GNSO WG Newcomer Open House session
Welcome

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Meet the GNSO Policy Support Team

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Goals for this session

+ The agenda is flexible
+ Goal: Informal sharing of experiences
+ Ask any questions you may have
+ Provide you with some tips & tricks to find your way around
Agenda – what do you want to learn more about?

+ Your Questions
+ “Standard” Questions
  + GNSO Policy Development Process
  + Consensus Policy / Picket Fence
  + Working Group Guidelines
  + Mechanics: Wikis / Adobe Connect
  + Tips and Tricks: Finding information
GNSO Policy Development Process
GNSO Council – Manager of the PDP

Request for an Issues Report
Initiate Policy Development Process
Form Working Group
Gather Public Comments
Request for Stakeholder Group/Constituency Statements
WG Initial Report
WG Final Report
Gather Public Comments
GNSO Council Deliberates
Recommendation to ICANN Board
Gather Public Comments
Board Vote
Implementation

GNSO Policy Development Process
*Summarized

*Some steps omitted for brevity. Process being revised during 2010
The Process

1. Identify/Frame an Issue
2. Request an Issue Report
3. Public Comments, AC and SO Statements
4. Initiate Policy Development Process
5. Form PDP Team (working group form is preferred)
6. Public Comments, AC and SO Statements
7. WG Initial Report
8. WG Final Report
9. Public Comments, AC and SO Statements
10. GNSO Deliberations
11. Supplemental Recommendations
12. Board Vote
13. Implement the Policy
14. Approve and implement
15. Refine and endorse
16. Develop consensus
17. Identify and launch
PDP WG Requirements

• Constituency / Stakeholder Group Statements
• Formally seek the opinion of other ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations early on in the process
• Development of Initial Report & Public Comment
• Review of Comments
• Final Report
Further Reading

• Annex A of the ICANN Bylaws - [http://www.icann.org/en/about/governance/bylaws#Annex A](http://www.icann.org/en/about/governance/bylaws#Annex A)


“Consensus Policy” and the Picket Fence
“Consensus Policy”

+ ICANN-accredited registrars and registries are bound to ICANN by contracts - http://www.icann.org/en/general/agreements.htm

+ In this context, "consensus Policy"* is a specification broadly supported by ICANN stakeholders, and thus could bind registrars and registries

* Need to refer to contracts for specific limitations & need to refer to Bylaws for overall scope issues. This presentation does not constitute legal advice or a waiver or modification of any ICANN agreement
Background

In its original agreements with ICANN, registries and registrars agreed to comply with “consensus” policies adopted by ICANN provided (i) that such policies did not unreasonably restrain competition and (ii) that the policies related to:

1. Issues for which uniform or coordinated resolution is reasonably necessary to facilitate interoperability, technical reliability and/or stable operation of the Internet or domain-name system;
2. Registry / registrar policies reasonably necessary to implement Consensus Policies relating to registrars/registries
3. Resolution of disputes regarding the registration of domain names (as opposed to the use of such domain names)

Detailed topics subject to “Consensus Policy” are defined in the gTLD Registry and Registrar Agreements
Picket Fence

+ The general policy making authority granted to ICANN to preserve the stability and security of the DNS and the policy authority described in previous slide create a “picket fence” around ICANN’s authority.

+ ICANN could establish policy and/or best practices affecting issues outside the picket fence, but could not mandate registry and registrar compliance with such policies.
Further Reading

GNSO Working Group Guidelines
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• The objective of the GNSO Working Group Guidelines is to assist Working Groups to optimize productivity and effectiveness

• The main elements of importance to Working Group members covered are:
  – First meeting of the Working Group
  – Working Group Member Roles and Responsibilities
  – Use of sub-teams, briefings and subject matter experts
  – Participation and Representativeness
  – Process integrity, Behavior and norms
  – Standard Methodology for Making Decisions
  – Appeal process
  – Communication and collaboration tools
  – Products & Output
Standard Methodology for Decision-Making

- Outlines available designations for WGs to indicate support for policy recommendations
- Chair is responsible for determining level of support – iterative process
- Current designations: Full consensus, consensus, strong support but significant opposition, divergence, minority view
Further Reading

Tips & Tricks
Finding Your Way Around

- [http://gnso.icann.org](http://gnso.icann.org)
- Review core materials such as GNSO Operating Procedures which include GNSO WG Guidelines and PDP Manual [http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures](http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures)
- Review current GNSO projects (Action Items) [http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active](http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active)
Finding Your Way Around

- Acronym Helper – see GNSO home page
- GNSO wikis - https://community.icann.org/category/gnso
- ICANN Learn - http://learn.icann.org/
- Find an experienced WG member either from your SG/C to provide guidance / answer questions
- Contact the GNSO Policy Staff
Thank You & Questions?