

**Project Information**

- Initiated by the GNSO Council on [date]
- Working Group Co-Chairs: Chuck Gomes & J. Scott Evans  
Working Group Vice-Chairs: Michael Graham & Olevie Kouami
- Working Group Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/display/PIWG>
- Working Group Charter
- Working Group Members:

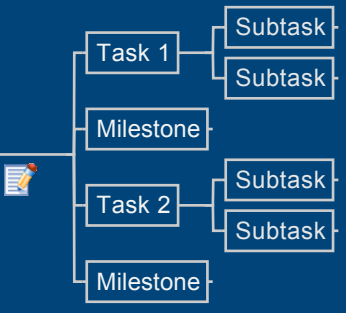
**Charter Questions**

1. A set of principles that would underpin any GNSO policy and implementation related discussions, taking into account existing GNSO Operating Procedures
2. A process for developing gTLD policy, perhaps in the form of "Policy Guidance", including criteria for when it would be appropriate to use such a process (for developing policy other than "Consensus Policy") instead of a GNSO Policy Development Process
3. A framework for implementation related discussions associated with GNSO Policy Recommendations
4. Criteria to be used to determine when an action should be addressed by a policy process and when it should be considered implementation
5. Further guidance on how GNSO Implementation Review Teams, as defined in the PDP Manual, are expected to function and operate.

**Basic Requirements**

- Gain better understanding of policy & implementation principles outside of ICANN Framework. See for example: [http://futuresgroup.com/files/publications/Taking\\_the\\_Pulse\\_of\\_Policy.pdf](http://futuresgroup.com/files/publications/Taking_the_Pulse_of_Policy.pdf)
  - Consider inviting third party to present on policy & implementation principles outside of ICANN Framework
- Take into account projects running concurrently that may relate to WG discussions / topics under consideration
  - GNSO PDP Improvements Staff Paper
  - ATRT2 Independent Expert
  - Metrics & Reporting WG
  - Multistakeholder Innovation Strategy Panel
- Understand GNSO Policy Development Process and current approaches towards implementation
  - Required Materials: GNSO PDP Manual, Annex A of the ICANN Bylaws, Staff Discussion Paper on Policy vs. Implementation

**Planned Timeline**



**WG Tasks**

- Develop a projected work schedule that contains:
  - a. Frequency and scheduling of meetings
  - b. Estimated time targets for each deliverable
- Reach out at the beginning of the process to the different GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies as well as other ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees to obtain input on:
  - a) The charter questions outlined above;
  - b) Lessons learned from previous implementation efforts;
  - c) How ICANN Core Values relate to policy and implementation efforts and whether the identified core values apply differently to policy development work than to implementation of policy;
  - d) Strengths and weaknesses of previous approaches to implementation of GNSO policy development;
  - e) Recommended principles about policy & implementation.
  - J. Scott to prepare first draft for outreach letter to the GAC
- Review a sampling of previous implementation efforts and create a list of lessons learned
- Identify applicable ICANN core values and
  - a. Describe how they directly or indirectly apply to policy development and/or implementation of policy
  - b. If possible, make a determination as to whether the identified core values apply differently to policy development work than to implementation of policy; e.g., do any of the core values apply only to policy development and not to implementation?
- Review previous policy development efforts and follow-on implementation work to determine whether particular approaches have resulted in better or worse outcomes historically.
- Analyze the 'Proposed Principles' contained in the Policy versus Implementation Draft Framework prepared by ICANN staff and
  - a. Prepare WG recommendations regarding the principles, i.e., revised principles
  - b. Incorporate revised principles as applicable into WG recommendations regarding policy and implementation
- Review the ICANN Bylaws, with a particular focus on the GNSO PDP, and the associated GNSO PDP Manual, to determine:
  - a. What elements of the process provide guidance regarding implementation of policies
  - b. Whether there are any gaps in the Bylaws or process that leave ambiguity regarding implementation