

Meeting Minutes

ccNSO Council meeting 208
Thursday, 22 August 2024 at 20:00 UTC

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Decisions

- **Resolution 208-01**

Assuming the GNSO council will decide in a similar manner, the ccNSO Council decides to defer the 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review, and to revisit this decision in August 2025. The Council requests its chair jointly with the chair of the GNSO Council to inform the chair of the ICANN Board of Directors, by sending the letter that was drafted for that purpose, after this resolution becomes effective. The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution as soon as possible, and this resolution becomes effective seven (7) days after its publication.

Action items

- **Action item 208-01:**

Following the departure of Tatiana Tropina from Council, the Secretariat is requested to add the topic to the agenda of Council meeting 209, regarding filling the vacancies for one (1) member to the Triage Committee, and one (1) Council liaison to IGLC.

- **Action item 208-02:**

The secretariat is requested to publish the resolution regarding the CSC effectiveness review deferral

- **Action item 208-03:**

The ccNSO Chair to send letter to ICANN Board Chair, regarding the CSC effectiveness review deferral

- **Action item 208-04:**

Once the Travel Fund Committee finalises the proposed revised Travel Fund Guideline, the secretariat is requested to send it to Council for review, and then to the community, unless Council raises any concerns.

- **Action item 208-05:**

The Secretariat is requested to prepare a boilerplate text for the invite to ccTLD managers to join the ccNSO, and send the draft to Council for discussion

- **Action item 208-06:**

The volunteers that stepped forward during Council meeting 207 are requested to draft a cover note regarding the ccNSO response to the Board Caucus regarding the questions about the proposed ccPDP3-RM policy.

- **Action item 208-07:**

The ccNSO Chair is requested to keep Council informed about developments in the ICANN “how we meet” initiative.

- **Action item 208-08:**

The ccNSO Council members are requested to suggest topics for the joint session between the ccNSO and the ICANN Board at ICANN 81.

- **Action item 208-09:**

The ccNSO Council members interested in joining the planning committee for the ICANN 81 Plenary session on the ALAC topic proposal are invited to inform the Council chair.

- **Action item 208-10:**

The Secretariat is requested to propose to Council a template for the DASC review.

- **Action item 208-11:**

Council members are invited to participate in the DASC survey

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
- Nick Wenban-Smith, .uk

Latin America/ Caribbean

- Demi Getschko, .br
- Jenifer Lopez, .pa
- Alejandra Reynoso (Chair)

North America

- Sean Copeland, .vi
- Stephen Deerhake, .as
- Pablo Rodriguez, .pr

NomCom appointed Councillors

- Olga Cavalli
- Wafa Dahmani
- Tatiana Tropina

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

- None

Apologies received

Olga Cavalli, Jenifer Lopez, Molehe Wesi

Background and supporting documents

- Council workspace for this meeting:
<https://community.icann.org/x/7QAZew>
- ccNSO correspondence: statements and responses:
<https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/statements.htm>

Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call

Welcome by Alejandra Reynoso, ccNSO Chair.

Tatiana Tropina left the ccNSO Council, and joined the start of the meeting for final goodbyes. Tatiana was extensively thanked by Alejandra and other Council members, for her valuable contributions to the Council and the work of the ccNSO.

- **Action item 208-01:**

Following the departure of Tatiana Tropina from Council, the Secretariat is requested to add the topic to the agenda of Council meeting 209, regarding filling the vacancies for one (1) member to the Triage Committee, and one (1) Council liaison to IGLC.

- a. Establish whether meeting is Quorate**

Claudia Ruiz, ccNSO Secretariat, confirmed the meeting was quorate.

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned three (3) items for AOB. Alejandra asked whether Councillors agreed to skip items 3 to 10 on the agenda, in the interest of time. No objections were raised.

2. Updates Statements of Interest

No updates were disclosed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Relevant Correspondence

- a. Letter from ICANN re WSIS+20**
 - b. Letter to ICANN and response from ICANN re "How we meet"**

4. Minutes & Action Items

- a. Minutes Meeting 207: Circulated 29 July 2024**

The prior meeting's minutes are approved.

- b. Action items**

All action items are completed. No questions or comments were raised regarding these agenda items. Action Item 207-10 was discussed during the meeting.

