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Agenda

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- Cultural Awareness
- Knowledge of the Internet Ecosystem
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23 March 2023 at 23:59 Universal Coordinated
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Nominating Committee Briefing

Preparation for Bilateral Meetings

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What preparation is needed?

- Identify a topic lead from Council?
 - Seek to agree on a set of high-level talking points?
 - Identify goals to be accomplished during the discussion?
 - Other?
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- In addition, preparation for town hall

Joint ccNSO Council & GNSO Council Cocktail

Date/Time: Monday, 13 March at 16:30-17:30 EST

Session format: closed, informal cocktail, briefly discussing topics of mutual interest

1. CSC Effectiveness Review
 - CSC appointees to provide overview of main CSC recommendations
2. Review Coordination between Internationalized Domain Name EPDP + PDP (ccNSO & GNSO PDP efforts)
3. Main findings from the ccTLD DNS Abuse Survey by the DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC)
4. Implementation of Policies
5. Cocktails + Mingling

Any preparation needed?

ICANN Board & GNSO Council

Date/Time: Tuesday, 14 March at 09:00-10:00 EST

Question from ICANN Board to GNSO Council (Council leadership and Paul):

The final SupPro report assigns resolution of many, potentially complex issues to the Implementation Review Team (IRT). IRTs can - and sometimes have - become bottlenecks, for example, in connection with efforts to relitigate policy outcomes or where there are gaps in the policy being implemented. What concrete steps can the board, org, community (or all 3 collectively) take to improve the IRT process? Please be as concrete as possible.

Questions from GNSO Council to ICANN Board:

1. Ensuring Board and ICANN org input to PDP processes (Council leadership)
2. IGO Names (Susan)
3. Placeholder (specific questions about SubPro or WDS?)

Joint GAC & GNSO Council Session

Date/Time: Wednesday, 15 March at 09:00-10:00 EST

Proposed Agenda:

1. **Introductions (Council leadership)**

- a. New GAC Leadership Team (which takes over after March meeting)
- b. New GNSO Leadership (since this is the first meeting since the new leadership has taken over)

2. **SubPro**

- a. GNSO Guidance Process on Applicant Support (Paul)
- b. Operational Design Assessment (including options being considered by the Board and unresolved issues identified in the ODA) (Council leadership)
- c. Closed Generics (John)

3. **DNS Abuse (Greg)**

- a. Contractual Negotiations

4. **WHOIS Disclosure System (Greg)**

- a. SSAD Light state of work
- b. Accuracy

5. **IGO Protections and UDRP Review (John)**

6. **AOB**

Celebrating Recent GNSO Council Accomplishments

Why Is It Important to Recognize What We Are Able to Accomplish

Reinforces that we can work collaboratively together

Despite how long it can seem to get things done, there are tangible outputs

**We observe, learn, and we can try and replicate what works /
improve what's not working as well as it could.**

Most importantly...it validates the multistakeholder model!

Other reasons??

Recent GNSO Council Accomplishments

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Open Discussion

- **Do you agree on the reasons to reflect on accomplishments? Are there other reasons?**
- **Have we missed identifying significant accomplishments?**
- **What are we doing well that we should continue to do?**
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Policy Implementation

GNSO Council Working Session (2 of 3)

Global Domains & Strategy

ICANN76 | Cancun, Mexico

12 March 2023 | 15:00-16:00



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1. [Ongoing & Upcoming Policy & Implementation Work](#)
2. [SubPro IRT Planning](#)
3. [AOB](#)

Ongoing & Upcoming Implementation Work

Agenda Item #1

Ongoing GDS PDP Support and Implementation Work

- **GDS PDP Liaison Support**

- GDS circulated and “[Guidelines for GDS Liaisons to the PDPs](#)” for feedback in September 2022.
- GDS tasks a liaison to develop an understanding of and expertise in community discussions and, where appropriate, provide input to PDP Working Groups.
- The Policy Research & Stakeholder Programs team currently has assigned a “GDS Liaison” to both the Transfer PDP WG and EPDP on IDNs WG.

- **Ongoing Implementation Work**

- **Rights Protection Mechanisms**

- ICANN org is collaborating with the IRT to implement the All Rights Protection Mechanisms policy recommendations.
- ICANN org published the [Implementation Plan](#) and subsequently launched the [RPM IRT](#) launched in Q4 2022.
- Two IRT sessions were held on [13 December 2022](#) and [30 January 2023](#)
- Review the first set of URS documentation revisions initiated.
- ICANN org will hold a hybrid RPM IRT session on [15 March 2023](#) at ICANN76.

