

MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 218

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Resolutions

• Resolution 218-01

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed ccNSO Council Election Process guideline as proposed with exception of section 7.1 on publication of voters. The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the adopted guideline as soon as possible. This Guideline becomes effective 7 days after publication.

• Resolution 218-02

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council election. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO secretariat, as Council Selection Process Manager. The scheduled selection process will be conducted under the ccNSO Council Selection Process Guideline that was adopted under item 13 a of the agenda of meeting 218, under the assumption this Guideline becomes effective 7 days after publication of that decision. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The decision becomes effective upon publication.

• Resolution 218-03

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for Board Seat 11 Nomination Process as circulated to the Council, and requests the secretariat to publish it as soon as possible to inform the community accordingly. The process is open for candidates from the AF, AP, EU and LAC region. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, as the Nomination Process Manager. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

• Resolution 218-04

The ccNSO Council appoints Bart Boswinkel as Feedback Process Manager for the July 2025 Council 360 feedback process of the following Councillors: Molehe Wesi, Ai-Chin Lu, Stephen Deerhake, Chris Disspain, Alejandra Reynoso. The Process will be launched on 1 July 2025 and remains open until 18 July 2025. After closure of the survey, the Chair of the Council, and in case of the 360 review of the Chair of the Council both the vice-chairs, will meet with the Councillor subject of the review individually. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

• Resolution 218-05

The ccNSO Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Study Group Disaster Recovery. The date to launch the call for volunteers will be decided by Council at a later stage to take into account prioritization of the ccNSO work items, and the related adoption of the ccNSO 26-27 Portfolio of activities. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

● **Resolution 218-06**

The ccNSO Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the IANA Public Records Study Group. The date to launch the call for volunteers will be decided by Council at a later stage to take into account prioritization of the ccNSO work items, and the related adoption of the ccNSO 26-27 Portfolio of activities. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.

● **Resolution 218-07**

The ccNSO Council closes the ccPDP3 Review Managing Working Group, and requests the secretariat to archive all material for future reference. The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the working group for its hard work and patience, and especially thank its chair Stephen Deerhake and vice-chair Eberhard Lisse, and acknowledge the hard work and contributions of Bernard Turcotte. In addition, the Council requests the secretariat to update the overview of policies, procedures and practices, and publish the updated version of the overview. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

● **Resolution 218-08**

In accordance with the Outline Policy Implementation Assistance process, the ccNSO Council requests the secretariat to launch a call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group, targeting members of the ccNSO PDP3 Review Mechanism Working Group and (former) Councillors involved in the clarification process regarding the review mechanism. The call should be launched as soon as possible. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

● **Resolution 218-09**

The following person are appointed:

- Eberhard Lisse (.na), at the nomination of the members of Tech WG, as chair of the Tech WG;
- Sami Mohamed Ali (.bh), following the call for volunteers and following the ccNSO selection procedure, as member of the Universal Acceptance Expert Group

● **Resolution 218-10**

The ccNSO Council appoints Claudia Ruiz as the CSC Selection Process Manager and adopts the timeline as proposed for the selection of the newly to be appointed ccNSO member and alternate on the Customer Standing Committee. The Council requests Claudia to launch the call for volunteers at the time foreseen in the schedule and in accordance with the mechanism in the Guideline: Procedure for ccNSO Appointees.

The ccNSO Council also confirms that one of the candidates who will not be selected as Member of the CSC, will be requested to become the alternate for the ccNSO appointed Members on the ccNSO.

The ccNSO Council also confirms that the CSC selection committee is composed of the following Councillors: Molehe Wesi, Yiankang Yao, Peter Koch, Jennifer Lopez, Pablo Rodriguez, Olga Cavalli, and Jaijit Bhattacharya. The committee is mandated by the Council to consult and coordinate the selection of members of the CSC with the RySG and approve the full slate of membership together with the GNSO Council.

The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution

becomes effective upon publication. Finally, the secretariat is requested to inform the community as soon as possible on the upcoming CSC member and alternate nomination and selection process.

- **Resolution 218-11**

As the reasons for deferral are still relevant, and after discussing possible deferral with the GNSO Council leadership, it is suggested to defer the 3rd CSC Effectiveness and revisit this decision in one year (June 2026). The Council requests its chair to - jointly with the chair of the GNSO Council - inform the chair of the ICANN Board of Directors that the ccNSO and GNSO Councils will defer defining the method on how the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review will be conducted. The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution as soon as possible, and this resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after its publication.

