



10 October 2013

Dr Steve Crocker, Chair, ICANN Board

Dear Steve,

GNSO Council invitation to engage directly with the Policy and Implementation WG

As we are sure you are aware, the GNSO Council approved the charter for a Policy and Implementation Working Group (WG) in its meeting in Durban on 17 July 2013. The WG will seek to develop possible recommendations regarding issues that have been discussed in the ICANN community about how policies are developed and implemented. The charter can be found here: <https://community.icann.org/display/PIWG/3.+WG+Charter> .

A great deal of community interest has been demonstrated and this has resulted in well over 30 volunteers for the WG with representation from all GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies as well as the ALAC and several individuals. Notices of the WG have been sent to all SOs & ACs and additional requests for input are being prepared. The group is meeting biweekly on Wednesdays at 1900 UTC for 90 minutes. The next meeting is scheduled for 16 October 2013.

Considering the importance of this issue to the ICANN multi-stakeholder model and the recent attention to the effectiveness of the GNSO policy development process, we want to extend an open invitation to ICANN directors to participate in the WG and/or observe WG activities. That can be done by participating in or observing WG calls, the WG email list and the WG wiki.

We know that each of you have an extremely busy schedule and we respect that, so we understand your time limitations. But we also believe there may be real value in directors seeing the WG process in action first hand even if you can only do that periodically. We understand also that should you choose to participate, it will be in your individual capacity and not as a representative of the Board or of its actual or likely views on any of the matters that may be discussed in the WG.

For meeting and list details, please see the WG wiki available here:

<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=41899467> .

Thank-you for your consideration of this invitation to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Robinson
Chair, ICANN GNSO Council

