

GNSO OSC CONSTITUENCY OPERATIONS WORK TEAM TASK 1 STAKEHOLDER GROUP ANALYSIS

TASK 1: ENHANCE EXISTING CONSTITUENCIES BY DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSTITUENCY PARTICIPATION RULES, OPERATING PRINCIPLES, AND DATABASE OF MEMBERS

Subtask 1: Develop recommendations for a set of participation rules and operating procedures, which all constituencies should abide by.

Criteria	NCSG – From NCUC	Commercial SG	Registry SG	Registrar SG
<p>1. Provides guidelines, rules, or principles for constituency participation in the stakeholder group.</p>	<p>1.0 Mission and Principles 1.1 Mission. The purpose of the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) is to represent, through its Constituencies, non-commercial Internet users of Generic Top-level Domains (gTLDs), including without limitation: 1.1.1 Non-commercial entities such as educational institutions, research organizations, philanthropic organizations, foundations, and non-commercial service providers; 1.1.2 Registrants of domain names for non-commercial purposes; and 1.1.3 Entities advocating for non-commercial Internet users. 1.2 Principles for Leaders and Member Constituencies. The NCSG is committed to: 1.2.1 Carrying out its mission in a fair, open, and transparent manner and ensuring that new participants and Constituencies (a) are treated on a fair and equitable basis, and (b) can readily access and understand its operations and processes; 1.2.2 Service standards for leadership positions including impartiality, accountability, and avoidance of conflicts of interest; and 1.2.3 Behavioral expectations of all NCSG Members, including without limitation: adhering to ICANN Bylaws/Policies; supporting the</p>	<p>1. Mission of the Commercial Stakeholders Group The mission of the Commercial Stakeholders Group, hereafter “the CSG”, is to ensure that: 1.1 the CSG represents the views of users and connectivity providers; 1.2 ICANN policy and ICANN contracts are consistent with the development of an Internet that is a safe place for business-to-business and business-to-consumer transactions and communications to take place based on high levels of business, user and consumer confidence. 1.3 Principles for Leaders and Member Constituencies. The CSG is committed to: 1.2.1 Carrying out its mission in a fair, open, and transparent manner and ensuring that new participants and Constituencies (a) are treated on a fair and equitable basis, and (b) can readily access and understand its operations and processes; 1.2.2 Service standards for leadership positions including</p>	<p>I. Mission and Principles The gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) is one of the stakeholder groups in the contracted party house of the Generic Name Supporting Organization (GNSO). The primary role of the RySG is to represent the interests of all gTLD registry operators (or sponsors in the case of sponsored gTLDs) (“Registries”) (i) that are currently under contract with ICANN to provide gTLD registry services in support of one or more gTLDs; (ii) who agree to be bound by consensus policies in that contract; and (iii) who voluntarily choose to be members of the RySG. The RySG may be composed of Interest Groups as defined by Article IV. The RySG facilitates communication among Registries and Interest Groups, if any, and conveys the views of the RySG to the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board of Directors, with particular emphasis on ICANN consensus policies that relate to interoperability, technical reliability and stable operation of the Internet or domain name system. These Articles also create a process for the election of members of the GNSO Council by which such Council members can be seated in a manner consistent with the bicameral voting structure approved by the ICANN Board.</p>	<p>1.0 Mission and Principles 1.1 Mission The purpose of the Registrar Stakeholder Group is to represent the views and interests of ICANN accredited registrars within ICANN’s Supporting Organizations and other relevant ICANN bodies in all matters and issues of its responsibility according to the procedures set forth in the ICANN Bylaws. The RrSG will create a process by which GNSO Council members can be seated in a manner consistent with the bicameral voting structure approved by the ICANN Board and that serves the collective interests of the members of the RrSG. 1.2 Principles for Leaders and Members Registrar Stakeholder Group leaders must: (a) conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the mission of this charter; (b) act fairly and in an open and transparent manner; (c) adhere to ICANN’s bylaws and applicable policies. At a minimum, all Stakeholder Group members must: (a) commit to fully support the Mission of the RrSG; (b) commit to principles of fairness, openness, and transparency in all policies, practices, and operations; (c) include service standards for leadership positions (if proposed) that</p>

