Minutes

ccNSO Council meeting 212
Thursday, 12 December 2024, 12:00 UTC

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Decisions

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- ***Resolution 212-02***

The ccNSO Council appoints the following people as:
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    - i. Barrack Otieno (AfTLD)
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    - ii. Molehe Wesi (.za)
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    - viii. Alejandra Reynoso (ccNSO Councillor)
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    - i. Jenifer Lopez (.pa)
  - **f. ccNSO appointee to the Fellowship Program election Committee**
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  - **g. members SOPC**
    - i. Eric Muthundo Ndungu (.ke)
    - ii. Sami Mohamed Ali (.bh)
    - iii. Jose Rafael Gonzales Guilbert (.hn)
    - iv. Habeeb Wahab (.ng)
    - v. Molehe Wesi (.za)
    - vi. Gitau Muraguri (.ke)
    - vii. Arinze Francis Alaneme (.ng)
    - viii. Fiona Ongeso (.ke)
    - ix. Charles Noir (.ca)
    - x. Dejan Djukic (.rs)

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Action items

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Attendees

Africa
- ☐ Ali Hadji Mmadi, .km
- ☑ Biyi Oladipo, .ng (Vice-Chair)
- ☐ Molehe Wesi, .za

Asia/Australia/Pacific
- ☑ Jordan Carter, .au (Vice-Chair)
- ☑ Ai-Chin Lu
- ☑ Jiankang Yao, .cn

Europe
- ☑ Chris Disspain
- ☑ Peter Koch, .de
- ☑ Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk

Latin America/ Caribbean
- ☑ Demi Getschko, .br
- ☑ Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- ☑ Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

North America
- ☐ Sean Copeland, .vi
- ☐ Stephen Deerhake, .as
- ☑ Pablo Rodriguez, .pr

NomCom appointed Councillors
- ☐ Jaijit Bhattacharyya

☑ Olga Cavalli
☐ Wafa Dahmani

Liaisons to ccNSO, appointed by ALAC and GNSO
☐ Desiree Miloshevic, GNSO liaison to ccNSO Council
☑ Laura Margolis, ALAC liaison to ccNSO Council

ICANN Staff
☑ Joke Braeken
☑ Bart Boswinkel
☑ Claudia Ruiz

Invited Guests
☐ None

Apologies received

Molehe Wesi
Wafa Dahmani
Sean Copeland

Background and supporting documents

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

Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call

Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, the Chair of the ccNSO Council.
There are no objections to the proposed agenda as circulated.

Alejandra welcomes Jaijit Bhattacharyya, the NomCom appointed Councillor whose term started at the conclusion of ICANN 81. Alejandra noted that Jaijit has not yet joined the meeting.

a. Establish whether meeting is Quorate

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, noted the apologies and confirmed that the meeting is quorate.

b. Update Statement of Interest

No updates were disclosed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Relevant Correspondence

Alejandra Reynoso referred to a note from Becky Burr, which would soon be posted on the correspondence page of the ccNSO website, and highlighted item 10 on the agenda.

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 210: circulated 26 November 2024

The 210th meeting's minutes are approved. No questions or comments were raised.

b. Minutes Meeting 211: circulated 9 December 2024

The 211th meeting's minutes are approved. No questions or comments were raised.

c. Action Items

All action items from the previous meeting are completed. No questions or comments were raised regarding the action items.

- **Action Item 211-01 (Completed)**
The Secretariat is requested to include the approval action decision on the proposed fundamental bylaw change on the agenda of Council meeting 212

- **Action Item 211-02 (Completed)**
The chair of the Council is requested to welcome the .bd ccTLD Manager as new ccNSO member accordingly.

- **Action Item 211-03 (Completed)**
Following the approval by council for the .bd ccTLD Manager to join the ccNSO as a member, the Secretariat is requested to publish the decision. The decision becomes effective upon publication

- **Action Item 211-04 (Completed)**
The secretariat is requested to post the generic invite letter for ccTLD Managers to join the ccNSO, to make it downloadable after this resolution becomes effective. The secretariat is requested to post this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action Item 211-05 (Completed)**
The ccNSO Council chair is requested to send the invite to join the ccNSO - as per the template approved by Council - to the ccTLD Manager(s) that recently requested such a letter.

