

## **GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (ICANN48)**

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Given the ccNSO and GNSO councils already met on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at ICANN48, this report will be brief, giving only an overview of current activities, work and discussions within the GNSO council. For greater depth, please see the GNSO section of the CENTR ICANN48 Report to be released by the end of this week. At the end of this report, there are also selected points from a telephone conversation between GNSO stakeholders and Fadi Chehade regarding recent developments in internet governance.

**Protection of IGO and INGO identifiers in all gTLDs** -The GNSO commended the work of Thomas Rickert (WG chair) on the work which is considered complex and challenging. A set of 29 recommendations have been produced, most of which will get to be voted on at the Council meeting on Wednesday (same day as ccNSO meeting at ICANN48). Supported in the recommendations:

- Top-level protection of full name + exception procedure (all identifiers)
- Second-level protection of full name + exception procedure (RCRC, IOC, IGO)
- Identifiers (not reserved) bulk added to TMCH

([more information](#))

**GAC Reverse Liaison** - The GNSO are discussing the potential of a reverse liaison to the GAC in an effort to better engage. The liaison would be “a person who is able to effectively and accurately represent the current status of all aspects of current GNSO policy work ([more information](#))

**Cross Community WG** - The GNSO council recently (10 Oct 2013) approved formation of a new drafting team with co-chair John Berard. Draft principles included well received ccNSO feedback (June 2013). Invitation letters were sent to other SO/AC Chairs and follow up on this is expected. It is anticipated that the new drafting team will be formed in the weeks after ICANN48. A staff paper on the topic is [available here](#)

### **Potential for work between GNSO and ccNSO**

In the joint session between GNSO and ccNSO during ICANN48 two areas of work were identified as being areas to which the ccNSO could provide useful help to, they are;

- Privacy and Proxy accreditation issues WG ([more information](#))
- Translation and transliteration PDP ([more information](#))

### **Prospective improvements to the Policy Development Process**

GNSO would like to promote this document to the broader community. [Review of table of prospective PDP Improvements](#). The GNSO will see which one of the points they can start trying out. If certain practices develop in time, they may work them into the PDP manual via the SCI.

### **Other news/topics from the GNSO**

- Metrics and reporting non-PDP WG –drafting team had its first meeting in October 2013 and will finalise the charter aiming for December 2013.
- Translation and transliteration of contact information PDP
- Policy and implementation – WG convened in August 2013 and has made outreach to SO/ACs for input (inc ICANN Board). They have also developed a work plan. ([more info](#))
- Jonathon Robison is standing unopposed for the next term of GNSO Council chair
- The GNSO has met this week with ICANN CEO and Board. Discussions mostly related to Internet Governance (Brazil/Montevideo/1net etc) and a little on the GNSO processes - in particularly the PDP, which Fadi asserted works well and that we should stop being so defensive about it.
- Thick Whois PDP - The GNSO Council passed a motion that recommends to the ICANN Board the adoption of Thick Whois recommendations as detailed in section 7.1 of the [Final Report](#)

### **GNSO discussion with ICANN CEO on the Montevideo statement**

In late October a call was set up between various communities leaders from the GNSO and Fadi Chehade. The call was an opportunity for the GNSO to ask questions to Fadi regarding recent developments regarding the Montevideo statement. Selected points from Fadi are below:

- There are 2 parallel stories going on here – the discussion on ICANN itself and how it needs to become more global and the other is about internet governance. It's been a year since WCIT and there haven't been much progress in addressing many questions the 'middle countries' were asking in Dubai.
- The call to globalize IANA function has been recorded for the last few years. In fact, I had my team build up an entire list – and I'm happy to share it – of all the people over the last few years from all over the community who have called for that. The globalization of the IANA function is contemplated in the current contract we have with Department of Commerce, so this is not a surprise. It's exactly what the Department of Commerce expected us to do at some point
- Some people are saying this will be all about surveillance. It won't be. And I already told them that if we even come close to the surveillance issue, we will pull out immediately.
- This is a conference that should focus on high-level principles... and should focus on an institutional framework.... we want to make sure we don't end up with some new big organization...
- We don't know who they're inviting but we have begged them to invite other governments because we didn't want this to be about Brazil or to be about ICANN