

GAC Engagement in GNSO Policy Development Process

Phase of the PDP	Opportunity for input	Method for seeking input	Possible changes suggested by GAC to the method for seeking input
Request for Issue Report	An Advisory Committee may raise an issue for policy development by action of such committee to request an Issue Report, and transmission of that request to the Staff Manager and GNSO Council.	N/A	
Preliminary Issue Report	Public comment period on Preliminary Issue Report to encourage additional data / information as well as views on whether PDP should be initiated	Announcement posted to ICANN & GNSO web-site and public comment forum opened Announcement sent to the GAC Secretariat for distribution	
Rejection of PDP requested by Advisory Committee	If GNSO Council rejects initiation of a PDP requested by an AC, then option to meet with AC reps to discuss rationale followed by possible request for reconsideration	N/A	
Developing charter for the PDP Working Group	Drafting team to develop charter for PDP WG open to anyone interested	Announcement posted to GNSO web-site Announcement sent to GAC Secretariat for distribution	
Working Group	PDP Working Group is open to anyone interested to participate, either as an individual or as a representative of group / organization	Announcement posted to the GNSO web-site and, if timely, included in Monthly Policy Update Announcement sent to the GAC Secretariat for distribution	
Working Group	PDP WG is required to reach out at an early stage to obtain input from other SO / AC	PDP WG will send email request for input to SO/AC Chair and secretariat Request will typically include questions / input that input is sought on as well as a deadline for input (noting that additional	

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Working Group	Initial Report published for public comment	Announcement posted to ICANN & GNSO web-site and public comment forum opened Announcement sent to the GAC Secretariat for distribution	
Council Deliberations	Council Recommendations Report to the Board which also includes an overview of consultations undertaken and input received	N/A	
Board Vote	Public comment forum prior to Board consideration of recommendations	Announcement posted to ICANN & GNSO web-site and public comment forum opened Announcement sent to the GAC Secretariat for distribution	
Board Vote	Requirement for the ICANN Board to inform the GAC if policy recommendations affect public policy concerns	Board will notify GAC	
Implementation	Council has the option to form Implementation Review Team to assist Staff in developing the implementation details (in principle open to all)	Call for volunteers will be circulated to PDP WG	
Implementation	Implementation plans may be posted for public comment or additional consultations held depending on nature of policy recommendations	Announcement posted to ICANN & GNSO web-site and public comment forum opened Announcement sent to the GAC Secretariat for distribution	