance.

• Action item 220-06 (completed)

The secretariat is requested to seek volunteers from Council to join a drafting team of the ccNSO submission in response to the request for comments on the proposed Functional Model for Root Server System Governance, and start the drafting process as soon as possible

• Action item 220-07 (completed)

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the updated review schedule for ccNSO working groups and committees. The secretariat is requested to seek volunteers for the MPC review starting in September, and is requested to update the ccNSO workplan accordingly.

• Action item 220-08 (completed)

Regarding the appointment of the members to the various working groups and committees, the secretariat is requested to inform the respective working groups and enable the appointees to fulfil their role. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website.

4. Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 220, August 2025)

None

5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee since Council meeting 220 None

UPDATES

- 6. Update ECA, IFRT & CSC (written updates)
- 7. Update Working Groups (written updates)
 - a. ccPDP4-IDN (Dormant)
 - b. DASC
 - c. GRC
 - d. IGLC
 - e. MPC
 - f. OMC
 - a. SOPC
 - h. Tech WG
 - i. TLD-OPS SC
 - j. Triage Committee
 - k. UAC
 - I. CIP-CCG
 - m. Planning Prioritization Process group
 - n. RZERC
 - o. RSS GWG

- p. ICANN How We Meet Group
- g. CCG Review of Reviews

8. Update Liaisons (written updates)

Written updates - if any - are published on the wiki space for this meeting.

- a. Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC
- b. Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council

9. Update ccNSO Website redesign

Informational

10. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN

Informational

Background

This fourth ccNSO Policy Development Process (ccPDP4) will provide a framework to ICANN and the broader community for (i) the selection of IDN country code Top-Level Domain (ccTLD) strings and variants thereof, (ii) the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of the selected IDN ccTLD string and its variants, (iii) the use of the review mechanism pertaining to decisions concerning the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of IDN ccTLDs. The proposed policy is currently under Board consideration.

11. Progress Review of Reviews

Informational

Background

ICANN's bylaws require periodic reviews of its supporting organizations, advisory committees, and other structures to ensure accountability and effectiveness. Past reviews have faced institutional lethargy, missed deadlines, and a failure to fully implement recommendations before the next review cycle begins. The current effort, formally initiated in May 2025 with a proposed Cross-Community Group (RoR CCG), seeks to break this cycle by addressing the procedural challenges within the review process itself.

12. Progress "How we meet" CCG

Informational

Background

- PURPOSE | The "How We Meet" project was initiated to review and update the
 implementation of the 2014 ICANN Public Meetings Strategy. The review was prompted
 by significant geopolitical shifts, social changes, and rising costs over the last decade,
 which have made it increasingly difficult to secure suitable and affordable meeting
 locations.
- PROCESS | A discussion group, composed of experienced community members and ICANN staff, was formed to conduct a high-level review. The group analyzed cost data, reviewed past practices, and developed a set of proposals. These proposals were then

presented to the broader community for feedback through a plenary session at ICANN82, a formal Public Comment period, and further discussion at ICANN83.

- **CURRENT STATUS** | Following ICANN83, the How We Meet Discussion Group finalised its report, which was shared with the ICANN President and CEO.
- NEXT STEPS | An implementation plan based on the decision of the ICANN President and CEO's decision will be developed. This plan will include clear timelines and the transparent implementation of the decision. The implementation plan is expected to be shared with the community ahead of ICANN84. A key element of this plan is the inclusion of a feedback mechanism for each change, enabling the organization to monitor outcomes and make adjustments or reversals if any measure proves ineffective or counterproductive. With the start of implementation, the Discussion Group will be formally dissolved.

13. Progress Nomination process Board seat 11

Informational

Background

The current term of Patricio Poblete, the ccNSO-nominated Director for ICANN Board Seat 11, will conclude at the ICANN87 Annual General Meeting in October 2026. To ensure sufficient time for due diligence and the bylaw requirements regarding appointments, the Council initiated the nomination process in July 2025. This timeline allows the community to engage with the candidate during a Question-and-Answer session at the ICANN84 Annual General Meeting in Dublin. Patricio Poblete was duly nominated, seconded, and accepted his nomination before the deadline, in full compliance with the applicable rules. In accordance with ccNSO Council decision 219-02, an election is not required when only one candidate is nominated.

14. Progress Council selection process

Informational

Background

The ccNSO Council has five seats whose current three-year terms will expire in March 2026. The announcement regarding a Call for Nominations to fill these upcoming vacancies was posted on the ccNSO website and shared on the ccNSO members and Council mailing lists. The Nomination period opened on Tuesday, 9 September 2025, 00:01 UTC and closes: Tuesday, 30 September 2025, 23:59 UTC

If there are more candidates than seats in a region, an election will be held from 13–27 November 2025. A Q&A session for candidates will take place 29 October 2025, 14:00-15:00 UTC at ICANN84.

15. Update Chair, Vice-chairs, Councillors, Regional Organisations and Secretariat

a. Chair update

- Planning webinar: ccNSO update to LACTLD
- ii. ccNSO update to APTLD
- iii. Monthly SO/AC Chairs meeting

16. CSC related matters

a. Selection of Membership

Informational

b. Bylaw and Charter Update to accommodate Adjustment frequency of reviews and Alternates

Informational

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

17. Adoption draft response to request for comments Root Server System Governance Working Group

Background

A public comment proceeding presents the Functional Model developed by the Root Server System (RSS) Governance Working Group (GWG) in response to Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC) advice. The document describes the RSS Governance Structure and provides recommendations on how to implement it. The document also introduces the governance principles that will ensure consistency in execution and decision-making. Read more

Draft Resolution

Decision

The ccNSO council resolves to adopt the response to the request for public comments on the proposed model for Root Server System Governance. The Council requests its chair to submit the response that was drafted for that purpose, after this resolution becomes effective. The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the drafting team. The Council requests the secretariat to publish the response on the ccNSO website correspondence page. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

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

Draft resolution

Decision

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

- Member MPC Effectiveness Review Team: Olga Cavalli (NomCom Councillor), Irina Danelia (.ru), Khaled Khelifi (.tn), Peter Koch (.de), Sean Copeland (.vi)
- Member SOPC: Mostofa Al Mahmud (.bd)
- Member ccNSO Study Group IANA disaster recovery: Peter Koch (.de), Antonia Chu (.cn), Barrack Otieno (AFTLD), Irina Danelia (.ru), Jodi Anderson (.nz), Katrina Sataki (.lv)

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.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

19. ICANN84

Informational and for discussion

- a. Reminder ccNSO-relevant programme
- b. Topics for discussion during joint session with Board
- c. Reminder about the calls for presentation proposals
- 20. Any Other Business (AOB)
- 21. Next Council Meetings
 - 26 October 2025 | 08:00-09:00 UTC | Council prep (ICANN84)
 - 30 October 2025 | 14:00-15:00 UTC, Meeting 222 (ICANN84)
 - 20 November 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 223
 - 18 December 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 224

22. Adjourn