Action Items

- **Action Item 218-01**

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the ccNSO Council Election Process guideline as soon as possible.

- **Action Item 218-02 (completed)**

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council election as soon as possible.

- **Action Item 218-03 (completed)**

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the proposed timeline for the Board Seat 11 Nomination Process as soon as possible.

- **Action item 218-04**

The Secretariat is requested to circulate the 360-degree Council review surveys by 1 July 2025 to all eligible Council members. The deadline for responses is 18 July 2025.

Once the survey period has closed, the Secretariat will share the results with the Chair of the Council. In the case of the Chair being reviewed, the results will be shared with both Vice-Chairs.

- **Action item 218-05 (ongoing)**

After the closure of the 360-degree Council review surveys, the Chair of the Council will meet individually with each Councillor who was the subject of a review. In the case of the Chair being reviewed, both Vice-Chairs will jointly meet with the Chair to discuss the results.

- **Action item 218-06**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the ToR for the Study Group on Disaster Recovery as soon as possible, and to launch a call for volunteers, once there is a decision regarding the timeline.

- **Action item 218-07**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the ToR for the Study Group on IANA Public Records as soon as possible, and to launch a call for volunteers, once there is a decision regarding the timeline.

- **Action item 218-08**

The secretariat is requested to update the overview of policies, procedures and practices relevant to ccTLDs, and to publish the updated version of the overview.

- **Action item 218-09**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the closure of the ccPDP3-RM WG and the update of the policy overview as soon as possible.

- **Action item 219-10**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM) as soon as possible.

- **Action item 219-11**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM) as soon as possible.

- **Action item 219-12**

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.

- **Action item 219-13**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers for one CSC member and one alternate, as per the timeline approved by Council. Furthermore, the Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the timeline and the decision regarding the launch of the call for volunteers as soon as possible.

- **Action item 218-14**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the deferral of the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review as soon as possible.

- **Action item 218-15**

The ccNSO Council chair is requested to - jointly with the chair of the GNSO Council - inform the chair of the ICANN Board of Directors that the ccNSO and GNSO Councils will defer defining the method on how the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review will be conducted.

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
- ☒ Nigel Roberts, .jj, ge

Latin America/ Caribbean

- ☒ Everton T. Rodrigues, .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

Regional Organisations

- ☒ Barrack Otieno, AfTLD
- ☒ Phavanhna Douangboupha, APTLD
- ☐ Peter Van Roste, CENTR
- ☒ Rocio de la Fuente, LACTLD

Apologies Received

None

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/ccNSOCWS/pages/103123987/12+June+2025+ICANN83+218>
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses:
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

Agenda

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome

Alejandra Reynoso, ccNSO Council Chair, opened the meeting and reminded participants to add “Council” to their name in Zoom. Alejandra referred to 2 important topics for discussion, namely the review of reviews, and the workload organisation.

a. SOI updates

Consult the [ccNSO SOI Guideline](#)

Complete the SOI [template](#)

Check the ccNSO [Statements of Interest](#)

Pablo Rodriguez, Councillor from the North American region, noted that his affiliation has recently changed and that he is no longer associated with .pr.

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned that Pablo is welcome to remain on the council in a personal capacity and that consultations with members from the region are ongoing, in light of his changed affiliation.

b. Meeting quorum

Claudia Ruiz from the ccNSO Secretariat confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. Relevant Correspondence

a. Letter from ICANN legal on Bylaw changes to implement recommendations 2nd CSC Effectiveness review - Item 20

No comments were raised

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 217

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 21 May 2025

The 217th meeting's minutes are approved. No questions or comments were raised.

b. Action Items Meeting 217

Alejandra Reynoso noted that all action items from the previous meeting were either completed or ongoing. No questions or comments were raised.

