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This list includes GNSO Council projects. It does not reflect the full granularity of each task, just current status and next scheduled action(s).

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GNSO Council Action Items - LINK	NA	NA	NA	Refer to action list for latest status

2 - Issue Scoping

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3 – Initiation

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<p>Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Issue Report Staff: M. Wong. L. Hoffmann</p>	2011-Feb-03	ongoing	Council	<p>The GNSO Council had requested an Issue Report on rights protection mechanisms developed for all gTLDs, including those for the New gTLD Program, to be delivered 18 months after the launch of the first New gTLD. This timeline was subsequently extended for a further 6 months by the Council following a staff request. The Preliminary Issue Report on a potential GNSO PDP to review all rights protection mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs was published for public comment in September 2015 and closed on 30 November 2015. Staff completed the final Issue Report taking into account comments received and submitted it to the GNSO Council. On 28 February 2016, the GNSO Council voted to initiate the PDP and formed a small group to review the draft Charter in light of concerns raised by some Councillors. The group concluded its work on 25 February and the Council is expected to vote on the Charter during its face-to-face meeting in Marrakech.</p>

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<p>New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Chair(s): Stephen Coates, Avri Doria, and Jeff Neuman Council Liaison: Paul McGrady Staff: S. Chan, J. Hedlund</p>	2014-Jun-25	2015-Dec	Council	<p>Based primarily on the work of the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group, the GNSO requested a Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures at its meeting on 25 June 2015. The Preliminary Issue Report was completed and published for public comment (https://www.icann.org/public-comments/new-gtld-subsequent-prelim-2015-08-31-en) on 31 August 2015 with a close date of 30 October 2015.</p> <p>Incorporating the feedback from a public session on the Preliminary Issue Report at ICANN 54 in Dublin and public comments received, staff submitted the Final Issue Report to the GNSO Council on 4 December. The GNSO Council voted to initiate a PDP during its 17 December meeting, but deferred the vote on a motion to approve the Charter in order to properly account for RPMs related work between this PDP and the anticipated PDP on RPM review. The Charter was adopted during the 21 January meeting . The WG had its first meeting on 22 February, and will meet on the 29th February and in Marrakech. It has also selected its Co-Chairs: Stephen Coates, Avri Doria, and Jeff Neuman.</p>
<p>PDP on the next generation gTLD Registration Directory Service to replace WHOIS Chair: Chuck Gomes Vice-Chairs: David Cake, Michele Neylon, Susan Kawaguchi Council liaison: Stephanie Perrin Staff: M. Konings</p>	2012-Nov-8	Ongoing	WG	<p>The ICANN Board reconfirmed its request for a Board-initiated GNSO PDP to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data, and consider safeguards for protecting data, using the recommendations in the EWG Final Report as an input to, and, if appropriate, as the foundation for a new gTLD policy. The Preliminary Issue Report was published for public comment on 13 July, with the comment period closing on 6 September (see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/rds-prelim-issue-2015-07-13-en). The Final Issue Report was sent to the GNSO Council on 7 October (see http://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/final-issue-report-next-generation-rds-07oct15-en.pdf), and the charter for the PDP WG was adopted during the Council’s meeting on 19 November. A call for volunteers to form the PDP WG was published on 4 January 2016. The WG held its first meeting on 26 January 2016 and has agreed to meet weekly. The WG agreed that Chuck Gomes would chair the WG and assemble a leadership team from amongst the other community members who volunteered to co-chair or be a vice-chair. The WG is currently developing its Work Plan based on the questions and topics listed in its Charter.</p>

