

Position: Country Code Name Supporting Organization Council

Number of Seats: One

Start of Term: After conclusion of Annual Meeting 2023

End of Term: Conclusion of Annual Meeting 2026

The Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) is the ICANN body responsible for developing and recommending to the Board global policies for a limited set of issues relating to country code top-level domains (ccTLDs), nurturing consensus across the ccNSO's community, and coordinating with other ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and constituencies on matters of common interest.

The ccNSO is made up members and the Council. The ccNSO Members are ccTLD managers who volunteered to become member. The ccNSO Council is the body of the ccNSO that administers and coordinates the affairs of the ccNSO and manages the development of policy recommendations. They also undertake other roles in consultation with the members. The ccNSO Council is made up of 18 councilors, 3 of which are appointed by the Nominating Committee (NomCom).

[Read more](#) about the work of the ccNSO.

Job Description: The NomCom is seeking accomplished persons of integrity, objectivity, and intelligence with an interest in the multistakeholder policymaking process and knowledge of ccTLDs. Members of the ccNSO Council help steer the policy development process, contribute to the ccNSO's role as a Decisional Participant within ICANN, and lead outreach and engagement.

Responsibilities

- Attend regular ccNSO Council meetings.
- Attend face-to-face or virtual ccNSO Council meetings at ICANN's three Public Meetings.
- Attend the ccNSO Council's strategic planning sessions in person or remotely.
- Review preparatory materials in a timely manner and engage in discussion where applicable, both on the email list and during meetings.

The NomCom appointee can participate in ccNSO and Council activities including, but not limited to:

- ccNSO working groups.
- Support ccNSO Council efforts, including drafting, scoping, and other ad hoc small team efforts.
- Serve in any ccNSO leadership position, including chair.
- Participate in outreach efforts to the ccTLD community.

Qualifications:

- Commitment to ICANN's mission and an understanding of the potential impact of ICANN decisions on the global Internet community.
- Understanding of the ccTLD issues.
- Willingness, ability, and commitment to travel to and actively participate in ICANN's three Public Meetings per year, or participate virtually, if applicable.
- Ability to work and communicate in written and spoken English (although there is no requirement that English be the candidate's first language).
- Previous experience with nonprofit or membership organizations and policy work.

Additional Qualifications:

- A demonstrated capacity for thoughtful group decision-making and sound judgment.
- Experience evaluating staff and candidates for various functions.
- The NomCom will be seeking to select a Council member who reflects the diversity of the global Internet community.
- Experience in Internet governance would be an asset.

Participation and Terms

- **Compensation:** ccNSO Council members, like members of other ICANN Supporting Organizations, receive no compensation for their services as members. The Board may authorize the reimbursement of documented and necessary expenses incurred by Supporting Organization members while performing their duties. ICANN has traditionally reimbursed documented expenses incurred by ccNSO councilors attending ICANN meetings.
- **Time Commitment:** The successful candidate(s) will be appointed to the ccNSO Council at the end of the ICANN Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a term of three years.
 - Council members spend on average 12 hours per month on Council work. This increases around each of ICANN's three annual Public Meetings.
 - Council members are expected to prepare in advance for any motions to be considered at a Council meeting by reading the reports submitted by working groups and consulting with constituent house, as appropriate.
 - Chairing working groups or task forces requires at least 30 hours a month. The commitment involves a minimum of six hours per month: an average of two-hour teleconferences (or physical meetings) per month plus about two hours of preparation for each meeting, and consulting with the community.
 - ccNSO Council liaisons and ccNSO leadership positions may require significant additional hours.

Eligibility

- NomCom appointees to the ccNSO Council are intended to provide a different perspective from that of a ccTLD manager. The applicant must not be directly or indirectly associated with a ccTLD manager or be a Board member or employee of a ccTLD regional organization.
- The applicant must be able to commit the requisite time and attention to serving as an effective ccNSO councilor.
- The member must commit to act independently and in the larger public interest, and not act as a representative of, nor lobby or advance the interest of any employer, organization, group, or committee.
- No person who serves on the [NomCom](#) in any capacity is eligible for selection for any position on the ccNSO Council until the conclusion of an ICANN Annual Meeting that coincides with, or is after, the conclusion of that person's service on the NomCom.
- The Bylaws do not state a limit on the number of terms ccNSO Council members may serve.

You can find more information about the ICANN ccNSO Council application process [here](#).