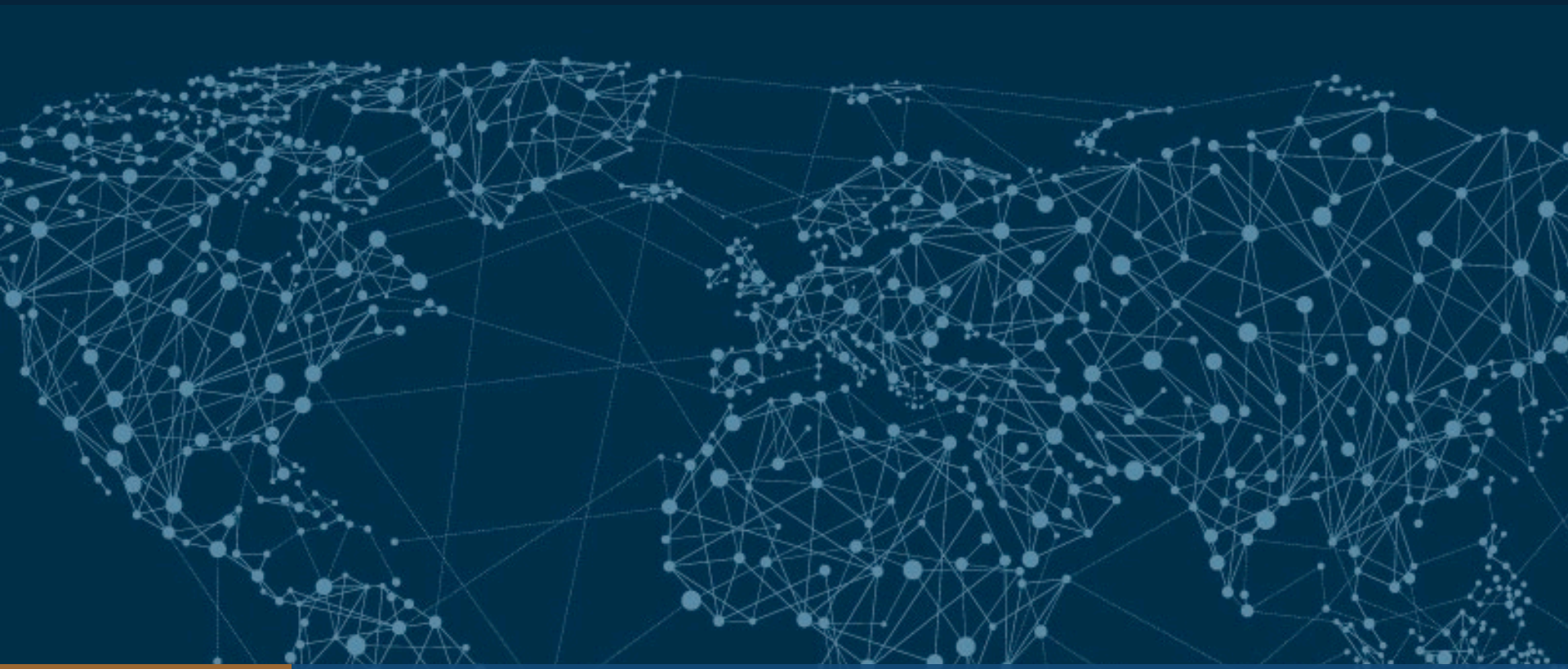

GNSO WG Newcomer Open House Session

Welcome – Meet the GNSO Policy Support Team

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Location: Scottsdale, US

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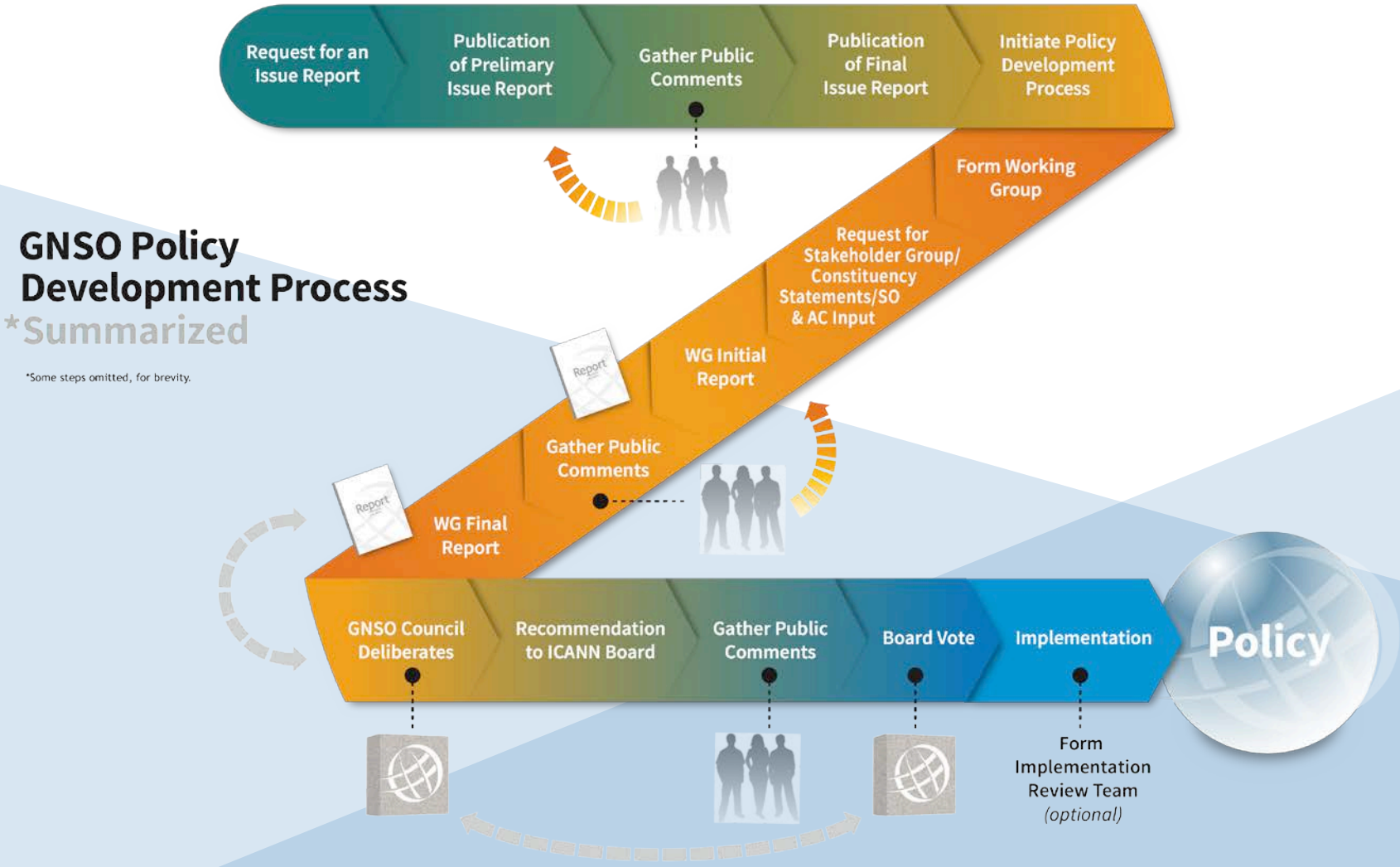
Location: Nice, France

Agenda – What do you want to learn more about?

1. **GNSO Policy Development Process**
2. **Consensus Policy / Picket Fence**
3. **Working Group Guidelines**
4. **Mechanics: Wikis / Adobe Connect**
5. **Tips & Tricks: Finding Information**