	<p>bottom-up consensus model; treating others with dignity, respect, courtesy, and civility; listening attentively and seeking to and understand others; acting with honesty, sincerity, and integrity; and maintaining community good standing.</p> <p>2.0 Organization and Membership</p> <p>2.1 Composition. The NCSG is comprised of two (2) structures.</p> <p>2.1.1 Constituencies. Constituencies are structures organized according to the ICANN Bylaws and approved by the ICANN Board for representation of Internet users within the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO).</p> <p>2.1.2 Executive Committee (EC). The EC's principal functions include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination of and among NCSG Constituencies; 2. Resolution of disputes among Constituencies; and 3. Allocation of GNSO Council seats to its Constituency Members according to the procedures in Section 5.1 or management/administration of elections required to fill NCSG vacancies on the GNSO Council. <p>2.2 Constituencies.</p> <p>2.0 Organization and Membership</p> <p>2.1 Composition. The NCSG is comprised of two (2) structures.</p> <p>2.1.1 Constituencies. Constituencies are structures organized according to the ICANN Bylaws and approved by the ICANN Board for representation of Internet users within the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO).</p> <p>2.1.2 Executive Committee (EC). The EC's principal functions include:</p>	<p>impartiality, accountability, and avoidance of conflicts of interest; and 1.2.3. Behavioral expectations of all CSG Members, including without limitation: adhering to ICANN Bylaws/Policies; supporting the bottom-up consensus model; treating others with dignity, respect, courtesy, and civility; listening attentively and seeking to and understand others; acting with honesty, sincerity, and integrity; and maintaining community good standing.</p>	<p>The guiding principles for the RySG, including its leaders and Interest Groups are fairness, openness, and transparency in all RySG policies, practices, and operations. The service standards for leadership positions include impartiality, accountability, and conflicts of interest declarations. The behavioral expectations of all RySG members, Interest Groups and participants include adhering to ICANN Bylaws and Policies; supporting the consensus model; treating others with dignity, respect, courtesy, and civility; listening attentively to understand others; acting with honesty, sincerity, and integrity; and maintaining community good standing.</p> <p>II. Reference to ICANN Bylaws</p> <p>The basis for the GNSO as well as the RySG may be found in the ICANN Bylaws.</p> <p>III. Organization and Membership</p> <p>All Registries are eligible for membership in the RySG upon the "effective date" set forth in the Registry's agreement with ICANN. For all purposes under these Articles (including voting), each operator or sponsor shall be considered a single Registry member of the RySG (whether providing registry services for one or more than one gTLD or IDN version of a gTLD). Further, in cases where an operator or sponsor has a controlling interest in another registry operator or sponsor, either directly or indirectly, the controlled registry operator or sponsor shall not be considered a separate member of the RySG. A Registry that is owned or controlled by, or under common ownership with, or affiliated with any entity that votes in another stakeholder group in either house of the GNSO is not eligible for membership in the RySG. Any question regarding eligibility or exceptions shall be</p>	<p>include impartiality, accountability, and conflicts of interest declarations; (d) commit to and require of its members adherence to ICANN Bylaws/Policies and support of the consensus model; and (e) encourage its members: (i) to treat others with dignity and respect; (ii) to listen attentively to understand others; act with honesty, sincerity, and integrity; and (iii) maintain community good standing.</p> <p>2.0 Organization and Membership</p> <p>2.1 Composition</p> <p>The Registrar Stakeholder Group will be open to and comprised of ICANN accredited registrars. The Registrar Stakeholder Group will be open to the voluntary formation of Interest Groups comprised of ICANN accredited registrars as defined in Section 2.3 below.</p> <p>2.2 Interest Group Structure</p> <p>The internal structures, leadership positions, and operations of each Interest Group under the Registrar Stakeholder Group will be left to its membership and the charter it creates. Interest Groups under the RrSG may act independently of the RrSG, but will be expected to conform to the general principles set forth in the Section 1.2 of this Charter.</p> <p>2.3 Interest Group Rights and Responsibilities: Interest Groups do not have voting rights within the RrSG, however, its members may participate in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the election of the RrSG's Executive Committee (EXCOM); (b) the nomination of candidates and the election of GNSO Council Members; (c) the development and issuance of policy and position statements with particular emphasis on ICANN consensus policies that relate to