- **EPDP Phase 1 and Phase 2 Priority 2**

- GDS is currently supporting EPDP Phase 1 and Phase 2 Priority 2 implementation efforts, which recently published its [public comment report](#) on 20 January 2023.

Upcoming Implementation Work

GDS is monitoring dependencies and planning to (re)start implementation work, resources permitting:

- **EPDP Phase 2A**
 - The completion of the EPDP Phase 1 work remains a dependency to launch the launch of the EPDP Phase 2A IRT.
 - GDS plans to share the EPDP Phase 2A implementation plan, including timetables, with the GNSO Council and IRT once complete.
- **Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues (PPSAI)**
 - ICANN org is currently conducting preliminary research and planning on what would be needed to complete the implementation of the PPSAI recommendations. The completion of the EPDP Phase 1 implementation remains a dependency before the IRT can start its work.
- **Translation and Transliteration IRT**
 - The T&T IRT, which has been paused November 2019, will resume once RDAP is fully operational, subject to resource availability.

SubPro IRT Planning

Agenda Item #2

The Implementation Phase

- Per the [ODA](#) (p. 69) the Implementation Phase for SubPro is divided into 4 stages:
 - **Policy Implementation** (drafting updated Applicant Guidebook)
 - Program Design
 - Infrastructure Development
 - Operationalization
- The stages are strongly **interdependent**:
 - The completion of the implementation of both Program Design and Infrastructure Development are dependent on the finalization of the Policy Implementation.
 - The completion of Operationalization is dependent on finalizing the implementation of both Program Design and Infrastructure Development.

The Time Challenge

Goal is to work through the **policy implementation as quickly as possible**, noting that it can only be finalised after all ongoing processes have concluded and the Board has resolved on all recommendations.

Question: How long would implementation take if we use as a basis the average time that previous implementation efforts took per recommendation?

And how long if we assumed that only $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SubPro recommendations require any significant time to implement and assuming that ICANN org and the IRT always work on three recommendations in parallel via subteams or similar?

The Time Challenge

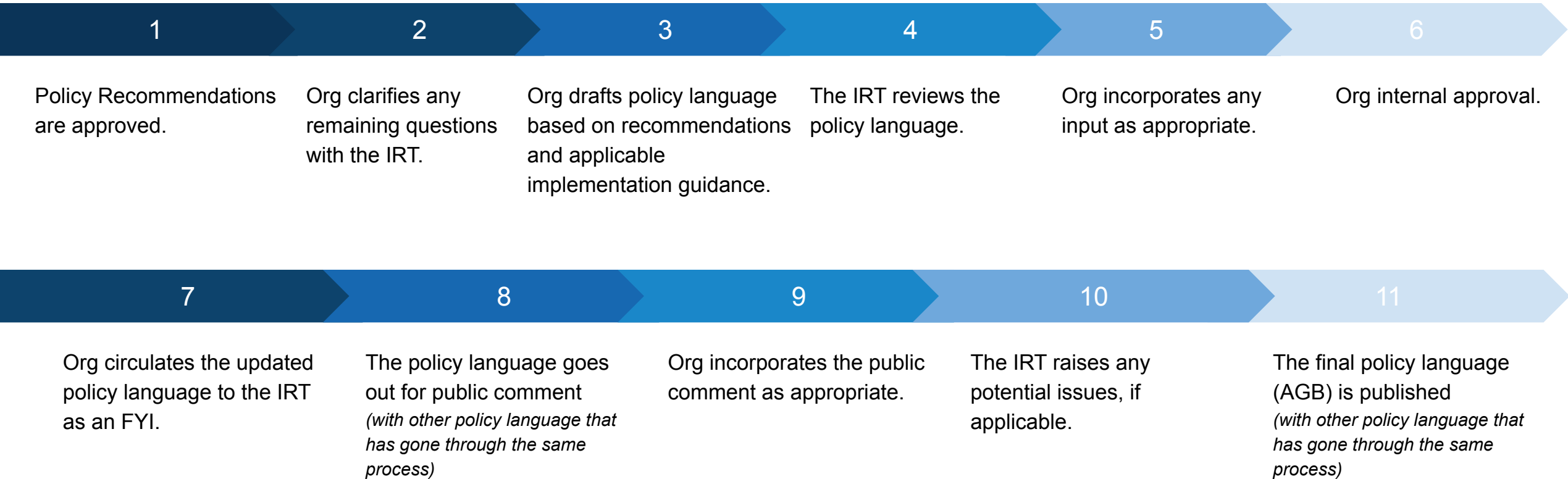
- Current thinking is to launch one large IRT with up to three sub-groups; a work plan is being drafted to be shared, at the latest, once the IRT is assembled and ODP materials are available to hit the ground running.
- Topics for implementation should be ordered in a way to minimize dependencies among the implementation streams.
- To be time-efficient, ICANN org proposes to streamline collaboration with the IRT, without compromising processes from [CPIF](#) and [IRT Handbook](#) (see slide 12).
- **Suggestion:** Using a statement of participation, similar to what the [EPDP Phase 1 used](#) in 2018.
- **Suggestion:** IRT works in sub-groups to tackle areas that require most community collaboration (see slide 11).
- **Thinking about how to help with timing:** GNSO Council could consider pilot of a representative & open model for the SubPro IRT.

