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GNSO Stakeholder and Constituency Chairs

## ICANN63 Schedule Planning

Dear Paul, Graeme, Farzaneh, Brian, Claudia and Wolf-Ulrich,

ICANN63 is almost upon us and with that, the last steps towards completion of the GNSO ICANN63 schedule are currently underway.

Considerable effort has been made to provide the EPDP Team with sufficient time on the schedule to advance its work during the Barcelona meeting to provide the Team with the best opportunity for success in meeting the major milestone of publishing its Initial Report. However, we don't want the work of the EPDP Team to overshadow other GNSO PDP WG efforts, namely Subsequent Procedures and Rights Protection Mechanisms that are underway and will also be using the Barcelona meeting to progress their work in order to meet some of their respective milestones.

With that in mind, we kindly request that as you develop your respective schedules for Barcelona you take into account the timing of the PDP WG sessions and where possible, avoid scheduling sessions that may actively take people away from participating in the PDP WG sessions. We certainly recognize and appreciate that conflicts are unavoidable, but it would be appreciated if you could take this into consideration with your planning.

GNSO Council leadership acknowledges that in addition to the above, the very nature of an Annual General Meeting and the administrative procedures it entails, calls for unfortunate scheduling compromises; however, GNSO Secretariat staff is available to assist you should your current meeting arrangements warrant schedule adjustments.

We would like to thank you all for your efforts and contributions in the planning process for ICANN63.

Kind regards,

*Heather Forrest, Chair*

*Donna Austin, Vice Chair*

*Rafik Dammak, Vice Chair*

GNSO Council Leadership