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<p>GNSO ICANN Meeting Strategy Drafting Team Council Lead: Volker Greimann Staff support: M. Konings, G. de Saint-Gery</p>	2015-Feb-11	ICANN55	DT	<p>In 2015, the GNSO Council formed a drafting team to develop a proposed framework for GNSO related meetings as part of the new ICANN meeting strategy which will go into effect in 2016. The DT developed a draft proposed approach which was shared with other SO/ACs for discussion at ICANN53 in Buenos Aires. Following that meeting a letter was sent by Jonathan Robinson on behalf of the GNSO Council to inform the ICANN Board of the progress to date and to request the ICANN Board to share further information concerning its plans. Some further discussions between the different SO/ACs took place during ICANN55 in Dublin (see also https://community.icann.org/x/o5Caw) and are expected to continue in Marrakech. The Board sent a reply on 12 February 2016 (see http://gnso.icann.org/en/correspondence/crocker-to-bladel-12feb16-en.pdf).</p>
<p>Curative Rights Protections for IGO/INGOs Chair: Philip Corwin, Petter Rindforth Council Liaison: Susan Kawaguchi Staff: M. Wong, S. Chan</p>	2014-Jun-05	Ongoing	WG	<p>Based on the recommendation of the IGO-INGO PDP Working Group, the GNSO Council resolved to initiate a PDP and chartered a WG in June 2014. The PDP WG is tasked to explore possible amendments to the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure (URS) so as to enable International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) to access and use curative rights protection mechanisms. The WG has made considerable progress in its Work Plan and is focusing its attention on IGOs, as it has preliminarily determined that INGOs do not appear to require additional protections. The WG has reached a preliminary conclusion on the issue of standing and is currently discussing jurisdictional immunity for IGOs within the construct of RPMs. At the WG's request, an external legal expert, Professor Edward Swaine from George Washington University, was engaged to provide a legal opinion on the state of international law on this topic. Professor Swaine provided a preliminary opinion at the end of January, which was reviewed by the co-chairs with a view to providing Professor Swaine with initial feedback. Professor Swaine has prepared a summary, or synopsis document, that has been circulated to the WG and that will be used to facilitate discussions at ICANN55.</p>

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				A follow up set of questions was sent to the IGOs on the issue of IGO immunity as well. The WG is currently also anticipating the delivery of a proposal from the small group of NGPC, GAC and IGO representatives that was formed on the topic. It expects to conduct further engagement with the GAC and IGOs upon receipt of the proposal.
<p>GNSO Standing Committee on Improvements Implementation (SCI) Chair: Rudi Vansnick Vice-Chair: Anne Aikman-Scalese Council Liaison: Amr Elsadri Staff: J. Hedlund, M. Wong</p> <p>The GNSO Standing Committee on Improvements Implementation (SCI) reviews and assesses the effective functioning of recommendations related to GNSO Improvements that have been approved by the Council. It is a standing committee of the GNSO Council.</p>	2011-Apr-07	Ongoing	SCI	In April 2015 the GNSO Council consented to referring two issue requests to the SCI for consideration. The first concerned GNSO Council practices for proposing, seconding, and amending motions and the second concerned the clarifying of the GNSO Operating Procedures regarding the waiver and resubmission of motions. On the latter topic, the SCI reached consensus that the GNSO Operating Procedures are sufficiently clear that the waiver of the 10-day deadline for motions does not apply to resubmitted motions, and sent a letter on 09 October notifying the GNSO Council of its decision. On the first topic the SCI has documented the Council's current practice in relation to motions (include amendments), thus completing the first step in the Review Request. The SCI is currently discussing the second step as to whether and/or how the GNSO Operating Procedures might need to be changed. At its 19 November meeting the GNSO Council approved a further request for the SCI to review Sections 2.2(f) and 2.2(g) of the GNSO Operating Procedures (i.e. GNSO Council Vice-Chairs serving as interim GNSO Chairs, and posting of GNSO Chair election results). At its meeting on 10 December the SCI agreed to establish two Sub Teams to consider the two issue requests. The Sub Teams are completing their work and are preparing to send their reports to the full SCI for consideration. The SCI will update the GNSO Council in Marrakech.
<p>GNSO PDP Improvements Implementation Discussion Group Volunteers: Staff: M. Konings, Lars Hoffmann</p> <p>The GNSO Council agreed to form a small committee of interested Council members to</p>	2014-Jan-30	Ongoing	Council /Staff	<p>The group has been dormant awaiting the development of further initiatives and assessment of further need for consultation by staff.</p> <p>Staff provided a status update on the implementation of the recommendations during the ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires and will continue to move forward with the implementation of the previously identified GNSO PDP improvements, incorporating the suggestions made.</p>

