GNSO Council Meeting Updates:
SPS Action Outcomes --
Recommendation Reports &
GNSO Council Liaisons to Working Groups

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SPS Outcome: GNSO Council Liaisons to Working Groups

At its Strategic Planning Session the Council agreed that further clarity may be needed regarding the expectations for Council liaisons to GNSO Working Groups. In addition, there may be a need to provide additional resources to ensure that liaisons can perform their roles effectively.

Action Item 2.1: Staff to catalog all resources regarding the role of Council liaison to GNSO WGs.

Action Item 2.2: Staff to investigate whether the latest version of the GNSO Council Liaison to GNSO WGs – Role Description is up-to-date and if not, update.

Action Item 2.3: Once action items 2.1 and 2.2 are complete, Council to discuss whether gaps exist and changes are needed.

Cataloging Resources

**Action Item Update: Staff have cataloged all resources regarding the role of Council liaison to GNSO WGs.
See the following:**

- **GNSO Council Liaison to WGs Role Description**

- **GNSO Working Group Guidelines**

- **PDP Manual**

- **Implementation Review Team (IRT) Principles & Guidelines**

- **GNSO PDP 3.0 Implementation Final Report**

- **Consensus Policy Implementation Framework (CPIF)**

Investigate Role Description

Action Item 2.2: Staff have investigated whether the latest version of the GNSO Council Liaison to GNSO WGs – Role Description is current and determined it is up-to-date for the following reasons:

- The documents referenced are comprehensive and up to date.

- The description of the role and responsibilities is still valid and complete.

- No gaps were identified.

Next Steps

Action Item 2.3: Once action items 2.1 and 2.2 are complete, Council to discuss whether gaps exist and changes are needed.

Discussion

SPS Outcome: Recommendations Report

Outcome 5: Recommendation Report format should be reviewed and if possible, amended in a manner that eliminates potential inconsistencies with the WG's Final Report.

Action Item 5.1: Staff to investigate origins of the format for Recommendation Reports and understand the process of making edits.

Action Item 5.2: Assuming edits are feasible, staff to propose edits (and Council to review) to meet the objectives captured in Outcome 4.

SPS Outcome: Recommendations Report

Action Item 5.1: Staff to investigate origins of the format for Recommendation Reports and understand the process of making edits.

- The ICANN Bylaws mention that a Recommendations Report must be sent to Board, but does not describe format.

- The GNSO's PDP Manual says, "Staff should inform the GNSO Council from time to time of the format requested by the Board."

- What are the implications of this? The format is <u>requested</u> by the Board and the report is owned and delivered by the Council. This could be interpreted to mean that the Council is the driver of the format and the Board may provide input to <u>request</u> changes.

- Practically though: with the collaborative relationship the Council and Board share, suggested changes (from either party) could be discussed jointly.

SPS Outcome: Recommendations Report

Action Item 5.2: Assuming edits are feasible, staff to propose edits (and Council to review) to meet the objectives captured in Outcome 4.

- From a staff perspective, we have not identified needed changes. One primary concern from the SPS was that only Final Recommendations are included with the Recommendations Report.

- In the context of the <u>existing format</u> and in respect of the recommendations from the GGP on Applicant Support and EPDP on IDNs Phase, staff pointed the Board to the full report for details and context that do not come from just the recommendations.

- Are there and other concerns with the existing format?

Existing Elements

- **Executive summary**

- **GNSO vote**

- **Analysis of affected parties**

- **Period of time needed to implement recommendations**

- **External advice (if any)**

- **Final Report submission**

- **Council deliberations**

- **Consultations undertaken**

- **Summary and analysis of public comment forum**

- **Impact/implementation considerations from ICANN staff**

- **Annex – Extract of Final Recommendations**