

# The new GNSO Policy Development Process

The PDP-VT Initial Report

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# Background



# Objective



The PDP-WT is responsible for developing a new policy development process that incorporates a working group approach and makes it more effective and responsive to ICANN's policy development needs. The primary tasks are to develop:

1. Appropriate principles, rules and procedures applicable to a new policy development process; and
2. An implementation/transition plan

# Approach



- PDP-WT formed in February 2009
- New PDP divided into five stages + overarching issues
- Breakdown of each stage into different phases & questions
- Weekly calls to discuss each stage and address question
- On-line survey for each stage to allow for input from all
- Publication of Initial Report containing preliminary conclusions & draft recommendations for Community review and input

# Goals of this Session

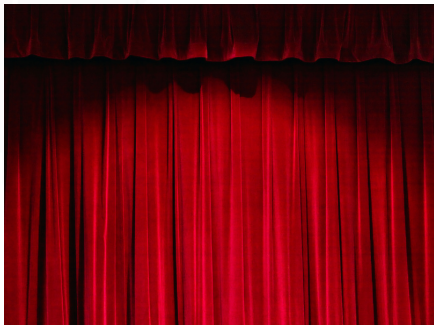
- Provide short overview of proposed new PDP
- Highlight main elements that require further discussion based on Community Input
- Answer your questions and receive your feedback
- Convince you to submit your comments to the public comment forum



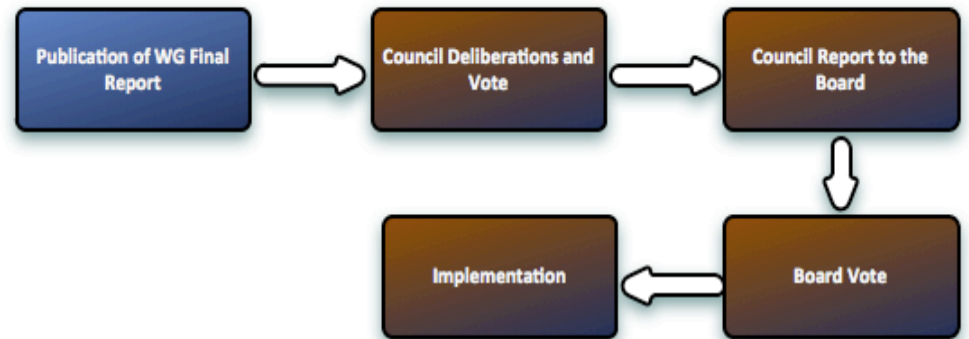
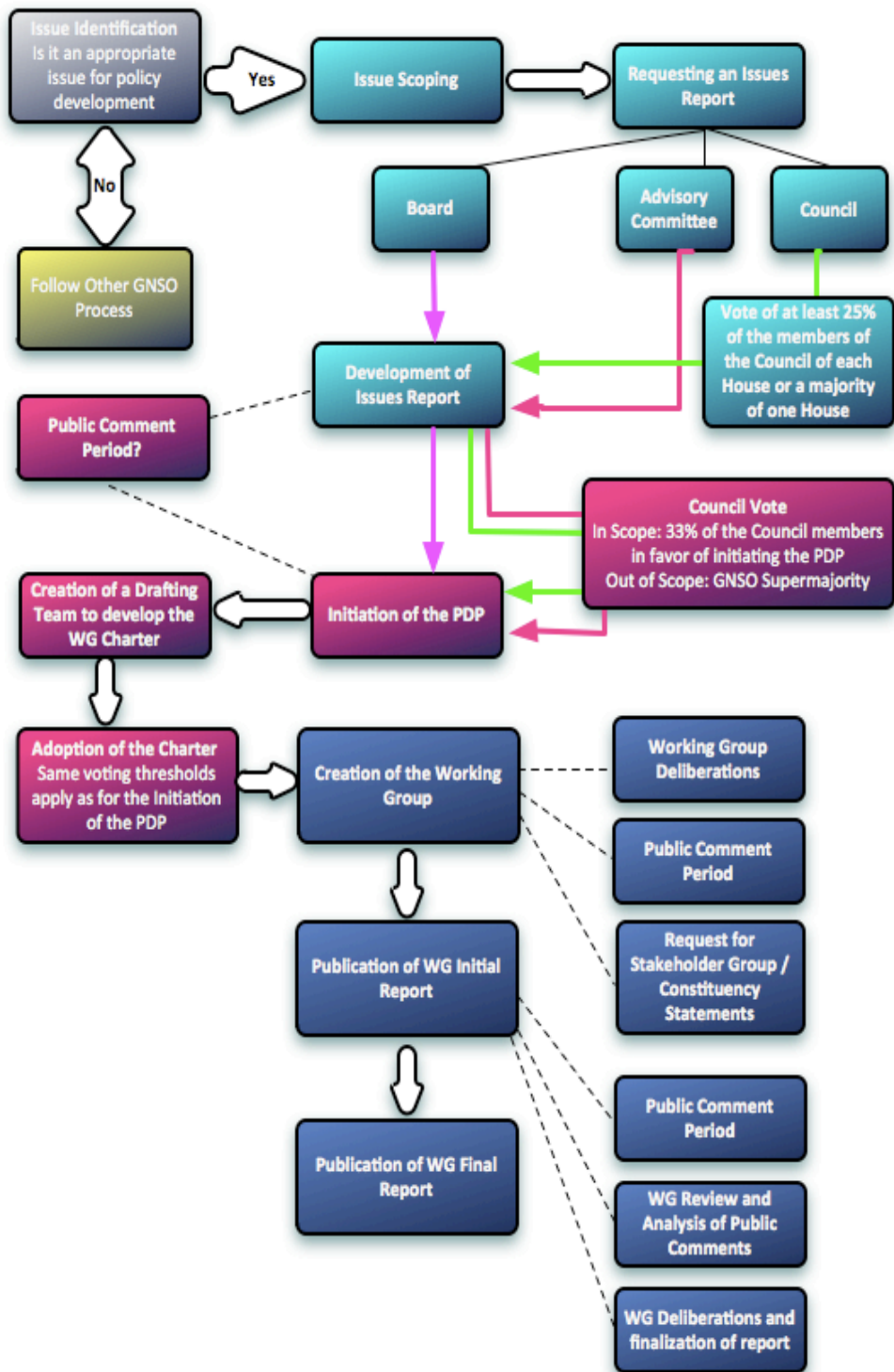
# The New GNSO PDP

