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# GNSO Council Meeting

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# Celebrating GNSO Accomplishments between Meetings



**DNS Abuse:** DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP 1 has conducted at least initial discussions on all of its charter questions after only beginning its deliberations at ICANN85.

**SCCI:** Completed its Criteria and Indicators to support the GNSO's Continuous Improvement Program.

**SSAD SRT:** Began meeting in May 2026. Appointed Marc Anderson as Lead.

**Council Work:** Adopted amendments to the PDP and GGP Manuals to incorporate a Board un-adoption process that may be used in limited and extraordinary circumstances

## Board Approval of ICANN Fundamental Bylaws re: CSC and IFRT

# Fundamental Bylaws Changes for IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFR2)

## WHO

Second IANA Naming Function Review Team (IFR2)

## ROLE

Review and evaluate the performance of Public Technical Identifiers (PTI)

## REC

Amend ICANN Bylaws Section 18.2(b) to read “once every five (5) years, measured from **the date that the most recent IFRT submits its Final Report** to the ICANN Board of Directors.”

Rationale: Ensures sufficient time b/w delivering recs and commencing next review.

## HISTORY

GNSO Council adopted this recommendation during its meeting in August 2025.

(Note: recommendation has not changed.)

# Fundamental Bylaws Changes for Customer Standing Committee

## WHO

Customer Standing Committee (CSC) Effectiveness Review Team

## ROLE

Entity responsible for monitoring PTI's performance

## REC

**Rec. 3** - Allow appointing organizations to **appoint one (1) alternate**.

**Rationale:** (i) Allow for quorum when members cannot attend, and (ii) help attract future capable members.

**Rec. 7** - Update frequency of CSC effectiveness review from **every three (3) years to every five (5) years**.

**Rationale:** Ensures sufficient time b/w delivering recs and commencing next review.

## HISTORY

GNSO Council adopted these recommendations during its meeting in April 2023.

(Previous) Council Leadership has reviewed the proposed updated Bylaws and Charter.

# Fundamental Bylaws Changes for IFRT and CSC

- If amendments are approved, Council will need to vote on the updated CSC charter within **21 days after approval**.
- In order to meet this deadline, we will use a mail-in vote later in June. (July Council meeting is too late.)



## PRIORITIZATION EXERCISE - STEP BY STEP GUIDE

# Step by Step Guide for Council Prioritization

**Background**

**Step by Step Guide**

**a) Project List**

**b) Scoring Criteria**

**c) Scoring Scale**

**d) Council Discussion**

**e) Prioritization PILOT Timeline**

# Background

During the [21 May Council Meeting](#), the GNSO Council agreed to progress on the proposed Prioritization Model and conduct it first as a pilot.

The objective is to establish a structured and transparent process to help the GNSO Council compare potential work items/projects.

The recommended approach is a multi-criteria scoring model, followed by Council discussion, and possible adjustment before any prioritization outcome is agreed upon.

# STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

# Step by Step Guide - Why it matters

**Establish a common understanding** of the objectives, criteria, methodology, and expected outcomes before launching the pilot.

**Promote transparency and accountability** by documenting how projects are scored, consolidated, and discussed.

**Build confidence and trust in the process** by ensuring all participants understand the process, criteria, scoring and discussion approach.

**Create a consistent reference framework** for Councilors, SGs/Cs and future participants, supporting repeatability and sustainability over time.

**Reduce misunderstandings and procedural disputes** by aligning expectations upfront and providing a clear basis for interpreting results and next steps.

# Step by Step Guide - Guiding Principles

The model works best if the Council keeps the following principles in mind as discussed in the [prioritization model](#) briefing:

- ❑ The scoring should be simple enough to administer. Too many criteria will create complexity without necessarily improving decision-making.
- ❑ The output of the scoring is just the first step. Council discussion and decision is still required.
- ❑ The process should be transparent., It should also not be so rigid that it becomes a procedural burden.

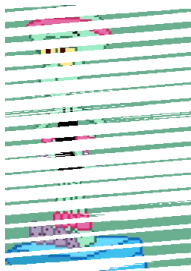
# STEP 1: PROJECT LIST

# Step by Step Guide - Project List

**STEP1:** Projects already committed to, underway, or dependent on external sequencing should either be excluded or clearly marked as constrained.

