Candidate Statement

Name: Sami Mohamed Ali

Position: Quality of Service Expert, Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, Bahrain

ccTLDs Operated: .BH and البحرين.

Motivation

I am running for the ccNSO Council to strengthen the voice and participation of underrepresented regions — especially the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia — ensuring our community's perspectives are heard in global internet governance.

Background

I hold a B.Eng (Hons.) in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from Loughborough University, UK, and an MBA from Strathclyde University, UK, with 17+ years of ICT experience.

Since 2018 at the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority Bahrain, I led the launch of .BH and البحرين., transforming .BH into a modern, open, multi-registrar registry.

Universal Acceptance Leadership

- Led Bahrain to adopt the ICANN UA curriculum (first globally)
- Organized three UA hackathons
- Secured an ICANN internship for a hackathon winner to advance UA solutions

ICANN, ccNSO & APTLD Involvement

- APTLD Board Treasurer
- Member, IANA Review Function Team (ccNSO representative)
- Member, Strategic Operations, Onboarding & Mentoring, and Universal Acceptance Committees (ccNSO)
- Appointed ccNSO Representative, UA Expert Working Group
- Contributor to APTLD "Internet for All" Policy Statement and .IQ policy development
- Speaker and moderator at ICANN and APTLD meetings

Goals as ccNSO Councilor

- Support ongoing projects and ensure continuity of ccNSO work
- Strengthen Asia-Pacific representation, especially Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia
- Promote member support through ICANN engagement and regional collaboration
- Amplify community voices at ICANN leadership level

Commitment

I am approachable, collaborative, and always ready to support my peers. As councilor, I will ensure Asia-Pacific members are heard and represented.

Thank you for your support!