



## Updates on the Middle East Regional Strategy and Policy Development

Webinar | 26 April 2016

# Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Speaker
09.00 – 09.02	Welcome	<b>Baher Esmat</b>   VP, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East   ICANN
09.02 – 09.17	Updates from the 2016-2019 Middle East Strategy	<b>Hamza Ben Mehrez</b>   Vice Chair, MEAC-SWG
09.17 – 09.37	Updates from the Policy Development Team	<b>Amr Elsadr</b>   Manager, Policy Development   ICANN
09.37 – 09.57	Q&A and Open Floor	Open Floor
09.57 – 10.00	Closing Remarks	<b>Baher Esmat</b>   VP, Global Stakeholder Engagement, Middle East   ICANN

# Updates from the 2016-2019 Middle East Strategy



# Mission Statement

*Attract more active and engaged participants from the MEAC region to contribute to ICANN's policy development processes and to acquire leading roles within the ICANN community*



# Strategic Focus Areas

1. Support secure, stable, and resilient DNS infrastructure in the MEAC region;
2. Promote a healthy and competitive domain name marketplace in the MEAC region; and
3. Clarify ICANN's role in an evolving Internet ecosystem through engagement with the MEAC community.

# Key Highlights of What we are Up to

1. Academic partnership in Tunisia with the Research and Educational Network (CCK)
2. Support the DNS Entrepreneurship Center (DNS-EC), and organizing joint events
3. Engagement with all stakeholder groups at events, organizing joint events, or doing webinars online
4. Capacity building in different aspects of the Internet ecosystem such technical, business, legal, and Internet Governance
5. Encouragement of L-root server instance deployments
6. Supporting the work of the Task Force on Arabic Script IDNs
7. Hold regional events, and support other events

# Academic Partnership with CCK

- Al-Khawarizmi Center for Computing
- Partnership that started in October 2016
- Objective is to deliver ½ day workshops once every two months at a university in Tunisia
- Workshops utilize ICANN community members based in Tunisia to deliver the different sessions
- Topics include ICANN and the IANA Functions, the Domain Name System, DNSSEC, IP addresses (v4 and v6), and Internet Governance



# Workshop Details

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4
26 October 2016	14 December 2016	8 March 2017	19 April 2017
University of Tunis-EL-Manar	University of Manouba	Elmouradi Palace Hotel, Sousse	University of Gabes
121 Attendees	114 Attendees	100+	100+
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tijani Ben Jemma</li> <li>* Chams Riahi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Wafa Dahmani</li> <li>* Chams Riahi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Adiel Akplogan</li> <li>* ATI and ISPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Tijani Ben Jemaa</li> <li>* Chamseddine Riahi</li> </ul>
Computer Science & Engineering Students	Computer Science & Engineering Students	Students, ISPs, Government	Computer Science & Engineering Students

# Workshop Pictures



# DNS Entrepreneurship Center

1. DNS Operations Workshop at Ein Shams University – July 2016
2. Creating an online space for ccTLDs to share their experiences – September 2016
3. Partnership with IBM – October 2016
4. SWAT Workshop in Botswana – December 2016
5. Workshop in Benin – December 2016
6. DNS Operations and DNSSEC Workshop at:
  1. The Information Technology Institute (ITI) – February 2017
  2. Nile University – February 2017
  3. Egyptian Universities Network – February 2017
7. Workshop at Zuweil University – April 2017



# Capacity Building Initiatives

1. Partnership with the Middle East Network Operators Group (MENOG) roadshows on DNS related training workshops
2. DNS Operations and DNSSEC Workshop
  - Ein Shams University | July 2016
  - MENOG 17 | April 2017 (MENOG Annual Event)
  - Saudi Arabia | May 2017 (MENOG Roadshow)
  - United Arab Emirates | May 2017
  - Algeria | July 2017 (In partnership with ASREN)
3. DNSSEC Roundtables (UAE in February 2017, KSA in May 2017 [MENOG Roadshow])
4. DNS Abuse and Misuse Workshops (UAE, Qatar, and Lebanon)
5. Train-the-Trainer

# Middle East DNS Forum 2017



# MEAC Strategy Online Working Space

<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=59642230>



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# Updates from the Policy Development Team

# Agenda

1

Policy  
Development at  
ICANN

2

Overview of the  
GNSO Structure &  
Purpose

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Overview of the  
GNSO Policy  
Development  
Process (PDP)

