

GNSO IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

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GNSO Improvements

Background and Key Objectives

- ❖ GNSO is subject to periodic independent review
- ❖ Current review began in February 2005
- ❖ Key objectives of GNSO review:
 - Maximizing stakeholder participation
 - Ensuring recommendations can be developed on gTLD "consensus policies" for Board review
 - Consensus policies are clearly defined
 - Policy development is based on thoroughly-researched, well-scoped objectives and operated in a predictable manner to ensure effective implementation
 - Improving communications and administrative support

Five Main Areas of Improvement

Based on input from the independent reviews, a Working Group of the ICANN Board Governance Committee (BGC-WG) identified these areas for improvement



ICANN Board Recommendations

Revise the PDP Process

Align with contractual requirements and Bylaws

Council: manager of PDP process vs. legislative body

Preparation: scoping, discussion, research, scheduling

Flexibility in timing and process steps aligned with effort

Periodic assessments and PDP effectiveness metrics

Work Team: develop new process, rules and procedures

ICANN Board Recommendations

Adopt a Working Group (WG) Model

Participation: open, broad, balanced, knowledgeable

Strong neutral experienced and respected chair

Goal: open, honest, respectful consensus

Statement of interest disclosures

Staff support, infrastructure and funding

Work Team: establish charter, procedures and norms

ICANN Board Recommendations

Enhance Constituencies

All constituencies operate in open, transparent manner

Processes are standardized, accessible, and democratic

Participation is global and supports multiple languages

Centralized directory: up-to-date and publicly accessible

Staff Support “Toolkit”: outreach, services, admin, et al.

Work Team: recommend standards and procedures

ICANN Board Recommendations

Improve Communications

New GNSO web site and collaborative toolsets

Internationalization: translated portable collateral

Communication with SOs and ACs

Improve Board member awareness of GNSO issues

Coordinate policy activities across ICANN bodies

Work Team: develop recommendations and procedures

ICANN Board Recommendations

GNSO Council Restructure

Focus: manage, monitor, and guide Working Groups

Term limits and statements/declarations of interest

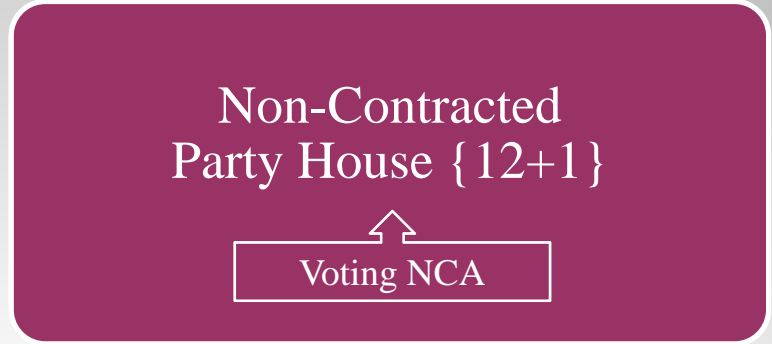
Benchmark PDP and analyze trends in gTLD arena

Reorganize to be representative, agile, and collegial

Organization: four (4) broad Stakeholder Groups

Work Team: develop recommendations and procedures

New GNSO Council Organization: June 2009



Legend: { } Voting; () Non-Voting

GNSO Council Restructure

Phased Implementation Schedule (*)

Phase 1: GNSO Council restructuring implementation plan submitted in advance of the December 2008 Board Meeting

Phase 2: Existing Constituencies submit confirmation documents in advance of the February 2009 Board Meeting

Phase 3: Stakeholder Groups submit formal plans for consideration at the March 2009 Mexico City Board meeting

Phase 4: Council representatives selected and the new GNSO Council is seated by the June 2009 Asia-Pacific ICANN Meeting

() Approved by the ICANN on Board: 1 October 2008*

GNSO Improvements

Implementation Planning Team (IPT)

- ❖ IPT Plan approved by Council on 16 Oct 2008
- ❖ Two Steering Committees (SC) recommended:
 - ✓ Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC)
 - ✓ Operations Steering Committee (OSC)
 - Focus: processes and practices – not gTLD policies
 - Create and coordinate implementation work teams
 - Oversee development of recommendations
 - Establish team charters and milestones
 - Report to GNSO Council and Board, as appropriate

Steering Committee/Work Team Organization



GNSO Improvements - Work Team Rules (*)

❖ Statement of Interest (SOI)

- Each participant in a WT provides an up-to-date SOI

❖ Decision Making

- Model is “Rough Consensus”

