GNSO Policy Development Process

*Summarized

*Some steps omitted, for brevity.

- Initiate Policy Development Process
- Gather Public Comments
- Publication of Preliminary Issue Report
- Request for Stakeholder Group/Constituency Statements/SO & AC Input
- Form Working Group
- WG Initial Report
- Gather Public Comments
- WG Final Report
- GNSO Council Deliberates
- Recommendation to ICANN Board
- Gather Public Comments
- Board Vote
- Implementation
- Form Implementation Review Team (optional)
Is this issue intended to result in consensus policy?

Yes

Follow other GNSO Process

Issues not intended to result in a Consensus Policy may be referred to another GNSO process by the GNSO Council.
(What is the Issue?)

**Issue Identification**

1. **Issue Scoping**
   - Request an Issue Report
   - Advisory Committee
   - Develop Preliminary Issue Report

   **Board**
   - 45 days

   **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.

   **Public Comment Period**

2. **Initiation**
3. **Working Group**
4. **Council Deliberations**
5. **Board Vote**
6. **Implementation**

**Final Issue Report**
Issue Identification

Issue Scoping

Initiation

Working Group

Council Deliberations

Board Vote

Implementation

No intermediate vote required for Issue Reports requested by the ICANN Board.

Yes

NO

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.

* for definition, please see ICANN Bylaws

(Moving ahead with a PDP or not?)

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.
(Exploring the issue in depth and developing recommendations)

- 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
GNSO Council considers recommendations (discouraged from itemizing or modifying).

Not Adopted
- If there are concerns / modifications, Council is encouraged to send back to PDP-WG.

Adopted, following voting thresholds *

Council Recommendations
Report to the Board

* 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 vote of 2/3 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.

If the Board determines that the 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), the Board can reject the Supplemental Recommendation by a vote of 2/3 of the Board.
• 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.