

GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council Call - 8 October 2013

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Selected topics of interest currently under discussion within GNSO Council

- A framework for cross-community WGs (see below)
- Future engagement with the GAC – a “Reverse Liaison” role (see below)
- Induction session for ‘new’ Councillors event (See below)
- RAA Remaining issues PDP (see below)
- GNSO will invite Board members to take part in the policy and implementation WG.
- Policy Issues regarding string confusion in new gTLDs (see below)
- GNSO still discussing potential review of GNSO – key question currently is if the Council has a role to play in event that the Board postpones the review.
- Geographic Regions Review – Council members are discussing whether council input is needed or desirable for the Geographic Review Teams final [draft final report](#)
- Finalising GNSO recommendations report on locking of a domain name subject to UDRP proceedings for submission to ICANN Board

A framework for cross-community WGs

The Council will vote on a motion on this topic at their council meeting on 10th October. Elements in the motion which may be of interest to the ccNSO:

- The GNSO Council thanks the DT for its work in developing the proposed Draft Principles and the ccNSO for its very constructive feedback;
- The GNSO Council directs ICANN staff to prepare a paper consolidating the ccNSO feedback with the Draft Principles and highlighting areas requiring additional work....
- The GNSO Council intends to invite the ccNSO to provide a co-chair for, and all SO/ACs to appoint at least one representative each to, a new drafting team co-chaired by a representative from the GNSO and the ccNSO, to be tasked with creating a charter for a community working group having the responsibility of developing the updated set of principles for CCWGs
- The GNSO Council requests that the new drafting team be formed no later than the first GNSO Council meeting after the ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires in November

Full information on the motion can be found at

<https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/Motions+10+Oct.+2013>

RAA Remaining Issues PDP

Of all LEA and GNSO-ALAC High Priority Recommendations established at the outset of the RAA negotiations, 2 recommendations have not been adequately addressed by the completed negotiations: 1) Clarification of registrar responsibilities in connection with proceedings under the existing UDRP; and 2) Issues related to privacy and proxy services – including accreditation and Reveal/Relay procedures. Since the GNSO has recently addressed issues pertaining to a registrar’s responsibilities in connection with the locking of a domain name subject to UDRP proceedings, staff believe this issue no longer needs to be addressed through RAA Remaining Issues PDP. Staff therefore identified the issues related to privacy and proxy services as the only remaining issue upon the conclusion of the RAA negotiations suited for a PDP. [More information](#)

Policy Concerns regarding string confusion

The chair of the GNSO has [written](#) to the Board expressing concern at inconsistencies of output of string similarity review process. Example inconsistencies of output which have given rise to the concern include; different outcomes (in favour of the applicant or the objector) in the case of identical strings(.cam & .com, cam & .com), different outcomes in the case of plurals (.sport & .sports, .hotel & .hotels) and different outcomes in the case of strings where there is only one letter different(.com & .ecom, .post and .epost). The GNSO plan to look into this matter in greater detail.

Future engagement with the GAC

The council is discussing where they are with future GAC engagement. One of the possibilities in moving forward is to establish a ‘reverse liaison’ role intended to improve GAC engagement in GNSO

policy work. Much of the details of this role are currently being discussed. The council may propose ICANN to fund this on an experimental basis.

Induction session for 'new' Councillors (Buenos Aeries)

The Council plan to run a short induction and training session for the 'new' GNSO councillors (to be seated from that meeting on). The event will be on the Friday after ICANN meeting and is being funded by ICANN.