• Action item 217-01

The Council Chair is requested to draft a proposed meeting request on behalf of Council and the SOPC leadership team, inviting Xavier Calvez, ICANN SVP Planning & Chief Financial Officer and Kurt Erik “Kurtis” Lindqvist, ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer, to discuss concerns regarding the recently adopted ICANN Budget. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-02**

The Council Chair is requested to reach out to Greg DiBiase (GNSO Chair) to have a discussion post ICANN83 regarding the deferral of the 3rd CSC Review. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-03**

The Council Chair is requested to reach out to Beth Bacon (RySG Chair) to jointly organize the selection of CSC members, discuss the legal questions and the amendment of the CSC Charter. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-04**

The Council Chair is requested to reach out to the CSC to inform them about the ccNSO outreach to the GNSO and RySG Chairs. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-05**

The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to discuss the 360 review results with the reviewed Councillors individually. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-06**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to add the approach regarding the next round of 360 reviews to the agenda of pre-ICANN83 Council prep meeting. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-07**

The ccNSO Secretariat and the former PGA WG chair are requested to draft the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the study groups on IANA Public Records and Disaster Recovery. The ToR should be ready for adoption by Council at ICANN83. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-08**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to close the Policy Gap Analysis working group on 30 May 2025. **(To be completed)**

- **Action Item 217-09**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the PGA WG Final Report as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-10**

The secretariat is requested to enable Nigel Roberts to join the ccNSO Council mailing list, effective immediately. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-11**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the Council Election Report for the European Region as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-12**

The secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers to join the MPC Review Team as soon as possible, to seek members for the review team before the start of ICANN83. **(To be done)**

- **Action Item 217-13**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the MPC Review ToR as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-14**

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. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-15**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers for one (1) ccNSO Appointee to the new ICANN UA Expert Group. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-16**

The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to welcome LK Domain Registry as a member of the ccNSO. **(Completed)**

- **Action item 217-17**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to update the ccNSO website to include LK Domain Registry as a member of the ccNSO. The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the new ccNSO member as soon as possible on the ccNSO website. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-18**

The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to submit the ccNSO Council response to the How We Meet request for comments latest on 19 May. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-19**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the ccNSO Council response to the How We Meet request for comments as soon as possible on the ccNSO website. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. **(Completed)**

- **Action Item 217-20**

The secretariat is requested to draft a proposed Council response to the request for public comments on the CSC IANA SLA change process, for adoption by Council at ICANN83. **(Completed)**

• **Action Item 217-21**

The ccNSO Council is requested to review the proposed Council Election Guideline. The ccNSO membership should be given the opportunity to review and comment as well. Unless there are any major concerns raised, the revised guideline will be adopted by Council at ICANN83. **(Completed)**

4. Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 217, May 2025)

- a. Support ccNSO Council submission IANA SLA Change process**
- b. Reminder re amendments Bylaw and charter CSC**

There were no additional intermeeting decisions. No questions or comments were raised. This item serves as background for item 20 on the agenda.

5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee since Council meeting 217

There were no intermeeting decisions by the ccNSO Triage Committee.

UPDATES

In the interest of time, Alejandra Reynoso suggested skipping items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the agenda, and consider them as read. No questions or comments were raised.

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

7. Update Working Groups (written updates)

- a. ccPDP3-Review Mechanism - Dormant**
- b. ccPDP4-IDN - Dormant**
- c. DASC**
- d. FIN2 WG**
- 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*
- s. ICANN How We Meet Group*

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*
- c. Update ccNSO Liaison to UASG*

9. Update ccNSO Website redesign

According to current planning, the website will go live in December 2025, depending on progress of developing new content for the new website.

10. Progress Board Consideration ccPDP4-IDN

11. Update Triage WG

Introduction of draft ccNSO portfolio FY 26-27

Overview of work items, resourcing & need for prioritization

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, presented the Gantt charts, describing them as extensive and structured around four main goals:

- Policy-related matters
- ccNSO platform function
- ICANN-focused work items
- Foundational activities

Bart explained that the grey areas on the charts represent study group-related elements, while the coloured sections indicate implementation work. He referred to the resolution concerning ccPAIG and noted that the items in purple are planned activities. Bart emphasised that upcoming discussions, particularly in the next meeting, will help determine how the currently grey areas may influence future work.

Chris Disspain, Triage Committee chair, described the charts as a comprehensive and detailed overview, highlighting the significant workload ahead and the limited resources available. He stressed the need to prioritise and mobilise contributors, suggesting that the Council may only be able to support one study group.

Bart responded that even maintaining one study group would be a challenge under current constraints. Chris noted that support is not limited to Council members but also includes staff.

Alejandra invited comments from others.

Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, raised a question regarding prioritisation: whether both study groups should proceed at the expense of other activities, and when a decision would be made. Chris encouraged Jordan's participation in the upcoming Triage Committee meeting. Bart stated that the intention is for the Triage Committee to make a recommendation by the July Council meeting, considering staff availability, required expertise for upcoming reviews, and the impact of the holiday season.

