

GNSO IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM UPDATE

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Five Main Areas of Improvement

Based upon input from the independent reviews, the ICANN Board identified these areas for improvement



New GNSO Council Organization: June 2009



Legend: { } Voting; () Non-Voting

GNSO Council Restructure

Phased Implementation Schedule (*)

Phase 1: GNSO Council restructuring implementation plan submitted in advance of the Dec 2008 Board Meeting

Phase 2: Existing Constituencies submit confirmation documents in advance of the Feb 2009 Board Meeting

Phase 3: Stakeholder Groups submit formal plans at the Mar 2009 Mexico City Board meeting

Phase 4: Council representatives selected and the new GNSO Council is seated by the Jun 2009 Asia-Pacific ICANN Meeting

(*) *Approved by the ICANN on Board: 1 October 2008*

GNSO Council Restructure Tasks

Task 1

- **Implementation Plan (Due: Dec 08)**
 - Council submitted proposed structure for implementation work in Dec 08
 - Council drafting team is discussing/resolving key process and implementation issues

Task 2

- **Constituency Renewals (Due: Feb 09)**
 - All six constituencies responded to Board's request
 - Posted for public comment; Staff currently analyzing comments and charters
 - Will share analyses with constituencies this month
 - Staff will prepare report to Board for April meeting

GNSO Council Restructure Tasks (Cont'd)

Task 3

- **Internet User Involvement (Due: Feb 09)**
 - Public comment forum conducted
 - GNSO-ALAC report submitted 20 Feb 09

Task 4

- **Stakeholder Group Charters (Due: Mar 09)**
 - Five proposed SG Charters received (2 NCSG)
 - Ongoing community discussions
 - SG Charters may be revised based on dialogue
 - Public comment forum opened
 - Staff will analyze comments and charters and share analyses with SG communities
 - Staff will evaluate final SG charters and provide report to Board

GNSO Council Restructuring

New Constituency Notices and Petitions

Step 1: Notice of Intent to Form (NOIF) Constituency

CyberSafety Constituency [Oct 2008]

City TLD Constituency [Feb 2009]

Consumers Constituency [Mar 2009]

Step 2: Formal Submission of Const. Petition/Charter

CyberSafety Constituency [Mar 2009]

Remaining Four Improvement Areas

- 1) Improve the Policy Development Process
- 2) Define an ICANN Working Group Model
- 3) Enhance and Support Constituency Operations
- 4) Improve Technology and Communications

Steering Committees Formed (Nov 08, Cairo)

- **Policy Process Steering Committee:** Jeff Neumann, Chair
- **Operations Steering Committee:** Chuck Gomes, Chair

Work Teams Formed (Mar 09, Mexico City)

- **PPSC Teams**
 - New PDP Process Team: Jeff Neuman, Chair
 - Working Group Model Team: J. Scott Evans, Chair (Elected)
- **OSC Teams**
 - GNSO Operations Team: Ray Fassett, Chair (Elected)
 - Constituency Operations Team: Olga Cavall, Chair
 - Communications Team: Mason Cole, Chair

Productive Developments in Mexico City

❖ Substantive Steering Committee and Work Team Sessions

- Many new faces in work teams (global and diverse)
- More WT volunteers stepped forward during the week

❖ Significant and Productive Dialogue and Negotiations

- Regarding the proposed SG charters, esp. NCSG
- Considerable info sharing about prospective new constituencies

❖ Concerns voiced by commercial community about structure, timing and workload



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Next Steps:

Board action on Individual Users

Board action on New Constituency Petitions

Board action on Renewing Constituencies

Board action on Stakeholder Group Charters

Board action on Board Seats #13 and #14

Amend Bylaws to accommodate GNSO Restructure



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Organization of this Site:

Welcome to the GNSO Improvements Information Home Page. This page contains all of the basic information you need for this ongoing initiative to improve and restructure the GNSO. The above drop-down menu structure is organized into five major sections:

- **About:** the Background of GNSO Improvements including an Overview of major recommendations as well as several Reviews that have been conducted concerning the GNSO.
- **Board Actions:** meeting resolutions and minutes relating to GNSO Improvements
- **Council Organization:** information about Council restructuring as well as Constituency and Stakeholder Group forms/templates, charter activities, and related references/guidelines.
- **Committees & Teams:** approved documents and links associated with the GNSO Council Implementation Plan Steering Committees, and Work Teams charged with GNSO implementation projects/tasks.
- **News & Events:** current events (3 months), public notices and links to other resources

Note: each link in the drop-down menus represents an individual page where additional content can be found.

Policy Staff Resources

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**Operations Steering Committee: Rob Hoggarth, Sr.
Policy Director**

GNSO Operations Team: Julie Hedlund, Policy Consultant

Constituency Operations Team: Julie Hedlund

Communications Team: Ken Bour, Policy Consultant

**Policy Process Steering Committee: Liz Gasster, Sr.
Policy Counselor**

New PDP Team: Margie Milam, Sr. Policy Counselor

Working Group Team: Ken Bour, Policy Consultant



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