

GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council meeting (17 Mar 2014)

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Below is selected discussion points from within the GNSO. More detail available upon request.

Specification 13 of the new gTLD Registry agreement

Relating to the new gTLD Registry agreement, the Board had approved an additional clause along a .brand registry operator to designate a limited number of preferred registrars. The implementation is to be effective 45 days (final date 12 May) after the resolution to allow GNSO time to determine if it would be inconsistent with their policy recommendations (recommendation 19) which relates to registries using ICANN accredited registrars and not discriminate. The GNSO is discussing the question and may, if needed, put a motion for their Council meeting on the 8 May 2014.

Internet Governance Issues

At their recent council call, the GNSO had an item to discuss Internet Governance and specially the IANA transition and the recent proposals of a steering committee. There was concern that the proposed 2 seats for the GNSO council on the steering committee may not be sufficient. The councils key areas of discussion on this are around the structure and content of the steering group proposal as well as distinguishing the internet governance issue from the mission of the GNSO. Jonathon will reach out to other SO/ACs to talk about what's going on and stay informed as to what they are thinking.

Country and Territory Names WG

The Council will likely put two volunteers forward as interim co-chairs – Heather Forest and Ching Chaio and then let the working group decide from there. The call for volunteers for the group has also been published to the broader GNSO community.

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