

2022 GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session (6th edition)

14 – 16 December 2022, Los Angeles



Background

- The SPS was developed to facilitate planning for the upcoming year, identify process improvements and potential roadblocks or issues, and induct incoming Council members to ensure they are familiar with Council
- 6th edition (previous two editions took place in a virtual format)
- Participation by all Council members as well as GNSO appointed Board members
- Chatham House Rule to encourage free and frank discussions
- Report of the meeting is published to document outcomes and action items

SPS – High Level Overview

Theme Day #1 – Introductions & Induction

Desired outcome: Building personal relationships and ensuring a common understanding of the role of a Council member as well as relationships with SG/Cs

Theme Day #2 – Building bridges and fostering collaboration

Desired outcome: Identifying pain points and possible solutions with the goal to facilitate Council work but also relationships and engagement with the broader GNSO community

Theme Day #3 – Planning for the year ahead

Desired outcome: Common understanding of the work ahead and agreement on areas of focus for the year.

Strategic Priorities Identified



Develop and implement improvements that ensure that policy recommendations are “Board ready” when these are considered for adoption by the GNSO Council



Ensure timely input into the Board’s consideration of the SubPro ODP and related policy recommendations, as well as keeping a close eye on dependencies that are within the Council’s remit to address with the aim of agreeing to and announcing a next round date before the end of this Council session / year.



Engage in further conversations with the ICANN Board as well as the GNSO community concerning how ODP type input and assessment can be developed prior to GNSO Council consideration of policy recommendations.

Strategic Priorities Identified (continued)



Consider how to create further transparency in GNSO small team deliberations.



Consider how to ensure enhanced uptake and use of the techniques of the Consensus Playbook with a specific focus on scoping and chartering, learning from approaches applied in efforts such as the facilitated dialogue on Closed Generics.



Exploring incentives for compromising and promoting opportunities for mutual gain.

Next Steps

- ⦿ Council to finalise action items and start implementation
- ⦿ Publish SPS meeting report
- ⦿ Schedule half-way check-in point meeting to ensure progress is made on implementation
- ⦿ Plan for the next SPS