GNSO Policy Development Process

GNSO Council – Manager of the PDP



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#AnnexA
- PDP Manual - http://gnso.icann.org/council/annex-2-pdp-manual-16dec11-en.pdf
- PDP Overview - http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/consensus-policy/pdp

“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 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)

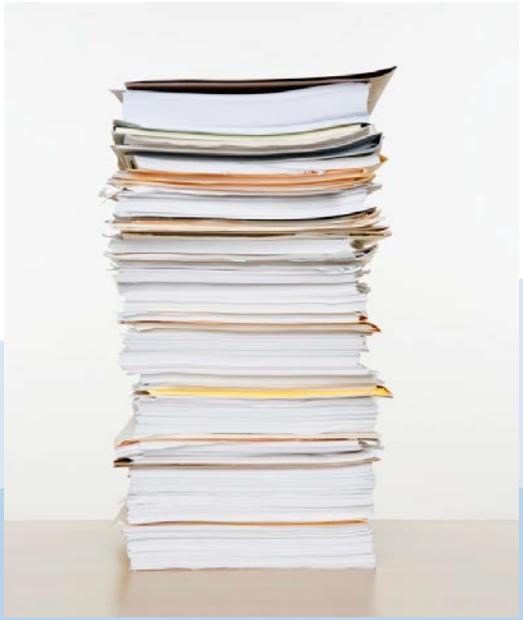
Detailed topics subject to “Consensus Policy” are defined in the gTLD Registry and Registrar Agreements

