

MINUTES

ccNSO Council meeting 217

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Resolutions

- **Resolution 217-01**

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The Council wholeheartedly thanks the membership of the PGA and its chair and vice-chair for the timely delivery of the Final Report and recommendations contained in it. The secretariat is requested to close the working group on 30 May 2025. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

- **Resolution 217-02**

The ccNSO Council adopts the special European Region Council election report as proposed and included recommendations. The adoption of the report closes the 2025 Special Council Election Process. The Council congratulates Nigel Roberts with his election and welcomes him to the Council, effective immediately. The Council thanks Joke Braeken for her work as Election Process Manager. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

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The Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the effectiveness and efficiency review of the MPC. The Secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers as soon as possible, to seek members for the review team before the start of ICANN83. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

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The ccNSO Council appoints the following people as:

- Chair ccNSO Council Triage Committee: Chris Disspain
- Vice Chair TLD-OPS: Guillermo Lama

The secretariat is requested to inform the various working groups and committees and persons appointed and publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

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Following a [call for nominations for members of a new Universal Acceptance \(UA\) Expert Working Group](#), the ccNSO Council requests the Secretariat to launch a call for Expressions of Interest (EoI) to identify candidates for the ccNSO appointment to the ICANN UA Expert Group. The call should open by 19 May 2025 and close by 30 May 2025.

The selection and appointment process will follow the [ccNSO Appointment Procedures Guideline](#), and will result in the appointment of one individual to serve as the ccNSO appointee to the ICANN UA Expert Group.

The Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as feasible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 217-06**

The ccNSO Council approves the membership of the IDN ccTLD Manager of Sri Lanka (xn--fzc2c9e2c / ලංකා) and welcomes LK Domain Registry as member of the ccNSO. The chair of the Council is requested to welcome the new member accordingly. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Resolution 217-07**

The ccNSO Council adopts the [draft submission](#) on *How We Meet: Reviewing the Implementation of the ICANN Public Meetings Strategy*, and requests its chair to submit the comments by 19 May 2025. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

The ccNSO Council thanks Molehe Wesi and Jodi Anderson for their work to date in the Cross Community Group and in assisting in drafting the submission.

Action Items

- **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

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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.

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

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The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to discuss the 360 review results with the reviewed councillors individually

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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.

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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.

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The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to close the Policy Gap Analysis working group on 30 May 2025.

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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.

- **Action Item 217-10**

The secretariat is requested to enable Nigel Roberts to join the ccNSO Council mailing list, effective immediately

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Action item 217-16**

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

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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

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
- ☐ Vacant

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

- ☒ Andreas Musielak, SOPC chair
- ☐ Irina Danelia, SOPC vice chair

Regional Organisations

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

Apologies Received

Ai-Chin Lu, Desiree Miloshevic

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://icann-community.atlassian.net/wiki/x/D4wIBg>
- 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 raised two items for AOB: a concern by SOPC regarding the recently adopted budget, and the introduction of the reviewed Council Selection Guideline.

a. SOI updates

Consult the [ccNSO SOI Guideline](#)

Complete the SOI [template](#)

Check the ccNSO [Statements of Interest](#)

b. Meeting Quorum

Claudia Ruiz from the ccNSO Secretariat noted that apologies for the meeting had been received from Ai-Chin Lu. She also 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 6*

No comments were raised

3. Minutes & Action Items

a. Minutes Meeting 216

Circulated to the Council mailing list on 8 May 2025.

The 216th meeting's minutes are approved. No questions or comments were raised.

b. Action Items Meeting 216

- ***Action item 216-01 (Ongoing)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to share the minutes of the 1-on-1 meeting between the ccNSO leadership and the ICANN CEO with the Council, once they become available.

- ***Action item 216-02 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to share a reminder to Council with the link to the 360 review surveys.

- ***Action item 216-03 (Completed)***

As a follow-up to action item 215-02, the drafting team will share the draft Council comment on the IFRT2 request for comments with the Council for review and feedback before its submission.

- ***Action item 216-04 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to inform the committees and working groups about the Council-approved schedule for the ccNSO working group and committee effectiveness reviews.

- ***Action item 216-05 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to publish the adopted schedule for ccNSO working group and committee effectiveness reviews.

- ***Action item 216-06 (Completed)***

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to draft the Terms of Reference for the review of the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC), prior to Council Meeting 217

- **Action item 216-07 (Ongoing)**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to seek volunteers to perform the review of the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC). The team should be in place prior to Council Meeting 217.

- **Action item 216-08 (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 the secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website.

