Bilateral Meeting with the ccNSO

Block 6 - Inter-Constituency Engagement
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Session Objectives

The GAC and the ccNSO meet regularly at ICANN Meetings to discuss matters of common interest. At ICANN65, the ccNSO will begin the discussion on ICANN's 5 year Operating Plan and update the GAC on the ccNSO Retirement Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group.

Background

The Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) is a body within the ICANN structure created for and by ccTLD managers.

The ccNSO provides a platform to nurture consensus, technical cooperation and skill building among ccTLDs and facilitates the development of voluntary best practices for ccTLD managers.

The policy development process is managed by the ccNSO Council, which consists of 18 Councillors (15 elected by ccNSO members, three appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee).

The GAC and ccNSO have been meeting at ICANN Meetings recurrently in order to coordinate and discuss on public policy issues of common interest.
The GAC has appointed a point of contact to the ccNSO, Pär Brumark (Niue) and the ccNSO has appointed a liaison to the GAC, Giovanni Seppia (EURid).

The role of both the point of contact and the ccNSO liaison to the GAC, is to facilitate policy and other internal community discussions among the groups, as well as meeting agenda preparations for ICANN Meetings.

Agenda

The agenda for the joint session in Marrakech is the following:

1. Discussion on ICANN 5 year Operating Plan - Preliminary views of the ccNSO
    a. Organisation of the activities and overlaps among objectives and actions.
    b. Allocation of financial resources.
    c. HR projections.
    d. KPIs.
2. Update on ccNSO Retirement Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group

Relevant Developments

The GAC and ccNSO have been meeting regularly during ICANN Meetings and managed to share experiences and questions on topics that pertain to both communities interests.

ccNSO PDP Retirement WG

The ccNSO Council has initiated its third ccNSO Policy Development Process, consisting of two parts, the first one being the retirement of country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs). The second part is to develop and recommend the review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.

The goal of the working group (WG) is to report on and recommend a policy for the retirement of the delegated Top-Level Domains associated with the country codes assigned to countries and territories listed in the ISO 3166-1 within the framework of the ccNSO Policy Development Process.

The group made an analysis of the different retirement cases to date. They are caused by a significant name change of the country, or a dissolution of the country or territory. Although this does not happen very often, it does occur, for instance when the formal arrangements with respect to a geographical area change, such as for .AN (the Netherlands Antilles), which was removed from the ISO3166-1 list of assigned codes, following the change in the Statute of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. ⯑

The group prepared a [glossary](#) of the relevant terminology, with terms used in the context of retirement of ccTLDs, but also in the context of removal of country codes from the ISO 3166-1 list.⯑

The Working Group members reached consensus on the basic duration of the process, starting with the removal of the ISO3166-1 code element, leading into the removal of the ccTLD from the DNS rootzone.

Consult the group's [charter](#) its work plan, and other relevant documents on its [website](#) and [workspace](#).

According to the section 2.1.2 of the WG Charter, regarding participants, experts and observers to the WG; to date, the GAC has not appointed representatives to participate in the Working Group.

Further Information

[ccNSO website](#)

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