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Ongoing GNSO  
PDPs

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Participation in the  
GNSO

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Online Resources



# Policy Development at ICANN

## Multistakeholder Policy Development

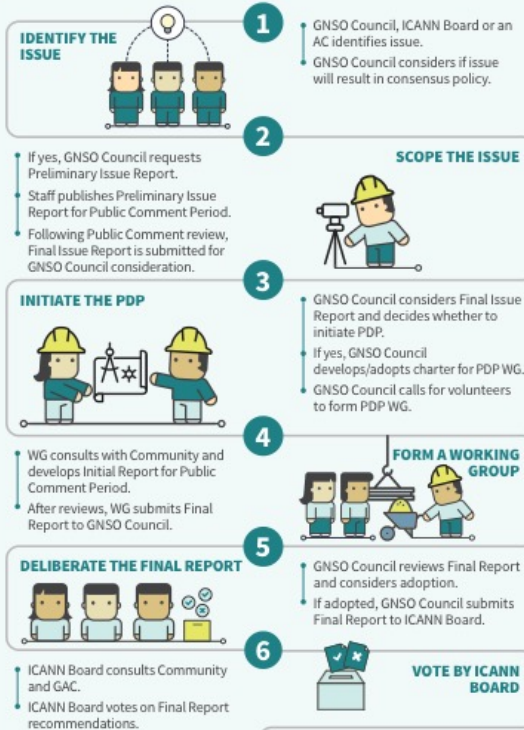
The ICANN Policy Development Support Team facilitates bottom-up, consensus-driven processes for global gTLD, ccTLD and IP address policies.



### Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

GNSO Council is composed of 21 members — divided into 2 houses (contracted and non-contracted parties) — who work on generic top-level domain name (gTLD) policies (e.g., .com, new gTLDs).

#### GNSO Policy Development Process



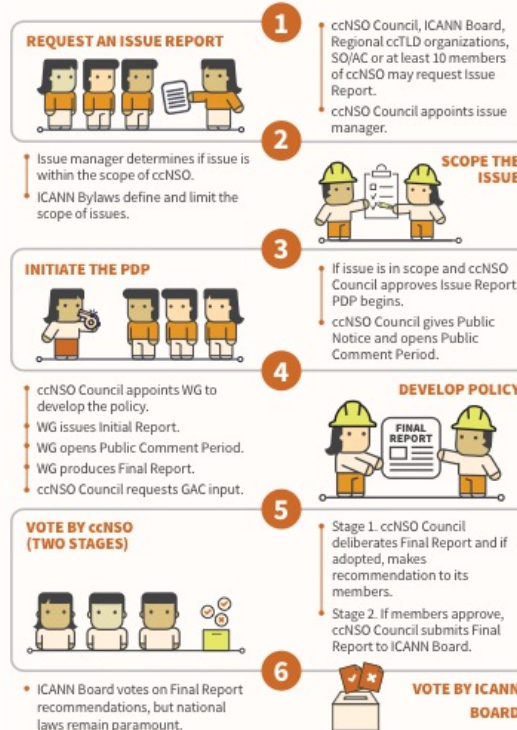
Learn more about the GNSO  
[gns0.icann.org](https://gns0.icann.org)

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Generic Names Supporting Organization

### Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO)

The ccNSO (Council and members) works on global policies relating to country code top-level domain name (ccTLD) policies (e.g., .br, .uk).

#### ccNSO Policy Development Process



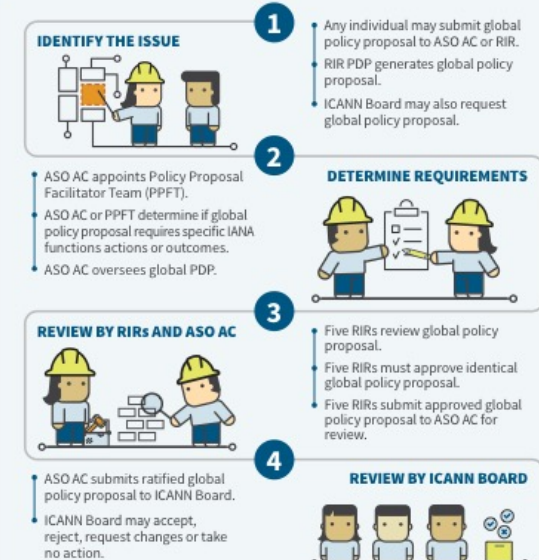
Learn more about the ccNSO  
[ccnso.icann.org](https://ccnso.icann.org)

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### Address Supporting Organization (ASO)

ASO Address Council (AC) is composed of 15 volunteers — 3 from each of the Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)\* — who work on global Internet Protocol (IP) Address Policy.

