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The Future of Whois: Next Generation RDS

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-- DRAFT FOR EP-WG REVIEW --

About the EWG Process WG (EP-WG)

- ICANN Board is considering how to use the Expert Working Group (EWG) Final Report on Registration Directory Services (RDS) as input to a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) WG

- The EP-WG is a collaboration between the GNSO and the Board, formed to recommend how to best structure PDP(s) for success

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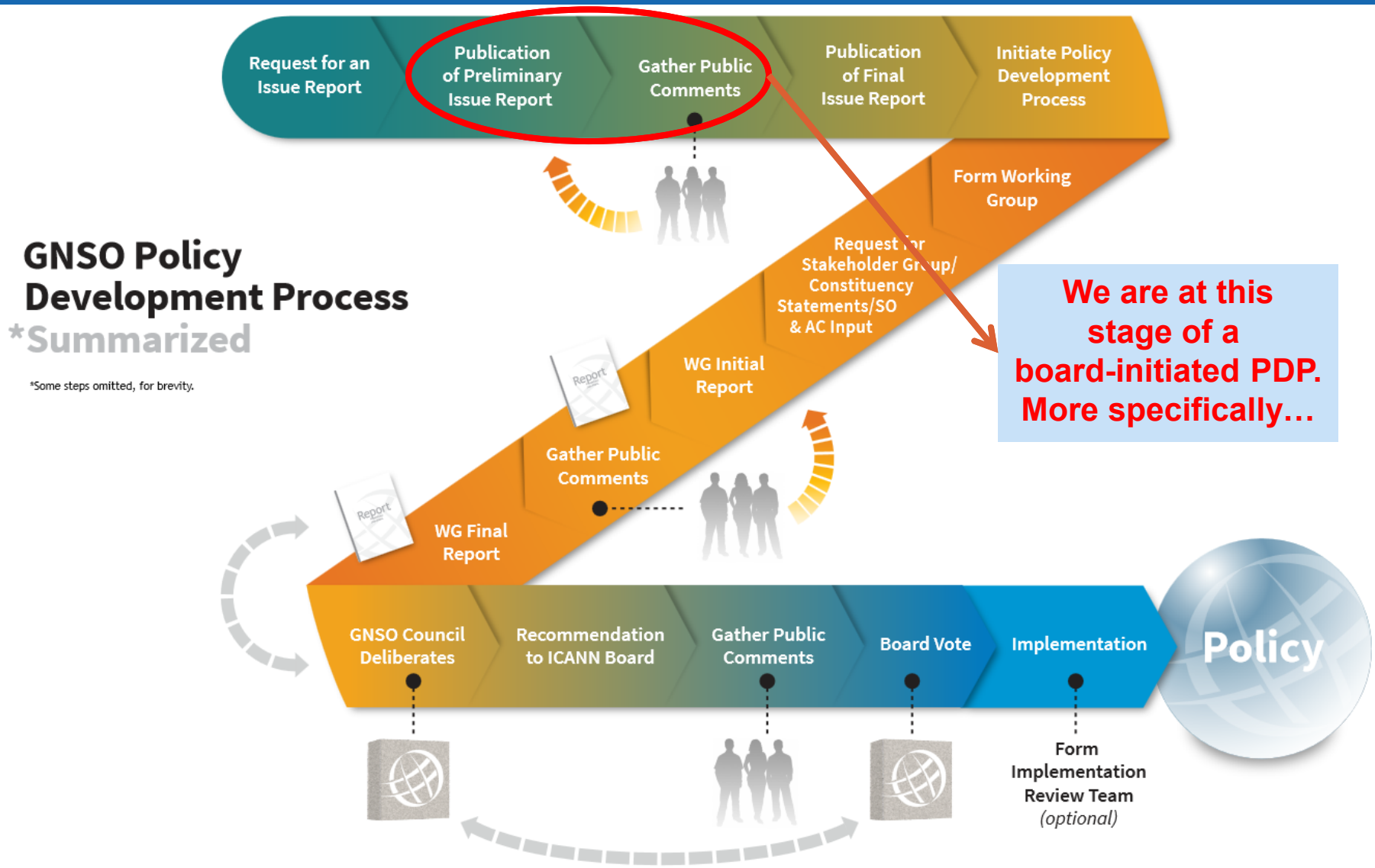


