Implementation Status: Generic Names Supporting Organization Drafting Team to Further Develop Guidelines and Principles for the GNSO's Roles and Obligations as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN64 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Drafting Team (DT) may meet at ICANN64 to develop proposed guidance for the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT AND WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Following the adoption by the GNSO Council of the **revised GNSO Operating Procedures**, the ICANN Board of Directors adopted the proposed modifications to the ICANN Bylaws on 13 May 2018. There are additional proposed steps to be taken to ensure the GNSO Council is prepared, as well as to facilitate the GNSO Council act in relation to its new roles and responsibilities outlined in the post-transition ICANN Bylaws.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

In December 2018, a Call for Volunteers was issued to reconstitute the DT to develop guidance and principles for the GNSO. The aim is for the GNSO to complete a particular action that falls within its existing processes or procedures, but where additional details or steps related to the GNSO's status as a Decision Participant in the Empowered Community are deemed to be helpful. Reconstituted in January 2019, the DT is currently meeting bi-weekly.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The DT shall provide to the GNSO Council the proposed guidance and recommendations for changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures in order to enable the effective GNSO participation as a Decisional Participant for its consideration. The GNSO Council must approve any such new or proposed modifications to existing procedures following the applicable process.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The ICANN community is encouraged to follow the work of the DT. GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies may provide guidance via their representative members on the DT. Please see the list of members at: **https://community.icann.org/x/-JUWBg**.

MORE INFORMATION
- DT Workspace: **https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage action?pageId=102143482**

- Background Document: **https://go.icann.org/2SRnZ8g**

BACKGROUND

On 27 May 2016, the ICANN Board adopted a set of new ICANN Bylaws that aim to reflect changes needed to implement the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal. Such adoption was contingent on the proposed transition away from United States Government oversight of ICANN. Per the motion adopted by the GNSO Council on 30 June 2016, the GNSO sought volunteers for a Bylaws Implementation DT to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations for any necessary updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures or ICANN Bylaws as they relate to the GNSO. In addition, the GNSO Council requested that the DT should determine what, if any, existing GNSO processes can be used to address any new or additional obligations. If there are none, the DT should consider whether an existing process can be modified, or a new process needs to be created. The GNSO Council adopted the revised GNSO Operating Procedures resulting from the DT's recommendations, and on 13 May 2018 the ICANN Board of Directors adopted the proposed modifications to the ICANN Bylaws. Subsequently, ICANN staff sought guidance from the GNSO Council to ensure their preparedness and facilitate the GNSO Council act in relation to the new roles and responsibilities outlined in the post-transition ICANN Bylaws. At ICANN63 in October 2018, the GNSO Council agreed to issue a Call for Volunteers to reconstitute the DT. The goal for this DT is to develop guidance and principles for the GNSO to complete a particular action that falls within the GNSO's existing processes and procedures relating to participation of the GNSO within the Empowered Community, but where additional details and steps are deemed to be helpful.

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