## A high-level overview

# Stages of the new PDP



1. Planning and Request for an Issues Report
2. GNSO Council Review of the Issues Report and Initiation of the Policy Development Process
3. Working Group
4. Voting and Implementation
5. Policy Effectiveness and Compliance



- Stage I - Planning and Request of the Issues Report
- Stage II - GNSO Council Review of the Issues Report and Initiation of a PDP
- Stage III - Working Group
- Stage IV - Voting and Implementation



# Recommendations



- Overall 45 draft recommendations included in the report, linked to different stages
- Some recommended codifying existing practices, some recommend a new approach, some recommend changes to the by-laws (less flexible - need board approval), some recommend new elements be added to rules of procedure (more flexible - can be adopted by the GNSO Council, without requiring Board approval)
- **ALL REQUIRE YOUR INPUT!**

# Key Recommendations

# Stage 1



- Recommendation 10 - Modification of timeframe for the creation of an Issues Report
- Recommendation 11 - Public comment period after publication of Issues Report, before vote on initiation of PDP
- Recommendation 15 - Fast track procedure

# Stage 2



- Recommendation 19 - Charter required
- Recommendation 23 - Public Comment Period on Initiation of the PDP (mandatory or optional?)
- Recommendation 14 - Deferral of prioritization of PDPs in light of GNSO Council prioritization activity
- Recommendation 24 - Clarify 'in scope'

# Stage 3



- Recommendation 27 - Linking policy development with strategic plan and budgeting
- Recommendation 28 - Duration of public comment period on Initial Report
- Recommendation 31 - WG input on issues related to implementation
- Recommendation 34 - Maintain Initial and Final Report as only mandatory outputs of WG

# Stage 4



- Recommendation 38 - How to treat WG recommendations? What flexibility should the GNSO Council have?
- Recommendation 39 - Board Report
- Recommendation 40 - Voting thresholds
- Recommendation 41 - Clarification of what 'Board acts' means
- Recommendation 42 - WG Implementation Review Team & Process

# Stage 5



- Recommendation 43 - Periodic assessment of PDP recommendations / policy
- Recommendation 44 - GNSO Council Review of the PDP WG
- Recommendation 45 - Periodic assessment of overall PDP process

# Other Issues



- Overall Timing
- Translation
- Voting thresholds
- Decision-making methodology
- Transition to the new PDP procedures



# Further Information



- PDP-WT Initial Report and Draft Recommendations -  
<http://gnso.icann.org/issues/pdp-initial-report-31may10-en.pdf>
- Public Comment Forum -  
<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/public-comment-201007-en.htm#pdp-initial-report>
- PDP - WT Workspace -  
[https://st.icann.org/icann-ppsc/index.cgi?pdp\\_team](https://st.icann.org/icann-ppsc/index.cgi?pdp_team)

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# Questions

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