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

- http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/consensus-policy/about



GNSO Working Group Guidelines

GNSO WG Guidelines

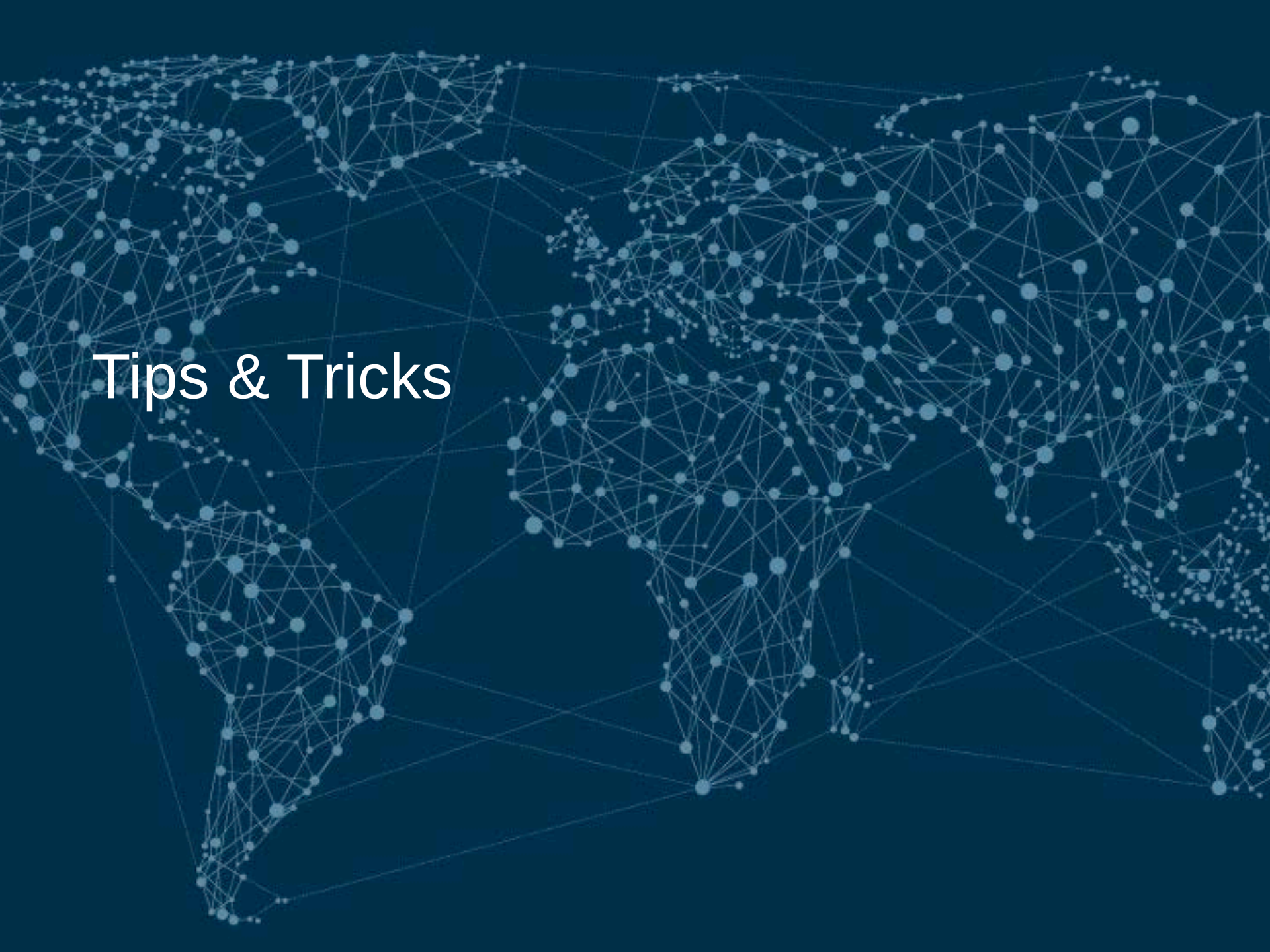
- The objective of the GNSO Working Group Guidelines is to assist Working Groups to optimize productivity and effectiveness
- The main elements of importance to Working Group members covered are:
  - ✓ First meeting of the Working Group
  - ✓ Working Group Member Roles and Responsibilities
  - ✓ Use 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

