

GNSO Council update for the ccNSO Council meeting 22 August 2019

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This update sees on the 26 June and 18 July 2019 GNSO Council meetings.

The following is a short summary of decisions, updates and discussions at the GNSO Council meeting(s). For more details please find the minutes of the GNSO Council meetings [here](#).

GNSO Council meetings 26 June and 18 July 2019

Decisions

- Adoption of the [GNSO Council review](#) on the Marrakech GAC Communiqué.

Updates

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Discussions

- Next Steps For Internationalized Domain Names (IDN). Follow up from the discussion in ICANN64, when the Board approved the resolution to discuss IDN variants at the top level, identifying the need for policy work and collaboration both for gTLDs and ccTLDs. The GNSO Council further needs to look at the IDN topic holistically with the implications of IDN Guidelines 4.0 which, if adopted, will become contractual obligations. Council decides to form a small team to consider and propose the scope of a holistic IDN review prior to outreach to the ccNSO.
- There are ongoing informal discussions with GAC and IGO's with regard to the IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection (CRP) Mechanisms. Council adopted 4 out of 5 of the PDP recommendations on this topic and referred the discussion on the 5th recommendation to the RPM Phase 2 PDP. GAC members still disagree with rec. 1 -4 and want to reopen that discussion. Board may reject the recommendations. At the same time Council focusses on initiating phase 2 of the PDP and making sure to have GAC and IGO in a way involved. Council thereto initiates the drafting of the charter of RPM Phase 2 PDP.
- The Independent Review Process is an important element of the accountability mechanisms. It is signaled by ICANN org that there is a need for increased participation in the Independent Review Process Implementation Oversight Team (IOT) as there is an issue reaching quorum. A small team is to be convened to review the questions proposed by ICANN org.
- The Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT) recommendations were passed to the GNSO. Council decides to convene small team to consider CCT-RT recommendations referred to the GNSO and GNSO PDPs and determine next steps.
- The Board's did not adopt parts of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations (purpose 2, recommendation #1 and recommendation #12). The board has motivated this decision amongst others in a discussion held during the Marrakech meeting. Council plans to respond to the decision through a letter. Discussion on its content are currently ongoing.

ICANN org runs since 2015 a program to report on data accuracy: the WHOIS Accuracy Reporting System (ARS) and has sent a [letter](#) to the Council that it has stopped publishing these reports upon the adoption of the WHOIS temporary specs. ICANN org wonders if 'data accuracy' will be a subject dealt with in EPDP Phase-2. Council discussed that it seems currently not in scope and that it is not helpful to currently add more tasks to Phase-2. Council will however discuss the issue further.

The next GNSO council meeting is scheduled on 22 August 2019.