

ccNSO Report to ICANN
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On 1st March 2004, the ccNSO Launching Group notified ICANN that there are now enrolled in the ccNSO over 30 ccTLD managers with at least four in each Geographic Region and therefore, the ccNSO is formally constituted.

This means that for the first time instead of presenting a report on behalf of the Launching Group I am able to deliver the very first official report from the Country Code Name Supporting Organisation.

The ccNSO currently comprises 12 members from the Latin American region, 11 from Africa, 8 from the Asia Pacific region and 4 from each of North America and Europe.

The work of the Launching Group is not quite completed. Under our mandate from ICANN it remains for the LG to co-ordinate the elections of the first council of the ccNSO.

On 3 March here in Rome the ccNSO held its first members meeting.

Best Practices in Security for ccTLDs was the subject of our morning sessions and we listened to a number of important and informative presentations. It is clear that regular best practice sessions such as this will form an integral part of the meetings of the ccNSO.

In the afternoon we had discussions with Paul Twomey and Paul Verhoef about ccTLDs relationships with IANA, a brief discussion with ICANN General Counsel, John Jeffrey about the proposed tweaks to the ICANN by laws and, crucially, the Launching Group presented a series of proposals to members regarding the election of the ccNSO council. We have more consultation to undertake on this and will, in the next few days, publish an election paper for comment. If we are successful in following the proposed time line then the ccNSO Council will be elected just before the ICANN meeting in Kuala Lumpur and so our meeting in KL will comprise both a members meeting and the first official meeting of the ccNSO Council.

The members of the ccNSO are delighted that it is now officially constituted and look forward to welcoming other ccTLD managers as members over the coming weeks and months.