#### ASO Global Policy Development Process



\*Regional Internet Registries (RIRs)

AFRINIC	Africa
APNIC	Asia and Pacific region
ARIN	Canada, parts of the Caribbean and North Atlantic islands, and the U.S.
LACNIC	Latin America and parts of the Caribbean
RIPE NCC	Europe, the Middle East and parts of Central Asia

Learn more about the ASO  
[aso.icann.org](https://aso.icann.org)

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Address Supporting Organization

GAC Governmental Advisory Committee | PDP Policy Development Process | SO/AC Supporting Organizations/Advisory Committees | WG Working Group

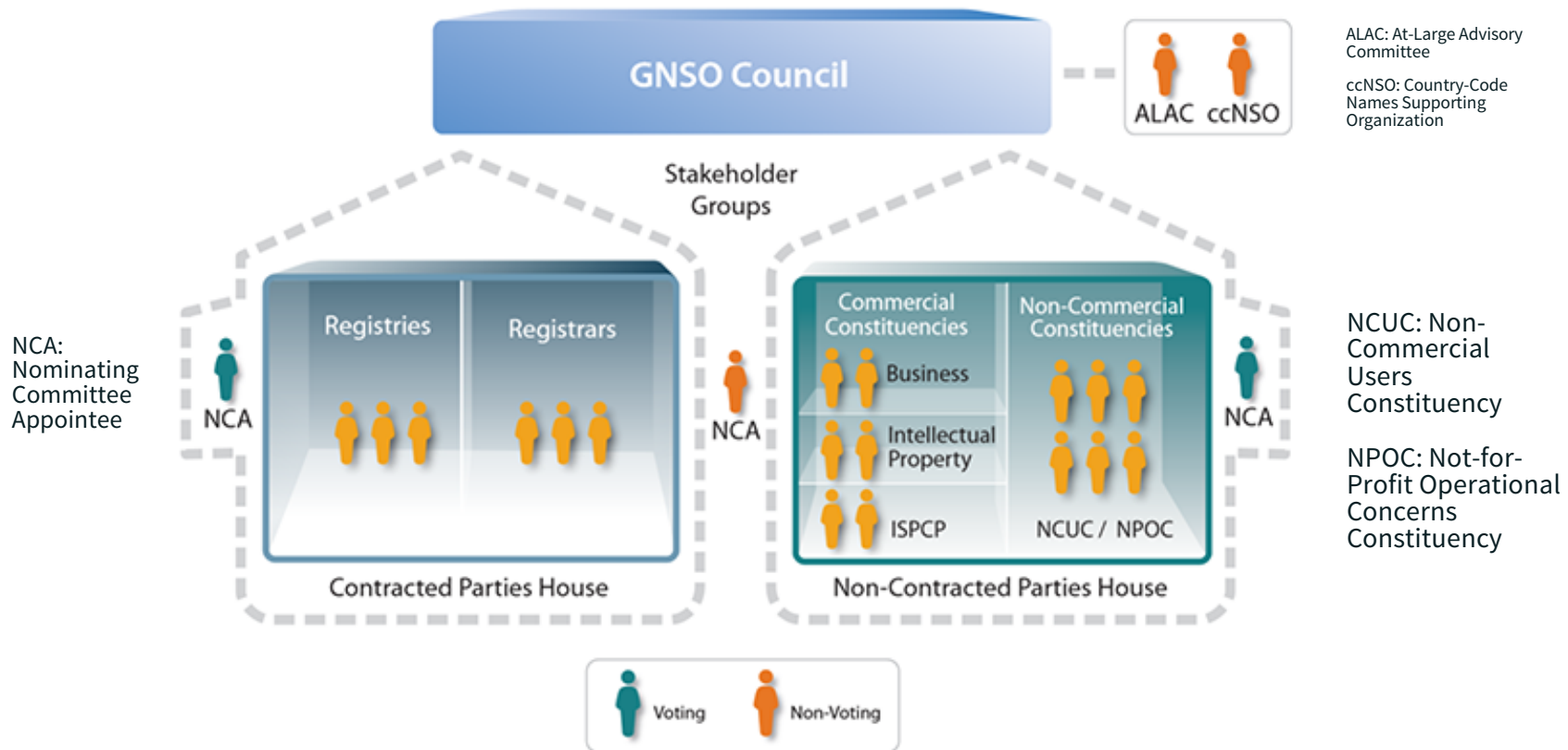
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# GNSO Structure and Mission

