



# Overview of GNSO Policy Development

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# Goals for This Session



- Update you on current Policy work and encourage you to participate
- Upcoming initiatives and opportunities to provide input
- Answer any questions you might have

# Topics Covered in This Session

- Introduction to Policy Development
- GNSO Improvements
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy
- Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery
- Registration Abuse Policies
- Registrar Accreditation Agreement
- Vertical Integration
- Whois
- International Domain Names
- How to Stay Updated



# Introduction to Policy Development



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# What is ICANN?



- A multi-stakeholder,
- private sector led, bottom-up policy development model
- for DNS technical coordination
- that acts for the benefit of global Internet users



# ICANN Structure



# Policy Developed at ICANN By



## ICANN Supporting Organizations

- GNSO – Generic Names Supporting Organization
- ccNSO – Country-code Names Supporting Organization
- ASO – Address Supporting Organization

## Advice provided by Advisory Committees

- ALAC – At-Large Advisory Committee
- SSAC – Security & Stability Advisory Committee
- RSSAC – Root Server System Advisory Committee
- GAC – Governmental Advisory Committee

# What is the GNSO?



- Generic Names Supporting Organization
- Responsible for policy development of generic top-level domains (example, .com, .net, .info, .org, .asia)
- Council comprised of 21 councilors from six different stakeholder groups/constituencies and nominating committee appointees



# GNSO Improvements



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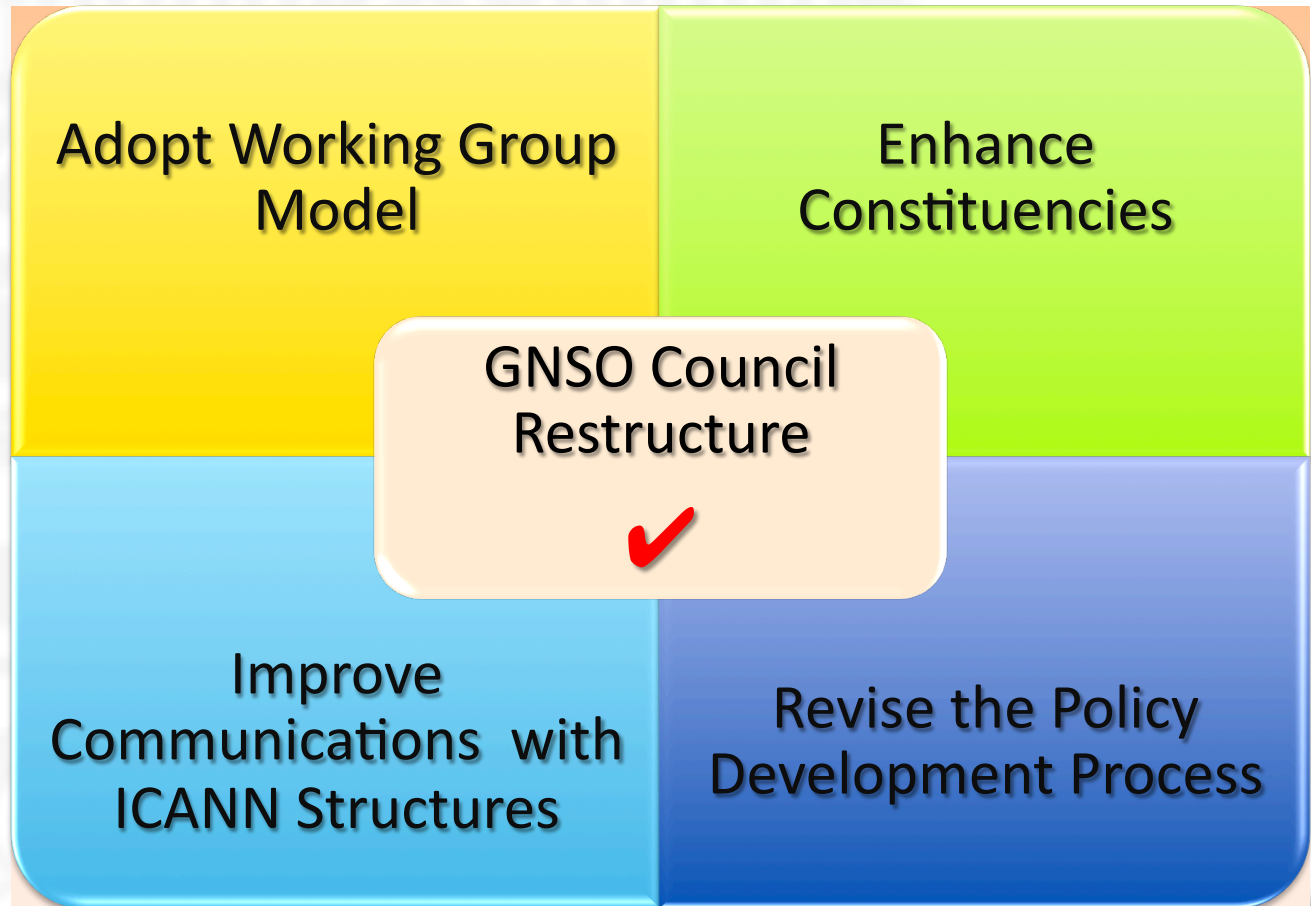
# Why Is It Important?



