
ccNSO onboarding session on ccPDP on Retirement of ccTLDs

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Session Objective

The GAC and the ccNSO meet regularly at ICANN Meetings to discuss matters of common interest.

The focus of this meeting will slightly change as the ccNSO will provide an onboarding session to the GAC on Retirement of ccTLDs, which is the first part of the third ccNSO PDP

This presentation aims to introduce new members of the GAC to this PDP by way of a systematic overview but is also intended to be useful to other participants in the ICANN process.

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 Giovanni Seppia (EURid) as point of contact to the GAC.

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

Issues

Retirement of ccTLDs, part 1 of ccNSO PDP 3.

A country code Top Level Domain (TLD) can be added to the Root after the name of a country appears in the [ISO Standard 3166-1](#) (country codes ISO 3166-1 is part of the ISO 3166 standard published by the International Organization for Standardization, and defines codes for the names of countries, dependent territories, and special areas of geographical interest).

This standard contains a 2 letter alphabetic code (Alpha-2 code), a 3 letter alphabetic code and a numeric code, in addition to the names.

If the name of a country is removed from the ISO 3166-1 standard, the code elements are also removed and the ccTLD will be retired. The ccNSO has identified the lack of policy with respect to the retirement of a ccTLD and initiated this Policy Development Process (PDP).

This presentation aims to introduce new members of the GAC to the PDP by way of a systematic overview but is also intended to be useful to other participants in the ICANN process.

The PDP will in Step 2 also develop a review mechanism, which, however, will not be discussed in this session.

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 review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.

The goal of the Retirement 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. 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 the Netherlands Antilles (.AN), Following the change in the Statute of the Kingdom of the Netherlands the code element .AN was removed from the ISO3166-1 list of assigned codes.

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 root zone.

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

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