



GNSO WG Newcomer Open House Session



## Welcome – Meet the GNSO Policy Support Team



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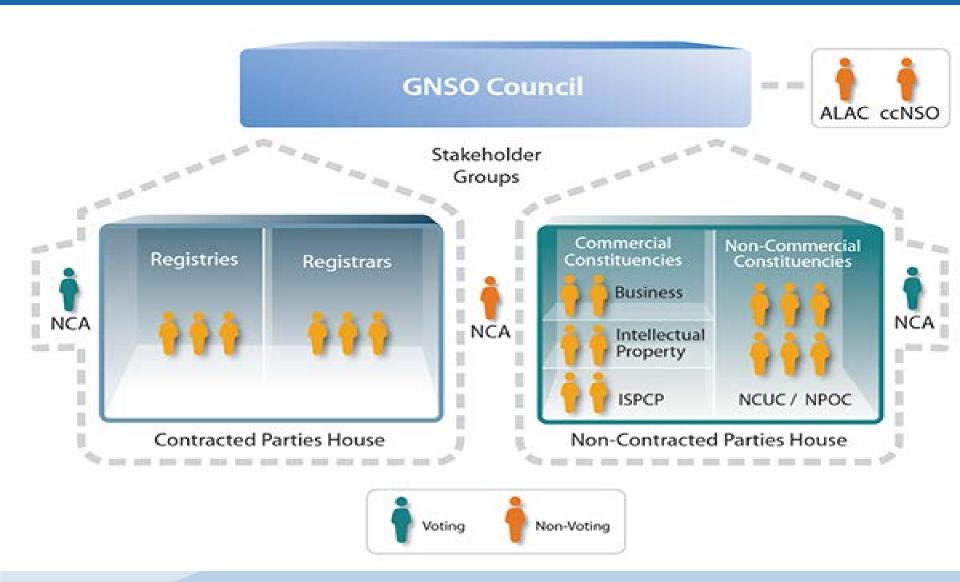


### Agenda – What do you want to learn more about?





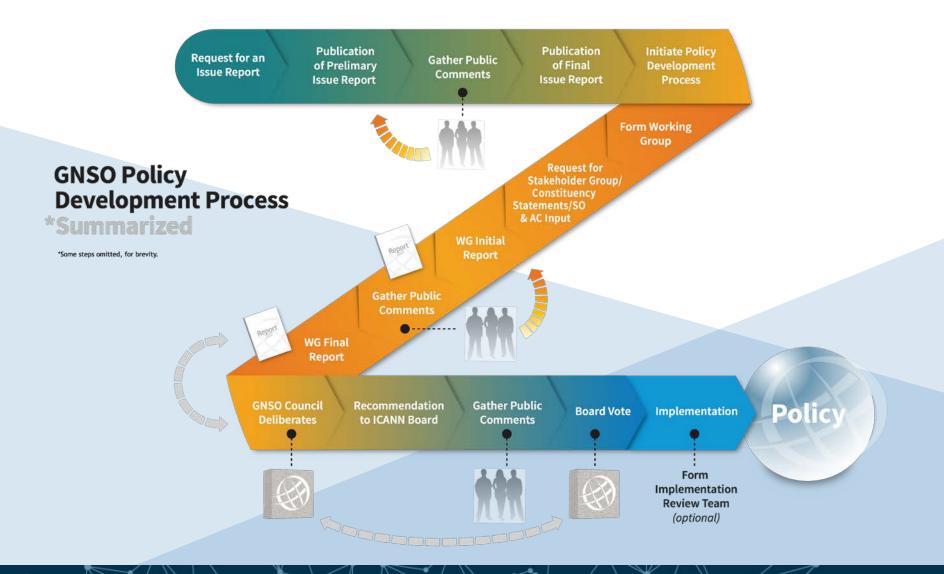
#### Structure







### GNSO Council – Manager of the PDP





## PDP WG Requirements

- Constituency / Stakeholder Group Statements
- Formally seek the opinion of other ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations early on in the process
- ODevelopment of Initial Report & Public Comment
- Review of Comments
- Final Report



# Further Reading

- Annex A of the ICANN Bylaws <a href="http://www.icann.org/en/about/governance/bylaws#AnnexA">http://www.icann.org/en/about/governance/bylaws#AnnexA</a>
- PDP Manual <a href="http://gnso.icann.org/council/annex-2-pdp-manual-16dec11-en.pdf">http://gnso.icann.org/council/annex-2-pdp-manual-16dec11-en.pdf</a>
- OPDP Overview <a href="http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/consensus-policy/pdp">http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/consensus-policy/pdp</a>





# "Consensus Policy"

- ICANN-accredited registrars and registries are bound to ICANN by contracts <a href="http://www.icann.org/en/general/agreements.htm">http://www.icann.org/en/general/agreements.htm</a>
- In this context, "consensus Policy"\* is a specification broadly supported by ICANN stakeholders, and thus could bind registrars and registries

This presentation does not not constitute legal advice or a waiver or modification of any ICANN agreement



<sup>\*</sup> Need to refer to contracts for specific limitations & need to refer to Bylaws for overall scope issues.