- **Action Item 211-06 (Completed)**
The secretariat is requested to inform all volunteers and where appropriate, the committee or working group leadership teams and relevant ICANN staff, according to the designations in resolution 211-04. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action Item 211-07 (Completed)**

Regarding the decision in resolution 211-05 to launch calls for volunteers and Expressions of Interest, the secretariat is requested to post this resolution as soon as feasible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action Item 211-08 (Completed)**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the publication of the list of territories participating in the Board nomination process for Seat 12 (FY25), including which territories have voted and their corresponding ICANN regions, as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication. The nomination process manager is requested to implement this intervention once this resolution becomes effective.

- **Action Item 211-09 (Completed)**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the updated Council-approved timeline for the FY25 Board Seat 12 Nomination Process as soon as possible and inform the candidates as soon as this resolution becomes effective.

- **Action Item 211-10 (Completed)**

The secretariat is requested to post the resolution about the next steps regarding the review of the ccNSO financial contributions Guideline as soon as possible and to inform the community of the aforementioned timeline as soon as this resolution becomes effective. Next steps include the drafting of a charter for the new working group, launching a call for volunteers as per the approved timeline, and ensuring the group meets latest on 18 December 2024. This resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.

4. **Intermeeting Decisions (since meeting 211, November 2024)**

211-A: Approval charter Finance WG (deadline for comments: 2 December 2024, noon UTC)

5. **Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee**

The Triage Committee has made no decisions since the last meeting.

UPDATES

6. **Update ECA, IFRT & CSC (written updates)**

Alejandra Reynoso noted that the updates included matters of importance for the ccNSO Council to consider. Firstly, the upcoming public comment on the IANA Function Review (IFR), and secondly, regarding the Root Server System Governance Working Group (RSS GWG).
Peter Koch, ccNSO appointee to both IFRT and RSS GWG, suggested that the Council should examine these topics in more detail. Alejandra proposed setting aside time for discussion during the next Council meeting on 16 January 2025. Peter noted that he is unable to attend meeting 213, but that he does not envisage any discussions, since the IFR report is straightforward. Peter added that the discussion regarding the RSS GWG is not urgent, and could be deferred to Council meeting 214.

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- ***Action Item 212-02***

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a. *ECA: Approval Action Fundamental Bylaw*

This topic is addressed under agenda item 12

7. Update Working Groups (written updates)

Written updates were provided. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- a. **ccPDP3-Review Mechanism** - *Dormant*
- b. **ccPDP4-IDN** - *Dormant*
- c. **DASC**
- d. **FIN2 WG** - *New*
- e. **GRC**
- f. **IGLC**
- g. **MPC**
- h. **OMC**
- i. **PGA WG**
- j. **SOPC**
- k. **Tech WG**
- l. **TLD-OPS SC**
- m. **Triage Committee**
- n. **UAC**
- o. **CIP-CCG**
- p. **Planning Prioritization Process group**
- q. **RZERC**
- r. **RSS GWG**

8. Update Liaisons (written updates)

Written updates were provided. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- a. **Update ccNSO Liaison to ALAC**
- b. **Update ccNSO Liaison to GNSO Council**
- c. **Update ccNSO Liaison to UASG**

9. Update ccNSO Website redesign

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned that ICANN staff reached out to the ccNSO Secretariat. Progress has been made and further information will follow.

10. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP3-RM and ccPDP4-IDN

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the background materials for this Council meeting, including:
- a letter from Becky Burr, chair of the ccPDP3-Review Mechanism Board Caucus

- a letter from Sally Costerton, ICANN Interim President and CEO, to Nigel Roberts, in response to his question about the interpretation of section 15a of Annex B of the Bylaws.

Alejandra confirmed that a meeting with the Board Caucus will be held on 30 January. Becky Burr indicated that prior to the meeting, an overview of the issues requiring further clarification would be provided. Alejandra proposes that Council members who served on the drafting team will meet with the Board Caucus and ICANN Staff on 30 January. Council meeting 213 on 16 January 2025 will confirm the Council participants for the 30 January meeting. Assuming the overview is received prior to the 30 January meeting, a preparatory meeting with members of the drafting team will be scheduled to ensure proper alignment for the meeting with the Caucus and Staff.