- **Action item 207-01:** Peter Koch will provide a written report to Council regarding RSS GWG developments. If actions are needed, the Secretariat is requested to reflect this in the agenda for the next Council meeting. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-02:** The secretariat is requested to ensure the RSS GWG updates are included in the monthly written updates. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-03:** Jordan Carter will prepare a draft plenary session proposal for ICANN 81 on the WSIS+20 strategy. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-04:** Alejandra Reynoso will inform the ICANN planning team that a plenary session proposal for ICANN 81 on the WSIS+20 strategy is forthcoming. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-05:** The Secretariat shall inform all volunteers of the outcome of the Council's decision to appoint the volunteers and the initial Chair of the PGA WG and shall publish the decision as soon as possible. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-06:** The Secretariat shall send a draft resolution for online decision to Council, regarding the appointment of Chris Disspain (Council), Nick Wenban-Smith (.uk) as members of the ccNSO PGA WG, and Peter Van Roste (CENTR) as Liaison. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-07:** The Secretariat shall inform all volunteers about the outcome of the Council's decision to appoint the Tech WG Vice Chairs and shall publish the decision as soon as possible. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-08:** The Secretariat shall publish the Council decision to adopt the Council election timeline and the appointment of the Election Process Manager as soon as possible. **(Completed)**
- **Action item 207-09:** Secretariat and Councillors to draft letter on deferral 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review and to revisit decision in 1 year. To be shared with the Council in 2 weeks, in time for the next Council meeting. **(Completed)**
- **Action Item 207-10:** The Travel Funding Committee, with assistance from the secretariat, should propose updates to the ccNSO travel funding process, using the ccNSO Continuous Improvement Framework. The committee should provide an update on progress by the next Council meeting, and with aspiration to conclude the update by the next round of travel funding requests (for ICANN82 or ICANN83). **(Completed, See item 13 on the agenda)**
- **Action Item 207-11:** A Council drafting team will prepare a draft response to the request for input on the “how we meet” paper. The proposed draft will be circulated by 26 July 2024 to Council for review and adoption. **(Completed)**
- **Action Item 207-12:** Sean Copeland is requested to circulate background materials and questions to Council. Councillors are requested to respond in a timely manner. **(Completed)**
- **Action Item 207-13:** Alejandra Reynoso will circulate the initial draft of the ICANN81 ccNSO block schedule to the Council mailing list. **(Completed)**

5. Intermeeting Decisions (since meeting 207, July 2024)

207-A: Appointment members PGA WG (Declan McDermott, .ie) & IGLC (Declan McDermott, .ie, Thsholofelo Mokone, .za)

207-B: Support letter to ICANN Interim CEO and President re: “How we meet”

207-C: Approval membership National Communication Authority (NCA) of South Sudan (.ss) as member 178 of the ccNSO

207-D: Approval full slate CSC membership (by Council selection committee)

6. Intermeeting Decisions Triage Committee

No decisions were made since the last meeting.
No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

UPDATES

7. Update ECA, IFRT & CSC

Written updates were provided. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

8. Update WGs (written updates)

- a. ccPDP3-Review Mechanism - Dormant*
- b. ccPDP4-IDN - Dormant*
- c. DASC*
- d. GRC*
- e. IGLC*
- f. MPC*
- g. OMC - To be established*
- h. PGA WG - First meeting is scheduled for 27 August 2024*
- i. SOPC*
- j. Tech WG - Had no meeting since Council meeting 207*
- k. TLD-OPS SC - Had no meeting since Council meeting 207*
- l. UAC*
- m. Triage Committee - Had no meeting since Council meeting 207*
- n. CCG WS2 Implementation- Had no meeting since Council meeting 207*
- o. IRP Panel Selection - Had no meeting since Council meeting 207*
- p. Planning Prioritization Process group - Had no meeting since Council meeting 207*
- q. RZERC*
- r. RSS GWG*
- s. CIP-CCG*

Written updates were provided. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

9. Update liaisons (written updates)

- a. Update ALAC Liaison*
- b. Update GNSO Liaison*
- c. Update UASG Liaison*

Written updates were provided, if any. No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

10. Update ccNSO Website redesign

No questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

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

- a. *ICANN81 Planning Call (Block schedule, Plenary topics), see item 17 & 19c*
- b. *SO/AC Roundtable meeting, see item 17*
- c. *Meeting on "How we meet", see item 18*

Alejandra Reynoso provided an update regarding the SO/AC Chairs call regarding the Pilot Holistic Review and the composition of the review team.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

12. Appointment members to committees and working groups, if any

There were no appointments to be completed.

