

- Good Atlantic Standard Time morning to all. Javier Rua Jovet for the record. NomCom appointed Councilor, from San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- First part of Governance Session (8 March 2022, 1630-1800 UTC) consisted of a great update by David McAuley, chair of the Guideline Review Committee, on the status of the update of 2004 ccNSO internal decision-making Rules.
- ccNSO has been discussing updating the 2004 ccNSO rules since ICANN 69 and in ICANN 72 discussed a near final proposed draft, which has been subjected to community consultations and polls.
- The proposed Rule updates are now ready to be put before the ccNSO membership for adoption.
- ccNSO voting on these rules will open on 23 March - 6 April. The ccNSO Secretariat will share voting instructions after the end of the current ICANN meeting.
- 2nd Part of Session consisted of two great presentations, the first one on the concept of Conflicts of Interest norms, offered by longtime community leader and former ccNSO Chair Chris Disspain and the second on the concept and practice of Statements of Interest by Marika Konings, VP of Policy @with a good discussion moderated by Joel Karubiu from .KE
- Chris Disspain explained using examples from ICANN & GNSO, that a Conflicts of Interest Policy generally exists to disclose interests (usually economic ones) that can constitute actual conflicts or present the mere appearance of such conflicts which could affect decision-making processes – Chris stressed that the focus is voluntary disclosure of individual interests and does not mean recusal, which is also generally voluntary.
- Marika discussed the concept/process of Statement of interest as used in GNSO policy processes. The SOI is basically a form completed and submitted electronically by any individual prior to being selected for membership in a workgroup or effort. SOI contains basic information regarding that individual's bio, his employer, community groups, workstreams and other basic relevant information. It is a very low effort, no cost tool for transparency.
- Very good reflections also by Frederiko Neves from .BR and Atsushi Endo from .JP. Both showed general agreement with presentations, and general discussion focused on if and how ccNSO would adopt some norm regarding COI disclosure and its scope.
- Interesting online polls were held to gauge temperature of room, showing apparent rough consensus on many of the topics discussed.
- Governance Session was in my view informative and successful. At its height over 80 participants joined. Important status on ccNSO rules update and a very informative discussion on the notion of disclosures of conflicts of interest within ICANN and perhaps ccNSO.