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## Agenda Item 25: Meeting with Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO)

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### Issues

Agendas for GAC bilateral meetings of this type tend to change up until the last minute for a range of reasons. At the time of preparing this briefing the following item had been flagged for possible discussion:

EU States and GDPR: Experiences so far from a ccTLD perspective.

More information will be provided when it is available.

### GAC Action Required

This is expected to be primarily a briefing from the ccNSO side on how ccTLD operators in EU Member States are meeting the requirements of the European General Data Protection (GDPR).

This is separate from, but related to, the GDPR issues being dealt with by the GAC under other agenda items. Those issues concern GDPR compliance, in particular access to data, for Generic Top Level Domains. The Country Code Top Level Domains also have to comply with GDPR, but their policies are developed on a local basis and not by ICANN.

### Current Position

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

The GAC contact point with the ccNSO is Pär Brumark (Niue, Vice Chair).

Some GAC Members are also the managers of their relevant ccTLDs. Other GAC Members have good working relationships with their ccTLD managers. Still others have a poor (or non-existent) relationship with their relevant ccTLD managers. Most governments, though, have a strong interest in ensuring that the ccTLDs relevant to their nation and/or territories are managed appropriately.

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. It is also responsible for developing and recommending global policies to the ICANN Board for a limited set of issues relating to ccTLDs, such as the introduction of Internationalised Domain Name ccTLDs (IDN ccTLDs). The policy development process is managed by the ccNSO Council. The ccNSO activities are mostly organised through Working Groups, such as the Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) Working Group or the Technical Working Group. Membership in the ccNSO is open to all ccTLD managers responsible for managing an ISO 3166 country-code top-level domain.

The GAC normally meets with the Chair and other members of the ccNSO Council at each ICANN meeting to discuss issues of common concern and to identify methods for better co-operation.

The current Chair of the ccNSO is Ms Katrina Sasaki.

## Further Information

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