Alejandra confirmed that Triage would address the matter and present findings by July. If necessary, an extraordinary Council meeting could be convened.

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

a. Meeting with ICANN Finance

Alejandra Reynoso reported that the SOPC leaders and Council leadership held a meeting with Xavier Calvez, ICANN SVP Planning & Chief Financial Officer and Kurt Erik "Kurtis" Lindqvist, ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer, to discuss concerns regarding the recently adopted ICANN Budget. During this meeting, the lack of communication was identified as the main issue. She noted that, initially, only SOPC leadership was aware of the changes in the adopted ICANN Budget, versus the Budget originally circulated for public comments. Following that discussion, SOPC met with ICANN Planning, where additional details were shared. Alejandra highlighted that Xavier subsequently sent a message to the SO/ACs, reiterating the changes and expressing a commitment to improving communication processes moving forward.

Alejandra invited questions or comments; none were raised.

b. Information session with the ICANN Board

Alejandra Reynoso reported that Council leadership met with the ICANN Board on Sunday to introduce the ccNSO, explain its role, operations, and limitations. Some Council members were present in the room or joined online.

Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, observed that awareness of the ccNSO among Board members was limited. He suggested the creation of a dedicated ccNSO onboarding session, ideally held after each AGM for incoming Board members.

Chris Disspain, Council member European Region, supported the idea in principle, proposing the preparation of a briefing document as a starting point, followed by a Q&A session.

Alejandra and Nigel Roberts, Council member European Region, agreed. Nigel emphasised the importance of onboarding for NomCom-appointed Board members, noting from his involvement in their onboarding process that the session was essential. He recalled assumptions raised during the meeting — such as the belief that all ccTLDs are government-owned, and a suggestion that contracts be established for all ccTLDs.

Biyi Oladipo, Council Vice chair - who attended remotely, shared his surprise at the extent of the knowledge gap and supported organising a dedicated session, along with the development of

supporting documentation. Chris Disspain acknowledged that while the assumptions were concerning, it was positive that the Council had the opportunity to correct them. He suggested putting a formal briefing process in place for future Board onboarding, noting that there is currently no major problem. Olga Cavalli, NomCom appointed Council member, expressed surprise that NomCom-selected Board members lacked knowledge of the ccNSO, stressing that accurate information should be provided to NomCom to ensure future Board members are better informed. Alejandra noted the persistence of myths surrounding ccTLDs.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, added that while new Board members do receive briefings, the volume of material can be overwhelming, and ccTLDs may not be prioritised. He remarked that questions were raised after the ccNSO presented its foundational elements, suggesting this be considered when preparing future briefing materials.

c. SO/AC Roundtable, including discussion on “review of reviews”

Alejandra Reynoso opened the agenda item by noting that the topic has become central to broader community discussions over the past two weeks. She provided background and clarified the goal of the discussion: to bring Council members up to speed and align on a path forward. She recalled that the ccNSO’s involvement began at ICANN82 in Seattle, during discussions on the continuation of the Pilot Holistic Review and the Continuous Improvement Program (CIP)—intended to eventually replace organisational reviews.

In that context, questions emerged about whether to launch ATRT4, with Board members including Tripti expressing concerns that launching ATRT4 along with other reviews could overwhelm the community and ICANN structures. This led to broader questions on the purpose, need, and timing of reviews, initiating what is now being called a “review of reviews.”

At a previous Council meeting, it was agreed to send a letter to the Board supporting this “review of reviews.” The letter (15 April 2025) advocated for:

- Continuing the CIP framework to replace organisational reviews.
- Reassessing the purpose, scope, frequency, and effort of all reviews before starting a new review cycle.
- Launching community discussions at ICANN84 (Oman) and concluding them around ICANN85 (Mumbai).

On 19 May 2025, the Board decided to defer ATRT4 and other reviews until the “review of reviews” is completed and initiated that process. In response, Alejandra began developing a roadmap to manage the review process, shared with her fellow SO/AC chairs to maintain momentum. The roadmap was circulated following a Board webinar on 28 May.

Alejandra noted that some communities oppose deferring ATRT4, viewing it as a bylaw breach, especially problematic during WSIS+20. Concerns were voiced during the webinar and in public commentary. The SO/AC Chairs met twice in Prague. At the first meeting (Sunday), it became clear that the ccNSO leadership supports the review of reviews, while ALAC strongly opposed the deferral and favoured continuing with ATRT4. Other groups had no clear position. In a

second meeting (Wednesday), a possible path forward was discussed and shared with ccNSO members.

Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, noted that while everyone agrees the review system needs improvement, ATRT may not be the appropriate vehicle. Although there is a bylaw breach, it should be acknowledged, not hidden.

Chris Disspain, European Region Council member, added that unless a review is done in line with the bylaws, it cannot be considered an ATRT. He noted that the GNSO Council and GAC leadership find the current proposal acceptable, while At-Large is still deliberating. A key question now is whether to pursue a bylaw change to legitimise the deferral. The Board appears willing to accept this approach, supported by legal advice.

Alejandra acknowledged that even within the ccNSO community, there are differing views on whether changing the bylaws is preferable to living with inconsistencies. Chris suggested that the ccNSO could support the review of reviews but remain neutral on the bylaw change, leaving that decision to those most affected. Jordan reflected that the real issue is how the community handles a self-acknowledged breach: by amending the rules or adjusting the process. Either approach carries political implications, even if legal risks are minimal. Peter Koch, European Region Councillor, emphasised that fixing the breach by changing the rules may be seen as illegitimate, calling for clarity on the roles and avoiding blurred lines between personal and official positions.

Chris stated his support for a bylaw change, noting that the original suggestion came from the GAC, which could provide political cover if it remains in favour. Jordan noted that GAC leadership is not unified, and while the bylaw change would not remove ATRT4 entirely, it would serve as a short-term fix. If the review of reviews fails, the community may end up right back at the current impasse.

Alejandra summarised the three potential options for moving forward:

- Execute the roadmap, with or without a bylaw change.
- Use ATRT4 to execute the roadmap, accepting risks around scope and timing.
- Run ATRT4 and the roadmap in parallel, with the roadmap feeding into ATRT4 outcomes.

Council members signalled agreement on the first option (green marks).

The Council concluded that it supports the review of the reviews process but does not hold a firm position on whether a bylaw change should be pursued.

d. Informational meeting GNSO chair and chair RySG

Alejandra Reynoso reported that she and Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, met on Monday with the GNSO Chair, representatives of the Registry Stakeholder Group, and the Chair of the CSC. The objective of the meeting was to align ongoing and upcoming actions related to the Customer Standing Committee (CSC) — including matters such as membership selection and a potential Bylaw amendment to adjust the frequency of CSC reviews. She noted that some of

these topics would be addressed under Agenda Item 20, and indicated that discussions on CSC-related issues would continue beyond this meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

13. Update & adoption Council Selection Guideline & Timeline and appointment Selection Process Manager

a. Update and adoption of ccNSO Council Selection Guideline

The Council approved the resolution regarding the adoption of the ccNSO Council Selection Guideline, with the exclusion of section 7.2. The resolution was moved by Jenifer Lopez, and seconded by Olga Cavalli. Sean Copeland, Chair GRC, abstained.

Peter Koch, European region Councillor, noted that the matter under Agenda Item 7.1 had been previously discussed, including in the context of the Board seat elections. Alejandra Reynoso suggested reaching out to those who have not yet voted to encourage participation.

Chris Disspain, European region Councillor, cautioned that while encouraging turnout is appropriate, there is a risk of undue influence — particularly that such efforts might be perceived as attempts to discourage votes for certain candidates. He stressed the importance of neutrality and recommended that any encouragement be handled through an internal, neutral process, possibly managed by the Secretariat. He expressed discomfort with the public disclosure of voting participation, citing the potential for pressure.

Nigel Roberts, European region Councillor, echoed concerns, highlighting the need for transparency in elections, while also acknowledging that cultural and jurisdictional norms around campaigning vary. He observed that guidelines on election conduct are often developed ad hoc. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, clarified that the current approach had been proposed by the Guidelines Review Committee (GRC).

Alejandra acknowledged that campaigning occurs regardless, and it is up to each emissary to make independent decisions. She noted that the draft guideline had been shared with the community and no feedback was received.

Peter suggested that publishing participation data after the election could be acceptable, though views on election practices differ across regions.

Stephen Deerhake, North American region Council member, argued that comparing these elections to single-day national votes is misleading, as the multi-week format of this process increases the potential for influence. Chris concluded that publishing individual voting records or participation data during the election period is inappropriate.

