Preliminary Issue Report on the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review

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Status of this Document

This Preliminary Issue Report has been drafted by ccNSO Policy Support Staff and finalised by the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Working Group team members. It is published for Public Comment. Staff and the Working Group will review all comments and, based on the feedback, make any necessary amendments in order to forward the Final Issue Report to the ccNSO Council for its consideration.

Preamble

In January 2016, the ccNSO Council approved a recommendation by the ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group to hold three (3) ccNSO Members Meetings a year. This recommendation is currently being revised, as part of the review of the ccNSO meeting strategy. The review is conducted by the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Working Group, according to the Terms of Reference as approved by the ccNSO Council, and based on a consultation with the broader ccTLD community.

The objective of this Preliminary Issue Report is to assess all relevant issues related to the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review and, following Community Input, to recommend a course of action to the ccNSO Council.

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1.1   Background & Scope

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The intent of the ccNSO meeting strategy review is to consider whether the current ccNSO meeting strategy, under the overall framework of the ICANN meeting strategy, is adequate and provides a sound basis for the ccNSO to perform its work as envisioned. This review is limited to the ccNSO meeting strategy only. The overall ICANN meeting strategy is not part of this review.

Specifically, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy review focuses on:

1. Review goals and formats of the ICANN public Meetings, and review how the ccNSO sessions fit in.
2. Consider other formats for the ccNSO members meetings
3. Establish the need, or lack thereof, to have a ccNSO members meeting in every ICANN Meeting.
4. Consider how best to encourage sharing of ideas and developing relationships between ccNSO members and participants

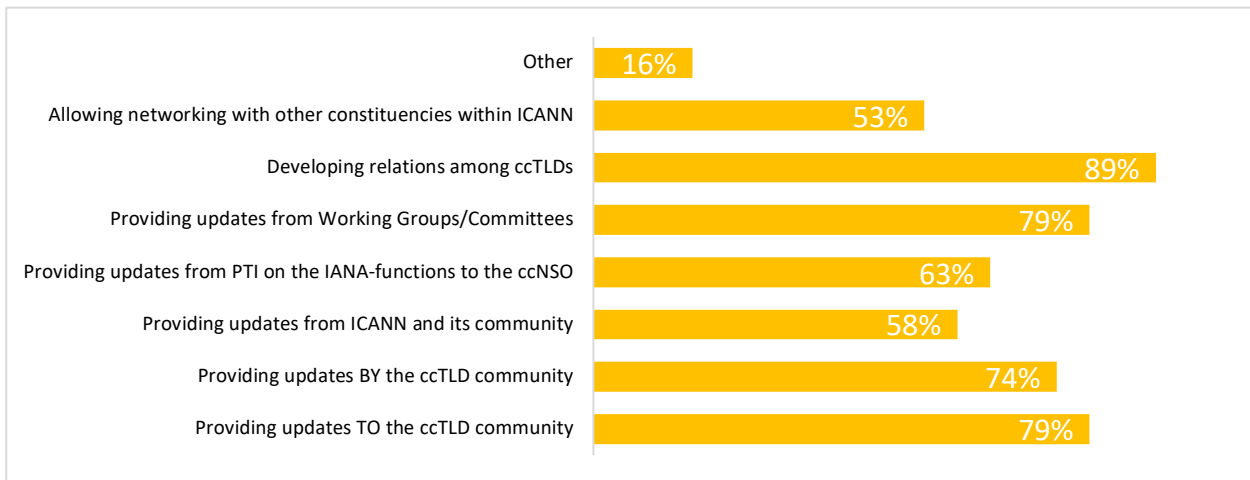Read more: see Annex A at the end of this document.

1.2   Community Consultation: Survey

In order to collect input from the broader ccTLD community on the current and possibly future strategy for the ccNSO Members Meetings, a survey was distributed to the ccNSO members and broader ccTLD community. The survey was distributed via e-mail to the following mailing list: ccnso-members@icann.org, ccTLDcommunity@cctld-managers.org , ccnso-council@icann.org between 12 February 2018 and 26 February 2018 (noon UTC).