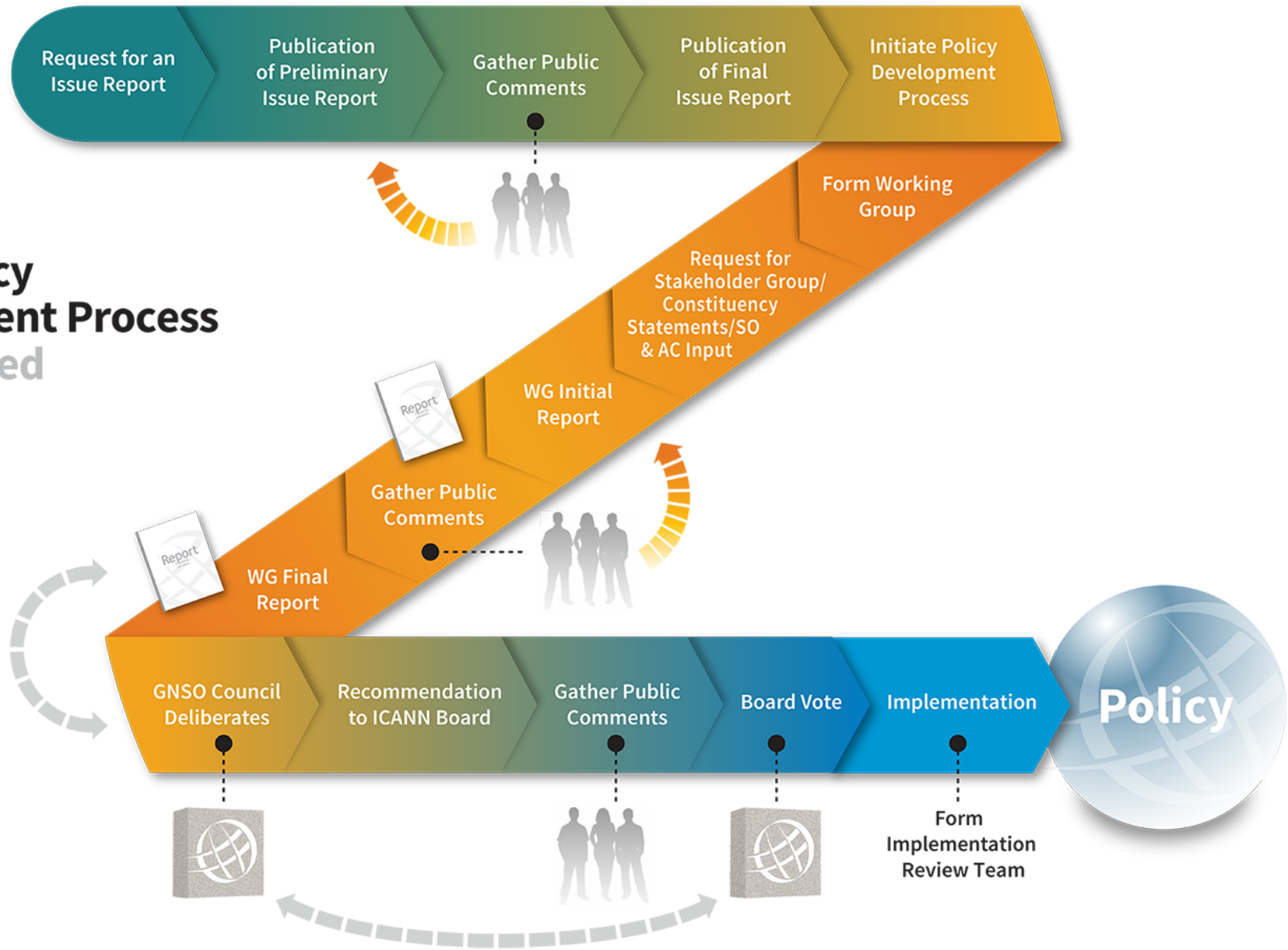


- The GNSO is responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains (gTLDs)
- The GNSO is a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community Administration

# GNSO Policy Development Process

## GNSO Policy Development Process \*Summarized

\*Some steps omitted, for brevity.



# Ongoing GNSO PDPs

- Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services (RDS) to replace WHOIS  
<https://community.icann.org/x/rjJ-Ag>
- International Governmental Organization (IGO)– International Non-governmental Organization (INGO) Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms  
<https://community.icann.org/x/37rhAg>
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures <https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw>
- Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs  
<https://community.icann.org/x/wCWAaw>

# Participation in the GNSO

- Make a public comment
- Volunteer for a Working Group
- Follow mailing lists
- Attend a meeting
- Form a new constituency

For detailed information on participation in the GNSO:  
<https://gns0.icann.org/en/about/participation.htm>

# Online Resources

- GNSO Website: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/>
- GNSO Policy Development: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/basics/consensus-policy>
- GNSO Quick Info:  
<https://gns0.icann.org/sites/gns0.icann.org/files/gns0/presentations/policy-efforts.htm>
- GNSO News Flash: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/news/news-flash>
- ICANN Newsletters and News Alerts:  
<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/signup-2012-02-25-en>
- ICANN Regional Mailing Lists: <http://info.icann.org/LP---Regional-Newsletter.html>



# Open Floor and Q&A

# Questions?!



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