

GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE: IGO & INGO Access to the Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms of the UDRP & URS

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: Ongoing Working Group discussions continue, including an intensive F2F full-day meeting at ICANN52 in Feb 2015. Request for engagement with and input from the GAC has been sent. Input from IGO representatives was also sought, and was received in Jan 2015.

SUMMARY

One of the consensus recommendations from the GNSO's Working Group on the Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs (IGO-INGO WG) was for the GNSO Council to request an Issue Report, as a preceding step to a possible Policy Development Process (PDP), to explore possible amendments to the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) procedure to enable access to and use of such curative rights protection mechanisms by protected International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs).

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



On 2 June 2014 the GNSO Council [resolved](#) to initiate the PDP following its review of the [Final Issue Report](#), and on 25 June the GNSO Council [adopted](#) the charter for the PDP Working Group to be formed. The Working Group has made significant progress in its deliberations over the topics outlined in its charter, which includes the possibility of developing a separate, narrowly tailored dispute resolution procedure based on the UDRP and/or URS, to be applicable specifically only to those IGOs and INGOs whose identifiers had previously been recommended for protection by the original IGO-INGO WG.

The Working Group has preliminarily determined to exclude INGOs from further consideration in the PDP, thus focusing only on IGOs. It has submitted follow-up questions to the GAC concerning the GAC's latest advice in the Los Angeles Communique, and has also requested specific input from the IGO coalition, which was provided in January 2015. It looks forward to further engagement with the GAC and IGOs on this topic.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Final Issue Report on IGO-INGO Access to UDRP & URS processes: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/igo-ingo-crp-final-25may14-en.pdf>
- Charter for new PDP Working Group (as adopted by the GNSO Council on 25 June 2014): <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/igo-ingo-crp-access-charter-24jun14-en.pdf>
- WG wiki space including background documents and latest research: <https://community.icann.org/x/37rhAg>