Possible Topic Areas for the IRT to tackle via Sub-Groups

While ICANN org is responsible to draft policy language, as detailed on previous slides, org proposes that the IRT (and its Sub-Groups) collaborates actively on developing such language on community-facing programs and processes, including, but not limited to:

- SPIRT composition, work methodology, and roles and responsibilities,
- Applicant Support Program- once the GGP is wrapped up
- SLAs for metrics and monitoring.

Efficiency-oriented implementation process



AOB

Agenda Item #3

ODP Community Consultation

ODP Process Paper

“ICANN org will conduct a community consultation on the functionality of the ODP after a minimum of two ODPs have concluded...”

Consultation will consist of a survey to gather feedback and input on the process of the ODP. Survey will be open to all stakeholders in the ICANN community.

Topics to be explored include, but are not limited to:

- Scoping of the ODP
- Content and utility of the ODA
- Interactions with GNSO Council and Liaison

Timeline

March - April 2023	April - May 2023	May - June 2023	June - July 2023	July - August 2023	October 2023	ICANN78
Initial Research Phase	Survey Development and Testing	Data Collection	Data Analysis	Report Writing	Draft Report for Public Comment	Community Presentation of Final Report

Annex

Roles and Responsibilities during Policy Implementation

- **GNSO Council**

- Is “responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to [gTLDs].”
- “Once policies are adopted by the Board, [it] serves as a resource for staff who have questions about the background or intent of the policy recommendations during its implementation.”
- “[M]ay continue to provide input on the implementation of a policy, for example, if [it] believes that the implementation is inconsistent with the policy.”

- **ICANN org**

- Is responsible for implementing “community’s recommendations at the direction of the Board and under the supervision of the CEO.” This consists of various activities:
 - Managing the implementation lifecycle from creating an implementation plan,
 - Engaging with the IRT
 - Consulting with relevant ICANN org staff and outside parties as required,
 - Conducting outreach surrounding implementation.

Roles and Responsibilities during Policy Implementation

- **IRT**

- “[W]ill serve as a resource to implementation staff on policy and technical questions”.
- “[W]ill typically consist of, but will not be limited to, volunteers who were also involved in the development of the policy recommendations” and “[w]here relevant, [...] technical or subject-matter experts and contracted parties who can assist staff in the planning for the technical implementation of a policy change.”
- “[Will] return to the GNSO Council for additional guidance as required.”
- “[I]s not a forum for opening or revisiting policy discussions.”

- **GNSO Council Liaison**

- Designated by the GNSO Council.
- Ensures “a direct link to the GNSO Council if/when needed”.
- Supports the org’s efforts to resolve disagreements, and “make an assessment as to the level of consensus within the IRT on whether to raise the issue with the GNSO Council for consideration”.
- Org will consult with the Council Liaison in case there is a timing concern, need for further guidance, or a misalignment between org and the IRT regarding the implementation work and methodology.

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Open GNSO Forum /

Town Hall

Strategic Priorities for Your Input

Develop & implement improvements that ensure that policy recommendations are “Board ready”

Ensure timely input into the Board’s consideration of the SubPro ODP and keep a close eye on dependencies that are within the Council’s remit to address

Engage in conversations with ICANN Board & GNSO community concerning how ODP input and assessment can be developed prior to GNSO Council consideration of policy recommendations

Consider how to create further transparency in small team deliberations

Consider how to ensure enhanced uptake & use of the techniques of the Consensus Playbook with a specific focus on scoping and chartering

Exploring incentives for compromising and promoting opportunities for mutual gain

Additional Questions

SubPro

Assuming the next round of New gTLDs is a priority for you or your group, what do you believe are the most important factors in ensuring a transparent and effective implementation of the SubPro recommendations?

WDS

The Board has asked the GNSO Council to work on establishing success criteria for the Whois Disclosure System, which should include analysis of relevant usage data. What do you believe are relevant success criteria?