

**Process and Criteria for Selection of GNSO Representative to the  
Empowered Community Administration**

**28 June 2017**

The GNSO Council approved a [motion](#) on 28 June 2018 confirming that one member of the GNSO leadership team (GNSO Chair and Council Vice-Chairs) will be tasked to serve as the GNSO Representative to the Empowered Community Administration. This confirmation will be according to the following steps:

- a) GNSO Chair election takes place at ICANN Annual Meeting
- b) Noting that the Vice-Chair cannot be from the same Stakeholder Group as the Chair, Vice-Chairs may be confirmed prior to the Chair Election only if there is a single Chair candidate or all Chair candidates are from the SG. Otherwise, confirmation of Vice-Chairs may happen after the Chair election.
- c) GNSO Chair is confirmed by the GNSO Council upon election as the interim representative to the EC Admin, until such time as the GNSO leadership team has had an opportunity to meet and decide who is taking on this role. In case the GNSO Council fails to select a Chair, the existing representative to the EC Admin will remain in that role until such time as a Chair has been elected.
- d) As soon as possible upon confirmation of the GNSO leadership team, the GNSO leadership team will meet to decide who is to be designated as GNSO Representative to the EC Admin. Following this determination, this decision is to be confirmed by the GNSO Council as part of the agenda. The decision on the designation of the permanent representative to the EC Admin is then communicated to the ICANN Secretary and EC Admin.
- e) Should at any point during the term of the Chair and/or Vice-Chairs there be a change (for example, a resignation or a change in circumstances which may mean the representative is no longer able to perform in this role), the leadership team will communicate this to the GNSO Council as soon as possible together with the name of the individual on the leadership team who will take on this role so that a new designation can be made.
- f) As part of the designation, it will be made clear that in case of absence or conflict, another member of the leadership team may step in to substitute for the representative on the EC Admin.

2. The GNSO Council confirms that this process will take effect immediately and requests the current GNSO Leadership Team discuss and agree at the latest in time for the next GNSO Council meeting who will serve as the GNSO representative to the EC Admin. Until that time, the GNSO Chair will continue to serve as the interim representative to the EC Admin.