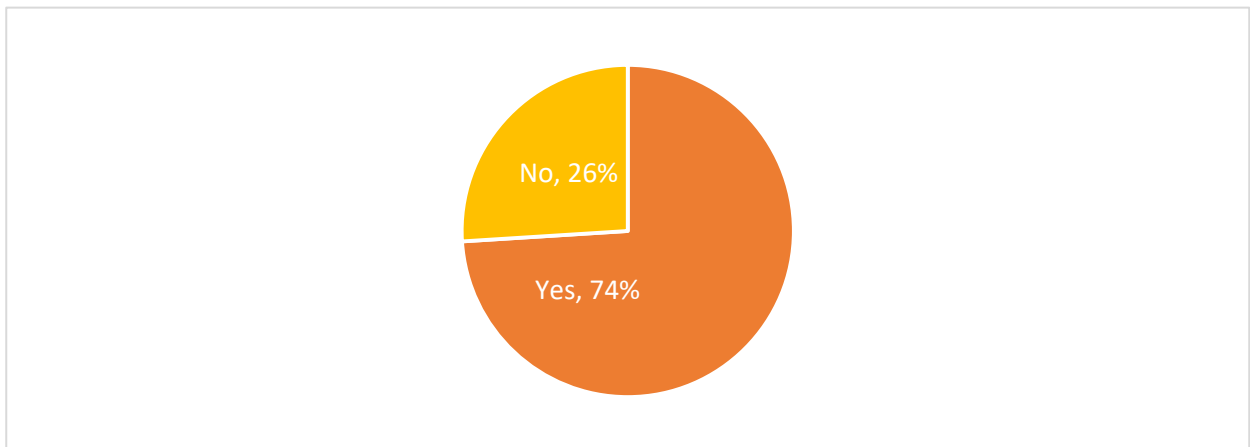19 responses were collected. Consult the full survey results, including data trends and individual responses, here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-58NBMVGH8/
Below you will be able to find a short graphical summary of the feedback received.

1.3 Graphical summary survey results

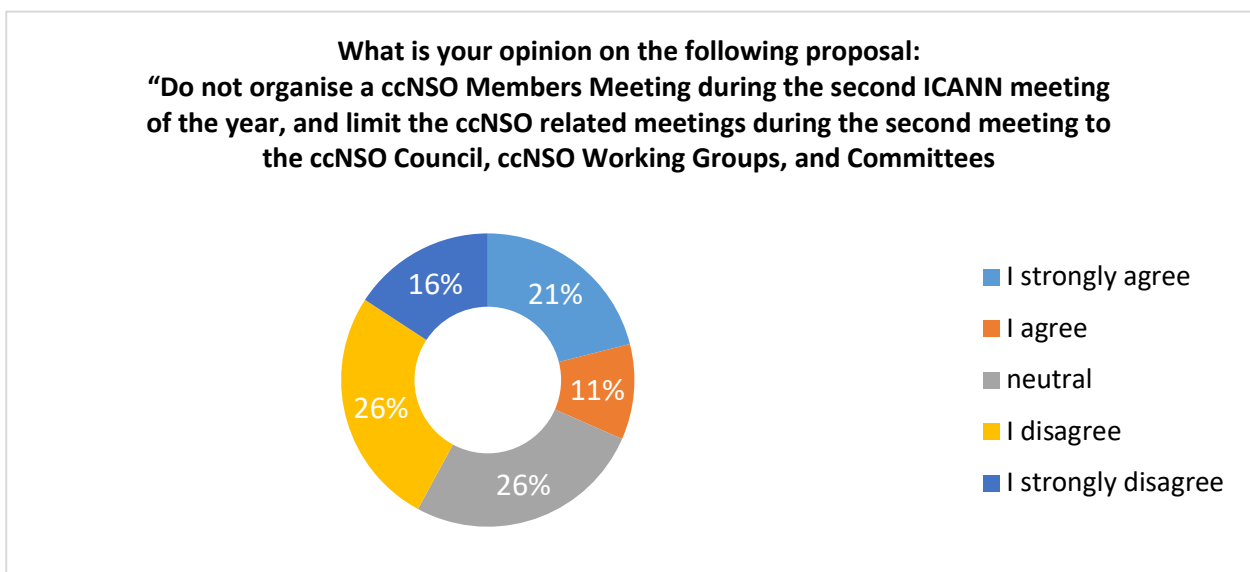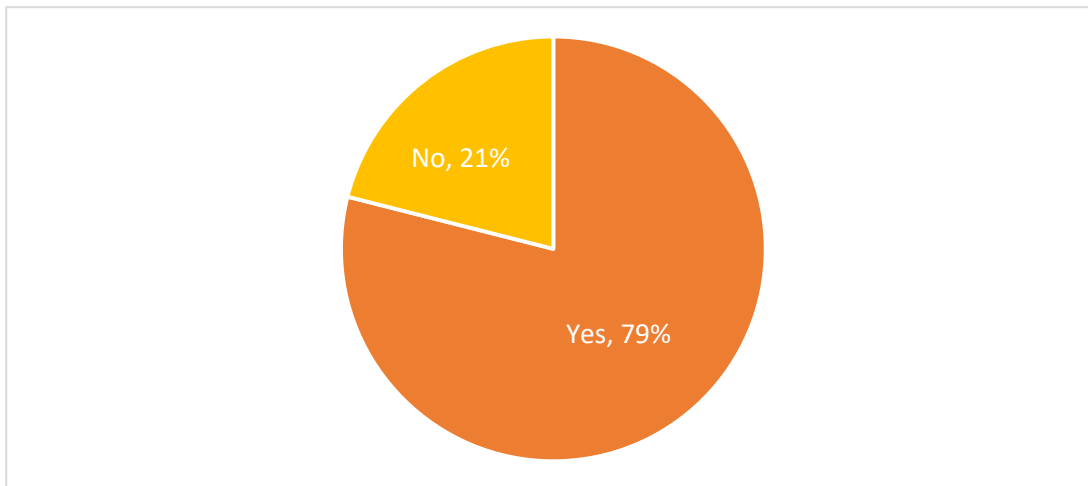### 1. What is the ideal purpose of the ccNSO Members Meetings?