- GNSO Working Group Guidelines Summary - http://gnso.icann.org/council/summary-gnso-wg-guidelines-06apr11-en.pdf
- GNSO Working Group Guidelines - http://gnso.icann.org/council/annex-1-gnso-wg-guidelines-07apr11-en.pdf


Tips & Tricks

Where to access information

1	GNSO Website: Quick Information box
2	GNSO WIKI : Working Group Workspaces (description, members, reference documents)
3	GNSO Master Calendar: Time & Date of WG calls and Webinars, posting of recordings and transcripts

Reference Documents

- 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
- Review GNSO 101 Materials
  http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/101
- Review current GNSO projects (Action Items)
  http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active

Additional tips

- Acronym Helper – see GNSO home page
- 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

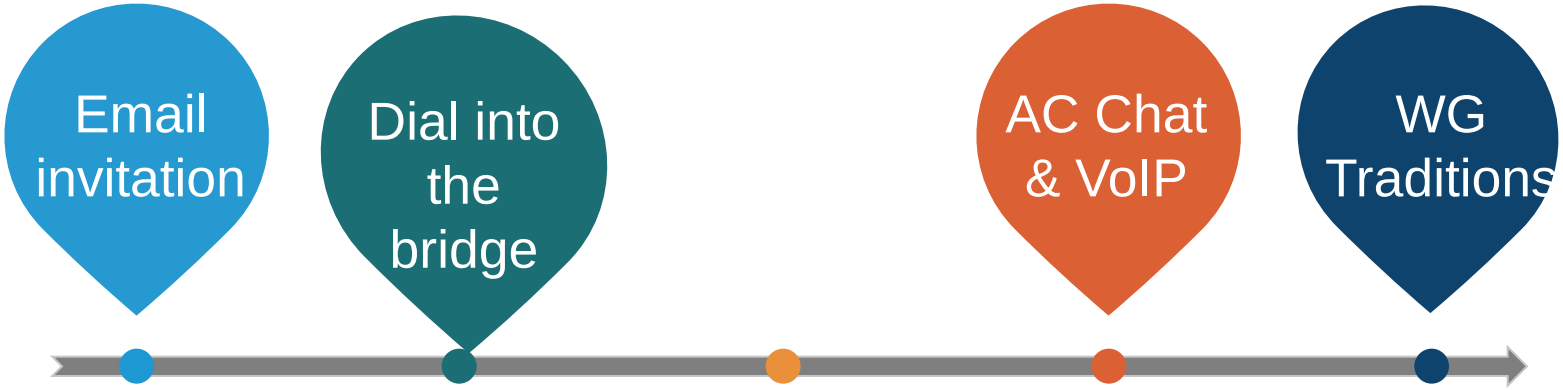
Mailing lists

Observer: Read only status, no access to conference call information. Access however to post call material on the GNSO Website. Subscribed to the public mailing list of the Working Group only

Member: Subscribed to both public and closed (notify → ntfy) mailing lists.

You can change your status anytime by emailing the GNSO Secretariat.

Joining a WG: Adobe Connect & Conf Calls



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GNSO Constituencies – An Overview and Questions

Structure

GNSO Council
ALAC
ccNSO
Stakeholder Groups
Registries
Registrars
NCA
NCA
NCA
Commercial Constituencies
Business
Intellectual Property
ISPCP
Non-Commercial Constituencies
NCUC / NPOC
Contracted Parties House
Non-Contracted Parties House
Voting
Non-Voting

Questions from RSVP form

How can I get an observer status, or represent the company I work for, within the Working Groups?

What is my ICANN affiliation?

Suggestions on WGs for newer members to get involved in?

Engage with the GNSO

Thank You!

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