- **Action item 216-09 (Completed)**

The ccNSO Council chair is requested to confirm with Molehe Wesi if he agrees to join the drafting team to prepare a ccNSO Council response to the How We Meet request for input, alongside Jodi Andersson and Pablo Rodriguez.

- **Action item 216-10 (Completed)**

The drafting team is requested to prepare the draft ccNSO Council response to the 'How We Meet' request for input by 1 May.

- **Action item 216-11 (Completed)**

The ccNSO Secretariat is requested to seek volunteers for organizing the joint meeting with the RySG at ICANN83 and to improve the draft briefing paper by Council Meeting 217.

4. Intermeeting Council Decisions (since meeting 216, April 2025)

- a. Adoption Council Statement in response to the request for comments on 2nd IFRT Initial Report*
- b. Nominations for FY27 Community Planning Prioritization Group*

There were no additional intermeeting decisions. No questions or comments were raised.

5. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee

There were no intermeeting decisions by the ccNSO Triage Committee.

As items 4 and 5 on the agenda were self-explanatory, Alejandra Reynoso swiftly moved to the first topic for Any Other Business: a concern by SOPC regarding the recently adopted budget. Andreas Musielak, SOPC Chair, and Irina Danelia, SOPC Vice Chair, joined the meeting to raise concerns about changes in the adopted FY26 ICANN budget. Andreas noted that the revenue and personnel costs each increased by 8 million USD, which is a significant change. While acknowledging there might be good reasons for the increase, he questioned whether the transaction fees were calculated correctly. Irina mentioned SOPC has always expressed support for conservative funding approaches by ICANN and control of headcount, and pointed out that the adopted budget showed different tables from those in the public comment version. She stated that while the projections might be accurate, the lack of transparency around how these changes were introduced was troubling.

Alejandra commented that the process was unusual. Jordan Carter, Council Vice Chair, suggested requesting an emergency meeting with Xavier Calvez, ICANN SVP Planning & Chief Financial Officer and Kurt Erik "Kurtis" Lindqvist, ICANN President and Chief Executive Officer, emphasizing that making such changes without communication risks a breach of trust. Chris

Disspain, Councillor from the European region, proposed that Alejandra and Andreas write to Xavier to request a meeting involving both SOPC and Council representatives. Jordan reiterated that Kurtis is responsible, while Andreas asked if there were alternative ways to address the issue. Jordan restated his suggestion, expressing disappointment over repeated warnings about uncontrolled growth being ignored. Chris Disspain advised framing the message diplomatically, suggesting the use of language such as “we may have misunderstood.” He supported convening a small group for the meeting and contacting both Xavier and Kurtis. Alejandra offered to draft a message on behalf of both the SOPC and the Council. It was noted that since the new figures were not part of the public comment, a Rejection Action Petition would not apply. Irina and Andreas agreed with the joint approach. Stephen Deerhake, Councillor from the North American region, inquired about input from other SO/ACs, and Alejandra said the SO/AC monthly call was postponed, and therefore the topic had not been discussed with other SO/ACs yet. Irina asked whether to inform the broader ccTLD community, but Alejandra advised waiting until ICANN had a chance to respond, noting the change may not have been ill-intentioned.

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UPDATES

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

Written updates for the ccNSO working groups and committees were circulated in advance, and others are forthcoming. Alejandra invited Irina to remain on the call as an observer, reminding everyone that the ccNSO Council calls are open to observers.

a. Need to defer 3rd CSC Review? Updates and next steps

The ccNSO and GNSO Councils received a letter from ICANN Legal regarding proposed changes to Section 17 of the Bylaws. These include modifying the frequency of reviews and formally anchoring the appointment of alternates in both the Bylaws and CSC charter. Alejandra suggested contacting the GNSO Council to consider deferring the third CSC Effectiveness Review until after the implementation of the second review’s recommendations. It was also suggested that discussions should take place with the RySG and CSC regarding the legal questions and potential amendments to the CSC Charter. The ccNSO Council agreed with the suggestions and action items were noted for reaching out to GNSO and RySG leadership and informing the CSC.

- **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

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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.

- **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.

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

Alejandra Reynoso provided an update regarding the ccNSO website redesign, noting the ongoing volunteer work by the ccNSO website group, which includes reviewing content and creating new material. Stephen Deerhake, member of the ccNSO website group, commented that the site is starting to look good and acknowledged the significant amount of work that has already been completed.

