

Guidelines ccNSO Liaisons and Observers.

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1. Background

According to the relevant articles in the bylaws, liaisons and observers may be appointed to ccNSO Council, and the ccNSO may appoint observers to other Supporting Organisations. It has been agreed between the GAC and ccNSO until further notice that the ccNSO-GAC liaison group will act as the liaison as foreseen in the bylaws between these two ICANN entities. It has been agreed with ALAC that the ccNSO will appoint and designate a liaison to ALAC and vice versa.

This document provides an overview of the provisions in the ICANN bylaws relating to and ccNSO guidelines for the appointment of liaisons and observers.

2. Liaisons

According to ICANN bylaws Article IX Sections 3.1, and 3.2, the following entities (a) the Governmental Advisory Committee; (b) the At-Large Advisory Committee; and (c) each of the Regional Organizations may appoint a liaison to the ccNSO Council. Only Regional Organizations who have been recognized as such by the ccNSO Council may appoint liaisons (Article IX section 3.2 and Section 5)

3. Observers

According to Article IX section 3.1 and 3.2 the ccNSO Council may agree with the Council of any other ICANN Supporting Organization to exchange observers.

4. Role of Liaisons and Observers in the ccNSO Council

The liaisons and observers shall not be members of or entitled to vote on the ccNSO Council, but otherwise shall be entitled to participate on equal footing with members of the ccNSO Council.

5. Appointment of Liaisons to the ccNSO Council

Appointments of liaisons shall be:

- Made by providing written notice to the ICANN Secretary, with a notification copy to the ccNSO Council Chair; and
- For the term designated by the appointing organization as stated in the written notice.

The appointing organization may recall from office or replace its liaison at any time by providing written notice of the recall or replacement to the ICANN Secretary, with a notification copy to the ccNSO Council Chair.

With regard to the appointment of a liaison from the GAC, the ccNSO and GAC have agreed to a GAC-ccNSO liaison working group, which will function in accordance with the agreed upon procedures at the ICANN Cape Town meeting in December 2004, and which will fulfil the role of liaison to the ccNSO Council.

6. Appointment of Observers to the ccNSO Council

The requirements are:

- Agreement with the Council of any other ICANN Supporting Organization to exchange observers.
- The appointing Council may designate its observer on the ccNSO Council at any time; and
- Provide written notice to the ICANN Secretary, with a notification copy to the ccNSO Council Chair.

The appointing Council may revoke or change the designation of its observer at any time, by providing notice to the ICANN Secretary, with a notification copy to the chair of the ccNSO Council.

7. Appointment of ccNSO Observers to other Supporting Organizations

According to the bylaws the ccNSO may appoint observers to other with other Supporting Organizations upon agreement with other SO (Article IX section 3.1 and 3.3, and Article X section 3.1 and 3.9).

Role ccNSO Observer to GNSO Council

The ccNSO observer shall not be a member of or entitled to vote on the GNSO Council, but otherwise shall be entitled to participate on equal footing with members of the GNSO Council ICANN Bylaws Article X section 3.9).

To appoint the ccNSO observer to the GNSO Council the following steps need to be taken:

- Agreement on the exchange of observers between ccNSO and GNSO Council;
- The ccNSO Council will appoint the ccNSO observer according to an established procedure (see section 8);
- The ccNSO Council provides a written notice of the designation of the observer to the Chair of the GNSO Council and to the ICANN Secretary.

Observer to the ASO

Under the current bylaws there is no provision in Article VIII regarding the designation of observers to the ASO.

8. Procedure for Appointment of liaisons and observers by the ccNSO

Liaison or observer appointed by the ccNSO Council

The ccNSO Council appoints liaisons and observers to other entities for the duration of one year in accordance with the following procedure, unless the ccNSO has agreed with the relevant entity another, specific procedure.

General procedure for nomination and appointment.

- The ccNSO Council, through the ccNSO secretariat, puts out a call for nominations for the position of liaison or observer, which includes a timeline for nomination and secondment;
- A person may be nominated by a ccTLD manager (member or non-member of the ccNSO) or self-nominate, by submitting a form to the ccNSO secretariat. The candidate should be linked to a ccTLD manager (member or non-member of the ccNSO);
- The nomination should be seconded by a member of the ccNSO , by submitting a form to that effect to the ccNSO secretariat;
- A nominee should accept the nomination by submitting a form for that purpose to the ccNSO secretariat.
- In the event only one person is nominated, this person shall be appointed by the ccNSO Council at the first meeting following the nomination.
- In the event two or more persons are nominated for the same position, the ccNSO Council will conduct an email vote for the appointment. The ccNSO secretariat will then act as election manager. The nominee who receives the majority of the votes lodged shall be considered to be appointed by the ccNSO Council as of the date the results are published by the election manager.
- The Chair of the ccNSO will inform the SO or Advisory Committee of the appointment.

9. Omission in or unreasonable impact of Guidelines

In the event the guidelines do not provide guidance and/or the impact is unreasonable the Chair of the ccNSO will decide.

10. Review of Guidelines

These guidelines will be reviewed annually, or adjusted when considered necessary. In order to become effective the updated guidelines need to be adopted by the Council, and published on the ccNSO website. Before publishing the updated guidelines, the ccNSO secretariat adjusts the version number and inserts the date the updated guidelines were adopted by the ccNSO Council.