Purpose	Percentage
Other	16%
Allowing networking with other constituencies within ICANN	53%
Developing relations among ccTLDs	89%
Providing updates from Working Groups/Committees	79%
Providing updates from PTI on the IANA-functions to the ccNSO	63%
Providing updates from ICANN and its community	58%
Providing updates BY the ccTLD community	74%
Providing updates TO the ccTLD community	79%

2. Should there be a ccNSO Members Meeting at every ICANN meeting?

No, 26%

Yes, 74%

3.

What is your opinion on the following proposal:
"Do not organise a ccNSO Members Meeting during the second ICANN meeting of the year, and limit the ccNSO related meetings during the second meeting to the ccNSO Council, ccNSO Working Groups, and Committees

- I strongly agree — 21%
- I agree — 11%
- neutral — 26%
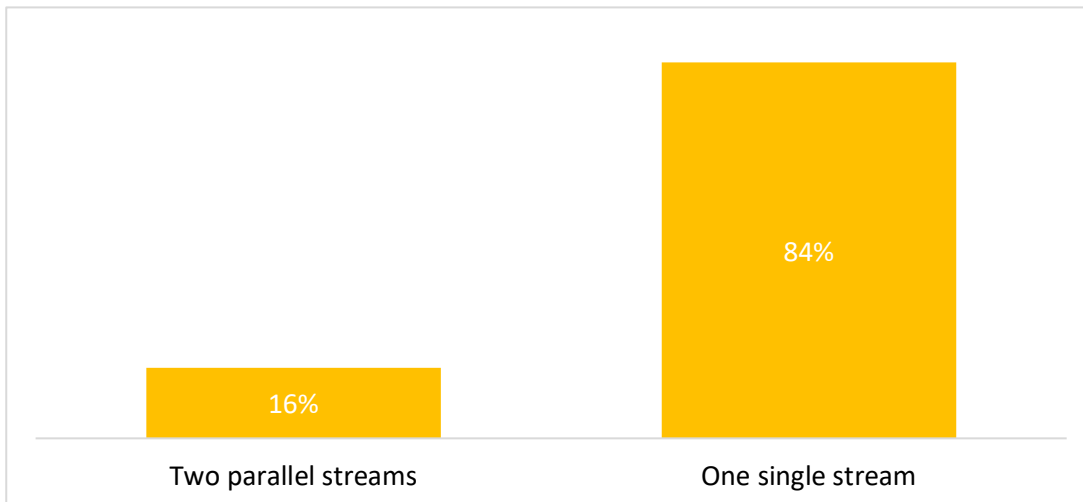- I disagree — 26%
- I strongly disagree — 16%

