Like all ICANN structures, the GNSO is subject to periodic independent review every three years

- 2004: GNSO self-review & Patrick Sharry recommendations
- 2005-2006: Independent Review by London School of Econ (LSE)
- 2007: Board Governance Committee Working Group (BGC WG)

Key BGC objectives:
- Maximizing stakeholders participation;
- Ensuring recommendations can be developed on gTLD consensus policies for Board review;
- Consensus policies clearly defined;
- Policy development based on thoroughly researched, well-scoped objectives and operated in a predictable manner to ensure effective implementation; and
- Improving communications and administrative support for GNSO objectives.
**2008 Developments**

- **Feb:** In New Delhi, ICANN Board accepted BGC WG GNSO Improvements Report
- **Mar/Apr:** Public Comment Forum on BGC WG Recommendations
  - Staff began implementation planning
  - GNSO Implementation Planning Team (IPT) formed
- **May:** Top Level Plan (now Implementation Plan) drafted by IPT
- **Jun:** ICANN Board approved BGC WG recommendations except Council structure
  - Formed Working Group on GNSO Council Restructure (WG-GCR)
- **Jul:** WG-GCR reported to ICANN Board
- **Aug-Sep:** Board decided on Council structure
- **Sep:** GNSO Council approved IPT revised plan and structure
  - Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC)
  - Operations Steering Committee (OSC)
- **Nov:** Steering Committees scheduled to begin deliberations
Based on input from the independent reviews, a Working Group of the ICANN Board Governance Committee (BGC-WG) identified these areas for improvement.

- Adopt Working Group Model
- Enhance Constituencies
- GNSO Council Restructure
- Improve Communications with ICANN Structures
- Revise the Policy Development Process
BGC WG Recommended Improvements

Adopt a Working Group Model

- Participation: open, broad, balanced, knowledgeable
- Strong, neutral, experienced, and respected Chair
- Goal: open, honest, respectful consensus
- Statement of interest disclosures
- Staff support, infrastructure, and funding
- Work Team: establish rules, procedures, and norms
BGC WG Recommended Improvements

Revise the PDP Process

- Align with contractual requirements and bylaws
- Periodic Council self-review, assessment, and metrics
- Align with ICANN strategic operations objectives
- Council: manager of PDP process vs. legislative body
- Preparation: scoping, discussion, research, scheduling
- PDP Team: establish model charter, rules, & procedures
BGC WG Recommended Improvements
GNSO Council Restructure

1. Focus: manage, monitor, and guide Working Groups
2. Term limits for Council members
3. Benchmark PDP and analyze trends in gTLD arena
4. Reorganize to be representative, agile, and collegial
5. Organization: four (4) broad Stakeholder Groups
6. Statements and Declarations of Interest
BGC WG Recommended Improvements
Enhance Constituencies

- All constituencies operate in open, transparent manner
- Processes are standardized, accessible, and democratic
- Participation is global and supports multiple languages
- Centralized directory: up-to-date and publicly accessible
- Staff Support “Toolkit”: outreach, services, admin, et al.
- Constituency Ops Team: standards, rules, & procedures
BGC WG Recommended Improvements
Coordinate with ICANN Structures

- Arrange meetings between SOs and ACs
- Communication with GAC and ALAC bodies
- Improve Board member awareness of GNSO issues
- Coordinate policy activities across ICANN bodies
- Conf calls with Chairs of SOs, ACs, Board, and CEO
- Communications Work Team: establish methods, tools
Bicameral Voting
[Two Houses] Contracted Parties & Non-Contracted Parties (see following slide)

1 Council Level Non-Voting NCA & 1 Voting NCA in each House

GNSO Council Chair Elected by 60% of Both Houses

Voting Thresholds (see following slide)

Each Voting House Elects a Board Seat (#13 & #14)

Broad Representation in Stakeholder Groups

Board Approved

Under Board Review
New GNSO Council Organization: June 2009

GNSO Council

GAC

{20}

(1)

ALAC

Contracted Party House {6+1}

Voting NCA

Non-Contracted Party House {12+1}

Voting NCA

Registry Stakeholder Group {3}
- Registries
- Others

Registrar Stakeholder Group {3}
- Registrars
- Others

Commercial Stakeholder Group {6}
- Business
- Intellectual Property
- Internet Svc Prov.
- Others

Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group {6}
- Non Comm’l Users
- Others

Legend: { } Voting; ( ) Non-Voting
Create an Issues Report: Either greater than 25% vote of both houses or simple majority of one house

Initiate a PDP within Scope: Greater than 33% vote of both houses or greater than 66% vote of one house

Initiate a PDP not within Scope: Greater than 75% vote of one house and a simple majority of the other

Approval of a PDP w/o Super-Majority: Simple majority of both houses, but requires at least one rep of at least 3 of 4 stakeholder groups

Super-Majority Approval of a PDP: Greater than 75% majority in one house and simple majority in the other

Removal of Nominating Committee Appointees for Cause: Greater than 75% vote of both houses  
(Note: subject to ICANN Board Approval)

All other GNSO Business (other than Board elections): Simple majority of both voting houses
GNSO Implem Planning Team (IPT) Structure

Board & GNSO Council

Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC)

Operations Steering Committee (OSC)

PDP Work Team

Working Group Work Team

GNSO Operations Work Team

Constituency Operations Work Team

Communications Work Team

Note: Work Teams are prospective pending Steering Committee approval and charters.
Progress & Coming Attractions

New PDP & WG Model

- Staff conducting research to support PDP and WG Work Teams
- Draft charters being developed after Cairo
- Final constructs to be approved by PPSC, Council, & Board

GNSO Council Restructure

- GNSO Implem Plan Team (IPT) Structure approved
- Council Term Limits for public comment
- Individual Internet User Involvement circulated for public comment
- Council Restructure Phase I implem plan due Dec Board meeting
- Existing constituencies submit confirmations to Board Feb 2009
- Stakeholder Group Petition/Charter plans due Apr 2009
- New GNSO Council seated Jun 2009
Progress & Coming Attractions (Cont’d)...

Enhance Constituencies

- “Notice of Intent to Form New Constituency” acknowledged by Board 30 Sep 2008
- “New Constituency Petition/Charter” being submitted to Board 7 Nov 2008
- Constituency survey instrument distributed & available for community input: Nov 3rd – Dec 2nd (30 days)
- Survey data published early Jan 2009
- Input to Constituency Operations Work Team

GNSO Communications

- Developing draft GNSO guidelines for language translation and interpretation
- Providing dedicated Staff person
- Working with ICANN Sr. Architect on requirements for new GNSO web site
- Planned “beta” test site for focus group testing late Dec 2008
**Purpose:** Collect information on how ICANN can better support GNSO Constituencies

**Survey Topics:** Admin/Services, Training Needs, & Operations

**Survey Period:** November 3rd – December 2nd, 2008

**Results:** Scheduled for Publication in early January 2009

**Survey Link:** https://www.bigpulse.com/m2597/intro

**Security:** Need special access PIN (emailed to each Constituency 10-28-08)
Also, please visit our new GNSO Improvements Web Portal:

http://gnso.icann.org/improvements

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