

**GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
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Below is selected discussion points from within the GNSO. More detail available upon request. The Council meeting is due to take place several hours after the ccNSO meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**CCWG to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal on Naming Related Functions**

The GNSO Council approved the [Charter](#) and appointed Jonathan Robinson as the GNSO Council liaison and member to the CWG. The GNSO will collaborate with the other SOs and ACs to issue a call for observers to join the CWG, each in accordance with its own rules. Next steps will be discussed at the Council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**New gTLD review and subsequent rounds**

Following discussions at ICANN 50 in London, the GNSO have sought and received input from ICANN staff on the status, review and anticipated timelines of the new gTLD program. Details are expected to provide stimulus for GNSO discussions (discussion group has been formed) in Los Angeles. Topics expected: review of the first round (operations/effectiveness/efficiency), independent review of the trademark clearinghouse and projected timetable for subsequent round (still undecided).

**Proposed modifications to GNSO recommendations on IGO acronyms and Red Cross identifiers**

After a request from the NGPC that the GNSO consider modifying its recommendations concerning protections for IGOs/INGOs inconsistent with GAC advice, the GNSO have been discussing (with input from Chris Disspain on a recent call) the topic and have drafted a [letter](#) (draft) responding to the NGPC. Essentially the GNSO are willing to consider possible amendments, by way of section in the GNSO manual allowing them to do so (although never having been used before). They have asked for confirmation of substantial aspects to the potential changes via the letter. Substantial changes relate to initial protection for IGO acronyms through the TMCH in the form of notices to be provided to affected IGOs after a third party registers that IGO's acronym, with no limitation on the period for which such notices must be provided (previously 90 day notification period in GNSO recommendations). This is similar in the case of Red Cross.

**Appointment of a GNSO Liaison to the GAC**

The GNSO Council appoints Mason Cole to the role of GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee until 30 June 2015. The Council will hear from Mason on their 25<sup>th</sup> September as to the plan of action for the ICANN 51 Los Angeles meeting.

**Procedure to re-elect GNSO Council Chair**

Jonathon Robinson was nominated for re-election to the position of GNSO council Chair. He accepted the nomination and will submit a candidacy statement by early October.

**GNSO Liaison to the ccNSO**

John Berards term on the GNSO council comes to an end at the General Meeting in Los Angeles and so the Council will need to appoint a new liaison.

**ICANN 51 Planning**

The Council will be discussing some preparations for the upcoming ICANN meeting in Los Angeles. Part of the planning will include discussion of the results from an evaluation survey from ICANN50. On the Friday before ICANN51, there is a 'Council development session' which focuses on the productivity and work in general of the Council for the coming 12 months.