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	<p>1. Coordination of and among NCSG Constituencies; 2. Resolution of disputes among Constituencies; and 3. Allocation of GNSO Council seats to its Constituency Members according to the procedures in Section 5.1 or management/administration of elections required to fill NCSG vacancies on the GNSO Council.</p> <p>2.2 Constituencies. 2.2.1 Constituency Qualification and Recognition. NCSG Constituencies are approved by the ICANN Board and placed within the Stakeholder Group. The procedures for becoming a Board-recognized Constituency within the NCSG are contained in the ICANN Bylaws and other procedures approved by the Board. 2.2.2 Constituency Structure. The internal structure, leadership, and operation of each Constituency will be governed by the Constituency Charter as approved by the Board and managed by its members in accordance with procedures in said Charter. Each NCSG Constituency shall conform to the principles set forth in the Section 1.2 of this Charter. 2.2.3 Constituency Rights and Responsibilities. Each NCSG Constituency shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elect/appoint representative(s) to serve on the NCSG EC; 2. Nominate candidates and participate in elections for GNSO Council Representatives (CR); 3. Develop and issue policy and position statements with particular emphasis on ICANN consensus policies that relate to interoperability, technical reliability and stable operation of the Internet or domain name system; 4. Participate in the GNSO policy 		<p>determined by a vote of the RySG. The RySG will provide for observer status for entities that may not be eligible for full membership because of the preceding paragraph, and for entities that have applied, or indicated an intention to apply, for a contract with ICANN to provide gTLD registry services in support of one or more gTLDs. Eligible Registries must apply for RySG membership by providing all required information on the application form provided by the RySG. Each eligible Registry must identify at least one voting delegate (“Voting Delegate”) on its application and may also identify alternate Voting Delegates if desired. Eligible Registries may also designate up to five (5) non-voting delegates. Members may modify their delegations by written notice to the Secretariat or, absent a Secretariat, to the Chair. Registries that satisfy the membership criteria will be accepted as members immediately upon receipt of the completed application. Voting rights shall be suspended if a member does not pay its fees as previously invoiced within thirty (30) days after a written warning on suspension shall continue until such time as the fees have been paid. Membership may be suspended if a member does not pay its fees as previously invoiced within sixty (60) days after a written warning on nonpayment is sent to the member; suspension shall continue until such time as the fees have been paid. Suspension of membership shall be accomplished by vote of a majority of the Active members upon a motion for that purpose. Membership shall be terminated if a member’s agreement with ICANN is terminated or a member voluntarily terminates its membership. Members shall be classified as “Active” or “Inactive”. A member shall be</p>	<p>interoperability, technical reliability and stable operation of the Internet or domain name system; (d) the GNSO policy development processes; and (e) the election of Nominating Committee delegate(s).</p>
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	<p>development processes; 5. Select Nominating Committee delegate(s) as directed by the ICANN Board; and 6. Perform any other functions identified by the ICANN Board, GNSO Council, or the NCSG as Constituency responsibilities.</p>		<p>classified as “Active” unless it is classified as “Inactive” pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph. Members become Inactive by failing to participate in a RySG meeting or voting process for a total of three consecutive meetings or voting processes or both. An Inactive member shall have all rights and duties of membership other than being counted as present or absent in the determination of a quorum. An Inactive member may resume Active status at any time by participating in a RySG meeting or by voting.</p> <p>IV. Structure of the RySG Interest Groups For the purposes of collaborating on issues of common interest within the RySG and coordinating efforts within it, RySG members may self-organize themselves into Interest Groups. An RySG member may be a member of more than one Interest Group. Membership in an Interest Group is voluntary. One person and one or more alternates may be designated by each Interest Group as delegates to represent all members of the Interest Group in RySG matters other than voting. A Interest Group does not itself have voting rights in the RySG. Whenever an election is to be held in the RySG, or a vote is to be taken on an RySG position, a motion or any other subject matter requiring a vote pursuant to these Articles, each member of the RySG may vote in its capacity as a member of the RySG, but no member, through its delegate or authorized alternate, shall be entitled to vote more than once pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article IX below. Interest Group Structure The internal structures, leadership positions, and operations of each</p>	
