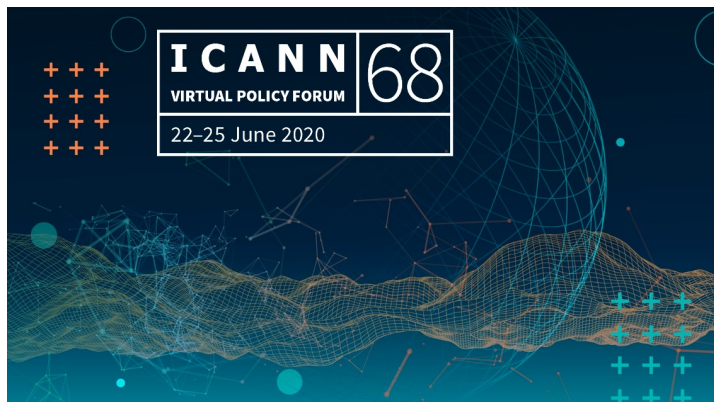


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The ccNSO prepares for a virtual ICANN68 Policy Forum and beyond



Due to the quickly developing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, ICANN68 – originally scheduled to be held in June in Kuala Lumpur – will be held virtually. Read the announcement [here](#).

To adequately prepare for a Virtual ICANN68 Policy Forum and beyond, the ccNSO recently undertook the following efforts:

Community consultation during special Council meeting

The ccNSO Council and the ccNSO Working Group and Committee Chairs met on Tuesday, 7 April, to discuss the impact and way forward for the ccNSO schedule at ICANN68 and beyond. Highlights from the discussion include a preference to:

- maintain the relevancy of the ccNSO within ICANN overall.
- organise a limited number of sessions, with a limited duration.
- keep the regional timezone rotation

It was further noted that the virtual meeting is an opportunity to engage ccTLD managers that typically do not attend in person. Consult the session recording [here](#).

Survey results now available

Moreover, the ccNSO Secretariat circulated, on behalf of the Council leadership team, a survey among the broader ccTLD Community. The survey closed on Monday, 20 April 2020 and had a high response rate. Thanks to all respondents! Consult the survey results [here](#).

MPC kicked off its planning

Finally, the ccNSO Meetings Programme Committee (MPC), chaired by Barbara Povse (.si) kicked off its



preparations for ICANN68. The group discussed how to organise the ccNSO Members Meetings moving forward, taking into account the potential of pre-ICANN68 webinars and a reduced, virtual schedule. Information about the [ccNSO Members Meeting agenda](#) will be posted as soon as it becomes available. Stay informed about the work of the MPC and consult its [workspace](#).

ICANN68: Links to bookmark now

Information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

- [ccNSO Members Meeting agenda](#)
- [ccNSO Remote Participation Hub](#): overview of all relevant ccNSO sessions, and how to participate remotely.
- [ICANN68 meeting website](#): Please make sure to register for the meeting.
- [Comprehensive ICANN68 meeting schedule](#) [available 1 June 2020]

The latest on Internet Governance

IGF2020

The Internet Governance Forum ([IGF](#)) serves to bring people together from various stakeholder groups as equals, in discussions on public policy issues relating to the Internet. While there is no negotiated outcome, the IGF informs and inspires those with policy-making power in both the public and private sectors. At their annual meeting delegates discuss, exchange information and share good practices with each other. The IGF facilitates a common understanding of how to maximize Internet opportunities and address risks and challenges that arise. The [Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum \(IGF\)](#) will be hosted by the Government of Poland in Katowice from 2 - 6 November 2020 under the overarching theme: Internet United.

What to expect from the [IGF](#) 2020 and how to engage in its preparatory process?



On 6 April, the IGF 2020 Host Country - Government of Poland, the [MAG](#) Chair and the IGF Secretariat recently held an outreach and engagement webinar.

Read here the [webinar report](#) and consult the [slide deck](#) by Adriana Lazzaroni (.it), member of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC).

About the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee

Since many years, country code top-level domain managers have been engaged in conversations and contributing to the work on Internet Governance (IG) related matters. To



bring this engagement to a next level, the ccNSO created the Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC), chaired by Pierre Bonis (.fr). As per its [Terms of Reference](#), the Committee takes an active role in coordinating and facilitating the participation and input of ccTLD managers in IG-related discussions and processes. The focus lies on those IG-related topics, selected by the IGLC as being relevant

to ccTLDs, namely: Cybersecurity, Capacity building & inclusion, Digital divide, Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs), Local content, Regulations, Role of the ccTLDs as promoters of the IGF dialogues, Technical.

The ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee (IGLC) aims to create a repository of events, programmes or initiatives in the Internet Governance area, that address ccTLD-relevant topics. To that end, the IGLC launched a survey at the end of 2019, with two main objectives:

- share information among ccNSO members, not only on upcoming meetings or events, but also on previous talks, in order to help fostering cooperation between ccTLDs who would like to share their views on one of the 8 relevant topics.
- advertise to the broader ICANN community and other key players the important role of ccTLDs in Internet governance talks.

Consult the survey results [here](#).

Continue to check the [IGLC workspace](#) for further information and updates on the activities of the ccNSO IGLC.

Stay informed about ccPDP3

This third-ever ccNSO Policy Development Process aims to develop policy recommendations for the ICANN Board, which will include a review mechanism pertaining to decision on the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs. In March 2017, the Council decided at the time to split the work in 2 phases:

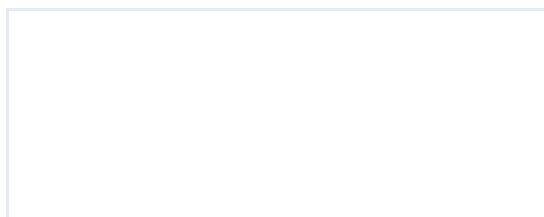
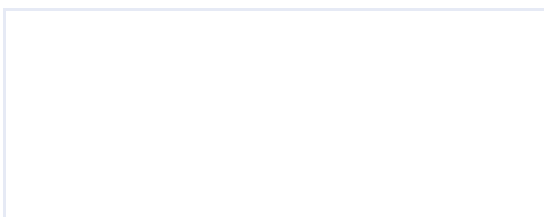
- **Phase 1 (ccPDP3-ret)**

The working group focused on the retirement of the delegated Top Level Domains associated with alpha-2 codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard. In May 2020, the Phase 1 Working Group (ccPDP3-ret) will publish its Interim Report for Public Comments. The report focuses on the retirement of country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) and specifically seeks community input on the duration of the retirement process and the procedures leading up to the removal of a ccTLD from the Root Zone. To inform the community about the Interim Report, 2 webinars were held on 23 April and 24 April respectively. Consult the recordings [here](#). The ccPDP3-ret Interim Report will become part of the full set of policy recommendations that the ccNSO presents to the ICANN Board. Read more about ccPDP3-ret [here](#).

- **Phase 2 (ccPDP3-rm)**

Here, the focus lies on the review mechanisms pertaining to decisions regarding the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs.

For more information, go to the [ccPDP3-RM workspace](#).





Stephen Deerhake (.as)
Chair ccPDP3-ret & ccPDP3-rm



Eberhard Lisse (.na)
Vice Chair ccPDP3-ret & ccPDP3-rm

Highlights from the ccNSO Council



Recent ccNSO Council discussions and decisions

The ccNSO Council met on Thursday, 16 April 2020. Consult the [agenda](#) and relevant documents on the [Council Workspace](#). Among others, the following topics have been discussed:

- ccPDP3-review mechanisms working group: Appointment of the Chair (Stephen Deerhake, .as) and Vice Chair (Eberhard Lisse, .na)
- Tentative timeline Board Seat 12 nomination process. The timeline will be adopted and the Nomination Process Manager will be appointed at the next ccNSO Council meeting, held in May. Most likely, the Nomination Process will start in June 2020, to ensure that the background check of candidates is completed before a Q& A of the candidates with the ccNSO Membership.
- Discussion around the Work Plan and the ccNSO priorities. The Council will hold a virtual workshop on this topic, leading up to ICANN68.
- The ccNSO Council approved the IANA Naming Function SLA on creation/transfer of ccTLDs. To be implemented, the GNSO Council will also need to approve the proposed change.
- The ccNSO schedule at ICANN68

The next ccNSO Council meeting will be held on **21 May 2020 (12 UTC)**. Details regarding the agenda, background documentation and information on how to join the upcoming ccNSO Council meeting are available [here](#). Consult the 2020 Council Resolutions and Decisions [here](#) and an overview with the distribution of the roles and responsibilities of the ccNSO Councilors (March 2020 - March 2021) [here](#).