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

Bart Boswinkel, issue manager for both ccPDP3 and ccPDP4, stated that it is very likely the ICANN Board will discuss and possibly adopt ccPDP3-RM during ICANN83. For ccPDP4, staff is still assessing implementation requirements: progress is steady and somewhat faster than ccPDP3. The resulting workload for ccNSO will be considered in the ccNSO workplan for the upcoming year.

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

a. Presentation LACTLD

Alejandra Reynoso gave an update during a LACTLD webinar where she highlighted the work of the Policy Gap Analysis working group, promoted the Finance working group survey and the ccNSO Block Schedule for ICANN83 in Prague.

b. Information session to the ICANN Board (pending board discussion)

Alejandra Reynoso noted that a ccNSO information session between the Council leadership team and the ICANN Board will be scheduled for Sunday morning, before the start of the ICANN83 meeting. The session aims to strengthen mutual understanding between the Board and the community.

12. Update Council 360 Review

Alejandra Reynoso reported that the results of the 360 Review were shared. She will follow up with the reviewed councillors individually. The Council will need to discuss the future of this review process during its prep meeting for ICANN83, as the next review round begins in July.

- ***Action item 217-05***

The ccNSO Council Chair is requested to discuss the 360 review results with the reviewed councillors individually

- ***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.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

13. Closure Policy Gap Analysis Working Group and adoption final report

a. Staff and former chair draft terms of reference study groups

The ccNSO Council approved the resolution regarding the adoption of the PGA WG Final Report, including its recommendations and their implementation. With no further questions from the group, the resolution was moved by Jordan Carter, seconded by Pablo Rodriguez, and met with green ticks in Zoom, indicating unanimous support.

Jordan Carter, PGA WG chair, reported that the working group had completed its work and the final report was ready, with three recommendations outlined on the first page: to maintain an overview of policies, establish study groups on IANA Public Records and Disaster Recovery, and implement a process to handle identified gaps. He noted that the group had met its timeline and discussed the drafting of Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed study groups. While there was a question about extending the group's mandate, it was agreed that staff and the former PGA WG chair would draft the ToR, with the hope they would be ready for adoption at ICANN83. Jordan thanked the Secretariat, councillors, and working group members for their contributions. Stephen Deerhake and Pablo Rodriguez, Councillors from the North American region, expressed their appreciation for Jordan's leadership and the team's efforts. Peter Koch,

PGA WG member also thanked the leadership team and the staff while raising a question about the resolution, specifically asking why recommendation 3 was highlighted. Bart clarified that it was a typo, and it should read “recommendation 2”.

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The ccNSO Council accepts the Final Report of the WG, and adopts the recommendations and will implement them, specifically regarding recommendation 2. To start the Study Groups, staff and chair of the PGA are requested to draft the Terms of Reference for the Study Group for discussion and adoption in Prague, taking the advice of the PGA into account.

The Council wholeheartedly thanks the membership of the PGA and its chair and vice-chair for the timely delivery of the Final Report and recommendations contained in it. The secretariat is requested to close the working group on 30 May 2025. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective 7 days after publication.

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14. Adoption Election Report: Special Council Election European region

The Council approved the resolution regarding the adoption of the Council Election Report for the European Region. The resolution was moved by Peter Koch and seconded by Stephen Deerhake. No further questions or comments were raised.

Joke Braeken, Council Election Process Manager, reported that the ccNSO recently opened a call for nominations to fill the vacancy on the ccNSO Council for the European region, following the resignation of the Councillor-elect in February 2025. At the closure of the nomination period one candidate, Nigel Roberts, was nominated, seconded, and accepted his nomination in accordance with the established rules and timeline. Nigel Roberts was the sole nominee for the vacancy. Due to low participation, the planned Q&A session was not held. As there was only one candidate, no election was necessary. Alejandra Reynoso welcomed Nigel back to Council.

- **Resolution 217-02**

The ccNSO Council adopts the special European Region Council election report as proposed and included recommendations. The adoption of the report closes the 2025 Special Council Election Process. The Council congratulates Nigel Roberts with his election and welcomes him to the Council, effective immediately. The Council thanks Joke Braeken for her work as Election Process Manager. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action Item 217-10**

The secretariat is requested to enable Nigel Roberts to join the ccNSO Council mailing list, effective immediately

- **Action Item 217-11**

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15. MPC Review: Adoption Terms of Reference and call for volunteers Review Team

The Council approved the resolution regarding the MPC Review on the Adoption of the Review Terms of Reference and the call for volunteers for the review team. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani and seconded by Pablo Rodriguez. No further questions or comments were raised.

