

GNSO Improvements Top Level Plan

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Planning Team Roles

- Propose a work structure for implementing:
 - Non-contentious operational changes recommended by the BGC WG
 - All recommendations as appropriate once the full plan has been adopted by the Board
- Monitor implementation progress & report to Council and Board
- Assist implementation committees, teams & working groups

Planning Committee Recommendation

Form two standing committees (SCs):

1. GNSO Process Standing Committee
 2. Operations Standing Committee
- Focused on processes and practices, not on gTLD policies
 - Milestones set by SC & approved by Council
 - Charters approved initially by Council and reviewed by Council annually
 - May be terminated by Council at any time
 - Recommended start date: 27 June 2008

Standing Committee Membership

- Approved by Council
- Maximum 12
- May be mostly Councilors but not restricted to Councilors
- Could eventually include representatives from emerging constituencies

Role of Standing Committees

- Create implementation work teams
- Coordinate efforts of work teams
- Oversee development of implementation plans
- Make recommendations concerning processes and methods involved in the transition of the GNSO
- Serve as ongoing GNSO process review body

Process Standing Committee (SC)

- Responsible for recommending and reviewing any processes used within the GNSO and its council for developing policy recommendations
- Immediate goal: initiate the process for developing recommendations for all process changes needed to meet the requirements of the BGC WG report and final Board recommendations
- Once the first set of changes has been implemented, responsible for reviewing the functioning of the new processes and for recommending any further changes

Process SC Initial Work Items

1. Establishing new rules for the Policy Development Process (PDP)
2. Establishing procedures and guidelines for the functioning of the policy Working Groups

Possible Approach

- SC could establish 2 work teams.
- SC would coordinate & assist 2 teams.

Proposed Membership of Process SC

- GNSO council chair and/or vice chair
- 1 representative from each constituency (need not be a Council member)
- 1 NomCom appointee
- Liaison or an appointed representative from ALAC and GAC
- GNSO secretariat
- 1 ICANN policy staff representative

Process SC Teams

- *It will be the task of the committee once it is established and possibly the teams it creates to establish team charters.*
- *To facilitate this task, the planning document references some ideas for consideration by the SC.*

Operations Standing Committee (SC)

- Responsible for coordinating, recommending and reviewing changes to certain operational activities of the GNSO and its constituencies
- Immediate goal: develop recommendations to implement the “non-contentious” operational changes recommended in the Report
- Responsible for implementing whatever structuring plan (if any) is ultimately approved by the Board
- Responsible for reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of changes made and for recommending further operational enhancements as warranted

Proposed Operations SC Membership

- GNSO council chair and/or vice chair
- 1 representative from each constituency
- 1 NomCom appointee
- 1 representative from any constituencies formally involved in the process of formation (once the process for forming a new constituency has been established)
- Liaison or an appointed representative from ALAC and GAC (as appropriate)
- GNSO secretariat
- 1 ICANN policy staff representative

Possible Operations SC Approach

- SC may create separate teams to take on the work of distinct operational areas.
- Possible teams:
 1. GNSO Operations (if needed)
 - Develop a proposal for Council consideration on GNSO operations-related recommendations
 2. Enhance Constituencies
 - Develop a proposal to implement recommendations focused on enhancing constituency operations
 3. Improve coordination with other ICANN structures
 - Develop a proposal to improve communication and coordination