4. Should the standard ccNSO Members Meeting be held over 2 days?

5. What format of the ccNSO Members Meeting do you prefer?

6. What aspect(s) of the current ccNSO Meeting Strategy go(es) particularly well?

- Technical and strategic policy discussions
- Members updates, ICANN and IANA updates, PTI reports
- Special topics sessions
- The council engenders a good spirit and the meetings are open and very good natured
- Working group updates
- Community building, consultations with the community, community involvement, networking
- Joint meetings with GNSO and GAC and meeting with ICANN Board
- The decision making
- remove the regular briefings, as they are repetitive and non-informative
- The ccNSO has managed well to get an efficient and standardized meeting schedule together. Most of the sessions are relevant and timing is usually good. I would recommend not interfere too much with the meeting format

7. What aspect(s) of the current ccNSO Meeting Strategy need(s) improvement?

- Making the basic ccNSO principles stronger: not to be bound by any non-local policy.
- Translation is needed
- Any questions for decision or vote need to be clearly indicated at least a week in advance for due consideration of the background and options. It is unclear when we vote and why it´s worth it.
- Avoid overlap with the Regional Organisations meetings, and duplication in general
- More interaction, more best practice sharing
- More time with GAC
- more round table discussion and share the discussions with all
- remove the regular briefings, as they are repetitive and non-informative
- presentations of participants
- The interactions with the other SO's/AC's is often a bit sloppy.

2 Recommendations

Based on the input collected via the online survey, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team makes the following recommendations:

1. Organise a ccNSO Members Meeting at every ICANN meeting
2. Ask the meeting programme WG to explore the possibility to organise a 1-day ccNSO Members Meeting during the Policy Forum (i.e. the second ICANN meeting of the year)
3. Keep the ccNSO Members Meeting as a single stream, and do not organise parallel sessions.
4. Invite the meeting programme WG to keep in mind those priorities highlighted via the survey, when putting together the agenda for the ccNSO Members meeting, being:
   a. Developing relations between ccTLDs
   b. Providing updates by and to the ccTLD community

In addition to the 4 aforementioned recommendations,

5. the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team asks the ccNSO Meeting Programme Working Group to attempt avoiding overlap or duplications with regional organisations' meetings.
6. Moreover, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team invites the ccNSO council to ensure that the joint sessions with other supporting organisations and advisory committees at public ICANN meetings are a valuable experience for all parties, in terms of their objectives and timing.

3 Next steps

This Preliminary Issue Report will be published for public comment in order to allow for Community input on the recommendations, additional information and the correction or updating of any information provided so far.

A further session to consult the ccTLD community on the initial recommendations will be held on Tuesday, 13 March 2018 at the ICANN61 ccNSO Members Meeting in San Juan (13:30-14:30). Agenda:
https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=74587248

Following review of the comments and face-to-face consultations, the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review team will update the Preliminary Issue Report and submit the Final Issue Report to the ccNSO Council for its consideration and potential action.

ANNEX A

- ccNSO council Resolution 136-02/2017, adoption Terms of Reference and appointment Review Team: https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/council/decisions-resolutions/2017
- Slide deck community consultation on the draft Terms of Reference at ICANN60, Abu Dhabi (November 2017): https://ccnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/field-attached/ccnso-strategy-review-31oct17-en.pdf
- Background paper, about the ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review, the ICANN meeting strategy, and the ccNSO meeting distribution at ICANN meetings. This background paper was shared together with the online survey. The ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Team recommends the community to become familiar with the content of this document, in order to have a meaningful discussion and consultation at the upcoming ccNSO Members Meeting (ICANN61, San Juan) https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/ccNSO+Meeting+Strategy+Working+Group?preview=/69284122/79434676/ccNSOmeetingstrategyreview_background paper_Febr2018.pdf[community.icann.org]
- ccNSO Meeting Strategy Review Wiki: https://community.icann.org/display/ccnsowkspc/ccNSO+Meeting+Strategy+Working+Group