

Report ccNSO Council Special Election, African Region

31 October 2016

Background

Mr. Vika Mpisane has stepped down from the ccNSO Council in July 2016. Therefore, the ccNSO members in the African Region will need to elect a new candidate to fill this seat. The person elected following the special council election will take the seat on the council immediately and serve until March 2018, when Mr Mpisane's term was originally scheduled to end.

A call for nominations was conducted. The period for nominations and secondments started on Thursday 29 September 2015, 00.00 UTC and ended on Thursday 20 October 2015, 23.59 UTC. As the announcement of Vika Mpisane's resignation came close to the regular ccNSO Council nomination period, it was decided to keep the same timeline for both the regular and special nomination periods, in order to avoid confusion.

The timeline of the launch of the nomination period was defined following the [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#) and was approved by the ccNSO Council on 1 September 2016, taking into consideration the fact that ccNSO members have a possibility to ask direct question to the candidate(s) at the upcoming ccNSO members meeting in Hyderabad (ICANN57, 6 and 7 November 2016). Joke Braeken was appointed Election Manager at the [ccNSO Council Telephone Conference on 1 September 2016](#), both for the regular and special council elections.

Launch of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period was launched on 29 September 2016, 00.00 UTC. The call for nominations was [posted on the ccNSO website on 29 September 2016](#), and shared on the same day with the ccnsso-members@icann.org and ccnsocouncil@icann.org mailing lists.

Close of Nomination Period

In accordance with the approved timeline, the nomination period closed on Thursday 20 October 2016, 23.59 UTC.

Nomination Results

The nomination archives can be found at: <https://forum.icann.org/lists/ccnsso-nominations/>

At the close of the call, the following nominations and secondments were received:

On 17 October 2016, Mr. Abdalla Omari was nominated by Eng. Abibu Rashid Ntahigiye (.tz). This nomination was seconded by Eng. Choolwe Nalubamba (.zm) on 19 October 2016.

Issues: self-nomination

On 17 October 2016, Abdalla Omari was self-nominated for the regular council election. This nomination was seconded by Dr Paulos Nyirenda (.mw) on 19 October 2016.

Even though self-nominations are not explicitly excluded under the Bylaws or the applicable [ccNSO Rules and Guidelines](#), it is the understanding of the Election managers that non-acceptance of self-

nomination has been an accepted principle. Mr. Omari was informed about this by the Election Manager. The matter was resolved in practical terms with the nomination of Mr. Omari for the special Council Election by Eng. Abibu Rashid Ntahigiye (.tz).

Advice:

To be clear for future elections and Board nominations, the ccNSO Council is advised to request the Guideline Review Committee to include a principle with respect to self-nominations (either way) in the ccNSO Council Elections Guideline.

Acceptance Nominations

In accordance to the applicable rules, Mr. Abdalla Omari was nominated, seconded and has accepted his Nomination for the special council election for the African region.

Conclusion

As only one candidate received a nomination and was seconded within the nomination period, no elections need to be held. The appointment will be the subject of a vote by the Council members at the upcoming Council meeting at the occasion of ICANN57 in Hyderabad, on 7 November 2016.