- ***Action Item 212-03***
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- ***Action Item 212-04***
Assuming that the Caucus will provide an overview of the issues requiring further clarification prior to the 30 January meeting with the ccPDP3-RM Board Caucus, the ccNSO Secretariat is requested to organise an alignment meeting with members of the ccPDP3-RM drafting team.

Alejandra furthermore referred to a response from Sally Costerton to Nigel Roberts regarding the interpretation of Section 15a of Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws. Alejandra saw this letter as addressing Council's request to provide a formal written statement on the interpretation of Section 15a, particularly regarding Board procedures and the duration of these considerations. Alejandra concluded that while some may disagree with the position outlined in the letter, it effectively closes the discussion on this matter from her perspective. Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, agreed with the explanation presented by ICANN and so did Alejandra. No questions or further comments were raised regarding this matter.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat updated Council about the progress in the Board's considerations regarding the proposed ccPDP4-IDN policy. He mentioned that the public comment period by the Board has officially closed: Two comments were received during the comment period. No changes are needed to the proposed policy based on the comments received. He furthermore added that the GAC is unlikely to express any concerns regarding the policy itself. The Chair of the GAC will send a letter to the Chair of the Board confirming that there are no concerns from their side. Additionally, the Board Caucus has been established, with Patricio Poblete serving as the Chair. The Caucus will meet shortly to continue their discussions. Finally, ICANN staff has reviewed the implementation feasibility and examined relevant matters.
Patricio Poblete shared that the Caucus has already had an organizational meeting, and that the first substantive meeting would be held on 13 December. Patricio emphasized that the real work begins now as the Caucus moves forward.

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

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned her participation at a LACTLD webinar regarding the LAC ccNSO Council election. She was asked to explain the council election process, which was followed by a questions and answers section with the candidates. Additionally she mentioned the SO/AC

Chairs call held the night before this council meeting, where they discussed with Sally Costerton and Mary Wong the proposed charter for the Meeting Strategy Review group. Alejandra also mentioned that a strawman to kick off the group's discussion would be sent in advance to the SO/AC Chairs by the end of the following week.

a. Secretariat update: move from Sugar to CES as CRM

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, announced that soon the ccNSO will be using ICANN's new Community Engagement System (CES) to better manage stakeholder participation and ensure compliance with applicable laws. Joke reminds Councillors to create and maintain a personal ICANN Account if they haven't done so already.

- ● *Action item 212-05*
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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

12. Approval Action decision on change Sections 4.2 and 4.3 ICANN Bylaws

The ccNSO Council approved the resolution regarding the change to Fundamental Bylaw Section 4.2 (reconsideration) and Section 4.3 (Independent Review Process for covered actions) to exclude disputes and claims pertaining to decisions regarding the Grant program. The resolution was moved by Jordan Carter, and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

- ● *Resolution 212-01*
Considering that the proposed amendments to Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the ICANN Bylaws, relating to the Reconsideration Process and the Independent Review Process for Covered Actions, allow the Grant Program to operate in the manner proposed by the Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group, whose recommendations were supported by the ccNSO. Also taking into account that no objections to the Bylaw changes themselves or other feedback has been received from the ccTLD community, and finally taking into account the outcome of the Community Forum on the aforementioned Bylaw changes on 14 November, the ccNSO Council - as mandated by Annex D of the ICANN Bylaws and by its own rules and procedures (https://ccnso.icann.org/about/guideline-approval-actions-procedure-17oct19-en.pdf) - supports the proposed changes to Sections 4.2 and 4.3. The Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution upon adoption and the Chair of the ccNSO Council is requested to inform the ECA as soon as possible after adoption of this resolution.

- ● *Action item 212-06*
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- ● *Action item 212-07*
The Chair of the ccNSO Council is requested to inform the ECA as soon as possible after adoption of the resolution regarding the approval to change Fundamental Bylaw Section 4.2

(reconsideration) and Section 4.3 (Independent Review Process for covered actions) to exclude disputes and claims pertaining to decisions regarding the Grant program.