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			<p>Interest Group will be left to its membership and the charter it creates. Each RySG Interest Group will be expected to conform to the general principles set forth in Article I of this Charter.</p> <p>Interest Group</p> <p>(a) Elect or appoint a delegate and one or more alternates to represent the Interest Group in the RySG;</p> <p>[Comment: The charter should specify what these delegate positions are and what functions and roles they have within the RySG or, alternatively, the RySG may want to remove this provision since it was carried over from the earlier version which referred formal Board-approved Constituencies].</p> <p>Rights and Responsibilities:</p> <p>(b) Nominate candidates for GNSO Council Representatives (CR);</p> <p>(c) Develop and issue policy and position statements with particular emphasis on ICANN consensus policies that relate to interoperability, technical reliability and stable operation of the Internet or domain name system; and</p> <p>(d) Participate in the GNSO policy development processes.</p> <p>Each Interest Group shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify the RySG of the effective dates of its formation and dissolution; 2. Provide the following information to the RySG: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A list of its members; <p>Deleted: Voluntary Constituencies</p> <p>Deleted: (a) Qualifications for RySG Constituencies¶¶</p> <p>All RySG Constituencies must be recognized and approved by the ICANN Board. ¶¶</p> <p>(b) Process for New Constituency Recognition¶¶</p> <p><#>Submit a "Notice of Intent to Form New Constituency" (NOIF) to the ICANN Board. The NOIF will be distributed to the GNSO Council, all</p>	
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			<p>GNSO constituencies, and will be publicly website.¶</p> <p><#>Following the NOIF, submit a “New Constituency Petition and Charter” to the ICANN Board for formal recognition, approval and assignment to a Stakeholder Group. This application also will be distributed to the GNSO Council, all GNSO constituencies, and will be publicly posted on the GNSO website.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>b) The names of persons designated as delegates and alternates;</p> <p>c) A copy of its charter; and</p> <p>d) Changes in membership.</p>	
2. Membership				
a. Information about applications and admission decisions will be publicly available.	<p>2.2.1 Constituency Qualification and Recognition. NCSG Constituencies are approved by the ICANN Board and placed within the Stakeholder Group. The procedures for becoming a Board-recognized Constituency within the NCSG are contained in the ICANN Bylaws and other procedures approved by the Board.</p> <p>2.2.2 Constituency Structure. The internal structure, leadership, and operation of each Constituency will be governed by the Constituency Charter as approved by the Board and managed by its members in accordance with procedures in said Charter. Each NCSG Constituency shall conform to the principles set forth in the Section 1.2 of this Charter.</p>	<p>4. Membership of the CSG</p> <p>4.1 Membership shall be open to the following constituencies as recognised in article X of the ICANN by-laws of 29 May 2008 (the “Recognised Constituencies”):</p> <p>§ Internet Service and Connectivity Providers (representing all entities providing Internet service and connectivity to Internet users);</p> <p>§ Commercial and Business Users (representing both large and small commercial entity users of the Internet);</p> <p>§ Intellectual Property Interests (representing the full range of trademark and other intellectual property interests relating to the DNS).</p> <p>4.2 Membership shall also be open to any additional constituency recognised by ICANN’s Board under its by-laws, provided that such constituency, as determined by</p>	<p>III. Organization and Membership</p> <p>All Registries are eligible for membership in the RySG upon the “effective date” set forth in the Registry’s agreement with ICANN. For all purposes under these Articles (including voting), each operator or sponsor shall be considered a single Registry member of the RySG (whether providing registry services for one or more than one gTLD or IDN version of a gTLD). Further, in cases where an operator or sponsor has a controlling interest in another registry operator or sponsor, either directly or indirectly, the controlled registry operator or sponsor shall not be considered a separate member of the RySG.</p> <p>A Registry that is owned or controlled by, or under common ownership with, or affiliated with any entity that votes in another stakeholder group in either house of the GNSO is not eligible for membership in the RySG. Any question regarding eligibility or exceptions shall be determined by a vote of the RySG.</p> <p>The RySG will provide for observer status for entities that may not be eligible for full membership because of the preceding paragraph, and for</p>	<p>2.1 Composition</p> <p>The Registrar Stakeholder Group will be open to and comprised of ICANN accredited registrars. The Registrar Stakeholder Group will be open to the voluntary formation of Interest Groups comprised of ICANN accredited registrars as defined in Section 2.3 below.</p> <p>2.2 Interest Group Structure</p> <p>The internal structures, leadership positions, and operations of each Interest Group under the Registrar Stakeholder Group will be left to its membership and the charter it creates. Interest Groups under the RrSG may act independently of the RrSG, but will be expected to conform to the general principles set forth in the Section 1.2 of this Charter.</p> <p>2.3 Interest Group Rights and Responsibilities: Interest Groups do not have voting rights within the RrSG, however, its members may participate in:</p> <p>(a) the election of the RrSG’s Executive Committee (EXCOM);</p> <p>(b) the nomination of candidates and the election of GNSO Council Members;</p> <p>(c) the development and issuance of</p>