All points of view are discussed until the Chair can ascertain that the point of view is understood and has been covered

- Report consensus viewpoint to the Steering Committee in the form of a WT Report
- Invite minority views to include a discussion in the WT Report
- Minority view includes names and affiliations of those contributing

❖ Reporting

- WT Chairs report regular status to the Steering Committee

(*) Draft pending approval by PPSC and OSC

GNSO Improvements - Work Team Rules (*)

❖ Milestones

- Milestones proposed to the Steering Committee for approval

❖ Modifications

- At any time, WT Chair should communicate to the Steering Committee if the WT believes that changes or clarifications are needed regarding the WT Charter and/or these rules

❖ Record Keeping

- The WT will have an archived mailing list open for reading by the community
- All WT meetings will be recorded and made publicly available
- A SocialText Wiki will be provided for WT usage

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GNSO Improvements

Initial Work Team (WT) Activities

Hold kick-off meeting in Mexico City Feb 28-Mar 1

Review, discuss, and finalize draft WT Charter

Identify positions and select team leaders

Inventory team skills, interest, and expertise

Discuss scope, goals, and begin formulating tasks

Establish time and meeting/call frequency

REFERENCES

For Information about:

GNSO Improvements: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/>

Background: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/background-en.htm>

Overview: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/overview-en.htm>

Reviews: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/reviews-en.htm>

Council Organization: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/structure-en.htm>

New Constituencies: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/newco-process-en.htm>

Stakeholder Groups: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/stakeholder-process-en.htm>

News & Events: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/improvements/current-events-en.htm>



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Generic Names Supporting Organisation

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Organization of this Site:

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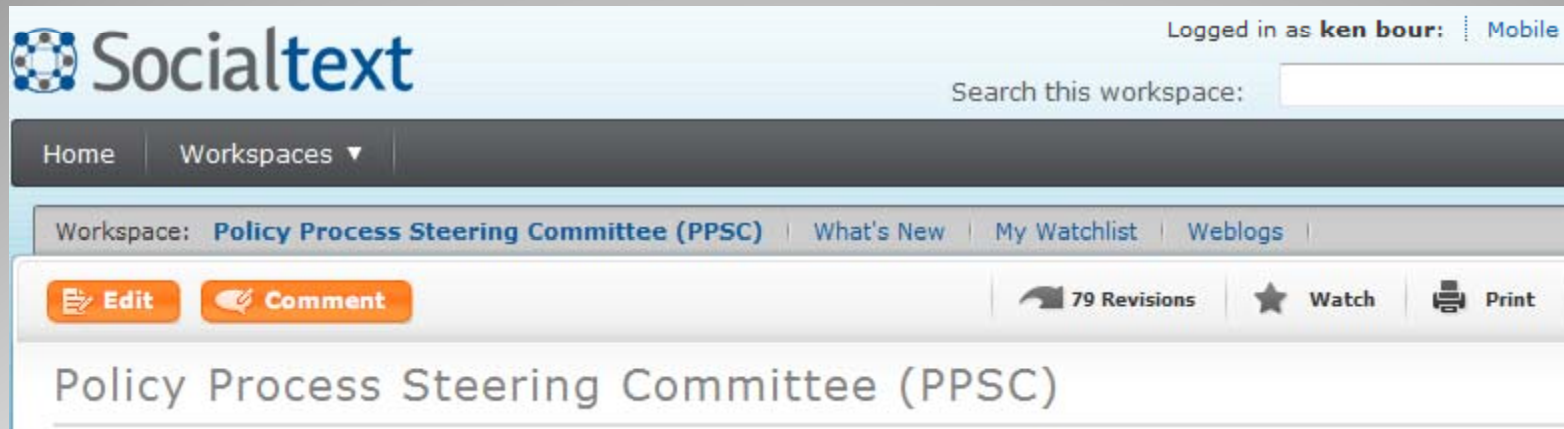
- **Implementation** : information about community chartered teams, groups, and projects
- **Reviews & Board Actions** : results of reviews and committees as well as decisions and resolutions
- **Council Restructure** : documentation relating specifically to restructuring activities and processes
- **Community Reference** : background, overview, public comments, FAQ, terminology
- **News & Links** : notices, current events (3 months), and links to other resources

Note: each link in the drop-down menus represents an individual page where additional content can be found.

