



# Guide to ICANN61 San Juan



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**ccNSO and GAC key issues**

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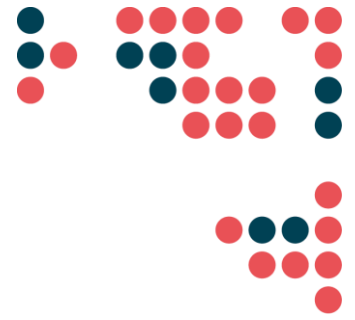
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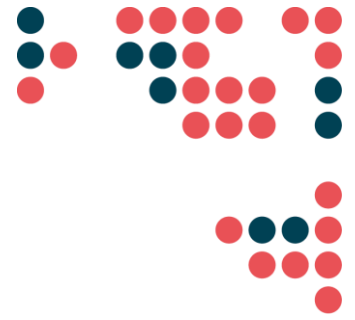
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## ccNSO pre-report

These days, the ccNSO is doing an excellent job at making their meetings much more accessible. The links below provide detailed information on all sessions. This guide aims at highlighting those ccNSO sessions that might be most relevant for European ccTLDs.

The ccNSO agenda is available [on the ccNSO workspace](#) and the summaries of the ccNSO sessions are [available here](#).

### Updates from the ccNSO WGs and Committees

Now that ICANN faces a budget crunch for the first time since the introduction of the new gTLDs, the Strategic and Operational Planning Committee (SOP Committee) plays an important role in coordinating the ccTLD managers' input into ICANN strategic and operational planning. The group will provide an overview of its recent activities and upcoming work plan.

Significant funds have been accrued following the auction of contentious gTLDs. These funds are singled out in a separate fund and cannot be used by ICANN for its regular operations. The cross-community working group on auction proceeds ([CCWG Auction Proceeds](#)) identified criteria that are expected to influence the selection of a mechanism, clarifying questions in relation to the different mechanisms identified to date as well as pros and cons associated with each mechanism. In order to further analyse the different mechanisms identified to date, the CCWG is expected to engage with the external experts identified earlier in the process to help inform its deliberations. Based on that input, the CCWG is expected to be able to determine which mechanism(s) demonstrates most potential to meet CCWG expectations as well as conform with legal and fiduciary constraints.

ccNSO Working Group updates:

- Tuesday, 13 March, 09.30 – 10.15 room 209-BC

### ccNSO participation in WT5

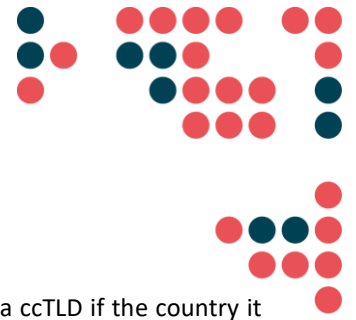
Following the adoption of the recommendations of the Cross-community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs (CCWG UCTN) and hence closure of this CCWG, the ccNSO is currently participating in the newly created [Work Track 5](#) (WT5) under the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. Work Track 5 focusses on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top-level. The group reached agreement on its Terms of Reference and began substantive deliberations in 2018. More details in the WT5 wiki.

The working document "[definition and treatment of geographical names](#)" is available as a Google Docs document.

- Wednesday, 14 March, 10.30 – 11.30 room 209-BC (ccNSO Policy session)
- Wednesday, 14 March, 08.30 - 10.15 room 104 (GNSO WG session)

### ccNSO Policy Development Process – PDP Retirement Working Group update

The goal of this PDP is to develop and recommend policies to the ICANN Board of Directors relating to: the retirement of country code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs) and the Review mechanisms for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs.



These issues come down to two fundamental questions. The first one is: What happens to a ccTLD if the country it relates to changes its name or ceases to exist? (e.g. USSR or Yugoslavia). The second one is: What is the appeal mechanism if anyone disagrees with a decision from the ICANN Board? (e.g. refusal to add a new ccTLD to the rootzone).

The first step will be to develop a policy for the retirement of a ccTLD. The group will update the ccNSO on progress and there will be an educational session on the importance of the ISO 3166 list and how it is maintained.

The group is currently working on the framework to analyse the retirement cases to date. This work will take place in parallel with starting the discussion on the impact of the finite stage of a country code on the ISO 3166 list and in the context of the IANA practices. A finite state is when, for example, the name of a country changes, which impacts the two-letter code.

Policy session:

- Wednesday, 14 March, 10.30 – 11.30 room 209-BC

## Other sessions:

### **Impact of natural disasters on ccTLDs, registrars and registrants, including mitigation of the impact**

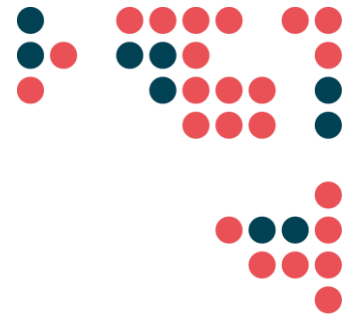
This session will start with an overview of how well ccTLDs across the world are prepared to deal with natural disasters. In addition, .jp and .pr will present their recent experiences.

- Wednesday, 14 March, 9.00 – 10.30 room 209-BC

### **Legal session - GDPR, and practical implementation for ccTLDs**

.be, .as and .co will provide an update on how the General Data Protection Regulation will impact their operations. The goal of this session is to discuss how ccTLDs across the globe will be affected, in particular relating to current WHOIS policies.

