Introduction to the Revised GNSO Policy Development Process

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As part of GNSO Improvements: GNSO Council tasked to develop ‘a new GNSO policy development process that incorporates a working group approach and makes it more effective and responsive to ICANN’s policy development needs’

Revised PDP Adopted by the ICANN Board in December 2011

Revised PDP rules now applicable to all ongoing and new PDPs
Issue Identification

Is this issue intended to result in consensus policy?

Yes

No

Follow other GNSO Process

Issues not intended to result in a Consensus Policy may be referred to another GNSO process by the GNSO Council.
**Issue Identification**

- **Issue Scoping**
- **Issue Report**
- **Working Group**
- **Council Deliberations**
- **Board Vote**
- **Implementation**

**Board Advisory Committee**

- Request an Issue Report
- Advisory Committee
- Develop Preliminary Issue Report
- Public Comment Period

**Council**

- Vote of at least 1/4 of the members of the Council of each House or a Majority of one House

**GNSO Council and Staff**

- to advise on additional research, discussion, or outreach.

**45 days**

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**What is the Issue?**
No intermediate vote required for Issue Reports requested by the ICANN Board

**Initiate PDP**

Create a Drafting Team to develop the PDP WG Charter

Adopt a Charter. Same voting thresholds apply as for the Initiation of the PDP.

*In Scope:* 1/4 of each house or 2/3 of one house in favor of initiating PDP

*Out of Scope:* GNSO Supermajority

Following rejection of a PDP requested by an Advisory Committee (AC), option to meet with AC representatives to discuss rationale for rejection, followed by possible request for reconsideration by AC
(Exploring the issue in depth and developing recommendations)

- Issue Identification
- Issue Scoping
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Seek opinion of other ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations

- Compilation of statements
- Recommendations and level of consensus achieved
- Statement concerning impact of the proposed recommendations

Request for Stakeholder Group/Constituency Statements

- Required Public Comment Period
- WG Review and Analysis of Public Comments
- WG Deliberations and Finalization of Report

Publish WG Initial Report

Publish WG Final Report
GNSO Council considers recommendations (discouraged from itemizing or modifying)

- If there are concerns / modifications, council is encouraged to send back to PDP-WG

Adopted, following voting thresholds *

* For voting thresholds, refer to Article X, Section 3(9) of the ICANN bylaws.
If the Board determines that the policy is not in the best interest of the ICANN community or ICANN, the Board can reject the GNSO Recommendation by a 2/3 vote of the Board (in case the PDP Recommendation was adopted by a GNSO Supermajority) or majority vote (in case the PDP recommendation was adopted by less than a GNSO Supermajority).

Board articulates the reasons for rejection and submits this Board Statement to the GNSO Council.

GNSO Council to review statement by the Board and schedule meeting to discuss.

Council shall meet to affirm or modify its recommendation and communicate that conclusion (the "Supplemental Recommendation") to the Board.

Board can reject Supplemental Recommendation if it determines that such policy is not in the interests of the ICANN Community or ICANN (by 2/3 of the Board in case of GNSO Supermajority Vote on Supplemental Recommendation or majority vote of the Board in case of less than GNSO Supermajority Vote).
• Optional - Formation of Implementation Review Team to assist ICANN Staff in developing the implementation details for the policy.

• ICANN Staff should inform the GNSO of proposed implementation of a new GNSO recommended policy.

• Implementation must conform to GNSO recommendation
Questions
Thank You