		<p>the unanimous consent of the signatories to this charter, is representative of commercial user interests which for the purposes of definition are distinct from and exclude registry and prospective registry, registrar, re-seller or other domain name supplier interests.</p> <p>5. Fees in the Initial Term During the Initial Term there will be no fees required for membership in the CSG.</p>	<p>entities that have applied, or indicated an intention to apply, for a contract with ICANN to provide gTLD registry services in support of one or more gTLDs.</p> <p>Eligible Registries must apply for RySG membership by providing all required information on the application form provided by the RySG. Each eligible Registry must identify at least one voting delegate (“Voting Delegate”) on its application and may also identify alternate Voting Delegates if desired. Eligible Registries may also designate up to five (5) non-voting delegates. Members may modify their delegations by written notice to the Secretariat or, absent a Secretariat, to the Chair. Registries that satisfy the membership criteria will be accepted as members immediately upon receipt of the completed application.</p> <p>Voting rights shall be suspended if a member does not pay its fees as previously invoiced within thirty (30) days after a written warning on nonpayment is sent to the member; suspension shall continue until such time as the fees have been paid.</p> <p>Membership may be suspended if a member does not pay its fees as previously invoiced within sixty (60) days after a written warning on nonpayment is sent to the member; suspension shall continue until such time as the fees have been paid. Suspension of membership shall be accomplished by vote of a majority of the Active members upon a motion for that purpose.</p> <p>Membership shall be terminated if a member’s agreement with ICANN is terminated or a member voluntarily terminates its membership.</p> <p>Members shall be classified as “Active” or “Inactive”. A member shall be classified as “Active” unless it is classified as “Inactive” pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.</p>	<p>policy and position statements with particular emphasis on ICANN consensus policies that relate to interoperability, technical reliability and stable operation of the Internet or domain name system;</p> <p>(d) the GNSO policy development processes; and</p> <p>(e) the election of Nominating Committee delegate(s).</p>
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b. Clear avenue of appeal for an applicant rejection to a neutral third party.	See above 2.a.	See above 2.a.	See above 2.a	See above 2.a.
3. Operating procedures:				
a. Charter includes a consensus building mechanism.	<p>3.2.7 Decision Making Process. All members of the NCSG EC will participate in making decisions.</p> <p>1. Due to the small size of the EC, all significant decisions, whether by consensus or vote, require the participation of the full membership.</p> <p>2. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible.</p> <p>3. If the EC cannot resolve a decision by consensus, the Chair shall conduct a vote (see 3.2.8). All members of the EC, including the Chair, have a vote.</p>	<p>6. Policy development in the Initial Term</p> <p>During the Initial Term all policy development will remain at the constituency level. .</p> <p>The existing processes and procedures of each recognised constituency will continue to apply.</p> <p>7. Executive Committee</p> <p>Each Recognised Constituency shall appoint one person and one alternate to an executive committee of the CSG (“the Executive Committee”) no later than 15 (fifteen) days after approval by the Recognized Constituency. Appointees to the Executive Committee shall serve for an annual renewable term, or until such term is superseded by the adoption of a Final Charter.</p> <p>8. Role of the Executive Committee</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall act as a liaison between the CSG and ICANN, and the CSG and its constituencies, as</p>	<p>Decision Making Process. All members of the RySG EC will participate in making decisions.</p> <p>1. Due to the small size of the EC, all significant decisions, whether by consensus or vote, require the participation of the full membership.</p> <p>2. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible.</p> <p>3. If the EC cannot resolve a decision by consensus, the Chair shall conduct a vote. All members of the EC, including the Chair, have a vote.</p>	<p>(e) Decision Making Process. All members of the RrSG EC will be able to participate in making decisions.</p> <p>1. All significant decisions of the RrSG, whether by consensus or vote, should be made with the participation of the full membership.</p> <p>2. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible.</p> <p>3. If the EC cannot resolve a decision by consensus, the Chair shall conduct a vote (TBD). All members of the EC, including the Chair, have a vote.</p> <p>(f) Announcement/Reporting of RrSG Meetings/Decisions.</p> <p>1. EC decisions will be reported/published within 24 hours;</p> <p>2. Each report will clearly reflect the EC members who participated in the process, their votes, and any supplemental statements they submitted for the record.</p>

