
Implementation Status: Generic Names Supporting Organization Bylaws Implementation Drafting Team

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN58 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Bylaws Implementation Drafting Team (DT) is set to meet on Wednesday, 15 March (Day 5) at 17:00-18:30 for a face-to-face working session where it expects to review possible updates to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Operating Procedures, or the ICANN Bylaws, as they relate to the GNSO.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The DT was created in part to provide the GNSO Council with a draft implementation plan for any necessary updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures, or possibly the ICANN Bylaws as they relate to the GNSO, arising as a result of the revised ICANN Bylaws adopted in May 2016. The Council requested that this DT submit the proposed implementation plan by 30 September 2016 (see [full Council resolution](#)), but later extended that timeline. On 12 October 2016, the DT submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council along with a Minority Statement. The GNSO Council accepted the report on 01 December 2016 and directed “ICANN Policy Staff to draft proposed language for any necessary modifications or additions to the GNSO Operating Procedures and, if applicable, those parts of the ICANN Bylaws pertaining to the GNSO”. Furthermore, the GNSO Council requested that “ICANN Legal evaluate whether the proposed modifications are consistent with the post-transition Bylaws and report their findings to the GNSO Council”.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

On 27 May 2016 the ICANN Board adopted a set of new ICANN Bylaws that reflect changes needed to implement the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal. Following the completion of the transition, the GNSO Council recognized that changes may need to be made to the GNSO’s current Operating Procedures and related mechanisms and to the ICANN Bylaws. The goal is to give effect to the new roles and obligations of the GNSO under the new ICANN Bylaws, such as those in this table, including but not limited to the GNSO’s participation in the Empowered Community. It tasked the DT to put forward recommendations for needed further changes to ICANN Bylaws and/or GNSO Operating Procedures to enable effective GNSO participation in ICANN activities.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

As directed by the GNSO Council, ICANN Policy staff is working on proposed language for any necessary modifications or additions to the GNSO Operating Procedures and/or ICANN Bylaws which are expected to be published for Public Comment. As part of this work, staff have identified a number of questions and made assumptions that they want to consult on with the DT before publishing the proposed changes for Public Comment. The meeting in ICANN58 will allow the DT to provide feedback and input on the staff's identified questions and assumptions.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Following the feedback of the DT, staff is expected to publish the proposed changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures for Public Comment. The GNSO Council expects that any comments received will be given meaningful consideration. Following its review of those comments, the Council will consider the proposed changes for adoption.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Follow the work of the DT during its face-to-face working session in ICANN58.

MORE INFORMATION

- DT Workspace: community.icann.org/x/yhCsAw
- DT Final Report: goo.gl/6XtZHb
- DT Minority Statement submitted to the GNSO Council: goo.gl/Fw01pe

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