GNSO Council

Introduction Meeting for new
Councillors from October 2012

Overview

- Objective
- GNSO Council
- Work of the Council
- GNSO Councillors
- First meeting

GNSO Council

- Managing GNSO policy development process
  - Impetus for work may originate from different places
  - PDP Process; http://gnso.icann.org/en/node/31379/
  - Work may or may not result in Consensus Policy
- Structured organisation
  - 2 houses, 23 members, 20 vote
  - Voting thresholds (simple majority of both houses default)
- Governed by a set of documented processes
  - ICANN Bylaws; Article X – GNSO, Annex A – GNSO PDP
  - GNSO Operating Procedures
- Supported by approximately 11 ICANN staff

Work of the Council

- Managing GNSO policy development process
  - Manage and oversee process of key policy work
  - Work undertaken by Working Groups (Drafting Teams)
- Council Meetings
  - Approx. every 4 weeks with 3 face-to-face per annum
  - Cycle of activity; motion deadline, agenda, minutes
- Resources
  - Website – http://gnso.icann.org
  - Quick links from front page
  - gnso.icann.org/en/ongoing-work/pending-projects-list.htm
  - Pending projects are extensive – prioritisation necessary
- Standing Committee on Improvements

Councillors

- New Councillors
  - Diversity
  - Prepared by SG / Constituency?
  - Seek support - within SG, Secretariat , Chair or VCs
  - N.B. Chair/VC from both houses, but duty to council
- Be prepared as possible for all issues
  - Regular tracking of email list – little & often
  - Rely on existing expertise in SG / Constituency
  - Be clear on SG / Constituency positions & rationale
  - Consider picking key / own specialism areas of work

15 November Meeting

- Will rely on Adobe Connect & dial-in
- Approximately 12 part agenda
  - Consensus agenda
  - Motions
  - Updates
- Expect to work within 2 hour limit
  - Be prepared with contributions
  - Use time effectively

Summary

- Feel welcome
- Start with a common understanding
- Not be hesitant / afraid to ask questions
- Be in a position to contribute from the outset
- Be part of a productive and respected Council