

Staff Report of Public Comment Proceeding

Draft Final Report of The Second Country Code Names Supporting Organization Review (ccNSO2)			
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Section I: General Overview and Next Steps			
<p>On 17 June 2019, Meridian Institute, the independent examiner conducting the second Country Code Names Supporting Organization Review (ccNSO2), published its draft final report for public comment.</p> <p>This summary and analysis do not represent a complete overview, nor does it represent all comments in full; it instead identifies sentiments broadly expressed by the community in response to the report.</p> <p>For a comprehensive review of all comments submitted, please refer to the original submissions on the public comment page.</p> <p>Next Steps All comments and feedback will be considered by Meridian Institute in preparing their Final Report, which is expected to be issued in August 2019. Subsequently, the ccNSO will prepare a Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan on the recommendations submission in the final report. Then, the Effectiveness Committee of the ICANN Board (OEC) will consider the final report along with public comments, as well as the Feasibility Assessment and Initial Implementation Plan, reflecting the ccNSO Review Work Party's view of the final report finding and recommendations and make its recommendation to the ICANN Board on next steps.</p>			
Section II: Contributors			

At the time this report was prepared, a total of [number] (n) community submissions had been posted to the forum. The contributors, both individuals and organizations/groups, are listed below in chronological order by posting date with initials noted. To the extent that quotations are used in the foregoing narrative (Section III), such citations will reference the contributor's initials.

Organizations and Groups:

Name	Submitted by	Initials
ccNSO Council	Katrina Sataki	ccNSO
Business Constituency	Steve DelBianco	BC

Individuals:

Name	Affiliation (if provided)	Initials
n/a	n/a	

Section III: Summary of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to summarize broadly and comprehensively the comments submitted to this public comment proceeding but does not address every specific position stated by each contributor. The preparer recommends that readers interested in specific aspects of any of the summarized comments, or the full context of others, refer directly to the specific contributions at the link referenced above (View Comments Submitted).

There were two (2) submissions from the community in response to the fourteen (14) findings and recommendations documented by Meridian Institute in its draft final report.

The following comments were submitted on the Draft Final Report and Recommendations:

ccNSO: We would find it very helpful if the Meridian Institute could indicate the top 3 recommendations to take forward in terms of urgency and priority. Furthermore, the ccNSO Council suggests that in the next, final version of the report, the proposed recommendations could be updated to reflect existing implementation work.

BC: Supports the Draft Final Report and recommendations of the Second ccNSO Review (ccNSO2).

On the review process, the **ccNSO** Council commented that they appreciate the work of the Meridian Institute and the way they engaged positively and constructively with the ccTLD community. The ccNSO Council is grateful to all those who participated in this exercise and provided constructive feedback and suggestions for further improving the way the ccNSO and the ccNSO Council serve the ccTLD community.

Section IV: Analysis of Comments

General Disclaimer: This section intends to provide an analysis and evaluation of the comments submitted along with explanations regarding the basis for any recommendations provided within the analysis.

While one commenter (**BC**) expressed support to the Draft Final Report and recommendations of the Second ccNSO Review (ccNSO2), the other commenter (**ccNSO**) looks forward to the practicalities and timing of implementing the recommendations, inviting the Meridian Institute to indicate the top 3 recommendations to take forward in terms of urgency and priority.

Furthermore, the ccNSO requested that recommendations be updated in the final report to reflect existing implementation work. Similarly, possibly ownership for the implementation should be clarified (if not specified already). See examples below for recommendation 4 and 8, under the “*structure and operations*” section of the Draft Final Report:

- RECOMMENDATION 4

ccNSO: As the Meridian Institute already noted, the matters identified here (membership of the IFRT) is on its way of being implemented, but that is a complex and lengthy process given its nature as a fundamental Bylaws change.

- RECOMMENDATION 8

ccNSO: Clarify who should be responsible for the recommendation implementation: the whole of the ccNSO (members and the Council), the ccNSO Council, a Working Group or Committee, or another entity.

Meridian Institute will now consider input received from the public comment process, ICANN65 session, webinar, and any other feedback received, for possible inclusion in the final report. The final report is expected to be published in August 2019.