

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I wish to express my thanks to Pierre Bonis of .FR and Dmytro Kohmanyuk of .UA for nominating me to return to the Council of the ccNSO.

I have been a part of ICANN since its formation. Back in 1998 I was elected to ICANN's DNSO Council (as it then was) representing the ccTLD Constituency. I later served on the wwTLD Administrative Committee (Adcom), the ccNSO Council, and most recently was a Member of the ICANN Board (2018-2021).

I served effectively during my full three-year term on the ICANN Board as a member of the Audit Committee, the Risk Committee, and as Chair of the Board's Accountability Mechanisms Committee, demonstrating a continuous commitment, over two decades, to the success of ICANN, ccTLDs and dedication to our multi-stakeholder model.

I have been involved in networking and Internet technologies since 1978.

In 1997 I was a participant in the original gTLD Memorandum of Understanding, and played an active part in the International Forum on the White Paper (IFWP); this led directly to the creation of ICANN and the multistakeholder model for the DNS.

I was elected to the ICANN first DNSO Council representing ccTLDs in 1998. Between 2001-2002 I was on the Administrative Committee (AdCom) of wwTLD - the organisation that represented ccTLDs immediately before the formation of the ccNSO in 2003.

I served as a ccNSO Council Member for 4 years and on the ICANN Ethos Award Panel (now known as the Multistakeholder Excellence Award) for two years.

I have a technical formation in Computer Science and engineering from the University of Essex, graduating in 1980 with a BSc in Computer Science. I also have a law qualification (LLB), and was awarded an honorary doctorate (doctor honoris causa) by Essex in 2022 for early work in multi-user computer games and for my work with ICANN.

I was awarded Fellowship of the British Computer Society (the Chartered Institute for IT) in 2005 and became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2016. I'm also a member of the Royal Society for Arts Manufactures and the Sciences (RSA) and a full member of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA is the arts charity that awards the British equivalent of the "Oscars" each year)

I am a board member with Island Networks and Island Networks (Jersey)

who are the ccTLD managers for the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey respectively.

I also have other experience of serving as a Director of non-profit sector boards between 1991 - 1996 I was a Board member of the Radio Society of Great Britain, a national not-for-profit representative organisation with a thriving technical book publishing business, more recent I have served on the Board of Alderney Broadcasting (owner of a community FM station in the Islands), and on the Board of a local residential care home for seniors.

I believe my long experience, particularly in the voluntary sector, qualifies me to serve as your Council member, and I look forward to your support.