



# GNSO Review Update

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# Agenda 1 Slide

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Organizational  
Effectiveness  
Committee briefing  
on 28 Sept

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Revised Schedule

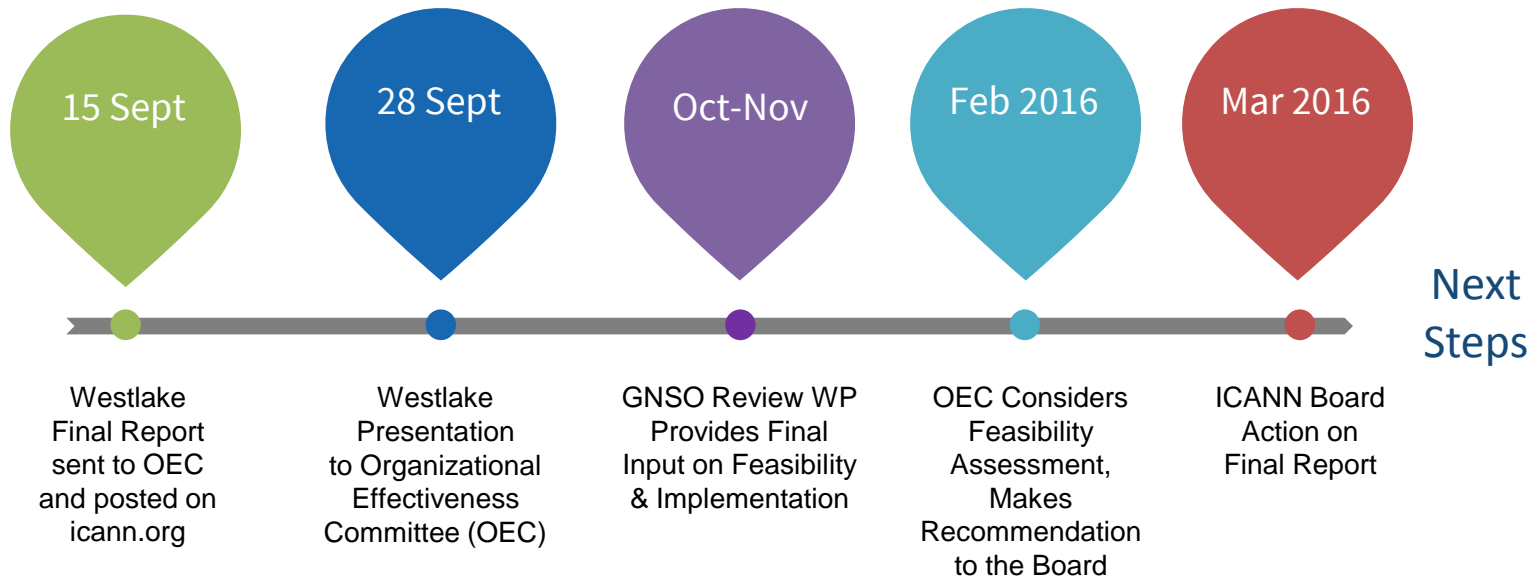
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Feasibility  
Assessment

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Responding to  
Questions Raised on  
Methodology & Scope

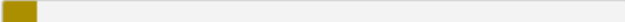
# GNSO Review Timeline – Updated October 2015



## Update:

In light of the work that the GNSO Review Working Party is undertaking to provide feedback to OEC on feasibility of implementation of all recommendations and specific feedback on Recommendation 23, OEC postponed consideration of feasibility and recommendation to the Board until the meeting following ICANN54.

## Recommendation 1

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That the GNSO develop and monitor metrics to evaluate the ongoing effectiveness of current outreach strategies and pilot programmes with regard to GNSO Working Groups (WGs).

### 2. Ease of implementation of this recommendation is likely to be:

- Easy
- Medium
- Hard
- No opinion

### 3. The cost of implementing this recommendation is likely to be:

- Low
- Medium
- High
- No opinion

### 4. Does this recommendation align with the strategic direction of the GNSO?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

### 5. Does this recommendation depend on or impact other groups/work?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

### 6. Does the GNSO Review Working Party need additional information before it can determine recommendation?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

If yes, please indicate any additional information you think would be necessary to assist the Working Party in determining recommendation.

