

GNSO Activity Update May 2016

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Planning for Helsinki

A Planning Committee has been established to develop the schedule for GNSO meetings in Helsinki. Given Meeting B is intended to help progress policy development, most of the GNSO is devoted to several key areas of work in policy:

- Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service
- New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures
- Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms in New gTLDs
- IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

The Committee is in the process of trying to decide what topics should be Cross-Community discussions.

GNSO/SSAC relationship

The GNSO and SSAC leadership have met to discuss strengthening the relationship between the two organisations which may include a potential exchange of liaisons (not big support for this currently) and improvements to the regular SSAC update at GNSO council meetings. There is also desire to reinforce availability of SSAC as a *resource* into the GNSO policy development process.

GNSO liaison to the GAC role

The GNSO Council has confirmed at a recent meeting that the GNSO Liaison to the GAC is to become a permanent role at the start of FY17 (1 July 2016) and has adopted a 'Request for Candidates' which is to be distributed to GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies.

See more: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/request-liaison-gac-30mar16-en.pdf>

Public Comment on ICANN's FY17 Proposed Budget

Councillors are expected to review the update and [summary of comments](#) by a small group (Keith Drazek, Edward Morris and Carlos Raul Gutierrez). A comment should be submitted before deadline of 30 April 2016.

Schedule/Timing of AoC Reviews

The GNSO has raised the topic of scheduled Reviews (as required under the Affirmation of Commitments). They are conscious that concern that two of these reviews (ATR3 and WHOIS2) could collide with existing CCWGs and PDPs (specifically, RDS and implementation of Work Stream 1 of CCWG-ACCT). There has been limited community input to this topic, however the GNSO are ready to discuss it at the upcoming ICANN56 meeting in Helsinki.

Conduct at ICANN meetings

The GNSO has sent a [letter](#) to ICANN leadership regarding 'conduct at ICANN meetings' referencing the recent [blog](#) on the topic which takes a position on harassment issues which came up earlier in the year. They asked questions relating to the mechanisms of reporting, if the current 'expected standards of behaviour' policy would be enhanced, enforcement of the policy and also on whether there would be comparison (on the policy) to other comparable organisations

Other

- GNSO to discuss implementation of IANA stewardship plan at council meeting (12 May 2016)
- GNSO to discuss status of CCWG on Internet Governance at council meeting (12 May 2016)