Alejandra reminded the Council of the previously approved review schedule and introduced the Terms of Reference for reviewing the Meetings Programme Committee (MPC). No comments were received from the MPC leadership team during earlier consultations about the draft ToR. With the Terms of Reference in place, Alejandra called for at least two Councillors to volunteer for the Review Team, particularly those who have not previously served on the MPC and are not current members. She noted that Everton T. Rodrigues, Ai-Chin Lu, and herself were not eligible. Council members Sean Copeland (North America), Pablo Rodriguez (North America), Jordan Carter (Australia, Asia, Pacific), and Wafa Dahmani (NomCom) stepped forward. Jordan indicated a willingness to participate if the process could be completed around ICANN83. Sean recalled a similar review process conducted for the DASC, which involved three participants and staff developing open-ended questions, gathering feedback from those involved with the committee, and collecting post-session input. Pablo noted he would not be present in Prague, and Alejandra confirmed that he could still contribute to the drafting of the report, post ICANN83. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, outlined the review process, which includes desk research, interviews, and reporting.

- **Resolution 217-03**

The Council adopts the Terms of Reference for the effectiveness and efficiency review of the MPC. The Secretariat is requested to launch a call for volunteers as soon as possible, to seek members for the review team before the start of ICANN83. The secretariat is also requested to publish this resolution. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

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- **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.

16. Appointment members or chairs/vice chairs to committees or working groups

The Council approved the resolution regarding the appointment of members or chairs and vice chairs to committees and working groups. Chris Disspain, incoming Triage Committee Chair, abstained from the vote and was thanked along with Guillermo Lama, incoming TLD-OPS Vice Chair, for volunteering. No further questions or comments were raised.

- **Resolution 217-04**

The ccNSO Council appoints the following people as:

- Chair ccNSO Council Triage Committee: Chris Disspain
- Vice Chair TLD-OPS: Guillermo Lama

The secretariat is requested to inform the various working groups and committees and persons appointed and publish this resolution as soon as possible. This resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **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.

a. ICANN Call for Nominations: Universal Acceptance Expert Working Group

The Council approved the resolution regarding the call for nominations to the UA Expert Working Group. The resolution was moved by Wafa Dahmani, and seconded by Sean Copeland. No further questions or comments were raised.

ICANN invited SO/ACs to nominate one member each for a new Universal Acceptance (UA) Expert Working Group. The Council decided to launch a call for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) from 19 to 30 May 2025. The selection process will follow the existing appointment procedures. The resolution was adopted.

- **Resolution 217-05**

Following a [call for nominations for members of a new Universal Acceptance \(UA\) Expert Working Group](#), the ccNSO Council requests the Secretariat to launch a call for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) to identify candidates for the ccNSO appointment to the ICANN UA Expert Group. The call should open by 19 May 2025 and close by 30 May 2025.

The selection and appointment process will follow the [ccNSO Appointment Procedures Guideline](#), and will result in the appointment of one individual to serve as the ccNSO appointee to the ICANN UA Expert Group.

The Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as feasible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

- **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.

17. Approval ccNSO membership application Sri Lanka (xn--fzc2c9e2c / ශ්‍රී ලංකා) ccTLD manager

The Council adopted the resolution regarding the approval of the membership application from the IDN ccTLD manager of Sri Lanka (xn--fzc2c9e2c / ශ්‍රී ලංකා) and welcomed LK Domain Registry to the ccNSO. Sean Copeland moved to approve the application, with Everton T. Rodrigues seconding. The motion passed with unanimous support.

Joke Braeken, ccNSO Secretariat, reported that there were no issues from IANA Services staff regarding the application. Stephen Deerhake, Councillor from the North American Region, expressed strong support, stating that he knows Gihan Dias from .lk and fully endorsed the application. Peter Koch, ccNSO Councillor from the European Region, asked whether this was a second application from the same member, to which Gihan clarified that they were not yet a member.

Gihan Dias expressed his appreciation, saying he was glad to join the ccNSO, noting that the organization he represents has been active for many years and that a colleague would be attending ICANN83. Patricio Poblete, ccNSO appointed ICANN Board Member, inquired whether the corresponding ASCII ccTLD was already a ccNSO member. Joke responded that it was not. Peter Koch emphasized the importance of this for Emissary purposes. Gihan added that the same ccTLD manager oversees both the ASCII and IDN ccTLDs. Joke noted there are slight differences in the IANA delegation records for the ASCII and IDN ccTLDs, and suggested that some administrative updates might still be pending.

