GNSO Council

Introduction Meeting for new Councillors from October 2012
Overview

• Objective
• GNSO Council
• Work of the Council
• GNSO Councillors
• First meeting
GNSO Council

- Managing GNSO policy development process
  - Impetus for work may originate from different places
  - Work may or may not result in Consensus Policy
- Structured organisation
  - 2 houses, 23 members, 20 vote
  - Voting thresholds (simple majority of both houses default)
- Governed by a set of documented processes
  - ICANN Bylaws; Article X – GNSO, Annex A – GNSO PDP
  - GNSO Operating Procedures
- Supported by approximately 11 ICANN staff
Work of the Council

• Managing GNSO policy development process
  – Manage and oversee process of key policy work
  – Work undertaken by Working Groups (Drafting Teams)

• Council Meetings
  – Approx. every 4 weeks with 3 face-to-face per annum
  – Cycle of activity; motion deadline, agenda, minutes

• Resources
  – Website – http://gnso.icann.org
  – Quick links from front page
  – gnso.icann.org/en/ongoing-work/pending-projects-list.htm
  – Pending projects are extensive – prioritisation necessary

• Standing Committee on Improvements
Councillors

• New Councillors
  – Diversity
  – Prepared by SG / Constituency?
  – Seek support - within SG, Secretariat, Chair or VCs
  – N.B. Chair/VC from both houses, but duty to council

• Be prepared as possible for all issues
  – Regular tracking of email list – little & often
  – Rely on existing expertise in SG / Constituency
  – Be clear on SG / Constituency positions & rationale
  – Consider picking key / own specialism areas of work
15 November Meeting

• Will rely on Adobe Connect & dial-in
• Approximately 12 part agenda
  – Consensus agenda
  – Motions
  – Updates
• Expect to work within 2 hour limit
  – Be prepared with contributions
  – Use time effectively
Summary

• Feel welcome
• Start with a common understanding
• Not be hesitant / afraid to ask questions
• Be in a position to contribute from the outset
• Be part of a productive and respected Council