

GNSO Council update for the ccNSO council

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This is an update from the last GNSO Council meeting on 23 January 2020. The meeting was part of the Councils yearly 3-day face to face strategic planning session held in Los Angeles.

GNSO Council meeting 23 February 2020

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

Decisions

- Council decided on a [motion](#) to amend the charter of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs (RPM) PDP to create a **separate IGO Work Track** in which GAC and IGO involvement will be vital. This work track will deal with the remaining issue from the former PDP on International Governmental Organizations (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms: whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is generally consistent with Recommendations 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the PDP Final Report and:
 - a. accounts for the possibility that an IGO may enjoy jurisdictional immunity in certain circumstances;
 - b. does not affect the right and ability of registrants to file judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction;
 - c. preserves registrants' rights to judicial review of an initial UDRP or URS decision; and
 - d. recognizes that the existence and scope of IGO jurisdictional immunity in any particular situation is a legal issue to be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Updates

- **Lack of progress of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs PDP.** The Council discussed in its role as manager of the PDP's a request for an extension from this Working Group. It was discussed that the group didn't seem to make the progress needed, the possible reasons for that and the possible remedies. Council leadership will discuss this with the PDP leadership.
- **Cross-Community Working Group on new gTLD Auction Proceeds.** The co-chair of the Auction Proceeds CCWG, presented an [update](#) on the CCWG's activities. The Final Report was published in December 2019 for Public Comment closing on the 14th February 2020.
- The **IDN Scoping Team** presented its [recommendations](#) to follow 2 separate tracks:
 - Track 1: A Contracted Party House (CPH) team with ICANN staff to resolve operational and contractual compliance issues brought about by the staff implementation of the Guidelines 4.0. Upon GNSO Council approval, the 4.0 version could then be sent to the ICANN Board for approval.
 - Track 2: Create a PDP working group to consider the definitions, management, and coordination issues related to IDN Variant TLDs, as well as IDN variants at the second-level. Additionally, this track would consider the related issue of how the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with, should be revised in the future.Council will discuss later if and how to proceed and will take this into account in their discussion on the prioritization of the GNSO work.

The next GNSO Council meeting is scheduled on 20 February 2020.
