

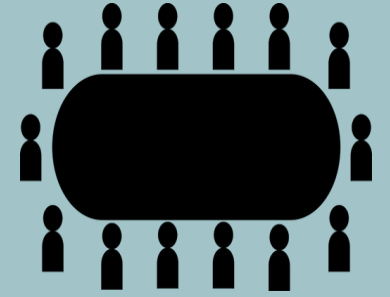
2025 GNSO Council SPS Outcomes

GNSO Council Meeting
12 March 2025



GNSO Council's Role as Manager of the PDP

GNSO Council's Role as Manager of the PDP vis-a-vis previously-adopted GNSO PDP recommendations that the Board may "un-adopt"



OUTCOME: GNSO Council discussed and crystallized ideas for a proposed process for the ICANN Board to “un-adopt” a previously-adopted GNSO PDP policy recommendation.

ACTION: GNSO Support Staff and Council leadership to propose questions to ICANN org (and possibly others) regarding the preferred method to capture the process for the Board to un-adopt a GNSO recommendation, e.g., advisory, correspondence, et.al.

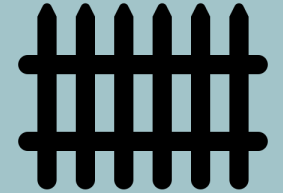
GNSO Council's Role as Manager of the PDP vis-a-vis non-consensus recommendations



ACTION: Support Staff to collect metrics from at least the last five years regarding consensus designations and Council voting outcomes to inform the current Council on how non-consensus recommendations have been treated in the most recent PDPs.

ACTION: GNSO Council to communicate the ideas identified during the SPS for how the Council could potentially handle non-consensus recommendations (e.g., scorecard, remanding, reengaging when circumstances change) with the Board Readiness team.

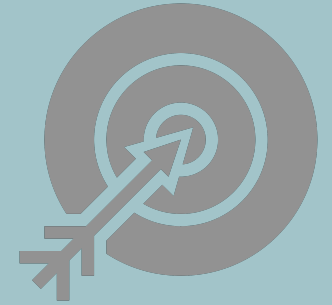
GNSO Council's Role as Manager of the PDP vis-a-vis the picket fence



OUTCOME: During its discussion of the Council's unique role with respect to policy development, the Council discussed the "picket fence". Following a discussion of the picket fence and the relevant language in the Bylaws, the Council requested additional background to develop an increased understanding.

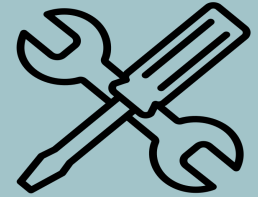
ACTION: Action: Support Staff to consolidate the relevant Bylaws language related to the picket fence and circulate it to the Council to ensure the Council has a shared understanding.

GNSO Council's Role as Manager of the PDP vis-a-vis aspirational statement



ACTION: GNSO Council to reconsider an aspirational statement, which is a statement designed (i) to reinforce the Council's role as manager of the PDP and (ii) to help councilors socialize the unique role of councilors to their respective Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies. The Council agreed the aspirational statement is NOT binding, a voting directive, or intended to limit the actions of Councilors.

GNSO Council's Role as Manager of the PDP vis-a-vis tools



OUTCOME: GNSO Council agreed to participate in two comprehensive reviews of the GNSO Projects List, the first to occur prior to the Community Forum (ICANN82) and second to occur prior to the Annual General Meeting (ICANN84).

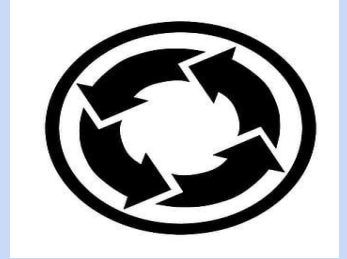
OUTCOME: The first comprehensive review will occur during the Pre-ICANN82 GNSO Council webinar.

OUTCOME: GNSO Councilors expressed an interest in understanding how the Projects List could better show interrelated projects.

- i. **ACTION:** GNSO Support Staff to highlight interrelated projects by calling out interdependencies and including anchor links into the Projects List.

GNSO Council Ancillary Work Management: Committees, Small Teams, Liaisons

GNSO Council's Ancillary Work Management: GNSO Council Standing Committee on Continuous Improvements ("SCCI")



ACTION: In an effort for the GNSO Council to better understand the portfolio of upcoming work for the SCCI, GNSO Support Staff to provide a detailed presentation during a future Council meeting.

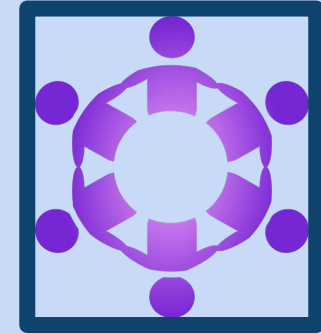
GNSO Council's Ancillary Work Management: GNSO Council Liaison to the GAC



ACTION: GNSO Council Liaison to the GAC to perform a review of mutual topics of interest to both the GAC and GNSO and identify potential subject matter expert volunteers that could assist with capacity building, knowledge sharing, and improved communication between the GNSO and GAC.

ACTION: GNSO Council Liaison to the GAC to provide a progress report to the Council on the enhanced communication efforts in six months.

GNSO Council's Ancillary Work Management: Informal Internet Governance Tracking Team



ACTION: GNSO Council to form an informal Internet Governance Tracking Team to track the progress of this work and provide ad hoc updates to the Council as needed.

Small team volunteers: Anne Aikman-Scalese, Farzaneh Badii, Jennifer Chung, Sebastien Ducos, Bruna Martins de Santo, Desiree Miloshevic.