GNSO PDP Materials: http://gnso.icann.org/en/node/31379/

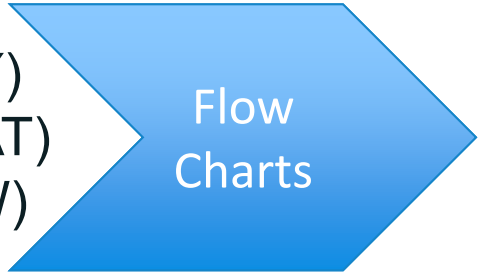
Where are we in the PDP process?

Nov 2012	Board	☒ Direct preparation of a (PDP) Issue Report
Nov 2012	Board	☒ Launch the EWG
Mar 2013	Staff	☒ PDP - Preliminary Issue Report
Mar-Apr 2013	Community	☒ Public Comment Forum (on above)
Jun 2013	EWG	☒ EWG Initial Report
Jun-Aug 2013	Community	☒ Public Comment Forum, Consultations (on above)
Nov 2013	EWG	☒ EWG Update Report
Dec-Feb 2014	Community	☒ Public Comment Forum, Consultations (on above)
Jun 2014	EWG	☒ EWG Final Report
Oct 2014- Feb 2015	EP-WG	☒ Develop Recommendations on PDP WG Process and Charter Guidance
Mar 2015	Staff	☐ New Preliminary Issue Report reflecting EP-WG output
May-Jun 2015	Community	☐ Public Comment Period on New Issue Report
July 2015	Staff	☐ Final Issue Report reflecting Public Comments
Aug-Sep 2015	GNSO Council	☐ Refine Charter for PDP Working Group
	GNSO Council	☐ Adopt Charter (start of PDP WG process)

EP-WG recommendations for RDS PDP WG

- The EP-WG recommends a 3-Phase PDP WG approach: https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/49359624/RDS-PDP-Process-v8.pdf

