

The new GNSO Policy Development Process

PDP-WT Final Report



Objective



- The PDP-WT is responsible for developing a new GNSO 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
- Initial Report published in May 2010, proposed Final Report published in February 2011
- WT has reviewed public comments, continued deliberations on open issues and has now submitted its Final Report
- Final Report includes 48 recommendations, new Annex A and proposed PDP Manual
- Report has full consensus support of the PDP-WT

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

Recommendations

- Some codify existing practices
- Some recommend a new approach
- Some recommend changes to the by-laws (less flexible - need board approval)
- Some elements to be moved to the PDP Manual which is to become part of the GNSO Operating Rules (more flexible - can be adopted by the GNSO Council, without requiring Board approval, but with Board oversight)



Key Recommendations



Issue Report



- Recommended use of a standardized Request for Issue Report Template (#4)
- Publication of preliminary Issue Report followed by a mandatory public comment period, following which a Final Issue Report will be published (#10, #11)
- Modification of timeframe for the creation of a Preliminary Issue Report - maximum of 45 days, with possibility of extension (#10)

Initiation of a PDP



- Charter required (#18)
- Dialogue between GNSO Council and AC if no PDP is initiated following an Issue Report by AC (#17)
- Public comment period on Initiation of PDP to become optional (#21)
- Clarification of 'in scope of ICANN policy process or the GNSO' (#22)

Working Group



- Minimum public comment period of 30 days required on Initial Report, 21 days for other optional comment periods (#27)
- WG input on issues related to implementation, impact and feasibility (#30)
- Maintain Initial and Final Report as only mandatory outputs of WG (#33)
- Allow for termination of PDP prior to delivery of the Final Report (#36)

Voting and Implementation



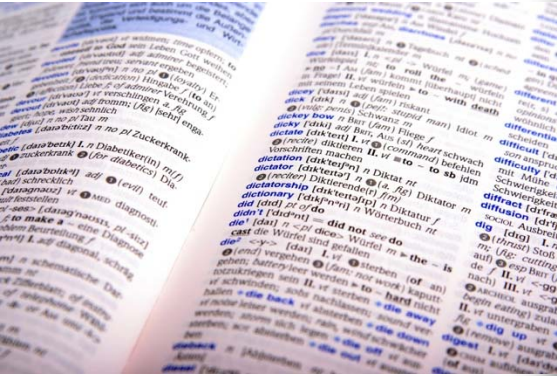
- Guidance to the GNSO Council on the treatment of PDP WG recommendations (#38)
- New procedures for the delivery of recommendations to the Board (#39)
- Implementation Review Team recommended (#4)
- Redefinition of GNSO Supermajority vote (#47)
- Clarification in which instances Board can reject GNSO recommendations (#41)

Review



- WGs to make recommendations in relation to review of proposed new policy (timing, metrics, etc.) (#43)
- WG Self-Assessments (#44)
- Threshold of completed PDPs needs to be met before review of new PDP is conducted (#45)

Other Issues



- Each recommendation indicates whether it is related to change in the Bylaws vs. PDP Manual
- Proposed New Annex A included (Section 4)
- Proposed PDP Manual included (Section 5)
- New PDP applicable to all requests for Issue Reports and PDPs initiated after approval & implementation and ongoing PDPs may transition to new PDP if Council decides so

Next Steps



- Public comment forum open by the GNSO Council - comments may be submitted until 9 July.
- Based on comments received, GNSO Council will need to decide whether comments and report will need to be passed back to the PDP-WT for further consideration, or whether GNSO Council can consider the report for approval.

Further Information



- Public Comment Forum - <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#pdp-final-report>
- PDP-WT Final Report - <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/pdp-wt-final-report-final-31may11-en.pdf>
- Public Comment Review tool - <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/pdp-wt-public-comments-review-tool-24may11-en.pdf>
- PDP - WT Workspace - <https://community.icann.org/display/gnsopp-sc/PDP-WT+Home>

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