Reading suggestions to new visitors wishing to learn about the GNSO Improvements effort:

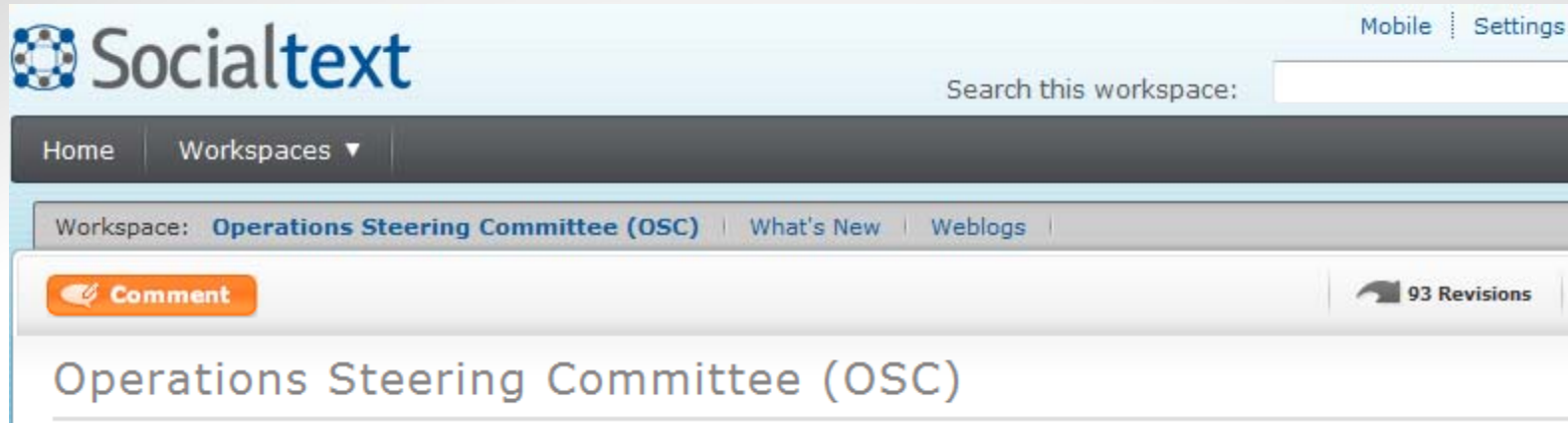
GNSO Improvements - WIKIs

PPSC: <https://st.icann.org/icann-ppsc/index.cgi>



Screenshot of the Socialtext workspace for the Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC). The interface shows the Socialtext logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Home and Workspaces. The workspace name is "Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC)". Action buttons include Edit, Comment, 79 Revisions, Watch, and Print.

OSC: <https://st.icann.org/icann-osc/index.cgi>



Screenshot of the Socialtext workspace for the Operations Steering Committee (OSC). The interface shows the Socialtext logo, a search bar, and navigation links for Home and Workspaces. The workspace name is "Operations Steering Committee (OSC)". Action buttons include Comment and 93 Revisions.



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OSC Communications Team ▼ HID

Work Team Members:

- Sedar Acir - Registrar contact for Turkish Registry
- Chris Chaplow - Commercial and Business Users Constituency
- Mason Cole - Registrar Constituency
- Steve Holsten - gTLD Registries Constituency
- Zbynek Loebl - Intellectual Property Interests Constituency
- Catherine Sigmar - gTLD Registries Constituency
- Nick Wood - Intellectual Property Interests Constituency

Draft Work Team Charter:

GNSO COMMUNICATIONS AND COORDINATION TEAM - DRAFT CHARTER (DRAFT 22DEC08)(as amended 9JAN09)

Interim Chair – Mason Cole

I. TEAM CHARTER/GOALS

The GNSO Communications and Coordination Team will develop proposals for Council consideration based on the Board's endorsement of recommendations outlined in the 3 February 2008 Report of the Board

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- [GNSO Operations Team](#)
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- [OSC Meeting Agendas](#)
- [General OSC Work Teams Page](#)
- [Original OSC Draft Work of GNSO IPT](#)
- [OSC Special Focus Teams](#)

Thank You!

Policy Staff Resources

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Operations Steering Committee: Rob Hoggarth, Sr. Policy Director

GNSO Operations Team: Julie Hedlund, Policy Consultant

Constituency Operations Team: Julie Hedlund

Communications Team: Ken Bour, Policy Consultant

Policy Process Steering Committee: Liz Gasster, Sr. Policy Counselor

New PDP Team: Margie Milam, Sr. Policy Counselor

Working Group Team: Ken Bour, Policy Consultant



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