- **Resolution 217-06**

The ccNSO Council approves the membership of the IDN ccTLD Manager of Sri Lanka (xn--fzc2c9e2c / ලංකා) and welcomes LK Domain Registry as member of the ccNSO. The chair of the Council is requested to welcome the new member accordingly. This decision becomes effective upon publication.

- **Action item 217-16**

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

- **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 this resolution as soon as possible on the ccNSO website. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

18. Open Public comments

- a. ***How We Meet: Reviewing the Implementation of the ICANN Public Meetings Strategy*** Due 19.May

The Council adopted the resolution regarding the ccNSO Council response to the How We Meet request for comments. Wafa Dahmani moved to approve the application, with Pablo Rodriguez seconding.

The Council agreed to submit a statement based on prior discussions. Alejandra Reynoso noted that although community members had raised additional points via the mailing list, they are not included in the Council response. The Council response rather serves as an inspiration for the ccTLD community to submit their own responses. Everyone is encouraged to submit individual or group responses.

The comments received will be collated and shared with Jodi Anderson and Molehe Wesi, the ccNSO appointed member and alternate on the “How we meet” cross community group, to provide additional input into the process.

- **Resolution 217-07**

The ccNSO Council adopts the [draft submission](#) on *How We Meet: Reviewing the Implementation of the ICANN Public Meetings Strategy*, and requests its chair to submit the comments by 19 May 2025. The secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible. The resolution becomes effective upon publication.

The ccNSO Council thanks Molehe Wesi and Jodi Anderson for their work to date in the Cross Community Group and in assisting in drafting the submission.

- **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.

- **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.

b. Governance Document for the Recognition, Maintenance, and Derecognition of RIRs Due 27.May

Peter Koch, ccNSO Councillor from the European region, flagged concerns about the replacement of a foundational document, possibly affecting the status of RFC1591. He recommended informal engagement with the ASO to understand the broader implications for the internet governance system, especially given the perception that the changes might help resolve issues such as the AFRINIC case. Jordan Carter, ccNSO Council Vice Chair, responded that submitting a formal comment would feel inappropriate, as this concerns purely to ASO. He did not see a strong reason for the ccNSO to comment officially but agreed with Peter's broader point about governance. He noted the current pressure on the governance model and the value in understanding how others are responding through careful and gradual processes. He supported informal engagement.

Stephen Deerhake, ccNSO Councillor from the North American region, agreed with Jordan's position. Alejandra concluded that no formal submission would be made, but the situation should be monitored for its potential impact on overall Internet governance. Peter agreed, emphasizing the need for active outreach in an informal manner. Stephen concurred.

c. Customer Standing Committee (CSC) changes Process for Amending the IANA SLAs Due 2.June

Alejandra Reynoso supported submitting a comment regarding the Service Level Agreement (SLA) change procedure. Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, confirmed the updated document simplifies and enables more regular SLA reviews. Peter Koch, ccNSO Councillor from the European region, emphasized the importance of this issue, noting its relevance to core ccNSO business. The Council agreed to proceed with a submission.

- **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.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

19. Introduction ccNSO Work Plan 01 July 2025 - 30 June 2027 and ccNSO Activity Monitor

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, informed the Council that the Triage Committee had met to evaluate ongoing and upcoming projects. The anticipated adoption of the Review Mechanism ccPDP will require implementation efforts starting mid-2025 until ICANN84. The current workload includes several ongoing working groups and study groups, and the work plan needs to reflect these developments. Chris, as new chair of the Triage Committee, will serve as the spokesperson from now on.

20. ccNSO schedule ICANN83

a. Block Schedule

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, confirmed there were no changes to the ccNSO Block Schedule.

b. Joint session with RySG

The planning of a joint session with the RySG is in progress, with Claudia having already contacted their chairs. Peter suggested including the RSS GWG as a topic for discussion, possibly during an informal session.

21. Any Other Business (AOB)

Sean Copeland, ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee Chair, reported that the draft ccNSO Council Selection Guideline was finalized by GRC earlier that week. It incorporates feedback from the election process report and includes improvements such as a glossary and clearer definitions for nominating and seconding. Alejandra asked councillors to review and provide comments.

● *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

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, announced that the ccNSO Onboarding and Mentoring Committee (OMC) would introduce a buddy system before ICANN83, and that invitations to volunteer as a buddy would be sent soon.

22. Next Council Meetings

- 28 May 2025 | 12:00 UTC - Council Prep call for ICANN83
- 12 June 2025 | time TBC, Meeting 218 (ICANN83)
- 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

23. Adjourn