

GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council

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This is a high level overview of GNSO activity – more information in CENTR report on ICANN53 due later in week

New gTLD Auction proceeds – Roughly 58 million USD in proceeds from auctions relating to contention sets (13) with potentially more to come. GNSO put out call for volunteers - Although ccNSO didn't plan to join a CWG, the GNSO still encourages ccNSO to keep an open mind about this, but recognises contributions of individual ccTLDs contributing on a 'case study' basis. Certain ideas have been discussed over the week in many sessions (funds to developing economy support, universal acceptance, back to applicants and others), however discussion remains very preliminary given the lack of urgency and other priorities (IST) in the community.

New gTLD subsequent rounds – A discussion group on this produced a comprehensive list of topics based on experiences from the first round of applications. The topics are being consolidated and it's expected that an issues report (open for public comment around August 2015) will be produced leading into a PDP. There are some concerns with this work given upcoming reviews in ICANN (AoC reviews) – some feel work is too soon. [More information \(slides\)](#)

IANA stewardship – Final proposal

Limited detail here due to already high content during ICANN53 and cross community discussions. Generally, discussions on the CWG took place over many GNSO related sessions however not significantly at council level. Motion to adopt final proposal put before council at meeting (2 hours before ccNSO council meeting). No substantial issues with proposal and motion will likely pass. More detail in CENTR report later this week.

New generation gTLD registration directory services - The task for the GNSO is to work out how to incorporate the work of the Expert Working Group (EWG) into a GNSO PDP. There was little talk on this work during ICANN53 as staff notified council that the initial report would be due out shortly after the meeting (not during it as previously planned).

Policy and Implementation WG - Set of principles that would underpin any GNSO policy and implementation related discussions. Final Recommendations [Report](#) contains a number of recommendations that will require changes to the ICANN Bylaws – the report obtained consensus support of the Working Group and submitted to the GNSO Council and will be voted on during ICANN53 (2 hours before ccNSO meeting).

Translation and Transliteration of contact information - GNSO Council launched a PDP on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information addressing: a) Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script and b) Who should decide who should bear the burden. Motion to adopt recommendations (#1 through #7) in [final Report](#).

Some points from GNSO Discussion with Fadi

- Fadi offers to help next CEO
- 3 jobs, not just one as CEO - 1. Servant CEO job – not really CEO because he doesn't make decisions 2. Political appointee – politician without a flag or armies and 3. Community facilitator
- 3rd job should have been first role (biggest mistake). Took him 3 years to figure out
- Fadi will not be on the search committee
- ICANN needs someone else now, someone who knows complexity of the ecosystem from day 1
- Recommends a retreat with community leaders, not just Board
- Political aspect will fade out after IST
- Challenges for next CEO? Depends a lot on IST, if it fails or if it succeeds, ICANN will need a different kind of CEO