

# ICANN/ISOC ccTLD Workshop

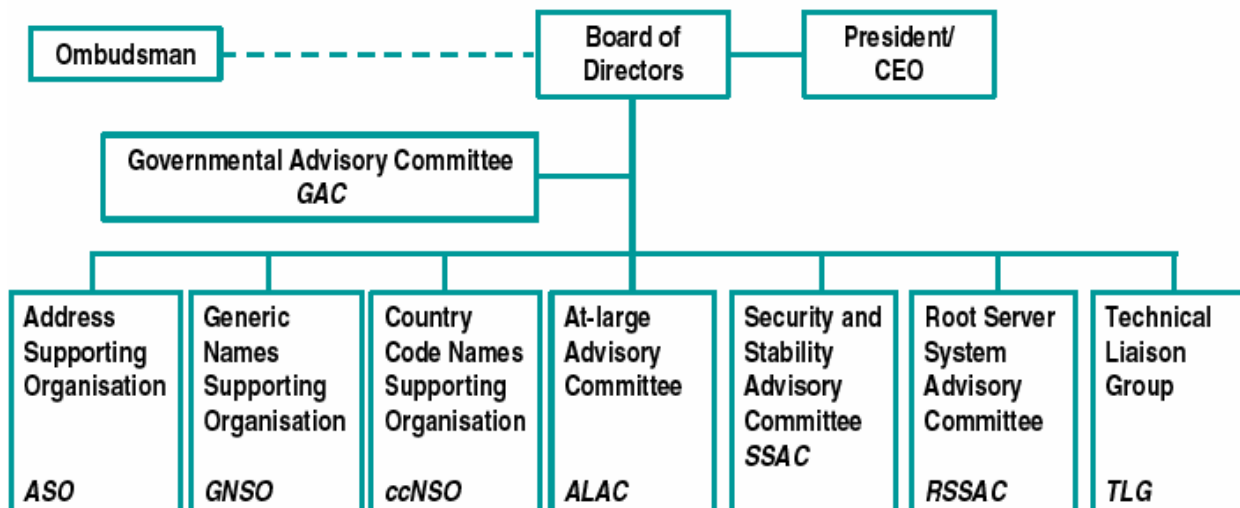
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## ccNSO ICANN Regions

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# ccNSO

- ❖ **ccNSO : Country Code Naming Supporting Organization**  
One of ICANN Supporting Organizations ( Membership based )



# ccNSO Structure & Membership

- ❖ **ccNSO is ccTLD Registries Constituency**
- ❖ **ccNSO Members** : any ccTLD Registry is eligible to become a ccNSO Membership
- ❖ **There is 53 ccNSO Members**
  - Africa x 14
  - Asia Pacific x 13
  - Europe x 7
  - Latin America Caribbean x 15
  - North America x 4
- ccNSO Council** : an elected council by ccnNSO members ( 3 members for each content, 3 years term )



# ccNSO Membership Process

- ❖ **Membership Application**
- ❖ **ICANN/IANA Check and Confirmation**
- ❖ **ccNSO Council vote/Approval**

# ccNSO Arab Registries members

- ❖ ( .sd ) Sudan - AF
- ❖ ( .mr )—Mauritania - AF
- ❖ ( .jo ) Jordan - AP
- ❖ ( .sa ) Saudi Arabia – AP

# ccNSO Working Groups “WG”

- ❖ **Accountability Framework WG**
- ❖ **IANA WG**
- ❖ **Budget Fee WG**
- ❖ **IDN WG**
- ❖ **GAC WG**
- ❖ **ccNSO Secretary WG**
- ❖ **Technical Exchange WG**

# Current ccNSO Hot issues

- ❖ **Accountability Framework** ( Formalizing ICANN-ccTLD Relations)
  - AF is not a Contract .
  - Define ccTLD & ICANN obligations and responsibilities
  - .uk, .de, .no exchanged letters with ICANN “AF”

## ccTLDs Contribution to ICANN Budget

ccTLD Financial Contribution to ICANN :

- Based on ccTLD & ICANN Contract/Agreement
- Based on Accountability Framework “AF” – no fixed amount is stated
- Voluntary contribution .