13. Update Council Election Process by the Election Process Manager

Joke Braeken, Election Process Manager, mentioned that elections are underway for one ccNSO Council member each from the Latin America/Caribbean (LAC) region and the Australia/Asia/Pacific (AP) region. Voting concludes on Wednesday, 18 December 2024, at 23:59 UTC. As per the guidelines, a quorum is established when a majority of eligible Emissaries in a Geographic Region cast their votes. In the LAC region, the quorum has been met, with 15 ballots counted (excluding duplicates) and 14 voters yet to participate. However, the AP region has not reached quorum, with 28 ballots counted (excluding duplicates) and 28 voters still to cast their votes. No irregularities or issues have been observed in the process.
Alejandra Reynoso invites the Councillors from the regions in which elections are being held to reach out to the Emissaries, encouraging them to vote. No questions or further comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

14. Update Board Seat 12 Nomination Process by the Nomination Process Manager

Joke Braeken, Nomination Process Manager, updated Councillors that nominations closed in September. Two candidates, Byron Holland and Nick Wenban-Smith, were nominated, seconded, and accepted their nominations before the deadline, as per the applicable rules. The outcome of the due diligence for both candidates is still pending. A Questions & Answers session with candidates took place during ICANN81. There will also be a virtual follow up of this Q&A on 4 February 2025 at 14:00 UTC. An election will be held starting on 4 February 2025 at 00:01 UTC. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

15. Appointment members and chairs/vice chairs to committees and working groups, if any

The ccNSO Council approved the resolution regarding the appointments. The resolution was moved by Biyi Oladipo, and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez.

- ● *Resolution 212-02*

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Alejandra Reynoso provided a brief explanation regarding each of the roles mentioned above, and the rationale for approaching individuals as volunteers.

- Regarding the role of liaison to ALAC, Barrack Otieno, CEO at AfTLD, stepped forward, following an extension of the call for volunteers.
- Regarding the appointments to ICANN's Meeting Strategy review group, Alejandra mentioned that ICANN intended to form a small team that, after reviewing current meeting practices, would propose suggestions to improve efficiency and effectiveness. These suggestions would then be discussed by the community and opened for public comment. Alejandra referred to the notes from the recent SO/AC leaders roundtable and the draft charter. She added that - while recognizing the broad interest in participating in this group - the Council leadership team agreed on the need for a member and an alternate who had not been directly involved in creating or implementing the current strategy, in alignment with Council practices of reviewing working groups or processes with fresh perspectives. Additionally, the Council leadership team emphasized diversity, not just geographically but across various dimensions.
- Alejandra confirmed that the appointment of members to the 2nd Finance Working Group follows the regular process. Members to this Working Group are appointed following a call for volunteers, with the chair and vice-chair of the SOPC serving as ex-officio members. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, suggested keeping the application form open for an additional week due to the short deadline for applications, a proposal supported by Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, and Nick Wenban-Smith, Councilor from the European region. Jordan mentioned a colleague's interest in volunteering, while Nick highlighted the importance of this work, noting that the Nominet CFO volunteered, despite being new to ICANN working groups. Bart added that the first working group meeting aims to bring everyone up to speed.
- Alejandra confirmed that the appointment by Council of two members for the Excellence Award selection panel is due. She referred to the need for those individuals to possess broad and extensive knowledge of the community and the ability to evaluate the contributions of community members to consensus-based solutions and the ICANN multistakeholder model.

- Regarding the other appointments included in the resolution, Alejandra observed that they followed the regular procedure.

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16. Progress Review of DASC

Ai-Chin Lu, ccNSO Councillor from the Australia/Asia/Pacific region, reported that the Review Team (RT), consisting of herself and fellow Council members Sean Copeland and Molehe Wesi, conducted interviews and analyzed the responses. Using a matrix, they assessed whether the DASC fulfilled its mission as outlined in its Terms of Reference (ToR) and developed two key recommendations. First, the DASC should continue, as respondents overwhelmingly supported its continuation, with suggestions to explore new goals, such as addressing broader threats or expanding outreach to diverse communities. Second, the DASC should develop a more flexible description of DNS Abuse to provide greater clarity and improve stakeholder understanding. t was noted that the term "description" is used to ensure that the committee and stakeholder are not caught up in definitional discourses. Next steps include finalising the draft DASC Review Report by 13 December, and to share it with the DASC leadership team and DASC subgroup Chair, for their review and comments. The report should be finalised by 9 January 2025 (06:00 UTC), and be circulated to Council for adoption, latest by 13 January 2025.

