

## **GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council**

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*Note: GNSO conduct their council meeting several hours after ccNSO this month. Further detail will be posted to ccNSO council list where relevant.*

### **GNSO statement on IANA transition ICANN Accountability Work**

GNSO have issued a [statement](#) recognising efforts of the ICG and CWG-Stewardship and CCWG Accountability groups. The statement also recognises that the independent legal advice is now a key requirement. *Note: GNSO will discuss both the IANA transition and Accountability topics at their council meeting (several hours after the ccNSO call) – more detail will be sent to ccNSO council list where relevant.*

### **Self-Assessment of Working Groups: IRTP Part D**

The GNSO introduced a procedure in 2014 for working groups to conduct self-assessments when work has been substantially completed. The first formal survey was completed by members of the IRTP Part D WG and includes tables, charts, analysis etc. Report available on request.

### **IDN implementation guidelines**

The GNSO wrote to GDD (ICANN) advising of formation of informal group to develop a list of issues for consideration for the pending update of the 2011 Implementation guidelines. It was noted also that the issues of cybersquatting and consumer confusion (among others) are of interest to many GNSO constituencies.

### **IGO Curative Rights WG**

The WG will be seeking (at council meeting) guidance on the scope of its Charter on a specific point: the limitation of its work to considering only those IGOs that were on the GAC-approved list of IGOs. The WG believes it may need to diverge from the limitation. The reason for this is linked to the extent that a dispute resolution procedure addressing specific IGO needs is to be based on legal rights other than owning a trademark - the WG is inclined to think that this should be based on international law as stated in the treaty known as the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property. More detail available on request.

### **Policy & Implementation WG Initial Recommendations**

Mainly as a result of discussions stemming from implementation related issues of the new gTLD program, there has been an increased focus on which topics call for policy and which call for implementation work. The WG on this has published initial recommendations which relate to 'GNSO input process', 'guidance process' and 'expedited policy development'. [See recommendations](#) (public comment ended 17<sup>th</sup> March).

### **GAC/GNSO early engagement**

GNSO council will vote at their meeting in March on the consultation group recommendations which relate to issue scoping ([see more detail](#)). The recommendations propose a 'quick look' mechanism committee to allow for early indication in the PDP of whether the issue is of interest to the GAC. The recommendation is expected to be trialled for at least 3 PDPs.

### **New gTLD subsequent rounds discussion**

There is a discussion group on this topic within the GNSO, they are expected to provide an update to the council in their meeting (several hours after March ccNSO call) – further detail to be sent to ccNSO if relevant/interesting.