
Implementation Status: Generic Names Supporting Organization Review Working Group

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN63 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council approved the GNSO Review Working Group (WG)'s Implementation Final Report in August 2018 and the ICANN Board's Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) is expected to meet to consider approval of the Final Report prior to ICANN63.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council adopted the **charter** of the GNSO Review WG 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 THE 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 has executed and overseen the implementation of the GNSO Review recommendations. At ICANN62, the WG provided a report on the implementation progress to the OEC of the ICANN Board of Directors and to the GNSO Council.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

In July 2018 the WG submitted to the GNSO Council its **Final Implementation Report**, which the Council subsequently approved via a **motion** on 16 August 2018. On behalf of the Council, staff submitted the Final Implementation Report to the OEC of the ICANN Board for consideration. Upon approval by the OEC the GNSO Review will be completed.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

As the WG has submitted its Final Implementation Report, unless it receives further direction from the OEC it is anticipated that the WG will cease its work.

MORE INFORMATION

- GNSO Review Final Implementation Report: <https://go.icann.org/2IdOdtA>
- GNSO Review Implementation Plan: <https://go.icann.org/2F3it9a>
- GNSO Review Final Report: <https://go.icann.org/2H9ljKp>
- WG Webpage: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/other/review/2014>
- WG Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/ZhmsAw>
- WG Charter: <https://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 supported 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 directed 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.

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