

GNSO Working Group Guidelines

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Background



- GNSO Improvements: Board Recommendation to adopt “Working Group” Model
- In the past, GNSO made use of Task Forces -- small legislative bodies where decision-making was primarily based upon voting
- Working Groups are intended to be more open and inclusive; participants tackle issues using consensus-building approaches
- PPSC / Working Group Work Team tasked to develop appropriate operating principles, rules and procedures for working groups

Background



- PPSC submitted proposed GNSO Working Group Guidelines to GNSO Council on 1 January 2011
- GNSO Council conducted 21 day public comment period - 2 public comments received, plus statement from ALAC
- PPSC reviewed comments received and updated document accordingly
- Updated GNSO Working Group Guidelines submitted for GNSO consideration on 8 March

Changes

- One-to-one outreach to encourage participation (ALAC)
- Eliminated references to DOI (RySG)
- Clarify voting procedures for election of Chair (RySG)
- Clarify that liaison must fulfill liaison role in a neutral manner (RySG)
- Captured minority viewpoint for submission to Standing Committee (Avri Doria)

The Guidelines



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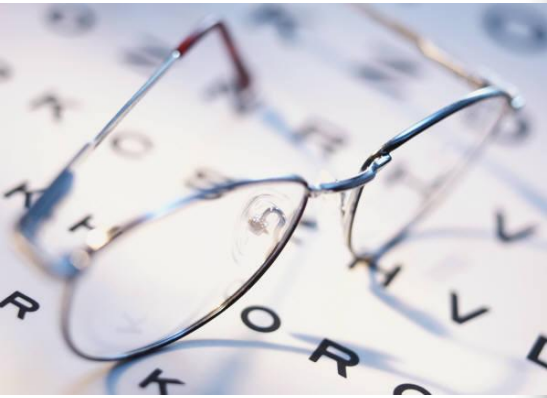
- **2. Roles and responsibilities**
 - Guidelines for announcement of a WG
 - Membership applications
 - Planning the first meeting
 - Election of WG leaders
 - WG members roles and responsibilities
 - Use of Sub-Teams

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- **3. Norms**
 - Participation
 - Representativeness
 - Process Integrity
 - Individual / Group Behavior and Norms
 - Rules of Engagement
 - Standard Methodology for making decisions
 - Appeal Process

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- **4 Logistics & Requirements**
 - Session planning / Meeting logistics
 - Communication / collaboration tools
 - Translation
 - Briefings and subject matter experts
- **5 Products & Outputs**

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- **6 Charter Guidelines**
 - Announcement of a WG
 - Transparency and Openness
 - Purpose, importance and expectations of the Chair
 - Other important roles
 - WG Charter Template
- **Annex I - Chair Checklist**

Next Steps



Provided that the GNSO Council adopts the GNSO Working Group Guidelines:

- Guidelines to be included in the Council Operating Procedures
- Guidelines subject to Board oversight
- Minority viewpoint to be submitted to Standing Committee for its consideration
- Staff to develop a summary of Guidelines for use by WG members



Questions?





Thank you