GNSO-GAC Liaison Overview

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Background

ICANN Leadership

- Secretary, RrSG (2008-2009)
- Chair, RrSG (2009-2011)
- GNSO Councilor (2011-2013)
- GNSO Council Vice Chair (2012-1013)

Current Working Group Roles

- Implementation Advisory Group for Competition, Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust
- Cross Community WG on Use of Country Codes and Territory Names
- GNSO New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds Discussion Group

Objectives of Role

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- Facilitate flow of information between GNSO and GAC
  - Particularly so GAC can determine when "public policy" applies, and so advise the Council
- Assist with engagement of GAC in GNSO processes

Methods

- Neutrally and objectively represent and communicate GNSO policy work
- Provide timely updates to the GAC on GNSO policy development activities
- Guide the GAC in opportunities for early engagement in GNSO work
- Ensure the GAC's ongoing understanding of GNSO methods and processes
- Provide GNSO with regular updates on GAC activities, specifically in so far as these relate to issues of interest to the GNSO
- Work closely with GAC-GNSO Consultation Group to develop early engagement mechanics

About the Liaison Role

- One-year pilot program (potentially renewable late 2015)

- Neutral and objective representation of GNSO work

- Liaise with staff (briefing materials, answers to questions)

- Liaise with working groups as needed

Preparation

- Confer with
  - Council leadership
  - Staff (assistance with policy briefings)
  - GAC leadership (expectation setting)
- Develop opening presentation to GAC in LA
  - Council procedures
  - Current Council work status
  - Opportunities for engagement

In Los Angeles

- Introduce role to the GAC, open relationships with GAC members
- Brief GAC on procedures, open policy work status, opportunities for engagement
- Attend open GAC sessions
- Attend Council sessions as able
- Debrief Council at conclusion of LA meetings

Thank You