		<p>required on stakeholder–group matters, and shall perform the following functions:</p> <p>8.1 ensure that the Recognised Constituencies adopt procedures to select two representatives each, from different geographic regions [Comment: Geographic diversity should be rationalized at the SG level such that not more than x of the 6 Councilors should come from the same region to the GNSO Council];</p> <p>8.2 create a consensus process for a Final CSG Charter (the “Final Charter”) for adoption no later than 31 May 2010;</p> <p>8.3 provide advice on request to the member constituencies on the adaption or creation of any constituency–based charter, in order to ensure compliance with this Transitional Charter and any Final Charter.</p> <p>9. The Final Charter Process The process to develop a Final Charter shall consider a number of additional matters. § The cost-benefit of continued participation in ICANN. § The best practices of the Recognised Constituencies. § The creation of new constituencies. § A part-time professional secretariat. § A unified web-site with both common elements and distinct components to represent the breadth and diversity of interests of the member constituencies. Approved by ISPCP,BC&IPC 2-</p>		
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Subtask 2: Develop recommendations for clear operating principles for each constituency to ensure that all constituencies function in a representative, open,

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1. Operating principles:				
a. Mailing and discussion lists will be open and publicly archived (with posting rights limited to members).	1. The EC Chair shall call meetings as necessary (but no less than one annual meeting per year) to address the duties of the EC set forth in this Charter, and shall: a. Develop meeting agendas; b. Schedule and conduct EC	Not described in current document?	Secretariat The RySG may have a Secretariat. The Secretariat will be responsible for ensuring that operational support is provided as needed for the RySG. Particular tasks may include but are not limited to:	2. Staff Support: At the request of the EC, ICANN Staff may: a. Record EC meetings and decisions; b. Make publically available on the RrSG website or other public communication vehicle information regarding the EC meetings, and

	<p>meetings; c. Provide notice of meeting. 2. Staff Support: At the request of the EC, ICANN Staff may: a. Record EC meetings and decisions; b. Make publically available on the NCSG website or other public communication vehicle information regarding the EC meetings, and decisions; and c. Maintain a private communication vehicle (e.g. mailing list, wiki, etc.) for administration purposes, which shall be archived and available to members of NCSG. 3. EC meetings may be conducted face-to-face, or through teleconference, email, wiki, or other online mechanisms.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing membership applications • Fulfilling administrative functions, including preparing and keeping minutes of meetings • Coordinating email and web site service • Coordinating and facilitating meetings • Keeping records concerning the status (Active or Inactive) of each member. <p>The personnel of the Secretariat need not be from a member. The Chair shall appoint the Secretariat upon authorization of the RySG.</p>	<p>decisions; and c. Maintain a private communication vehicle (e.g. mailing list, wiki, etc.) for administration purposes, which shall be archived and available to members of RrSG.</p>
<p>b. Procedures for developing policy positions are clear and will include publicly available information about how many participants were involved in the development of any policy position.</p>	<p>. 3.2.9 Announcement/Reporting of NCSG Meetings/Decisions. Wherever practicable, EC or other NCSG meetings will be recorded and posted in an easily accessible and identified manner on the NCSG's public communication vehicle. 1. EC decisions will be reported/published within 24 hours; 2. Each report will clearly reflect the EC members who participated in the process, their votes, and any supplemental statements they submitted for the record.</p>	<p>6. Policy development in the Initial Term During the Initial Term all policy development will remain at the constituency level. . The existing processes and procedures of each recognised constituency</p>	<p>Announcement/Reporting of RySG Meetings/Decisions. Wherever practicable, EC or other RySG meetings will be recorded and posted in an easily accessible and identified manner on the RySG's public communication vehicle. 1. EC decisions will be reported/published within 24 hours; 2. Each report will clearly reflect the EC members who participated in the process, their votes, and any supplemental statements they submitted for the record.</p>	<p>(f) Announcement/Reporting of RrSG Meetings/Decisions. 1. EC decisions will be reported/published within 24 hours; 2. Each report will clearly reflect the EC members who participated in the process, their votes, and any supplemental statements they submitted for the record.</p>