- As main policy making body for gTLDs, GNSO is subject to periodic independent review
- Key objectives of 2007 GNSO Review:
  - Maximize stakeholder participation
  - Ensure policy development is based on thoroughly-researched, well-scoped objectives **AND** operated in a predictable manner to ensure effective implementation
  - Improve communications and administrative support

# GNSO: Five Main Areas for Improvement

*Based on input from the independent reviews, a Working Group of the ICANN Board Governance Committee (BGC-WG) identified these areas for improvement*



# The GNSO Council Structure



# Next Steps



- Continued Efforts of Improvements Committees and Work Teams
- Constituency Re-Confirmation Efforts by Cartagena Meeting
- Permanent Charters To Be Developed For Commercial Stakeholder Group and Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group By Cartagena Meeting
- Potential New Constituency Proposals
- Development of new policy development process
- Initial Report published for public comment  
<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#pdp-initial-report>

# How Can I Get Involved?



- Join an existing group or constituency
- Form your own group or constituency
- React to Work Team recommendations  
<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/>
- Work Team volunteers still welcome email GNSO Secretariat  
[gnso-secretariat@gnso.icann.org](mailto:gnso-secretariat@gnso.icann.org)
- More information at  
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/improvements/>

# GNSO Policy Issues



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# Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy



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# Why Is It Important?



- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP)
- Straightforward process for registrants to transfer domain names between registrars
- Currently under review to ensure improvements and clarification
- IRTP Part B PDP Working Group

# Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy Issues



- Should there be a process or special provisions for urgent return of hijacked registration, inappropriate transfers or change of registrant?
- Registrar Lock Status

# IRTP Recent Developments & Next Steps



- Policy Development Process initiated in June 2009
- Initial report presents a number of preliminary recommendations for Community input, including a proposed Expedited Transfer Reversal Policy
- Public comment forum closed 8 August 2010 – see <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#irtp-b-initial-report>

# How Can I Get Involved?



- Join an IRTP Working Group – contact the GNSO Secretariat [gnso.secretariat@gnso.icann.org](mailto:gnso.secretariat@gnso.icann.org)

## Further Information

- IRTP Part B Initial Report - <http://gnso.icann.org/issues/transfers/irtp-b-initial-report-29may10-en.pdf>
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy - <http://www.icann.org/en/transfers/policy-en.htm>

# Post Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR)



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# Why Is It Important?



- To what extent should registrants be able to reclaim their domain names after they expire?
- PEDNR Working Group examines five different charter questions relating to expiration and renewal practices and policies
- Working Group is expected to make recommendations for best practices or consensus policies

# Recent Developments & Next Steps



Published Initial Report containing:

- Results of registrar survey
- Overview of Working Group deliberations
- Compliance information
- Results of Working Group survey outlining options for further consideration

Public Comment Forum will be analyzed by the Working Group to develop the Final Report

# How Do I Get Involved?



- Monitor the PEDNR Working Group workspace  
<https://st.icann.org/post-expiration-dn-recovery-wg/>

## Additional information:

- Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery Initial Report  
<http://gnso.icann.org/issues/pednr/pednr-initial-report-31may10-en.pdf>
- Public Comment Forum:  
<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#pednr-initial-report>