

GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council meeting (20 Feb 2014)

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The below is a selection of key topics under within the GNSO. More detail available upon request.

International Internet Governance Issues

GNSO Council is concerned Internet Governance Issues are consuming a lot of energy at all levels. There are discussions that indicate strong support for regular updates from staff or appropriate people in Internet Governance issues to help understand how the different work products coming out of the different groups/efforts are expected to fit together.

ICANNs Panels in Singapore

GNSO Council is discussing to include an agenda slot for open debate on the output of the strategy panels and the impact on the GNSO. The slots are proposed to be split as follows;

Section 1 - a report from panels on ICANN's Role in the Internet governance ecosystem, on Public Responsibility Frameworks, and on Global Internet Cooperation and Governance Mechanisms

Section 2 - Report from the cross-community working group for Preparation for the Brazil meeting and one from ICANN participants in /1Net

Section 3 - report from the panel on Multistakeholder Innovation, the panel on Identifier Technology Innovation and the last from the expert working group on directory services.

GAC engagement –Joint GAC / GNSO Consultation Group

The primary focus of the consultation group is to get volunteers together to try and work through how the GAC might better be engaged early in the GNSO's policy work. The group has recently agreed on a charter setting out the problem statement and why the work is necessary for improving the PDP – also mitigating cases where the Board has to choose between GNSO and GAC advice. The group also intends to concentrate on two elements 1) points of interaction with the policy development process and 2) a regular GNSO GAC liaison.

An initial report should be ready in Singapore and discussions from the group will feed into GNSO/GAC sessions in Singapore.

Extra: Linked to ICANNs FY15 Community Special Budget Process, the GAC/GNSO Consultation Group on Early Engagement have prepared a request for travel funding for a GNSO liaison to the GAC. The request is not intended to pre-determine discussions in the Consultation Group on different options (for regular GAC-GNSO liaison).

Prospective improvements to the Policy Development Process

Council has discussed and revised the table of prospective PDP Improvements. Council accepts the current document and agrees that a group be formed to start work on implementation of Items 3 and 5 in particular (3. Increase pool of PDP volunteers and 5. Improved online tools & training)

Metrics and Reporting non-PDP WG

Draft charter for the Metrics and Reporting non-PDP working group - A charter for the Metrics and reporting non-PDP WG has been adopted by the gNSO council -

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/metrep-charter-10jan14-en.pdf>

Other

- Council Confirmed the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues PDP working group namely Don Blumenthal (RySG) as Chair as well as Steve Metalitz (IPC) and Graeme Bunton (RrSG) as Vice-Chairs.