<p>c. Processes encourage participation from constituencies across the globe and, where feasible, will provide relevant documents in multiple languages.</p>	<p>3.2.6 Support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. The EC shall cooperate with and support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. 1. If requested by the ICANN Board, select Nominating Committee delegate(s); Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) Transitional Charter</p>	<p>8. Role of the Executive Committee The Executive Committee shall act as a liaison between the CSG and ICANN, and the CSG and its constituencies, as required on stakeholder-group matters, and shall perform the following functions: 8.1 ensure that the Recognised</p>	<p>Support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. The EC shall cooperate with and support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. 1. If requested by the ICANN Board, select Nominating Committee delegate(s); 2. Encourage and support recruitment, outreach, and training efforts targeted at expanding the</p>	<p>(d) Support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. The EC shall cooperate with and support the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board. 1. If requested by the ICANN Board, select Nominating Committee delegate(s); 2. Encourage and support recruitment, outreach, and training efforts targeted at expanding the RrSG through</p>

	<p>2. Encourage and support recruitment, outreach, and training efforts targeted at expanding the NCSG through identification and formation of new Constituencies and new members of NCSG Constituencies; and</p> <p>3. Request ICANN staff assistance when necessary to facilitate the goals, objectives, and duties of the NCSG.</p>	<p>Constituencies adopt procedures to select two representatives each, from different geographic regions [Comment: Geographic diversity should be rationalized at the SG level such that not more than x of the 6 Councilors should come from the same region to the GNSO Council];</p>	<p>RySG through identification and introduction of new Members; and</p> <p>3. Request ICANN Staff assistance when necessary to facilitate the goals, objectives, and duties of the RySG.</p>	<p>identification and introduction of new participants; and</p> <p>3. Request ICANN staff assistance when necessary to facilitate the goals, objectives, and duties of the RrSG.</p>
<p>d. Term limits for stakeholder group officers.</p>	<p>3.0 NCSG Leadership</p> <p>3.1 Composition. The NCSG Executive Committee (EC) shall be comprised of two representatives from each Constituency when the number of Constituencies is less than four and one representative from each Constituency when the number of Constituencies is four or more.</p> <p>3.2 Roles and Responsibilities.</p> <p>3.2.1 Elect Officers. The EC shall select, from among its appointed committee members, a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for one-year terms. An election will be held if more than one candidate emerges for any EC position. The candidate receiving the most delegate votes in the election will be elected to that position. Officers can serve no more than two consecutive terms.</p>	<p>7. Executive Committee</p> <p>Each Recognised Constituency shall appoint one person and one alternate to an executive committee of the CSG (“the Executive Committee”) no later than 15 (fifteen) days after approval by the Recognized Constituency. Appointees to the Executive Committee shall serve for an annual renewable term, or until such term is superseded by the adoption of a Final Charter.</p>	<p>V. Executive Committee (EC) Composition</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>The RySG shall have a Chair, and the RySG shall elect a Chair at the RySG meeting following every other ICANN Annual meeting. The Chair must be an authorized voting delegate (or alternate) of an Active member. The Chair shall be elected for a term of two years and shall hold office until his or her successor is elected or until he or she sooner dies, resigns, is removed becomes disqualified, or if the member that the Chair represents is suspended or terminated. If the office of Chair becomes vacant at any time, a special election shall be held to elect a successor; the Alternate Chair does not automatically succeed to the post of Chair.</p> <p>Alternate Chair</p> <p>The RySG may elect an Alternate Chair, who must also be an authorized voting delegate (or alternate) of a member. The Alternate Chair shall be elected for a term of two years and shall hold office until his or her successor is elected or until he or she sooner dies, resigns, is removed, becomes disqualified, or if the member that the Alternate Chair represents is suspended or terminated.</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>The RySG shall have a Treasurer, and the RySG shall elect a Treasurer</p>	<p>4.0 GNSO Council Representatives (CR).