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work with staff on the implementation of the GNSO PDP Improvements (see http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/pdp-improvements-table-16jan14-en.pdf), particularly items 3 (Increase pool of PDP volunteers) and 5 (Improved online tools & training) .				Following very helpful feedback from the Community, Staff completed the GNSO Learn module and presented it to the GNSO in Dublin. The course is live and a social media campaign to promote was launched in November 2015.
<p>GNSO Review Working Party Lead: Jennifer Wolfe Staff: M. Konings, M. Wong</p> <p>Following discussions in Singapore, the GNSO Council agreed to form a small committee to liaise with the Board’s Structural Improvements Committee (now the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC)) on the GNSO Review and discuss a potential self-review of the GNSO Council.</p>	2014-Apr-07	Ongoing	Working Party / Council	The Initial Report by Westlake, the independent examiner selected by the OEC, was published for public comment on 1 June, with the comment period closing on 24 July: https://www.icann.org/public-comments/gnso-review-draft-2015-06-01-en . A final report was published on 15 September: https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2015-09-15-en . The GNSO Review Working Party has finalized its feedback on the final report (intended to inform the OEC and Board’s further actions on this matter) and has completed an Implementability and Prioritization Analysis of the recommendations. This has been submitted to the GNSO Council for its consideration in Marrakech.
<p>GAC-GNSO Consultation Group on GAC Early Engagement in GNSO PDP Chairs: Jonathan Robinson (GNSO) and Manal Ismail (GAC) Staff: M. Konings, O. Nordling</p> <p>The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) have jointly established a consultation group to explore ways for the GAC to engage early in the GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) and to improve overall cooperation between the two bodies</p>	2014-Jan-07	Ongoing	CG	The launch of this GAC-GNSO Consultation Group on Early Engagement is the result of discussions between the two entities at the ICANN meeting in Buenos Aires as well as previous ICANN meetings, reflecting a joint desire to explore and enhance ways of early engagement in relation to GNSO policy development activities. The issue was also specifically called-out by both Accountability and Transparency Review Teams (ATRT). The CG reconvened following the ICANN meeting in Dublin and has now completed its work on the review of the GNSO Liaison to the GAC, the review of the Quick Look Mechanism and has shared initial ideas concerning other opportunities for early engagement of the GAC in the GNSO PDP.

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(for example, by exploring the option of a liaison).				
<p>Cross-Community Working Group- on a Framework of CWG Principles GNSO Council Co-Chair: John Berard ccNSO Council Co-Chair: Becky Burr Staff: M. Wong, B. Boswinkel, S. Chan</p> <p>The CCWG was chartered by the ccNSO and GNSO Councils to develop a set of uniform guidelines (based on earlier work by the GNSO, feedback from the ccNSO and community experience from past CCWGs) for the formation, operation and termination of future cross-community working groups.</p>	2011-May-19	Ongoing	CCWG	This Cross-Community Working Group was chartered by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils in March 2014. The CCWG has reviewed the processes and outcomes of selected prior CWGs, including mapping their charters to the typical WG life cycle (Initiation, Formation, Operation, Closure, Post-Closure). As a result of the recent further usage of new CCWGs, the co-chairs and staff prepared a preliminary draft checklist for all the various stages of the WG life cycle, which was shared with the community at the Buenos Aires meeting. A revised draft framework was prepared by staff and shared with the CWG for their review. The draft framework has been updated following CWG feedback and has been published for public comment on 22 February. It is expected to be circulated to the Chartering Organizations as well. A final proposed framework is expected to be prepared following the close of the public comment period and sent to the CCWG's Chartering Organizations before ICANN56.
<p>Cross-Community Working Group to develop a framework for the use of Country and Territory names as TLDs (CWG-UCTN) GNSO Council Co-Chairs: Heather Forrest, Carlos Gutierrez ccNSO Council Co-Chairs: Paul Szyndler, Annabeth Lange Council liaison: Heather Forrest Staff: M. Konings, B. Boswinkel, Lars Hoffmann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective of the CWG is to: Further review the current status of representations of country and territory names, as they exist under current ICANN 	2014-Mar-26	Ongoing	CWG	The CWG is using a straw man Options Paper to drive forward its discussion and has just concluded its work on two-letter codes. The Group is now discussing 3-letter codes and has sent out a request for input to all SO/ACs and SG/Cs – over thirty responses have come back and the Group has started its discussion on this complex issue. Communication channels with the GAC remain open regarding potentially overlapping work efforts and the GAC invited the CWG-UCTN to meet during ICANN55. CWG-UCTN members will also meet face-to-face in Marrakech where a Straw Man Proposal on three-character codes, drafted by Staff, will be discussed for the first time.