- ***Resolution 218-01***

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed ccNSO Council Election Process guideline as proposed with exception of section 7.1 on publication of voters. The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the adopted guideline as soon as possible. This Guideline becomes effective 7 days after publication.

- **Action Item 218-01**

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the ccNSO Council Election Process guideline as soon as possible.

b. Adoption Timeline 2026 Council Election & Appointment ccNSO Council Selection Process Manager

The Council approved the resolution regarding the adoption of the ccNSO Council Selection Timeline, and the appointment of the Council Selection Process Manager. The resolution was moved by Jordan Carter, and seconded by Stephen Deelhake.

- **Resolution 218-02**

The ccNSO Council adopts the [proposed timeline](#)¹ for the ccNSO Council election. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO secretariat, as Council Selection Process Manager. The scheduled selection process will be conducted under the ccNSO Council Selection Process Guideline that was adopted under item 13 a of the agenda of meeting 218, under the assumption this Guideline becomes effective 7 days after publication of that decision. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action Item 218-02**

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the proposed timeline for the ccNSO Council election as soon as possible.

14. Timeline Board Seat 11 Nomination Process and appointment Nomination Process Manager

The Council approved the resolution regarding the adoption of the Board Seat 11 Nomination Process Timeline, and the appointment of the Nomination Process Manager. The resolution was moved by Olga Cavalli, and seconded by Everton T. Rodrigues. Nigel Roberts and Sean Copeland abstained.

- **Resolution 218-03**

The ccNSO Council adopts the proposed timeline for Board Seat 11 Nomination Process as circulated to the Council, and requests the secretariat to publish it as soon as possible to inform the community accordingly. The process is open for candidates from the AF, AP, EU and LAC region. The ccNSO Council appoints Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, as the Nomination Process Manager. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action Item 218-03**

The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the proposed timeline for the Board Seat 11 Nomination Process as soon as possible.

¹ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bkmj0dmDAuO92Muek6lv4wNbgzujPHrtelFdX4YIQRy/edit?usp=sharing>

15. Council 360 Review

The Council approved the resolution regarding the next round of Council 360 degree reviews, and the appointment of the feedback process manager. The resolution was moved by Sean Copeland, and seconded by Peter Koch.

Alejandra Reynoso posed the question to Council: Do we want to continue with the review? She noted having already spoken with some members individually and asked for feedback on whether the review process had been of value.

Chris Disspain, European region Councillor, responded that he found the review very useful, noting that the ICANN Board conducts similar exercises, though acknowledged that it can be challenging to get responses. Olga Cavalli, NomCom appointed Councillor, strongly agreed, stating the review was very helpful in allowing her to adapt her working methods to align with the ccNSO's practices. She added that it helped her perform her role more effectively, and emphasized that it did not take much time.

- **Resolution 218-04**

The ccNSO Council appoints Bart Boswinkel as Feedback Process Manager for the July 2025 Council 360 feedback process of the following Councillors: Molehe Wesi, Ai-Chin Lu, Stephen Deerhake, Chris Disspain, Alejandra Reynoso. The Process will be launched on 1 July 2025 and remains open until 18 July 2025. After closure of the survey, the Chair of the Council, and in case of the 360 review of the Chair of the Council both the vice-chairs, will meet with the Councillor subject of the review individually. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 218-04**

The Secretariat is requested to circulate the 360-degree Council review surveys by 1 July 2025 to all eligible Council members. The deadline for responses is 18 July 2025. Once the survey period has closed, the Secretariat will share the results with the Chair of the Council. In the case of the Chair being reviewed, the results will be shared with both Vice-Chairs.

- **Action item 218-05**

After the closure of the 360-degree Council review surveys, the Chair of the Council will meet individually with each Councillor who was the subject of a review. In the case of the Chair being reviewed, both Vice-Chairs will jointly meet with the Chair to discuss the results.

16. Adoption Terms of Reference Study Group Disaster Recovery

The Council approved the resolution regarding the ToR of the Study Group on Disaster Recovery. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani, and seconded by Olga Cavalli.

Alejandra Reynoso recalled that the Council had agreed on the need for a Study Group on Disaster Recovery as part of the adoption of the Final Report of the PGA Working Group. Draft Terms of Reference (ToR), developed by Jordan Carter, PGA WG chair, and the Secretariat, have been shared with Council members. Jordan highlighted that the proposed Study Groups would each focus on one topic respectively:

1. Disaster recovery
2. IANA public records

He noted that even if the ToR is adopted, no decision has been made regarding the launch timeline. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, added that the working methods of the group would be similar to those used by the PGA Working Group.