### Background

In its original agreements with ICANN, registries and registrars agreed to comply with "consensus" policies adopted by ICANN provided (i) that such policies did not unreasonably restrain competition and (ii) that the policies related to:

- 1.Issues for which uniform or coordinated resolution is reasonably necessary to facilitate interoperability, technical reliability and/or stable operation of the Internet or domain-name system;
- 2.Registry / registrar policies reasonably necessary to implement Consensus Policies relating to registrars/registries
- 3. Resolution of disputes regarding the registration of domain names (as opposed to the use of such domain names)

Detailed topics subject to "Consensus Policy" are defined in the gTLD Registry and Registrar Agreements



#### Picket Fence



- The general policy making authority granted to ICANN to preserve the stability and security of the DNS and the policy authority described in previous slide create a "picket fence" around ICANN's authority
- ICANN could establish policy and/or best practices affecting issues outside the picket fence, but could not <u>mandate</u> registry and registrar compliance with such policies.



# Further Reading

• http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/consensus-policy/about







### GNSO WG Guidelines

- The objective of the GNSO Working Group Guidelines is to assist Working Groups to optimize productivity and effectiveness
- The main elements of importance to Working Group members covered are:
  - ✓ First meeting of the Working Group
  - ✓ Working Group Member Roles and Responsibilities
  - ✓ Use of sub-teams, briefings and subject matter experts
  - ✓ Participation and Representativeness
  - ✓ Process integrity, Behavior and norms
  - ✓ Standard Methodology for Making Decisions
  - ✓ Appeal process
  - ✓ Communication and collaboration tools
  - ✓ Products & Output



## Standard Methodology for Decision-Making



- Outlines available designations for WGs to indicate support for policy recommendations
- Chair is responsible for determining level of support iterative process
- Current designations: Full consensus, consensus, strong support but significant opposition, divergence, minority view



# Further Reading

- OGNSO Working Group Guidelines Summary <a href="http://gnso.icann.org/council/summary-gnso-wg-guidelines-06apr11-en.pdf">http://gnso.icann.org/council/summary-gnso-wg-guidelines-06apr11-en.pdf</a>
- ORNSO Working Group Guidelines <a href="http://gnso.icann.org/council/annex-1-gnso-wg-guidelines-07apr11-en.pdf">http://gnso.icann.org/council/annex-1-gnso-wg-guidelines-07apr11-en.pdf</a>





### Where to access information

1 GNSO Website: Quick Information box

GNSO WIKI: Working Group Workspaces (description, members, reference documents)

GNSO Master Calendar: Time & Date of WG calls and Webinars, posting of recordings and transcripts



#### Reference Documents

- http://gnso.icann.org
- Review core materials such as GNSO Operating Procedures which include GNSO WG Guidelines and PDP Manual

http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures

• Review GNSO 101 Materials

http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/101

• Review current GNSO projects (Action Items)

http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active



# Additional tips

- ●Acronym Helper see GNSO home page
- OICANN Learn <a href="http://learn.icann.org/">http://learn.icann.org/</a>
- Find an experienced WG member either from your SG/C to provide guidance / answer questions
- OContact the GNSO Policy Staff



## Mailing lists

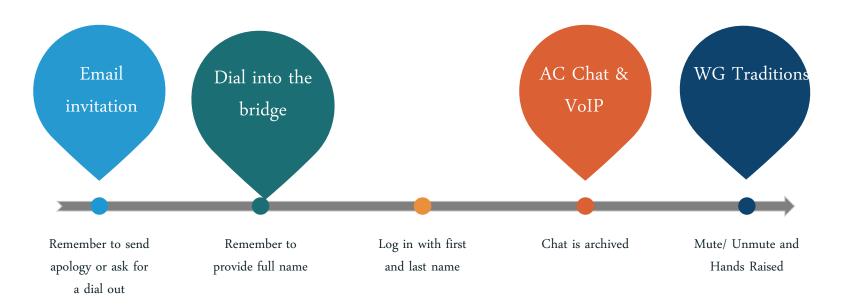
**Observer**: Read only status, no access to conference call information. Access however to post call material on the GNSO Website. Subscribed to the public mailing list of the Working Group only

**Member:** Subscribed to both public and closed (notify → ntfy) mailing lists.

You can change your status anytime by emailing the GNSO Secretariat.



# Joining a WG: Adobe Connect & Conf Calls





### Questions from RSVP form

How can I get an observer status, or represent the company I work for, within the Working Groups?

What is my ICANN affiliation?

What is my ICANN affiliation?



# Engage with the GNSO



Thank You!

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