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<p>policies, guidelines and procedures;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice regarding the feasibility of developing a consistent and uniform definitional framework that could be applicable across the respective SO's and AC's; and • Should such a framework be deemed feasible, provide detailed advice as to the content of the framework. 				
<p>Cross-Community Working Group on Internet Governance (CCWG-IG) Co-Chairs: Rafik Damak (GNSO), Jordan Carter (ccNSO), Olivier Crepin-Leblond (ALAC) GNSO Council Liaison: Carlos Gutierrez Staff: A-R Inne, N. Hickson, R. Dewulf</p> <p>The Internet Governance CWG has been established by the participating SO's and AC's to coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of the ICANN community in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet Governance.</p>	2014-Oct-15	Ongoing	CCWG	The GNSO Council adopted the charter for this CCWG during ICANN51. The CCWG held a community session at ICANN53. It requested confirmation from its Chartering Organizations regarding a question of interpretation of its charter, which the GNSO Council agreed to at its May 2015 meeting.

5 – Council Deliberation

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<p>Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability Co-Chairs: Mathieu Weill (ccNSO), Thomas Rickert (GNSO), Leon Sanchez (ALAC) Staff support: G. Abuhamad, A. Jansen</p>	2014-Oct-16	Ongoing	CCWG/Council	<p>The GNSO Council approved the CCWG Charter at its November 2014 meeting. The charter was also approved by the ccNSO, GAC and ALAC, in addition to the GNSO. The CCWG has a near-term focus of collecting current and possible future accountability mechanisms to be assigned in Work Streams 1 & 2, with WS1 being considered the more urgent accountability mechanisms required for the IANA Stewardship transition to take place. The CCWG formed three Work Parties to further develop Community Powers, Accountability Mechanisms, and Stress Tests. Legal advisors were engaged to assist the CCWG as well. After review of the public comments on the first version of the WS1 proposal, face to face sessions at ICANN53 and a subsequent face to face meeting in Paris, the CCWG launched a second public comment period based on the proposed single member community mechanism on 3 Aug 2015, closing on 12 Sept 2015. Additionally, the ICANN Board submitted its comments regarding a multi-stakeholder model for the CCWG to consider. Following sessions in Dublin, the CCWG co-chairs issued a preliminary summary on 15 November and the full Third Draft Proposal was published on 30 November, with public comments closing on 21 December. SO/AC Chartering Organizations were requested to consider whether to approve the proposal as early as possible, and the GNSO Council scheduled a Special Session on 14 January 2016 to discuss its response to the CCWG. The Council finalized its response at its 21 January meeting. In February, the CCWG released its Supplemental Final Proposal, having considered feedback from all its Chartering Organizations. The CCWG's Chartering Organizations are expected to review and approve this Supplemental Final Proposal at the latest in Marrakech. The GNSO Council scheduled a further Special Session on 29 February to discuss the matter and is expected to finalize its decision on whether to approve the CCWG's recommendations in Marrakech.</p>