Alejandra pointed out that the corresponding Council resolution does not specify a launch date for the call for volunteers. This was intentional, as the timing will depend on the upcoming Council discussion in July about overall priorities. She noted that two major initiatives—the clarification of the Review Mechanism and the Review of Reviews process—will require significant resources, and careful planning is needed to manage capacity.

- ***Resolution 218-05***

The ccNSO Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the Study Group Disaster Recovery. The date to launch the call for volunteers will be decided by Council at a later stage to take into account prioritization of the ccNSO work items, and the related adoption of the ccNSO 26-27 Portfolio of activities. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

- ***Action item 218-06***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the ToR for the Study Group on Disaster Recovery as soon as possible, and to launch a call for volunteers, once there is a decision regarding the timeline.

17. Adoption Terms of Reference IANA Public Records Study Group

The Council approved the resolution regarding the ToR of the Study Group on IANA Public Records. The resolution was moved by Stephen Deerhake, and seconded by Jordan Carter.

- ***Resolution 218-06***

The ccNSO Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the IANA Public Records Study Group. The date to launch the call for volunteers will be decided by Council at a later stage to take into account prioritization of the ccNSO work items, and the related adoption of the ccNSO 26-27 Portfolio of activities. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after publication.

- ***Action item 218-07***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the adoption of the ToR for the Study Group on IANA Public Records as soon as possible, and to launch a call for volunteers, once there is a decision regarding the timeline.

18. Closure ccPDP3 Review Mechanism WG & Call for volunteers ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM)

a. Closure ccPDP3 Review Mechanism WG and update of the policy overview

The Council adopted the resolution regarding the closure of the ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Working Group (RM WG) and the overall closure of ccPDP3. Stephen Deerhake moved the resolution, and Sean Copeland seconded. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Alejandra Reynoso invited comments or questions. Biyi Oladipo, Council Vice chair, expressed gratitude to all members of the Working Group for their dedication in bringing the PDP to completion, offering a "big thanks." Alejandra echoed the appreciation and thanked Stephen Deerhake, ccPDP3 WG chair, for his leadership, acknowledging the successful completion of the work.

Stephen reflected on the experience, saying it had been a privilege to chair the Working Group through many meetings. He thanked the Working Group members and also commended the Secretariat for their excellent support and thanked Bernie Turcotte for his editorial contributions. Stephen noted that the Board took 25 months to consider the Review Mechanism, and he concluded by expressing appreciation for the Council's confidence in his leadership, adding that he was very glad the work is now completed.

- ***Resolution 218-07***

The ccNSO Council closes the ccPDP3 Review Mechanism Working Group, and requests the secretariat to archive all material for future reference. The ccNSO Council wholeheartedly thanks the working group for its hard work and patience, and especially thank its chair Stephen Deerhake and vice-chair Eberhard Lisse, and acknowledge the hard work and contributions of Bernard Turcotte. In addition, the Council requests the secretariat to update the overview of policies, procedures and practices, and publish the updated version of the overview. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- ***Action item 218-08***

The secretariat is requested to update the overview of policies, procedures and practices relevant to ccTLDs, and to publish the updated version of the overview.

- ***Action item 218-09***

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the closure of the ccPDP3-RM WG and the update of the policy overview as soon as possible.

b. Call for volunteers ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM)

The Council approved the resolution regarding the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM). The resolution was moved by Ali Hadji Mmadi, and seconded by Nigel Roberts.

Alejandra Reynoso noted that the ICANN Board has directed ICANN org to first - prior to implementation of the policy - seek clarification on all necessary elements of the policy recommendations, including input from the ccNSO Policy Advice Implementation Group (ccPAIG). This will contribute to the development of a detailed implementation plan. As a result, there is an expectation that the ccNSO will initiate the first ccPAIG. Council was reminded that an outline of the ccPAIG's role and responsibilities had been developed earlier, but this will be the first time it is put into practice.

Olga Cavalli, NomCom appointed councillor, asked whether NomCom appointees would be eligible to join the group. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, responded that participation is ideally open to former Working Group members and Councillors who were part of the policy clarification process, as familiarity with the discussions is important. The goal is to complete the work before the ICANN84 meeting in Oman, and the scope of participation will be limited accordingly.

