Domain Tasting Tutorial:
GNSO PDP Process Overview

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Outline

- GNSO PDP Process
  - Issues Report
  - Launching a PDP
  - Conduct of a PDP
- PDP Time-lines
- Discussion
- Next Steps for Domain Tasting Issues report

Issues Report

- Request for Issues report can come from:
  - ICANN Board
  - GNSO Council
  - Advisory Committee, e.g. At Large Advisory Committee
- Staff sends Issues Report to GNSO Council
- GNSO Council decides whether to launch a PDP

Launching a PDP (I)

- If Staff Recommendation says issue is within scope of GNSO policy process:
  - Vote of 33% of Council members present to start a PDP can initiate a PDP;
- If Staff Recommendation says issue is out of scope:
  - Supermajority Vote of the Council members present is needed.

Launching a PDP (II)

- GNSO Council Weighted voting:
  - Number of votes of gTLD Registries and Registrars constituencies is equal to the number of votes of representatives selected by other Constituencies.

Conduct of a PDP (I)

- 1st public comments right after the start of a PDP

- Council chooses whether to create a Task Force

- Constituency statements are collected, they include:
  - clear statement of constituency's position
  - how the constituency arrived at its position (e.g. constituency meetings, teleconferences)
  - analysis of how the issue would affect the constituency, including financial impact
  - how long it would take to implement the policy.

Conduct of a PDP (II)

- Preliminary Task Force Report
- 2nd public comments
- Final Task Force Report
- GNSO Council vote on recommendations
- Council report to ICANN Board of Directors

Conduct of a PDP (III)

- If Council Supermajority Vote, Board adopts policy unless >66% of Board determines that policy is "not in the best interests of ICANN community or ICANN"

- Implementation of policy

By-Laws Time-line for a PDP

- Request -> Issues Report – 15 days

- Issues Report -> Initiation of PDP – 15 days

- Initiation -> Charter/ToR – 10 days

- TF

  – Charter -> Appointment of TF chair – 5 days

  – Initiation -> Constituency Stmt – 35 days

  – Initiation -> Prelim TF Report – 40 days

  – Prelim TF Report -> deliberation mtg – 5 days

  – Mtg -> TF Report – 5 days

  – TF -> Council – after 20 public comment period

The reality of time-lines - examples

- Contractual Conditions TF
  - Feb 06 until May 07
- Whois TF
  - Feb 05 until March 07
- New gTLD committee of the whole
  - Dec 05 still ongoing

Discussion

- Scope of PDP should be narrow

- Task Forces/working groups need clear and tightly defined terms of reference

Discussion (II)

- Council workload has often meant that creation of Task Force was preferred to 'Committee of the Whole'

- Bylaw timelines are unrealistic with complex PDPs and diversity of views – 12 – 24 months, not 90 days

- Moving towards more inclusive, informal 'working groups' – i.e. not just GNSO Constituency members.

Next Steps

- Council Open Forum discussion
- Council Open meeting consideration of Issues report
    - Decision:
        - PDP
            - TF or committee of the whole
        - WG to study issue and make recommendation
            - limited time
            - open to community
        - other possibilities..

Thank You