GNSO Activity Update for ccNSO Council meeting – 23 January 2014
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The below is a selection of key topics under within the GNSO. More detail available upon request.

JIG Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs - The GNSO Council at their December meeting adopted the JIG Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs and its recommendations and will submit it to the ICANN Board for its consideration. An action item from this is that the GNSO would like to work closely with the ccNSO to assess the future of the JIG or consider whether a new working group should be chartered. Awareness is also considered a high priority.

SSAC recommendations and interaction with GNSO - On the tail of discussions on recently released SSAC recommendations and whether any of the recommendations warranted action via a PDP, the Council is discussing the possibility of a Liaison role to stay informed about relevant information. The direction of the liaison remains unclear, although it's perhaps more possible to it be an SSAC liaison to the GNSO. The Council are also planning to discuss the idea of formal reviews of SSAC reports to determine whether (if at all) any GNSO policy work is needed. There is a feeling that perhaps they without this process certain points raised by SSAC may be being missed – this process is considered therefore remedial.

GAC Engagement - There is a consultation group (members from GAC and GNSO) which has met recently. Current topics being discussed are GAC early engagement in GNSO PDP as well as a GAC liaison. The group will meet every 2 weeks and a progress report is expected by ICANN Singapore.

GNSO Improvements - A document is circulating in the Council with a set of proposed improvements to the workings and processes of the GNSO (particularly to PDPs). The ATRT2 recommendations are intertwined in these proposals. Some elements being addressed are; intensity of WG meetings, increasing the pool of WG volunteers, requiring representatives from each SG/C and possible liaisons from SO/ACs, improved training/tools, WG rapporteur, professional moderation/facilitation, better data metrics and flexibility of the public comment duration. The document is still being refined. More information: http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/pdp-improvements-table-08jan14-en.pdf

GNSO Web-Site Survey - The GNSO Policy Team conducted a survey to gather community input on the effectiveness the GNSO site is (last upgraded in 2012). The survey closed on 10 January 2014. More information at http://gnso.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-10jan14-en.htm

Draft charter for the Metrics and Reporting non-PDP working group - A draft charter for the Metrics and reporting non-PDP WG has been submitted to the gNSO council along with a motion seeking the councils approval on 23 Jan 2014. More information: http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/metrep

DNS stability and security analysis Working Group (DSSA) - The GNSO Council adopts the Report submitted by the co-chairs of the DSSA WG. As part of the resolve, the chair of GNSO will inform the chairs of the other participating SO's and AC's (SSAC, ALAC, ccNSO and NRO). The Council thanks the co-chairs (included Joerg Schweiger (.DE) among all other co-chairs and volunteers.

Multistakeholder Innovation Panel –Jonathan Robinson will follow up on any potential interactions or engagement with the panel. There are concerns with the panel in terms of its timing, charter and potential overlaps with GNSO work.

IGO-INGO PDP Recommendations - A Council report on the -INGO PDP Recommendations (consensus vote at Buenos Aires and public comment period on the final report is over) is being circulated within the council with view to submit to the ICANN Board for their consideration.