Operations SC Special Teams

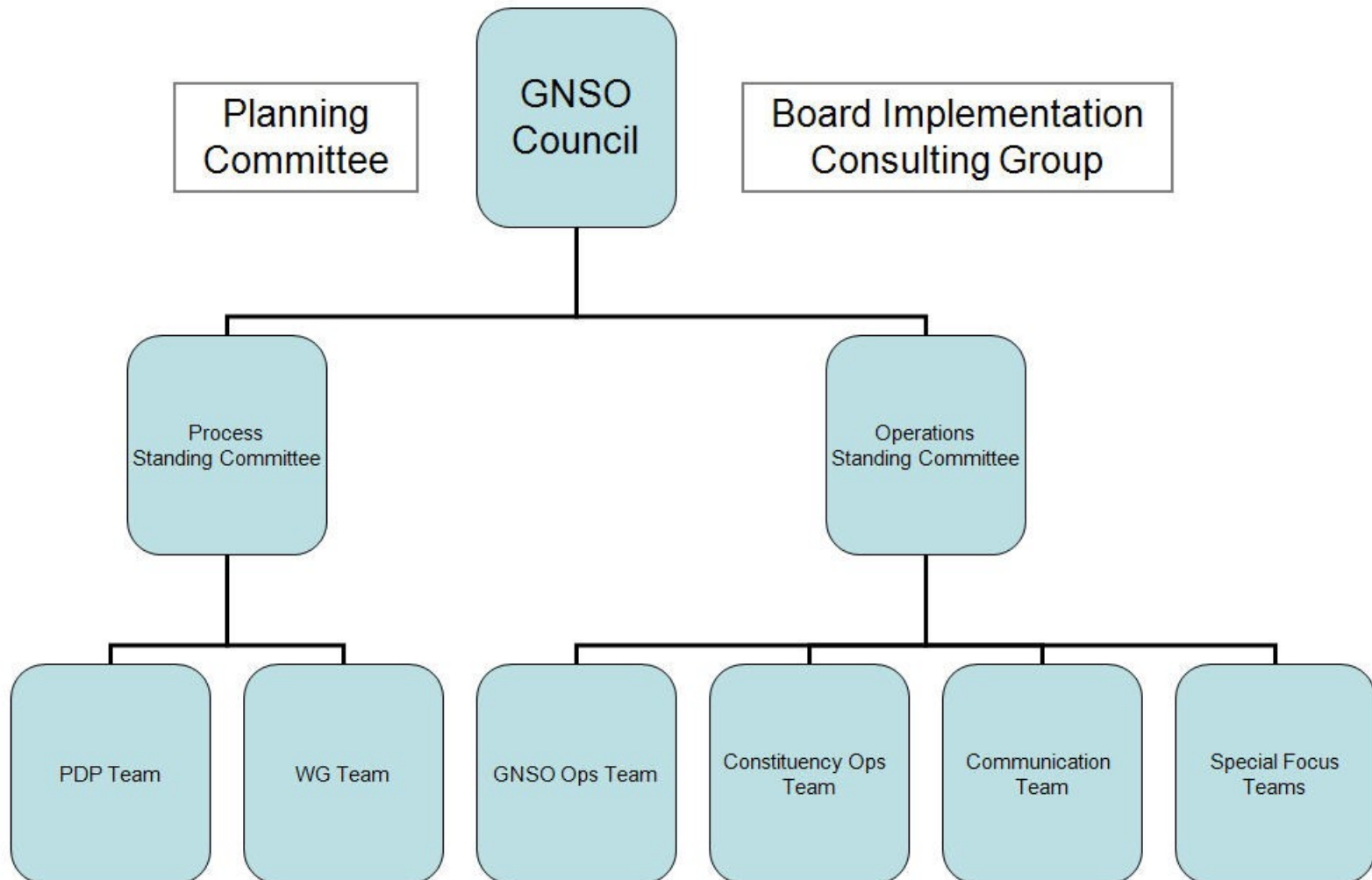
- Some recommendations may lend themselves to being addressed through the establishment of special focus teams:
 - Examples: web-site redesign; project management tools; document management tools; etc.
 - These teams would likely consist of special experts depending on the subject matter.

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GNSO Improvements Project

Draft Organization Chart



Next Steps

1. Initial discussion today
2. List discussion in coming weeks including:
 - Suggesting edits
 - Identifying possible SC members
3. Informal community review
4. Final discussion and revisions on Saturday in Paris
5. Council approval of plan in Open Council Meeting on 25 June
6. Initiation of SCs on 27 June

Q&A