

Dear ccNSO members, colleagues, friends,

I would kindly like to offer my service as a Councillor of the ccNSO and ask for your support. My gratitude shall be expressed to Ondřej Filip (.cz) and Pierre Bonis (.fr) for demonstrating their trust and confidence by supporting my nomination.

I have been able to work within ICANN (and CENTR, for that matter) since I joined DENIC in 2005 as a Senior Researcher. Later that role changed into Senior Policy Advisor, so the engagement shifted to interfacing between tech and policy. I have served on various ICANN committees (RSSAC, RZERC, NomCom, and more recently the RSSGWG) as an appointee of either the IETF or the ccNSO. I have participated both of the latest ccPDP groups (retirement & review mechanisms as well as IDN ccTLDs) and chaired the ccNSO Study Group on Emojis at the 2nd level in ccTLDs. All of this provided me insight into the workings of the ccNSO and at least a glimpse of what the Council is faced with when it comes to shaping new work and recruiting volunteers.

I am well connected to other parts of the Internet community (e.g., IETF, RIRs) within Europe and beyond through long standing engagement supported by my employer. This extends to involvement in Internet Governance such as the IGF but also at the domestic level, where I have the pleasure to head the Secretariat for the German IGF since late 2022.

The challenges ahead derive from the geopolitics, a growing trend towards multilateral rather than multistakeholder, and regulatory appetite in our region that inspires followers of either kind in other parts of the world. Inside ICANN, the ccNSO will need to maintain its strong role in the EC and, more practically, in cross community work. In the wider field of Internet Governance (and digital policy) the ccTLDs have a lot to offer, individually and collectively.

Again, I would like to ask for your support and encourage you to ask questions either directly or during the candidate question session in Hamburg. Looking forward to meeting as many of you there as possible!

Kind regards

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