- ***Resolution 218-08***

In accordance with the Outline Policy Implementation Assistance process, the ccNSO Council requests the secretariat to launch a call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group, targeting members of the ccNSO PDP3 Review Mechanism Working Group and (former) Councillors involved in the clarification process regarding the review mechanism. The call should be launched as soon as possible. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- ***Action item 218-10***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM) as soon as possible.

- ***Action item 218-11***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch the call for volunteers for the ccNSO Policy Implementation Assistance Group review Mechanism (ccPAIG RM) as soon as possible.

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

The Council approved the resolution regarding the appointment of the members, chairs, or vice chairs to the various committees or working groups. The resolution was moved by Olga Cavalli, and seconded by Everton Rodrigues.

- ***Resolution 218-09***

The following persons are appointed:

- Eberhard Lisse (.na), at the nomination of the members of Tech WG, as chair of the Tech WG;
- Sami Mohamed Ali (.bh), following the call for volunteers and following the ccNSO selection procedure, as member of the Universal Acceptance Expert Group

- ***Action item 218-12***

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.

20. CSC related matters

The Council approved the resolution regarding the CSC call for volunteers and selection of candidates. The resolution was moved by Sean Copeland, and seconded by Everton Rodrigues.

a. Selection of ccNSO appointed member and alternate

b. Coordination selection RySG & approval full slate of CSC membership

- **Resolution 218-10**

The ccNSO Council appoints Claudia Ruiz as the CSC Selection Process Manager and adopts the timeline as proposed for the selection of the newly to be appointed ccNSO member and alternate on the Customer Standing Committee. The Council requests Claudia to launch the call for volunteers at the time foreseen in the schedule and in accordance with the mechanism in the Guideline: Procedure for ccNSO Appointees.

The ccNSO Council also confirms that one of the candidates who will not be selected as Member of the CSC, will be requested to become the alternate for the ccNSO appointed Members on the ccNSO.

The ccNSO Council also confirms that the CSC selection committee is composed of the following Councillors: Molehe Wesi, Yiankang Yao, Peter Koch, Jennifer Lopez, Pablo Rodriguez, Olga Cavalli, and Jaijit Bhattacharya. The committee is mandated by the Council to consult and coordinate the selection of members of the CSC with the RySG and approve the full slate of membership together with the GNSO Council.

The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication. Finally, the secretariat is requested to inform the community as soon as possible on the upcoming CSC member and alternate nomination and selection process.

- **Action item 218-13**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers for one CSC member and one alternate, as per the timeline approved by Council. Furthermore, the Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible.

c. Deferral 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review

The Council approved the resolution regarding the deferral of the CSC Effectiveness Review. The resolution was moved by Olga Cavalli, and seconded by Wafa Dahmani.

- **Resolution 218-11**

As the reasons for deferral are still relevant, and after discussing possible deferral with the GNSO Council leadership, it is suggested to defer the 3rd CSC Effectiveness and revisit this decision in one year (June 2026). The Council requests its chair to - jointly with the chair of the GNSO Council - inform the chair of the ICANN Board of Directors that the ccNSO and GNSO Councils will defer defining the method on how the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review will be conducted. The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution as soon as possible, and this resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after its publication.

- **Action item 218-14**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the deferral of the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review as soon as possible.

- **Action item 218-15**

The ccNSO Council chair is requested to - jointly with the chair of the GNSO Council - inform the chair of the ICANN Board of Directors that the ccNSO and GNSO Councils will defer defining the method on how the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review will be conducted.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

21. ICANN83

This agenda item was skipped in the interest of time

- a. Joint session with RySG*
- b. Noteworthy from other sessions*

22. Any Other Business (AOB)

There were no items for Any Other Business

23. Next Council Meetings

- 17 July 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 219
- 21 August 2025 | 12:00 UTC (Meeting 220)
- 18 September 2025 | 21:00 UTC (Meeting 221)
- 30 October 2025 | time TBC, Meeting 222 (ICANN84)
- 20 November 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 223
- 18 December 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 224

24. Thank you and Adjourn

On behalf of the ccNSO, sincere thanks were extended to EURid and NIC.CZ for hosting a wonderful and heartwarming ccNSO Cocktail.

Additional appreciation was expressed to NIC.CZ as the local host, for their outstanding hospitality and for setting a high standard for future meetings.

Gratitude was also conveyed to all volunteers, session contributors, ICANN staff, technical teams, and interpreters for their essential support and dedication throughout the event.