# Regional TLD Organizations

- ❖ African Top Level Domain Org. “AfTLD”
- ❖ Asia Pacific Top Level Domain Org. “APTLD “
- ❖ Latin America & Caribbean Top Level Domain Org. “LACTLD”



# Africa Top Level Domains "AFTLD"

Home of Africa National TLD Registries

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African Top Level Domains Organization "AFTLD" acts as a focal point for all the African TLDs Managers, to discuss matters of policy that affect ccTLDs globally and then, where possible, to present the group's position as one voice. One coherent voice from a large group of African ccTLDs will have more influence and will make it easier for external parties to gauge the opinion of the AFTLD registries.

AFTLD started as a project through which ISO 3166 Country-Code Top-Level Internet Domain (ccTLD) Registries in the African geographical area could share information and engage in concerted action, on issues of common concern. More than 50 ccTLDs were associated with the project.

### **AFTLD/ISOC Day - AfrNIC 5 Mauritius ( 27 Nov - 1 Dec 2006 )**

AFTLD in cooperation with AfrNIC will held an AFTLD/ISOC Day during AfrNIC 5 meetings which will be held from **November 27 th 2006 to December 1 st** at **Maritim Hotel** ( Balaclava , Mauritius ).

[The Agenda & Programme ...](#)

[Registration is Open ..](#)

### **African Preparatory meeting for Internet Governance Forum "IGF"**

**Cairo, Egypt ( 18-22 Sep 2006 )**

AFTLD participated in the African Internet Governance Fourm "IFG" Preparatory meetings "The Road to Athens" held in Cairo from 18-22th September 2006. The meeting discussed a number of issues and aspects related to Internet governance, technical, political, social and economic.

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### **AFTLD Meeting - 24th June - Marrakech, Morocco**

**AFTLD Will Held a General Meeting on 24th June, During the ICANN Meetings that will be held in Marrakech, Morocco from 23-30 June 2006.**

• [Meeting Agenda](#)

• [Presentations and Materials .](#)

• [AftLD AGM Meeting Resolutions - English Version .](#)

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# ccNSO & ICANN Regions

## ❖ ICANN Regions :

In accordance with ICANN bylaws, a review of ICANN Regions will be conducted this year to determine whether any change to the current Geographic Regions: Europe; Asia/Australia/Pacific; Latin America/Caribbean Islands; Africa; and North America, is appropriate taking account of the evolution of the Internet.

ICANN is using UN Geographical Regions.

# ccNSO & ICANN Regions

- ❖ The Asia/Australia/Pacific region covers a vast landmass, approximately 10 timezones and a considerable number of cultures and languages. There are a number of Arab

Arab Countries have their own region ( Language, Culture ) to ensure adequate representation in debate of issues.

**Thus, a resident of New Caledonia (overseas territory of France located in the Pacific Ocean) would be grouped with Europe rather than Asia/Australia/Pacific.**

The grouping of dependent territories with the country of citizenship may create confusion and also impacts on regional representation. For example, the Cayman Islands is identified as being in the Europe region, but is physically located in the Caribbean. If someone from there wanted to stand for election to the Council they would need to be nominated by someone from Europe.

# ccNSO & ICANN Regions

- ❖ In accordance with the ICANN bylaws, the geographic regions are to be reviewed again this year. In 2003, the regions were agreed by ICANN Board at the same meeting in Montreal that the Board adopted amendments to the ICANN Bylaws to include the ccNSO. This will be the first opportunity for the ccNSO to comment on the regions.
- ❖ **ccNSO Council resolved to conduct a ICANN regions survey**

# Arab TLD Intuitive

- ❖ Light-weight Structure
- ❖ Arab ccTLD Registries membership ( Members based Org.)
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- ❖ Web site ( [www.arabtld.org](http://www.arabtld.org) or [www.aratld.org](http://www.aratld.org) )
- ❖ Mailing-list & Forum

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**Questions or Comments**

**Thank You!**

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