- Wednesday, 14 March, 15.30 – 16.45 room 209-BC



## GAC pre-report

Link to [ICANN60 GAC Communiqué Abu Dhabi](#)

ICANN61 GAC Communiqué San Juan to be expected 15/03 (afternoon)

All GAC meetings take place in Ballroom B.

First meeting under new GAC Chair, Mana Ismail (Egypt)

Three new GAC members (Bosnia & Herzegovina, Myanmar, Bangladesh); total membership: 176

### Country and territory names / codes at second level; geographic names

The issue of geographic names and indicators in the DNS keeps tormenting the GAC – both when used as second-level domains and as top-level domains. This raises “sovereignty and socio-economic concerns for many governments” (s. [GAC website](#)).

#### General discussions

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Work Track 5

- Sunday, 11 March 17.00-18.00

Joint meeting with the GNSO

- Sunday, 12 March, 15.15-16.45

Potentially also at the joint meeting with the ICANN Board

- Tuesday, 13 March 17.00-18.30

#### At the second-level

Use of country-codes as second-level domains in new gTLD ([Background information](#))

- Saturday, 10 March, 17.00-17.45

GAC Geographic Names Working Group Meeting (use of country and territory names as second-level domains in new gTLDs) ([Background information](#))

- Sunday, 11 March, 09.30-10.30

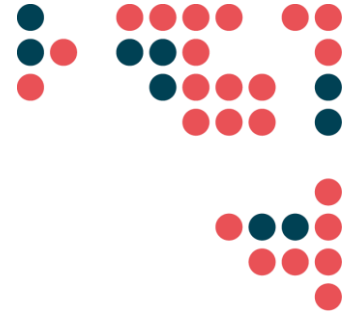
#### At the top-level

.amazon new gTLD application (not approved by ICANN so far), now under independent review process. A summary of the quite heated debate at the last ICANN meeting can be found in our [ICANN60 report](#). An avenue for a solution was proposed by the company Amazon but slammed by some GAC – mostly by those geographically related to the Amazon area.

- Saturday, 10 March, 14.00-15.00

Use of country and territory names as top-level domains (s.a. Work Track 5). The GAC’s co-lead is Olga Cavalli (Argentina). The GAC will discuss the issue on two occasions:

- Saturday, 10 March, 15.15-16.15



- Sunday, 11 March, 10.30-11.30

## Data protection and privacy

According to ICANN's [Proposed Interim Model for GDPR Compliance](#) (p. 7), *“the user groups eligible for the accreditation program, and the process for providing access to the non-public WHOIS data would be developed in consultation with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) so that public policy considerations are taken into account. As a starting place, individual governments could provide to the GAC a list of authorized law enforcement authorities and other governmental agencies certified for access to non-public WHOIS data. For entities other than law enforcement agencies, the GAC could develop codes of conduct which would establish the standardized criteria, limitations, and responsibilities for granting access to non-public WHOIS data to the accredited parties. Selection of the accredited parties could be facilitated by designated expert groups.”*

The GAC sponsor the Cross-Community Session on GDPR & WHOIS compliance models

- Monday, 12 March, 10.30-12.00

Follow-up of the cross-community session within the GAC

- Tuesday, 13 March, 10.30-11.00

GAC Discussion on GDPR and WHOIS with the Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) (law enforcement point of view)

- Tuesday, 13 March, 09.30-10.15

## Public Safety Working Group (PSWG)

Update on PSWG activities to the GAC

- Sunday, 11 March, 11.30-12.00

PSWG meeting (agenda not available), focus will be on GDPR and DNS Abuse Mitigation, operation of PSWG within current processes and within new Community powers:

- Tuesday, 13 March, 08.30-09.30

## GAC Underserved Regions WG Meeting

There will be another Capacity Building Workshop for Middle East GAC Members and Newcomers. On the agenda: how the DNS works and what actors it involves followed by a long session on DNS resiliency and recovery. There are no specific references to how to operate a ccTLD registry (best practices as shared previously), but it could be included in the other sections. The GAC FAQ on delegation and redelegation of ccTLDs is available on the [GAC Website](#).

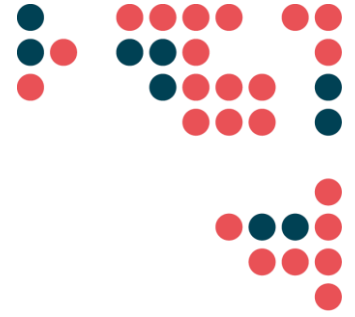
- Saturday, 10 March, 08.30-12.00 (Capacity Building Workshop)

Also, keep an eye on the Underserved Regions working group meeting:

- Sunday, 11 March, 12.00-12.45 (Underserved Regions WG)

## IANA Transition and beyond

Update on CCWG Accountability Workstream 2 (jurisdiction, diversity, human rights)



- Sunday, 11 March, 13.30-14.30

## Bilateral meetings

Joint GAC and GNSO Meeting:

- Sunday, 12 March, 15.15-16.45

Joint GAC and ccNSO Meeting:

- Tuesday, 13 March, 15.15-16.15

GAC Meeting with the ICANN Board. Normally, the GAC decides on a range of issues during their ICANN Board prep meeting. However, they also seem keen to understand what the Board's key goals in 2018 and most relevant longer-term goals are.

- Sunday, 11 March, 18.00-18.30 (GAC ICANN Board prep meeting)
- Tuesday, 13 March, 17.00-18.30 (GAC & ICANN Board meeting)