Comparison Element	GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP)	Cross Community Working Group (CCWG)
1. Intended usage	Development of **policy recommendations specific to gTLDs, per ICANN Bylaws**. Issue must be within the scope of ICANN's mission statement and the role of the GNSO (e.g, policy development)	Allows any number of **ICANN's SO/ACs to work together** to address issues of common interest that **do not fall within the sole remit of one SO or AC**.
2. Requesting review of issue (e.g. scoping)	**Board, GNSO Council, or Advisory Committee**	The **interested communty organizations** must consider a set of initial questions to **determine whether a CCWG is appropriate** (note that a CCWG <u>cannot</u> be used for any policy development work withn a SO's remit)
3. Public comment required at scoping stage?	**Yes**	**No**
4. Who decides to launch PDP/CCWG?	**GNSO Council** (voting threshold must be met)	**Two or more SO/ACs**, who have mutually agreed to operate under a **single charter**.
5. Is there a Charter framing the scope of work	**Required**	**Recommended**
6. Are there binding operating procedures and rules?	**Yes** (PDP Manual, Working Group Guidelines)	**No** (Non-prescriptive guidance and recommendations provided in the Uniform Framework, developed by the ccNSO and GNSO jointly). However, the CCWG would be **bound** by its **agreed upon Charter**.
7. Who can participate?	**Open to anyone** (No membership requirements or numerical limit. Only requirement is to complete Statement of Interest(SOI))	**Limited** to a set of **members to be appointed by participating SO/ACs.**
8. Can anyone join as an obvserver?	**Yes**, though **observers** can **switch** to a **member** at any time.	**Yes**
9. Are there regular reporting requirements?	**Yes**, to GNSO Council.	**Yes**, to the respective Chartering Organizations.
10. Are there opportunities for public comment?	**Yes, mandated outreach at an early stage** to **SG/Cs** and **SO/ACs** and the **Initial Report** must be **published for public comment**.	**No**, early outreach is not required, but **CCWG should publish initial recommendations** for public comment.
11. How are decisions made by the group?	PDP Manual includes **specific, defined consensus levels which must be assigned to all final recommendations**.	CCWG Uniform Framework recommends fewer consensus levels, but ultimately determined by what is **agreed upon in the Charter**.

12. What is the status of final recommendations?	Outcomes **must** be **approved** first by the **GNSO Council** (voting threshold specified) and then the **ICANN Board**.	Outcomes **should** be **approved** by its **Chartering Organizations**.
13. What is the role of the ICANN Board?	ICANN Board **must** formally **approve** (voting threshold specified) **all PDP recommendations** first approved by GNSO Council.	**Not specified**. Depends on the nature of the project, but ultimately determined by what is **agreed upon in the Charter**.
14. What is the role of the GAC?	GAC "**quick look mechanism**" **pre-PDP**; **early outreach** during PDP; **GAC notification** and ability to provide **GAC Advice** on public policy concerns following Council approval of PDP outcomes.	**Not specified**, unless the GAC is one of the Chartering Organizations.
15. What happens if the Board disagrees with recommendations?	**Bylaws** prescribe **specific actions and reconciliation process**.	**Not specified.** Board role is determined by the nature of the project and as captured in the Charter.
16. How is implementation handled?	**Consensus Policy Implementation Framework (CPIF)** specifes **roles** of **staff and community** (including formation of of community-based **Implementation Review Team**).	**Not specified**. Depends on the nature of the project, but ultimately determined by what is **agreed upon in the Charter**.