

2022 GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session

Review of Strategic Priorities & Action Items



Strategic Priorities Identified



Develop and implement improvements that ensure that policy recommendations are “Board ready” when these are considered for adoption by the GNSO Council



Ensure timely input into the Board’s consideration of the SubPro ODP and related policy recommendations, as well as keeping a close eye on dependencies that are within the Council’s remit to address with the aim of agreeing to and announcing a next round date before the end of this Council session / year.



Engage in further conversations with the ICANN Board as well as the GNSO community concerning how ODP type input and assessment can be developed prior to GNSO Council consideration of policy recommendations.

Strategic Priorities Identified (continued)



Consider how to create further transparency in GNSO small team deliberations.



Consider how to ensure enhanced uptake and use of the techniques of the Consensus Playbook with a specific focus on scoping and chartering, learning from approaches applied in efforts such as the facilitated dialogue on Closed Generics.



Exploring incentives for compromising and promoting opportunities for mutual gain.

Action Items

SubPro

- ⦿ **Proposed action item #14:** SubPro Small team to work on developing initial input to the ICANN Board on the SubPro ODA in time for the ICANN Board workshop in January. It was recognized that this will not be the only opportunity for input, but any indications the Council could provide at that stage would help inform the deliberations.
- ⦿ **Proposed Action item #16:** Staff support team to develop an overview of all items related to SubPro and their expected timing.

Council meeting planning

- ⦿ **Proposed Action item #10:** Council leadership to work with staff support on options for consideration by Council for more effective engagement with the GNSO community in the context of ICANN meetings.

Action Items (continued)

PDP Improvements

- ⦿ **Proposed action item #3** – Thomas Rickert to prepare proposed Council input on the GDS Liaison guidelines.
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #4** - As part of the upcoming review of the ODP, Council to engage in a conversation with ICANN org on how to facilitate operational input that could help inform the policy development process as well as Council consideration of recommendations earlier in the process instead of waiting until after Council approval.
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #5**: Board and GNSO Council to engage in a conversation about what “Board ready” means and if/how the information provided to the ICANN Board in conjunction with a Final Report needs to be updated.

Action Items (continued)

PDP Improvements (continued)

- ⦿ **Proposed Action item #9:** Set up follow up discussion with Council and SG/C Chairs to discuss the topic of incentives to compromise.
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #11:** Set up brainstorming sessions with recent PDP WG Chairs to solicit their feedback on what should be done differently or better. This should also include consideration of if/how PDP WG reporting should evolve (for example, suggestions were made that there should be more regular reporting from PDP WGs to the Council).
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #15:** Council leadership to work with Melissa Allgood to review Consensus Playbook and develop recommendations for if/how the techniques described can be further integrated into the current PDP.

Action Items (continued)

Operational Improvements

- ⦿ **Proposed Action Item #1:** Organize session with the ICANN Board to exchange information on how planning, management and scheduling of work is done with the objective to enhance mutual understanding and transparency. This would include a presentation by the Council of its Portfolio Management Tools.
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #12:** Staff support team to consider if/how the changes in the project list could be highlighted more clearly to Council.
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #13:** Staff support team to review the last column of the Action Decision Radar to clarify content.

Action Items (continued)

Operational Improvements (continued)

- ⦿ **Proposed action item #2:** Review current small team practices to determine if there is further transparency that can be introduced in the small team activities without changing the nature of these small teams and/or creating additional burdens for staff and/or small team members. One specific suggestion was to publicly archive small team email lists, like the Council mailing list.
- ⦿ **Proposed action item #6:** Council to review “GNSO Council review of the GAC Communique” template to determine if this is still fit for purpose and/or whether it should be updated to reflect include review of other parts of the Communique.

Action Items (continued)

Communication

- ⦿ **Proposed Action item #7:** NCPH to work with NCPH nominating committee appointee and NCPH appointed Board member to plan for a joint session at future ICANN meetings.
- ⦿ **Proposed Action item #8:** CPH to explore monthly meetings with Nominating Committee appointees to facilitate a better understanding of positions and views.
- ⦿ **Proposed Action item #17:** Form a small team to develop a proposed GNSO Council communications plan. In anticipation of formation of a small team, Council to consider submitting an Additional Budget Request (ABR) to support the recommendations from the small team.