6 – Board Vote

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<p>Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues PDP WG Chair: Don Blumenthal Vice-Chairs: Graeme Bunton, Steve Metalitz Council Liaison: James Bladel Staff: M. Wong, M. Konings</p> <p>The <i>Registrar Accreditation Agreement</i> (RAA), the contract governing the relationship between ICANN and accredited registrars, has been in place since 2001. The Board initiated negotiations for a new RAA in October 2011, and requested an Issue Report from the GNSO at the same time. The final version of the new RAA was approved by the Board in June 2013, thereby signifying that the RAA negotiations were concluded. Per the Board’s 2011 request, the remaining issues, which were identified as those relating to privacy & proxy services and their accreditation, were to be examined in this PDP.</p>	2009-May-21	Ongoing	Board	<p>The WG’s Initial Report was published for public comment on 5 May: see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ppsai-initial-2015-05-05-en, and closed on 7 July. Due to the volume of comments, the WG created four Sub Teams to facilitate review of the comments, and revised its timeline for completion of its Final Report. It also held a face to face meeting at ICANN54 to facilitate its task. The Final Report was sent to the GNSO Council on 8 December 2015 (see http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-final-07dec15-en.pdf). The Council agreed to defer a vote on the report to its 21 January meeting, to allow all SG/Cs sufficient time to consider the final recommendations from the WG. At the 21 January meeting, the GNSO Council voted unanimously to approve all the WG’s final recommendations. A public comment forum has been opened to allow the public to comment (through 16 March) on the recommendations prior to Board action, as required by the ICANN Bylaws: see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ppsai-recommendations-2016-02-05-en. As further required by the Bylaws, the Council approved a Recommendations Report for transmission to the ICANN Board at its 18 February meeting.</p>
<p>Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs Staff: M. Wong, Steve Chan, Berry Cobb Chair: Thomas Rickert</p>	2012-Apr-12	2014-Dec-11	Board/ Council/IRT	<p>The GNSO Council unanimously approved the IGO-INGO WG’s consensus recommendations at its 20 Nov 2013 meeting. As requested by the Board, the NGPC developed a proposal taking into account the GNSO’s recommendations and GAC advice in March 2014. In April 2014 the Board voted to adopt those of the GNSO’s recommendations that are not inconsistent with GAC advice received on the topic. Staff has organized an Implementation Review Team (in line with the GNSO’s recommendation), led by Fabien Betremieux, to implement those recommendations adopted by the Board (See below in the “7 – Implementation” section for more details). A Call for Volunteers to the IRT was issued following the Buenos Aires meeting and the IRT held its first meeting in late September. It met again in Dublin and reconvened in late</p>

6 – Board Vote

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				<p>January 2016 following further staff work on a proposed implementation plan. The IRT will meet again in Marrakech to discuss progress on the implementation plan.</p> <p>On 18 June 2014 the NGPC sent a letter to the GNSO Council requesting that the GNSO contemplate initiating a process to consider possible modifications to its remaining recommendations, per the PDP Manual. The GNSO Council held a discussion with Chris Disspain at its 5 September meeting and sent a letter on 7 Oct 2014 to the NGPC seeking confirmation and input about the most appropriate forms of protection for IGO acronyms and Red Cross names. At the ICANN51 meeting the NGPC adopted a resolution to temporarily reserve the Red Cross National Society identifiers until the differences between the GNSO recommendations and the GAC Advice have been reconciled. Staff is currently working on implementing this resolution, with assistance from the Red Cross. A response from the NGPC to the Council's letter was received on 15 January 2015 noting that discussions are ongoing. The Council is likely to await further and more definite information from the NGPC before taking any further action on this point. An updated proposal from a small group of IGO, GAC and NGPC representatives is expected to be delivered to the GNSO for consideration following ICANN55.</p>
<p>Geo Regions Review Community-wide Working Group Chair: Cheryl Langdon-Orr (ccNSO/APRALO) GNSO Council Reps: Staff: R. Hoggarth This Board-chartered cross community WG has consulted with ICANN stakeholders regarding the definition and applications of ICANN's Geographic Regions.</p>	2008-Aug-07	April 2016	Board	<p>A community Public Comment opportunity has been established for this matter (see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/geo-regions-2015-12-23-en). Comments are due 24 April 2016.</p>

