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# Board Readiness

For Council Meeting

9 Jan 2025

# Last Update

- Identified team members
- Reviewed mission, objective and methodology
- Substance:
  - Summarised rejected Board recommendations
  - Reviewed list of interview questions
  - Reported status
  - Published aspirational schedule

# Team Members

- Jennifer Chung
- Justine Chew
- Prudence Malinki
- Susan Payne
- Kurt Pritz
- Thomas Rickert
- Nacho Amadoz

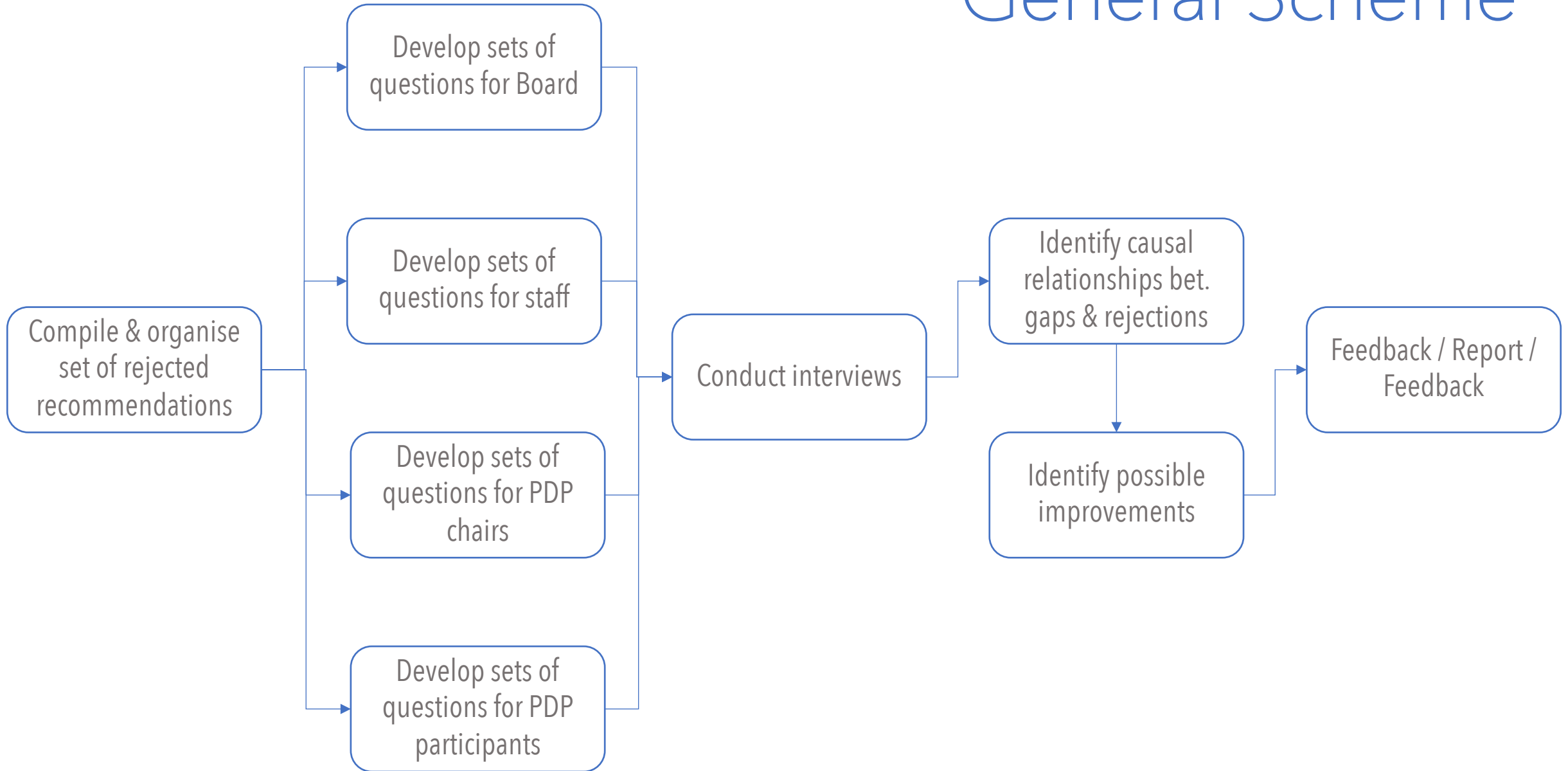
# Mission / Scope

Perform a study that will inform the improvement or creation of policy development practices that will improve the Board readiness of GNSO policy recommendations,

where

Board readiness is measured by the likelihood that GNSO policy recommendations will be readily adopted by the ICANN Board.

# General Scheme

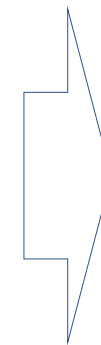


# Some Program Notes

- Each interviewee receives an information packet providing:
  - An introduction to the program
  - A brief, historical summary of the PDP
  - A summary of the Board's reasoning for rejecting recommendations
  - A list of question to be asked
- Interviewees are advised that,
  - with their permission, interviews are recorded so notes can be verified but then the recording is destroyed
  - additional questions may be added depending upon the responses
- Interviewees are afforded the opportunity to review and amend the meeting notes before reports are written
- There are several feedback loops incorporated into the program to verify findings and conclusions

# Status

PDP	Information Packets	Invitation Sent*	Interviews	Synthesis
Registration Data Phase I	done	done	done	in work
Registration Data Phase II	done	done	starting	
Subsequent Procedures	75%			
IGO / INGO Identifiers				



Identify causal relationships bet. gaps & rejections



Recommendations

\* After recent Board communication, invitations to Board members will be sent

# Aspirational Schedule (v2)

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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Prep (Create Questions, select interviewees, test interviews, adjustments)



Interviews (16-20)



Analysis, synthesis & hypothesis



Obtain feedback



Synthesis, recommendations



# Conclusions to date (based on one EPDP)

- Board rejection of recommendation is somewhat novel and therefore was a surprise to PDP participants: indicating that this is a timely study.
- There appears to be a great deal of respect for the Board's opinions and a willingness to find compromises between the Board and the community.
- Regarding availability of appropriate expertise (and normalising with Board access to expertise):
  - the team developed expertise as it became GDPR experts,
  - independent legal expertise was available and valuable (cf. other types of expertise).
- The Board liaison role is also novel, and interaction varied significantly among liaisons. It is clearly an evolving role (therefore, also a timely topic).
- "Implementability" generally was not a concern during EPDP Phase I discussions:
  - going forward the teams should pay close attention to recommendation wording, and
  - have access to cost & other information
- This first "representative model":
  - Helped the team arrive at conclusions more quickly
  - Facilitated compromise

Thank You