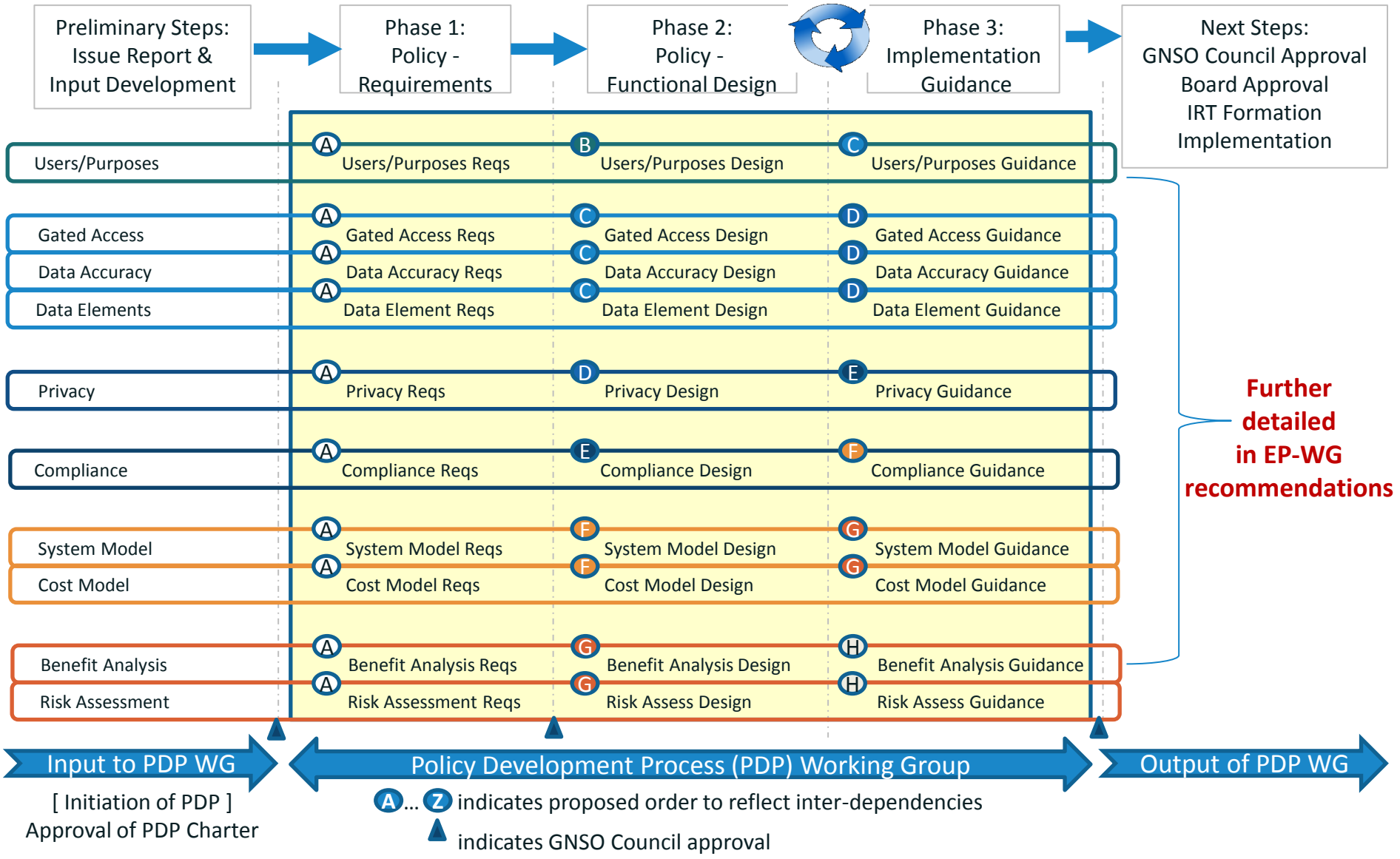
- Phases group and sequence principles in EWG's Final Report
  - Phase 1: Policy Requirements Definition (WHY)
  - Phase 2: Policy Functional Design (WHAT)
  - Phase 3: Implementation Guidance (HOW)



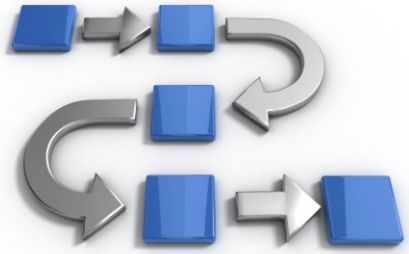
- Preliminary Steps: New Issue Report and draft PDP WG Charter; Public Comment; Final Issue Report including proposed PDP WG Charter; GNSO Council consideration; PDP WG formation.

- Post-WG Steps: GNSO Council and Board Approval; IRT Formation; Implementation informed by PDP WG guidance

Recommended 3-phase process flow



Recommended methodology and timeline



- Oversight
  - GNSO Council should **approve Phase 1 outputs** before the PDP WG proceeds to Phase 2
  - To ensure alignment with Phase 1 requirements, oversight should be provided by **GNSO PDP WG coordination team**
- Timeline
  - To foster sustained progress and timely completion, the WG should work towards a **defined timeline and targets**
  - Phases 2-3 contain opportunities for parallel progress, sequenced for **inter-dependencies**, subject to **resourcing**
- Methodology
  - In addition to regular calls, PDP WG may hold **periodic face-to-face meetings**, including subteam and plenary meetings

Next Step: Issue Report, Handoff to GNSO

- Informal community feedback on EP-WG's process recommendations welcomed at **ICANN-52 "All Things Whois"**
- At the ICANN Board's request, Staff will use EP-WG's output to draft a **new Preliminary Issue Report in March 2015**, including EP-WG's recommended process and a draft charter that will factor in this recommended process
- Formal community feedback invited on this new Preliminary Issue Report during **public comment period (April-May 2015)**
- **Final Issue Report** reflecting comments expected in July
- GNSO Council will consider Final Issue Report and proposed Charter for PDP WG, followed by formation of PDP WG

To learn more about the EP-WG and RDS

Visit the EP-WG's Public Wiki:
https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=49359349