</p> <p>4.1 RrSG Allocation. The RrSG is assigned three (3) Council seats by the ICANN Board.</p> <p>4.2 CR Terms. In order to promote continuity of CRs elected to the GNSO Council from the RrSG, CRs shall serve staggered terms such that two CRs will be elected in odd years and one CR will be elected in even years. GNSO Council Representatives are subject to terms limits as specified in Article X, Section 3 of the Bylaws.</p> <p>5.0 Voting and Elections.</p> <p>The Voting and Election process shall follow the relevant disposition of the Registrars Bylaws and Rules of Procedure that may evolve from time to time upon approval by a supermajority of its Members. The Registrars Rules of Procedures are maintained and always accessible at http://www.icannregistrars.org/legal/rules-of-procedure.php</p>

			<p>at the RySG meeting following every other ICANN Annual meeting. The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years and shall hold office until his or her successor is elected or until he or she sooner dies, resigns, is removed, becomes disqualified, or if the member that the Treasurer represents is suspended or terminated. If the office of Treasurer becomes vacant at any time, a special election shall be held to elect a successor; The Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that proper records are kept for the RySG, collecting membership fees assessed by the members and preparing and managing annual budgets.</p> <p>Secretariat The RySG may have a Secretariat. The Secretariat will be responsible for ensuring that operational support is provided as needed for the RySG. Particular tasks may include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing membership applications • Fulfilling administrative functions, including preparing and keeping minutes of meetings • Coordinating email and web site service • Coordinating and facilitating meetings • Keeping records concerning the status (Active or Inactive) of each member. <p>The personnel of the Secretariat need not be from a member. The Chair shall appoint the Secretariat upon authorization of the RySG.</p> <p>EC Responsibilities: Elect Officers. The EC shall select, from among its appointed committee members, a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for one year terms. An election will be held if more than one candidate emerges for any</p>	
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Subtask 3: Develop recommendations for creating and maintaining a database of all constituency members and others not formally a part of any constituency that is up-to-date and publicly accessible.

Criteria	NCSG – From NCUC	Commercial SG	Registry SG	Registrar SG
1. Methods to store and update membership records.	<p>1. The EC Chair shall call meetings as necessary (but no less than one annual meeting per year) to address the duties of the EC set forth in this Charter, and shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Develop meeting agendas; Schedule and conduct EC meetings; Provide notice of meeting. <p>2. Staff Support: At the request of the EC, ICANN Staff may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Record EC meetings and decisions; Make publically available on the NCSG website or other public communication vehicle information regarding the EC meetings, and decisions; and Maintain a private communication vehicle (e.g. mailing list, wiki, etc.) for administration purposes, which shall be archived and available to members of NCSG. <p>3. EC meetings may be conducted face-to-face, or through teleconference, email, wiki, or other online mechanisms.</p>	<p>9. The Final Charter Process</p> <p>The process to develop a Final Charter shall consider a number of additional matters.</p> <p>§ The cost-benefit of continued participation in ICANN.</p> <p>§ The best practices of the Recognised Constituencies.</p> <p>§ The creation of new constituencies.</p> <p>§ A part-time professional secretariat.</p> <p>§ A unified web-site with both common elements and distinct components to represent the breadth and diversity of interests of the member constituencies</p>	<p>Secretariat</p> <p>The RySG may have a Secretariat. The Secretariat will be responsible for ensuring that operational support is provided as needed for the RySG. Particular tasks may include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing membership applications • Fulfilling administrative functions, including preparing and keeping minutes of meetings • Coordinating email and web site service • Coordinating and facilitating meetings • Keeping records concerning the status (Active or Inactive) of each member. <p>The personnel of the Secretariat need not be from a member. The Chair shall appoint the Secretariat upon authorization of the RySG.</p>	<p>2. Staff Support: At the request of the EC, ICANN Staff may:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Record EC meetings and decisions; Make publically available on the RrSG website or other public communication vehicle information regarding the EC meetings, and decisions; and Maintain a private communication vehicle (e.g. mailing list, wiki, etc.) for administration purposes, which shall be archived and available to members of RrSG.