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<p>GNSO Data & Metrics for Policy Making WG (DMPM) Staff: S. Chan, L. Hoffmann</p> <p>The Data & Metrics for Policy Making Working Group (WG) explored opportunities to review standard methodologies of reporting and metrics that could better inform fact-based policy development and decision making; including how the community can collaborate with Contracted Parties and other service providers in the sharing of metrics and data.</p>	2012-Oct-17	Ongoing	Staff	The DMPM completed its Final Report and submitted it to the GNSO Council for its consideration at the Dublin meeting. The recommendations were unanimously adopted. Staff has mostly implemented the WG's recommendations. Work product templates have been published , as well as update to the GNSO Operating Procedures . Further, in preparation for implementation of the pilot effort, a draft community budget request has been filed in collaboration with GNSO Council leadership.
<p>Policy & Implementation</p>	2013-May-09	Ongoing	Staff	The Council voted to adopt the Policy & Implementation Final Report and its recommendations during its public meeting in Buenos Aires. At its meeting on 28 September, the Board approved the proposed Bylaw changes associated with the recommendations. Implementation of the changes to the necessary Bylaws and GNSO procedures commenced, and the necessary updates to the ICANN Bylaws and GNSO Operating Procedures have been completed and published: see https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en and http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/procedures .
<p>Translation/Transliteration of Internationalized Registration Data PDP</p>	2012-Oct-17	Ongoing	Staff	On 28 September the ICANN Board passed the motion to adopt all seven recommendations contained in the Final Report. GDD Staff will be currently working on the draft Implementation Plan, a call for volunteers to joining the Implementation Review Team is forthcoming.
<p>IRTP Part C Recommendations The GNSO Council unanimously adopted the recommendations of the IRTP Part C PDP at its meeting on 17 October 2012 (see http://gns0.icann.org/en/resolutions#20121017-4).</p>	17 Oct 2012	1 Sept 2015	Staff	The ICANN Board adopted the IRTP Part C recommendations at its meeting in December 2012 (see https://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-20dec12-en.htm#2.a). As instructed by the GNSO Council, an Implementation Review Team was formed. Meetings of the IRT have recommenced and details of the proposed implementation plan have been shared with the IRT. Staff sought input from the IRT on the Change of Registrant draft policy language, and the

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				draft policy was posted for public comment on 30 March 2015. Comments were due 16 May 2015, and the IRT reviewed the comments received. The updated Transfer Policy was announced on 24 September 2015 (see https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2015-09-24-en). The updated Transfer Policy will be effective for all ICANN-accredited registrars 1 August 2016.
<p>Thick WHOIS PDP Recommendations The GNSO Council adopted the recommendation to require Thick Whois for all gTLD registries at its meeting on 31 October 2013.</p>	2012-Mar-14	Ongoing	Staff	<p>The ICANN Board approved the GNSO recommendations on Thick Whois at its meeting on 7 February 2014. (http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-07feb14-en.htm). An Implementation Review Team has been formed and various impact assessments and implementation proposals have been discussed with the IRT in the two decoupled work streams, corresponding to the two expected outcomes in the PDP Recommendations: transition from thin to thick for .COM, .NET and .JOBS; and the consistent labeling and display of Whois output for all gTLDs as per Specification 3 of the 2013 RAA. Further discussions of the proposals, issues, and risks are being planned in subsequent IRT sessions. Regarding the transition from thin to thick for .COM, .NET and .JOBS, in June 2015, ICANN’s General Counsel’s Office, released to the IRT a Legal Review Memorandum per the GNSO Council’s recommendation. ICANN Staff is currently engaging with experts from affected parties identify an implementation path. The IRT will meet with the Registrar Stakeholder Group during ICANN 55 in order to recruit volunteers to inform the definition of an implementation plan.</p> <p>Regarding the Consistent Labeling and Display of Whois output for all gTLDs, ICANN Staff, in conjunction with the IRT has developed a Draft Consensus Policy on which Community input will soon be sought.</p>