Download EWG's Final Report:
https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=48343061

Read EWG's RDS FAQs:
https://community.icann.org/display/WG/EWG+FAQs

Watch EWG's RDS Video FAQs:
https://community.icann.org/display/WG/EWG+Multimedia+Frequently+Asked+Questions

Annex: EP-WG Flow Charts

Available for download from
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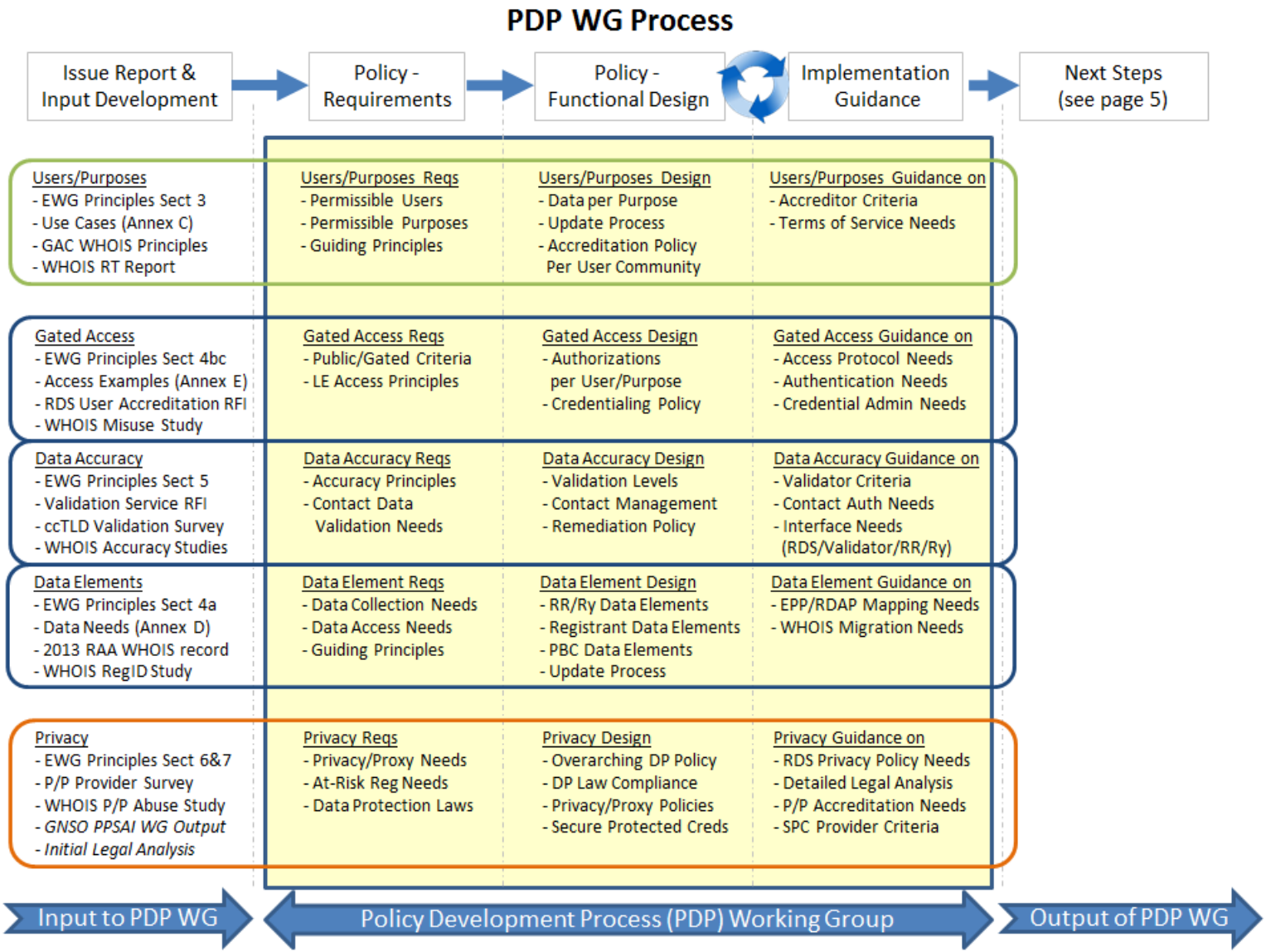
RDS PDP WG: Phased Flow Chart – Part 1 of 2