Alejandra praised the review process as well-organized and well-executed. Nick Wenban Smith, DASC Chair, agreed, suggesting that combining it with an in-person meeting contributed to its inclusivity and effectiveness, making it a potential playbook for future reviews. He emphasized the importance of using resources effectively and optimizing processes. Alejandra proposed adding adoption of the report to the agenda for the Council meeting on 16 January.

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SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

17. Next steps developing roadmap to increase ccNSO capacity

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, referred to the Council workshop at ICANN 81, with focus on enhancing the capacity of the ccNSO. Council received the notes from the ICANN81 workshop and a mapping of suggestions. Bart highlighted the importance of measurement and exploring ways the ccNSO can improve its capacity, particularly in succession planning and resourcing. He emphasized that increasing resources and volunteer engagement begins with onboarding, mentoring, and training elements within the OMC's mandate. He proposed holding a second virtual workshop to identify specific needs for growth. Jordan Carter, Council Vice

Chair asked whether the Triage Committee considered moving from mapping recommendations to drafting a concrete plan, emphasizing efficiency and avoiding additional brainstorming rounds. Bart stressed the importance of a shared understanding among participants. The draft plan would be discussed at the Seattle Council workshop, involving chairs of the various working groups to ensure greater legitimacy and community support.

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18. Continuous Improvement Framework & Pilot Holistic Review

a. Input on CI framework

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the ongoing public consultation, and suggested that GRC could prepare a draft response. No objections were raised.

- ***Action item 212-11***

The ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) is requested to prepare a draft response to the request for comments on the Continuous Improvement Program Framework. The draft response should be sent to Council for their review and adoption, noting that submissions close on 17 January 2025 (23:59 UTC).

b. Progress Pilot Holistic Review (PHR)

Chris Disspain, ccNSO Council member from the European region and ccNSO appointee to the PHR, raised concerns about timing, questioning how the PHR can build a mechanism to review the Continuous Improvement Framework when the Continuous Improvement process itself is still under public comment and its final form remains unclear. He suggested the group wait for the Continuous Improvement Framework work to be finalized, with the next call scheduled for January, where they hope to reach a conclusion. Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, asked why the process is taking so long, to which Chris explained the lack of consensus on the PHR's role. The debate centers around whether to restructure ICANN, review the continuous improvement work of SO/ACs, or assess SO/AC activities and recommend restructuring, if necessary, without specific proposals.

19. Preliminary ccNSO Block Schedule ICANN82

Alejandra Reynoso provided an update on the preliminary block schedule for ICANN82. The weekend will feature Working Group (WG) and Committee meetings, followed by Tech Day on Monday. The Members' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. A joint session with the GAC will likely explore ways to build stronger relationships, with the respective liaisons currently discussing topics of interest. The Council will meet on Thursday. The "Community Session" previously known as the "Plenary Session" is still under discussion, and no final decision has been made by the SO/AC leaders regarding the theme for this session. The previously suggested topics for the ICANN 81 plenary were recirculated, with a deadline for submissions set for 16 December. A tentative Q&A with the ICANN org Executive Team will be scheduled. The Geopolitical Forum, now reduced to 60 minutes during ICANN82, will focus on interactive discussions, with an update-style session planned for prep week.

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, mentioned that a call for presenters for ICANN82 ccTLD News has been issued. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, provided further information regarding the session on Working Group updates, which will include a consultation by the IGLC on Internet Governance topics of interest to the ccTLD community, referred to as the heat map. Additionally, an update on the meeting strategy review is tentatively scheduled for the welcome session.

20. Any Other Business (AOB)

No items for AOB were raised.

21. Next Council Meetings
- 16 January 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 213
- 23 January 2025 | noon UTC, Council Workshop on resourcing, part 2
- 13 February 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 214
- 13 March 2025 | time TBC, Meeting 215 (ICANN82)

22. Adjourn