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<p>Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs</p> <p>The GNSO Council adopted the recommendation to protect certain identifiers of IGO & INGO Organizations in all gTLD registries at its meeting on 20 November 2013.</p>	2012-Apr-12	Ongoing	Staff/IRT	<p>The GNSO Council unanimously approved the IGO-INGO WG’s consensus recommendations at its 20 Nov 2013 meeting. In April 2014 the Board voted to adopt those of the GNSO’s recommendations that are not inconsistent with GAC advice received on the topic. Staff has formed an Implementation Review Team (in line with the GNSO’s recommendation), led by Fabien Betremieux, to implement those recommendations adopted by the Board.</p> <p>A call for IRT volunteers was issued after the ICANN 53 meeting and the first meeting held in September 2015. The IRT also met at ICANN54 and will reconvene on 21 January following further staff work on a proposed implementation plan.</p> <p>To date, ICANN Staff has been working on building comprehensive and actionable lists of all the identifiers to be protected as well as draft procedures for eventual implementation of relevant protections: reservations at the top and second levels and related exception procedures. Staff, in collaboration with the IRT, is progressively building a Draft Consensus Policy document. This document serves to support the continuing development of the implementation plan.</p>
<p><u>IRTP Part D PDP WG</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GNSO Council unanimously adopted the recommendations of the IRTP Part D PDP at its meeting on 15 October 2014 (see http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#20141015-1). 	2012-Oct-17	Ongoing	Staff	<p>The ICANN Board approved the GNSO recommendations of IRTP D on 12 February 2015 (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-02-12-en#1.d). GDD staff has drafted an Implementation Plan and the Implementation Review Team (IRT) has been meeting on a biweekly basis since August. The draft Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP) and draft Transfer Policy were posted for public comment on 10 November 2015. The comment period closes 21 December 2015. The IRT has reviewed all of the comments, and Staff is working on website and educational material updates per the public comments received. No comments were received regarding the draft TDRP and Transfer Policy. The projected effective date is 1 August 2016.</p>

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<p>Cross Community Working Group to Develop an IANA Stewardship Transfer Proposal on naming related functions</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Jonathan Robinson (GNSO), Lise Fuhr (ccNSO) Council Liaison: Jonathan Robinson Staff: M. Konings, B. Boswinkel, G. Abuhamad</p> <p>This CWG was formed to develop an IANA Stewardship Transfer Proposal on naming related functions.</p>	2014-Jul-14	Ongoing	ICG/CWG	<p>The CWG delivered the final proposal for SO/AC consideration on 11 June. The GNSO Council, in addition to all other chartering organization approved the CWG’s names proposal during the ICANN 53 meeting in Buenos Aires. As a result, the CWG submitted the names related proposal to the ICG. The ICG has published the proposal to transition the stewardship of the IANA functions, which integrates the proposals of all three operational communities, for public comment from July 31 to September 8 (see https://www.ianacg.org/calls-for-input/combined-proposal-public-comment-period/). The CWG was awaiting the outcomes of the CCWG given the documented dependencies related to any changes to ICANN’s accountability framework and continued to meet every two weeks to address issues in relation to the implementation of the IPR, budget recommendations and Bylaw changes as a result of the CWG-Stewardship recommendations. Following the issuance of the Supplemental Final Proposal by the CCWG-Accountability, the CWG has since confirmed that the CCWG-Accountability’s final recommendations meet the requirements it had set forth in its proposal: see https://gns0.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/pdf5EOLDCNvko.pdf.</p>