
Implementation Status: Generic Names Supporting Organization Review Working Group

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN61 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Working Group (WG) is set to update the GNSO Council at its meeting on Wednesday, 14 March, concerning its progress on the Implementation Plan.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council adopted the [charter](#) of the GNSO Review Working Group during its meeting on 21 July 2016. This WG developed an Implementation Plan for the [GNSO Review recommendations](#). On 15 December 2016, the GNSO Council [approved](#) the plan and on 3 February 2017, the ICANN Board [adopted](#) it.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The independent examiner of the GNSO Review assessed which improvements resulting from the 2008 Review have been implemented and whether they successfully addressed the concerns that led to the review. The independent examiner also evaluated whether the GNSO, as it is currently constituted, can respond to its changing environment.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The GNSO Review WG developed an Implementation Plan. It contains a projected timeline for the implementation, definition of desired outcomes, and a way to measure progress toward the desired outcome for the 34 recommendations in the [GNSO Review Final Report](#). This Implementation Plan was approved by the GNSO Council and subsequently by the ICANN Board. Following the approval, the WG is now executing and overseeing the implementation of the GNSO Review recommendations.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The WG has completed implementation of the [Phase 1 recommendations](#), which consist of items identified as already underway. It has also completed the implementation of [Phase 2 recommendations](#), which are of high priority. The WG is in the process of discussing and approving the implementation of the [Phase 3 recommendations](#). The WG provided a report on the implementation progress to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) of the ICANN Board of Directors, and to the GNSO Council at ICANN60. It will also provide a report to the GNSO Council at ICANN61. For the current status see the [wiki workspace](#).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

This WG is open to all participants. If you are interested in joining this effort, please email gnso-secs@ICANN.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- GNSO Review Implementation Plan: goo.gl/HYs47B
- GNSO Review Final Report: goo.gl/5nu9Wd
- WG Webpage: gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/other/review/2014
- WG Workspace: community.icann.org/x/ZhmsAw
- WG Charter: community.icann.org/x/pRmsAw

BACKGROUND

On 14 April 2016 the GNSO Council approved a [motion](#) to adopt the [GNSO Review Recommendations Feasibility and Prioritization Analysis](#). Based on the review of the GNSO Analysis, the ICANN Board of Directors [adopted](#) the [GNSO Review recommendations](#) on 25 June 2016. In its resolution, the ICANN Board requested that the GNSO Council convene a group to oversee the implementation of the recommendations. The Board further requested that an Implementation Plan be submitted to the Board no later than six months after the adoption of the Board's resolution. The GNSO Review WG was formed to develop the Implementation Plan. The GNSO Council approved it in December 2016 and the ICANN Board adopted it in February 2017. In particular, the Board supports the three-phased prioritization approach laid out in the Implementation Plan and indicated it would welcome more implementation details for Phase 2 and 3 regarding the high, medium, and low priority recommendations. The Board directs the GNSO Review WG to provide updates to its OEC every six months, detailing progress and measurability. The Board will also consider any budgetary implementations of the GNSO review implementation as part of the then-applicable annual budgeting process.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Emily Barabas, Julie Hedlund, and Marika Konings