13. Deferral 3rd CSC Effectiveness Review

The ccNSO Council adopted the decision to send the letter to the Board regarding the deferral of the CSC Effectiveness Review. The resolution was moved by Stephen Deerhake, seconded by Sean Copeland. No further questions or comments were raised regarding this agenda item.

Alejandra Reynoso referred to the rationale for the decision. The second CSC effectiveness review was concluded in March 2023, and the ccNSO and GNSO Councils adopted the final report in April 2023. This included a recommendation to amend the ICANN bylaws to extend the interval between reviews. The current review cycle is scheduled to occur every three years, commencing from the review start date. This would suggest that the next review should commence in October 2024. The compressed time frame between the conclusion of the previous review and the mandatory commencement of the next review raises concerns that the recommendations from the previous review may not be implemented. Furthermore, the next review would also coincide with the IANA Functions Review, resulting in a potential overlap in resources.

Alejandra furthermore added that the letter to the ICANN Board was drafted jointly by the ccNSO and GNSO Councils.

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- **Action item 208-03:**

The ccNSO Chair to send letter to ICANN Board Chair, regarding the CSC effectiveness review deferral

14. Update & introduction changes to ccNSO Travel Support Guideline

Peter Koch, member of the ccNSO Council Travel Fund subcommittee, provided an update about the Committee's proposed changes to the ccNSO Travel Support Guideline. The Travel Fund Committee seeks to achieve two things: Firstly, a fair and equitable distribution of the ccNSO travel funding slots, with a better balance between enabling the participation of individuals who can contribute significantly to the work of the ccNSO, and encouraging broader participation. Secondly, the ccNSO Travel Fund guideline, including the selection criteria, should be clear and easily accessible to all.

The proposal prepared by the Travel Fund Committee will be sent to Council for review. Unless Council raises concerns or requires adjustments, it will be sent to the ccNSO membership for comments, before being adopted by Council.

- **Action item 208-04:**

Once the Travel Fund Committee finalises the proposed revised Travel Fund Guideline, the secretariat is requested to send it to Council for review, and then to the community, unless Council raises any concerns.

15. Generic letter to invite ccTLDs to join the ccNSO?

Alejandra Reynoso mentioned that Council was requested to send a letter to an individual ccTLD, inviting them to join the ccNSO as a member. Chris Disspain noted that if Council is going to send such a letter, it needs to be addressed to the current ccTLD Manager listed in the Root Zone delegation record. Therefore, the proposal is to not publish a generic letter on the ccNSO website, but rather to encourage ccTLDs to reach out to the Secretariat, should they require such a letter. Sean Copeland furthermore suggested giving a heads up regarding the proposed letter to the ccTLD manager. The Secretariat was requested to draft a boilerplate text, and send it to Council for review.

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS & DECISIONS

16. Update and next steps re requests for clarification and confirmation Board Caucus ccPDP review mechanism

a. Review and support response by Council

Alejandra Reynoso provided context regarding the request for clarification by the Board Caucus on ccPDP3-Review Mechanism. The Caucus oversees the policy implementation feasibility. A group of members of the ccPDP3-RM Working Group and Councillors prepared a draft response, which will shortly be shared with Council for review.

Stephen Deerhake noted that some questions contained several sub-questions, to which the group provided responses. Jordan Carter added that the answers were at times deliberately

vague. Chris Disspain raised a question regarding whether the ccNSO was going to be involved in the implementation review team. Bart confirmed.

b. Topics to include in Cover Note

Alejandra Reynoso listed 4 topics for inclusion in the cover note, accompanying the answers to the Board questions, namely:

- Inviting the Caucus and staff to meet to discuss the requests and responses, to avoid losing additional time with written communications
- Confirming that the substantive material review of an IFO Decision is not subject to a CCRM review
- Clarifying the scope of section 15(a) of the ICANN Bylaw, Annex B, regarding what the ccNSO can expect to be included in Procedures for Board consideration.
- Alerting the Board about the ccNSO Guideline for implementation.

Jordan Carter, ccNSO Vice Chair, suggested Councillors should draft the cover letter, and will send it to Council for review and comments. Jordan Carter, Stephen Deerhake, Peter Koch, Chris Disspain and Sean Copeland volunteered to join the drafting team.

