

Policy & Implementation

Project Information

- Initiated by the GNSO Council on 17 July 2013
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- Working Group Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/display/P1WG>
- Working Group Charter - <https://community.icann.org/x/5FV-Ag>
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Basic Requirements

- 1. Understand what the overall territory looks like and what are the major division points in policy & implementation (understand typology)
 - Understand what every step in the current policy / implementation process is - ensure everyone is using the same definitions
- 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
 - 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
 - BGRI - early involvement of GAC in the PDP
- 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
- Determine dependencies between Charter Questions / Tasks which will facilitate determining a 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.
 - Chairs to prepare first draft of outreach letter to SO/ACs
- 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

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.

Planned Timeline