Candidate projects for the PILOT:

1. RPMs Phase 2 (UDRP)
2. New gTLDs - Moving from Rounds to an Open Process
3. Expiration Policies
4. Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy
5. DNS Abuse - Additional items in Final Issue Report



# STEP 2: SCORING CRITERIA

# Step by Step Guide - Scoring Criteria

**STEP2:** Use a limited number of criteria that reflect strategic value and provide a common baseline understanding. Adding too many criteria might risk double-counting similar concepts or introducing subjective judgments that may not improve the outcome and could make the PILOT and process more cumbersome.

Criteria	Baseline Understanding
<b>Importance</b>	Significance of the issue to ICANN's mission, the Internet's Unique Identifier System, and the community.
<b>Community Demand</b>	Level of demonstrated interest, expectation, or need from the community.
<b>Complexity</b>	Expected policy, operational, legal, or other expertise, interdependencies, or risk
<b>Resources</b>	Expected level of effort on Council, community volunteers, ICANN org, etc.
<b>Deliverability</b>	Likelihood that meaningful outcomes can be achieved within the planning horizon.

# STEP 3: SCORING SCALE

# Step by Step Guide - Scoring Scale

**STEP3:** A simple **1 to 5 scoring scale** is recommended because it is easy to apply consistently, and provides sufficient differentiation between projects.

Score	Meaning
1	Very low/ very difficult
2	Low/ difficult
3	Moderate
4	High/ manageable
5	Very high/ highly favourable

For example:

- **Resources Scoring: 5** means easy to resource
- **Resource Scoring: 1** means very resource-intensive
- **Deliverability Scoring: 5** means likely delivery of timely outcomes
- **Deliverability Scoring: 1** means unlikely delivery of outcomes and/or lengthy



# STEP 4&5: SCORING EXERCISE

# Step by Step Guide - Scoring Exercise

**STEP4&5:** Each SG/C scores each project. These scores below are illustrative only. Staff to provide a worksheet to SG/Cs. (ii) Staff to provide overview matrix of all scoring sheets received and prepare it for Council discussion.

Illustrative example:

Project	Importance	Demand	Complexity	Resource Feasibility	Deliverability	Total
Project 1	5	5	4	3	3	20
Project 2	3	2	2	2	4	13
Project 3	3	3	4	4	3	17

# STEP 6, 7 & 8: DISCUSSING RESULTS

# Step by Step Guide - Discussing Results

**STEP 6,7&8:** The Council would then review and discuss what the scores mean.

(ii) Following discussion, groups may update scores if assumptions have changed or misunderstandings were clarified. Adjustments should be limited and transparent. The objective is not to negotiate a preferred ranking, but to improve the accuracy of the assessment. (iii) Council to share exercise outcome.

Structured discussion:

- Where did groups score very differently? Where did groups score similarly?
- Are scores based on shared assumptions?
- Are dependencies or timing constraints missing?
- Does a high score reflect real readiness to deal with the project at this time?
- Does a low score reflect complexity rather than lack of importance?



# STEP9&10: TIMELINE

# Step by Step Guide - Timeline

**STEP9&10:** The exercise should be repeated periodically, for example around the Strategic Planning Session (SPS). The model should therefore flexible and revisable to adjust to changing circumstances/data/etc. (ii) Conduct PILOT timeline.

For the purpose of the PILOT we would propose the following next steps:

- ❑ Prepare the PILOT scoring exercise to potentially start in July (announced during the Council meeting on 9 July).
- ❑ Run the scoring exercise for SG/C/NCAs starting from 9 July until 13 August.
- ❑ Staff to prepare an exercise overview starting 13 August and to be ready for the Council meeting on 10 September.
- ❑ Council to discuss the outcome of exercise during the Council meeting on 10 September



# Q&A

- Is there anything missing?
- Are there any concerns?
- Does everybody feel informed and ready enough for LT to start preparing the exercise to start in July?

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## Open Mic

