GNSO IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM UPDATE

6 March 2009

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

- Revise the Policy Development Process
- Enhance Constituencies
- GNSO Council Restructure
- Adopt Working Group Model
- Improve Communications
New GNSO Council Organization: June 2009

GNSO Council

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(1 NCA)

Contract Party House \{6+1\}

User/Non-Contract Party House \{12+1\}

Legend: \{\} Voting; (\) Non-Voting
**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]
Remaininng 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**
GNSO Improvements

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
Welcome to the GNSO Improvements Information Page

Organization of this Site:

Welcome to the GNSO Improvements Information Home Page. This page contains all of the basic information you need for the 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 summary 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.
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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