- ***Action item 208-06:***

The volunteers that stepped forward during Council meeting 207 are requested to draft a cover note regarding the ccNSO response to the Board Caucus regarding the questions about the proposed ccPDP3-RM policy.

17. WSIS+20 exchange of letters: what's next?

Alejandra Reynoso listed the actions to date.

- 11 July | The drafting team met informally with Sally Costerton.
- 15. July | The Council letter was sent to ICANN org
- 16 July | The drafting team and Sally Costerton met
- 9 August | The drafting team and Elena Plexida met
- 14 August | The SO/AC leaders were informed during their monthly meeting
- 15 August | The topic was briefly mentioned during the SO/AC Roundtable, but there was not sufficient time to discuss properly
- 19 August | The ccNSO proposal for a plenary session at ICANN 81 was not withheld. The ALAC proposal was chosen via a randomisation process

Alejandra asked whether any further actions are required by ccNSO. Jordan Carter, the ccNSO Vice Chair, suggested waiting until the end of the next week. Peter Koch referred to the e-mail by ICANN org on the WSIS+20 mailing list regarding ICANN speaking during the 22 August GDC consultations. Chris Disspain confirmed that this is an encouraging development.

18. Follow-up Discussion on ICANN's "How we meet" initiative

Alejandra Reynoso referred to an informal meeting on 19 August with ICANN org, which was not intended as a decision-making meeting, but merely as an opportunity to discuss. There were 2 main topics:

1. How to make work more efficient, including suggestions regarding less redundant work, project management techniques, the concept of "the best is the enemy of the good", and the use of ICANN offices
2. Meetings, including suggestions around travel costs, fixed meeting hubs, and overall cost overview for meetings

Chris Disspain mentioned the concept of meeting hubs would save costs, and is worth pursuing.

- **Action item 208-07:**

The ccNSO Chair is requested to keep Council informed about developments in the ICANN "how we meet" initiative.

19. Tentative ccNSO Block Schedule ICANN 81

Alejandra Reynoso speaks to the draft ccNSO block schedule.

- a. **Council (prep) meetings/workshop**
- b. **Joint meetings: Meeting with the Board and GAC**

Tentative topics GAC meeting:

- i. introducing the Policy Gap Analysis
- ii. Supporting the MSM in context of WSIS+20
- iii. Relevant takeaways 2nd DNS Abuse survey

- **Action item 208-08:**

The ccNSO Council members are requested to suggest topics for the joint session between the ccNSO and the ICANN Board at ICANN 81.

- c. **Plenary session**

Alejandra mentioned that the ALAC topic was chosen for the ICANN 81 plenary session. The Working Title: Shifting Paradigms: Multistakeholderism, Geopolitics, International Law, and New Internet Infrastructures.

- **Action item 208-09:**

The ccNSO Council members interested in joining the planning committee for the ICANN 81 Plenary session on the ALAC topic proposal are invited to inform the Council chair.

- d. **Working groups/Committees meetings**

Nick Wenban-Smith, DASC Chair, spoke about the DASC working session on Saturday. One of the items that DASC will need to address is the effectiveness review, mandated by its charter. He asked whether the review team could use ICANN 81 to conduct its work.

Bart Boswinkel, ccNSO Secretariat, suggested creating a template for such a review, based on the OISC model.

- **Action item 208-10:**

The Secretariat is requested to propose to Council a template for the DASC review.

- e. Tech Day**

- f. Members sessions**

Alejandra referred to interest by RySG regarding the original plenary topic proposal by ccNSO on WSIS+20 and suggested inviting RySG to join the ccNSO members meeting session by IGLC.

Stephen Deerhake initially raised concerns regarding the timing of the Approval Action Forum, but then changed his opinion, following a remark by Chris Disspain that the session would be held right after the public forum, and thus is likely to attract a good audience.

20. AOB

Bart Boswinkel reminded Council members to complete the 360 degree survey by the end of the day.

He also referred to the launch of the DASC survey, and invited Council members to respond to the survey. The number of responses received to date are limited.

- **Action item 208-11:**

Council members are invited to participate in the DASC survey

21. Next Council Meetings

- 19 September 2024 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 209
- 17 October 2024 | 21:00 UTC, Meeting 210
- 14 November 2024 | time TBD, Meeting 211 (at ICANN81)
- 12 December 2024 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 212
- 16 January 2025 | 18:00 UTC, Meeting 213
- 13 February 2025 | 12:00 UTC, Meeting 214

22. Adjourn