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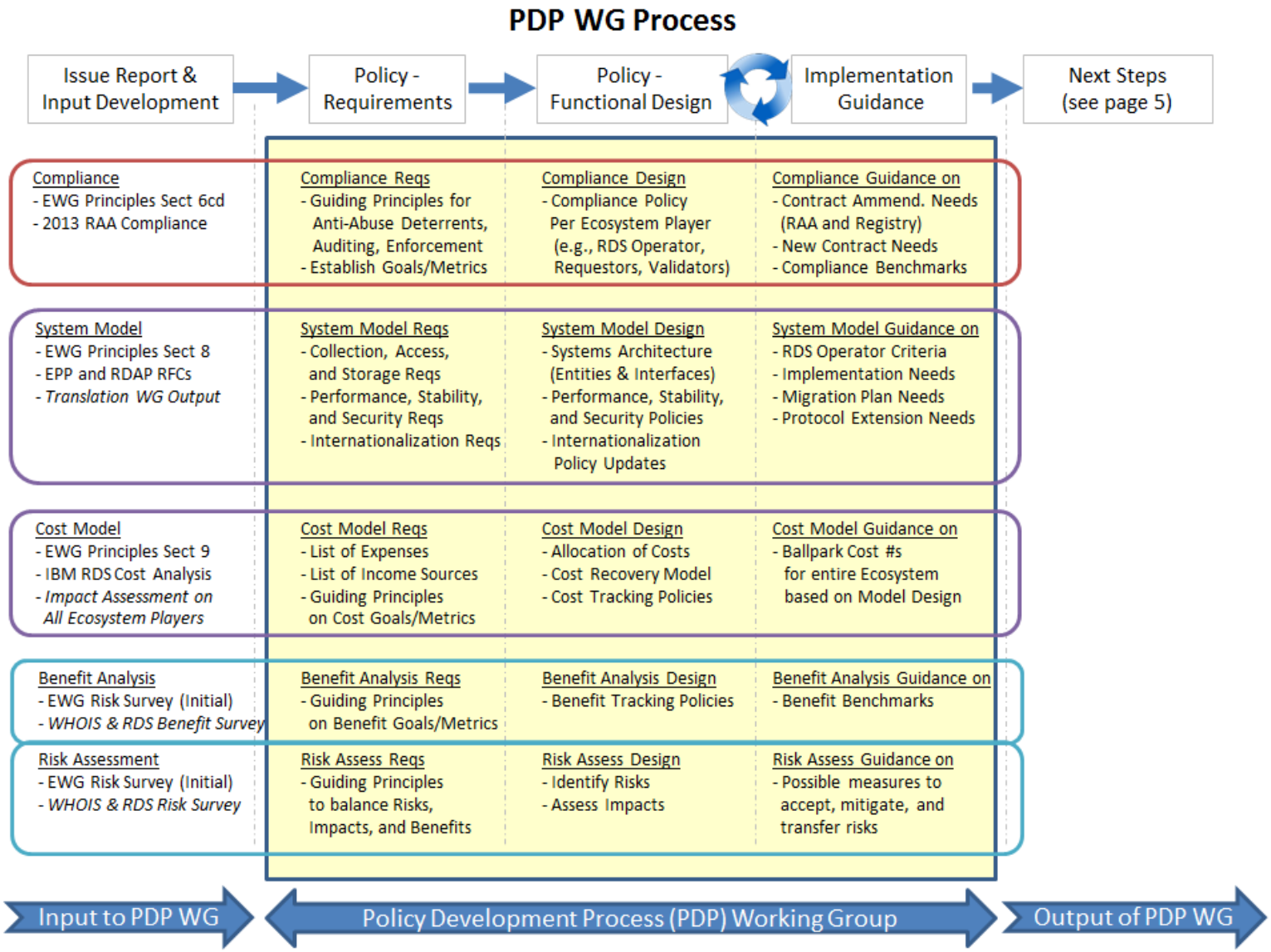
