

PDP Improvements Tracker

	Proposed Improvement	Proposed Next Steps	Consideration Status	Comments / Status	Assigned To	% Complete
1	CATEGORY I IMPROVEMENTS: Easy to implement and not requiring any changes to existing processes and/or procedures					0%
2	#1 Enable a process during the PDP to share relevant information and analysis on potential impacts to existing policies, to support consideration by PDP working groups (define this process as part of GDS liaison role) - Origin: Modifying Consensus Policies	Council to review Guidelines for GDS Liaisons to PDPs and determine whether anything further is needed to consider this improvement complete	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Guidelines for GDS Liaisons to PDPs were shared with the GNSO Council during ICANN75 (see https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/guidelines-icann-gds-staff-liaisons-pdp-30sep22-en.pdf). Council shared input with GDS in April 2023 per the SPS Action Item (Proposed action item #3 – Thomas Rickert to prepare proposed Council input on the GDS Liaison guidelines). GDS is working on incorporating the input into the Guidelines.	Council Council	80%
3	#2 The Council should consider sharing with the ICANN Board when certain items are expected to move from Council to Board to facilitate advance planning by the ICANN Board - Origin: Council SPS	COMPLETE	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Staff support team derived from the project list items expected to be delivered to the ICANN Board and included these in the transmittal letter with the SPS report. Completed with the transmission of the SPS Meeting Report (see https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/correspondence/dutcos-to-icann-board-et-al-15feb23-en.pdf) Note that this is also done through the sharing of announcements in relation to upcoming milestone publications, such as the recent webinar on the Transfers Initial Report.	GNSO Staff Support; GNSO Council	100%
4	#3 Following adoption of a PDP Final Report by the GNSO Council, schedule a meeting with the ICANN Board to allow the GNSO Council, with the assistance of the PDP Chair(s), to present the Final Report and recommendations to the ICANN Board and allow for Q & A. - Origin: Council SPS	Build meeting between ICANN Board and GNSO Council to present PDP Final Report into the project plan for ongoing PDPs so that a meeting between ICANN Board and Council can be scheduled well ahead of time.	Council to consider subsequent proposed next step	A first such meeting was scheduled in the context of the IGO Curative Rights Final Report. The Council and ICANN Board agreed that this was a helpful step but also agreed that in the future such a meeting should be scheduled well ahead of time to avoid creating delays in the Board's consideration of the Final Report.	Council & GNSO Appointed Board members	75%
5	CATEGORY II IMPROVEMENTS: Some effort to implement, but not requiring any changes to existing processes and procedures					100%
6	#4 Add to the charter template a general or specific provision / question regarding consideration of impact on existing consensus policies - Origin: Council SPS	COMPLETE	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Staff support team created a proposed addition to the charter template that highlights the expectation that a PDP WG is to consider the impact of its recommendations on existing consensus policies. Following Council review, the updated template was posted (see https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures)	GNSO Staff Support, GNSO Council	100%
7	#5 Include in the Final Report template a section to address any direct or indirect implications for existing policies, to support full consideration by the PDP working groups and the GNSO Council. This may include implementation guidance where appropriate. - Origin: Modifying Consensus Policies	COMPLETE	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Updated templates were circulated to Council and reviewed. These have now been posted here: https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures	GNSO Staff Support	100%
8	#6 Consider if/how the role of the Board liaison of a PDP can contribute to more effective communication. This could, for example, be done by communicating clearly at the outset of a PDP the expected role of the Board liaison. - Origin: Council SPS	COMPLETE	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Staff support team included link to Board liaisons in charter template and following review by GNSO Council updated charter guidelines were posted (see https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/procedures)	GNSO Staff Support, GNSO Council	100%
9	CATEGORY III IMPROVEMENTS: Higher level of effort to implement and likely requiring changes to existing processes and procedures					0%
10	#7 Update CPIF to note that as part of implementing a new policy, ICANN org and the IRT review updates to other policies and incorporate as part of the implementation plan - Origin: Modifying Consensus Policies	Requests GDS to provide an indication of possible timing & consultation of such updates to the CPIF (note, last round of updates were made in 2018 and involved consultation with the GNSO Council / community – the communication should confirm that the expectation is that the same approach would be used).	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Timeline and approach for consultation to be considered in conjunction with the PSR on the Policy & Implementation recommendations (as the CPIF was one of the outcomes of that process)	Council leadership	10%
11	#8 Review of Policy & Implementation Recommendations - Origin: Review of Policy & Implementation Recommendations & Review IRT Liaison's role description - Origin: PDP 3.0 Parking Lot Item	Staff support team to publish PSR for public comment.	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	Council reviewed the PSR background briefing provided by the staff support team during its February 2023 Council meeting. As no objections were received by the March Council meeting, staff support team is proceeding as outlined in the background briefing.	GNSO Staff Support, GNSO Council	20%
12	#9 Review of the Operational Design Phase - Origin: ODP	Council to review responses to SSAD ODP and SubPro ODP survey and consider next steps in preparation for the upcoming community consultation.	Agreement to move forward with proposed next steps	The staff support team developed a set of questions that have been used to solicit input from the GNSO Council liaison to the SSAD ODP and the SubPro ODP, as well as the small teams that worked on the respective ODPs. The results of the survey will be reviewed by Council to determine if/how the feedback will be shared as part of the planned community consultation. As envisaged, the ODP will become part of the generic top-level domain (gTLD) policy implementation lifecycle and eventually be incorporated into the Consensus Policy Implementation Framework (CPIF). Before modifying the CPIF, ICANN org will conduct a community consultation on the functionality of the ODP after a minimum of two ODPs have concluded, to ensure that the ODP operates effectively and fulfills the needs of the Board, the community, and ICANN org. The first ODP completed recently, with the second ODP, on the SubPro recommendations, currently scheduled to complete by October 2022. Note, this item is also linked to the above mentioned review of the CPIF.	GNSO Staff Support, Council, ODP Liaisons, Council leadership	80%