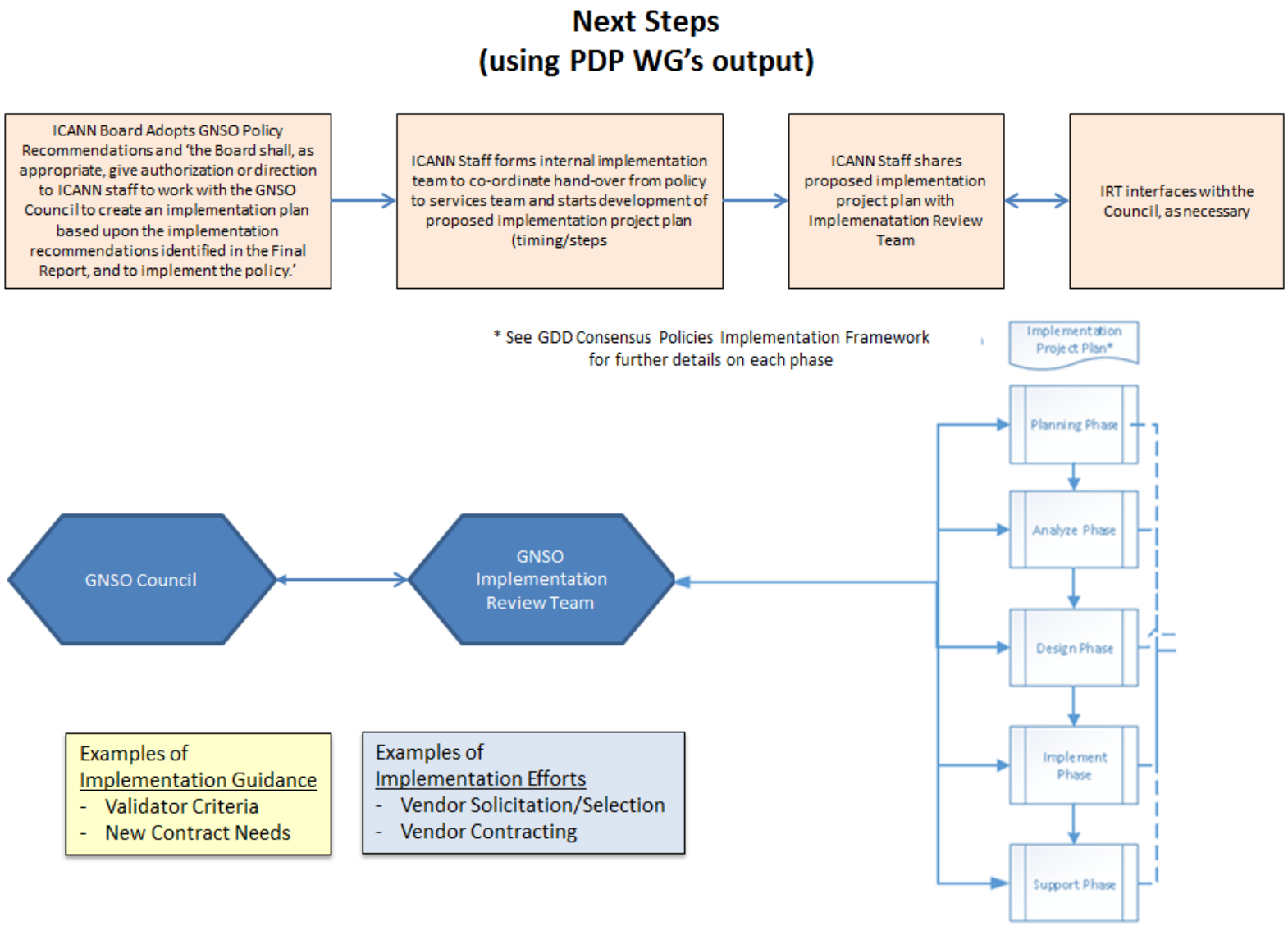
RDS PDP WG: Post-PDP WG Steps