### 7. This recommendation should be implemented according to the following priority:

### Useful Links and Information:

For additional information, public comments received on the Draft Report as well as Working Party comments on the [wiki](#). Further, Westlake prepared [Potential Indicators of Success](#) which are grouped by theme.

- Thank you to the **9** members who completed the survey
- **13** more to go
- Survey opened on 2 October and closes at 23:59 IST today!

# GNSO Review Working Party

Liaison between GNSO,  
independent examiner  
and OEC (previously  
SIC)

Provide input on  
review criteria and  
the 360 Assessment

Serve as conduit for  
input from GNSO  
constituencies/stakehol-  
der groups, Council

Offer objective guidance  
& help to ensure the  
draft report accurately  
reflects the GNSO  
structure, scope and  
dynamics

Coordinate preparation  
of an Implementation  
Plan and champion  
implementation of  
improvement activities

Perform support  
communication/  
awareness  
activities to  
encourage  
participation

More information at <https://community.icann.org/x/X5LhAg>

# Selection of Independent Examiner

- Followed ICANN procurement process
- 7 proposals were submitted
- All bids were reviewed and evaluated for all data responsive to the RFP, not just the low bid
- Price was one of many considerations. Bids received ranged from less than \$50,000 to over \$1 million, with the lowest and highest representing significant outliers.
- Westlake's bid pricing was in the median range when adjusting for the significant outliers.

# Independent Examiner Selection Criteria

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**Understanding of the assignment**

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**Flexibility, including but not limited to meeting the timeline**

2

**Knowledge and expertise**

- Demonstrated experience in conducting broadly similar examinations
- Not-for-profit experience
- Basic knowledge of ICANN
- Geographic and cultural diversity, multilingualism, gender balance
- Suitability of proposed CVs

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**Reference checks**

3

**Proposed methodology**

- Work organization, project management approach, timelines
- Suitability of tools and methods or work
- Clarity of deliverables

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**Financial value**

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**No Conflict of Interest**

ICANN's [Bylaws](#) require that its structures, including the GNSO, be reviewed on a 5 year cycle

- [Article IV: Accountability and Review](#), Section 4.1 references that “The Board shall cause a periodic review of the performance and operation of each Supporting Organization, each Supporting Organization Council ... by an entity or entities **independent** of the organization under review.”



# Review Methodology, continued

- OEC Chair presented plans for Review, including scope of work and methodology to be used by the Independent Examiner during planning, before Examiner had been engaged
- New approach piloted with this Review, as part of continuous improvement process
  - Formation of Review Working Party for ongoing and structured input into the process and the outcome of Review
  - 360-style survey, inviting feedback from a diverse group of people

# Scope of Work

- Focus on organizational effectiveness, including operations of Working Groups, GNSO Council and GNSO Stakeholder Groups/Constituencies
- Assessment of effectiveness of structural changes that resulted from the last review, as it relates to the organizational effectiveness of the GNSO. Structural topics were anticipated to come up as part of this work
- Whether structural changes are needed and when such changes should be considered would be topics for discussion after the GNSO review is finalized, possibly during the implementation planning

# Scope of Work, continued

- 3 Board-approved recommendations from the prior Review (referenced by Westlake as BGC Recommendations 14, 15, and 16) focused on allocation of Council seats to Stakeholder Groups, and encouraging formation of more constituencies. Westlake's recommendation 23 relates directly to these prior review recommendations.

# GNSO Review by the Numbers

**21** GNSO Review  
Working Party  
Meetings

**23** Public sessions  
@ ICANN meetings

**178** Completed 360  
Survey;  
**40** one-on-one  
Interviews\*

\*Compared to an average of 71  
surveys and 60 interviews for prior  
Organizational Reviews

**1,300+** Unique  
page views to Wiki,  
Announcements  
and Blogs

**7** Webinars, Blogs  
& Videos

Public Comments  
from **12**  
Organizations & **3**  
Individuals

# Surveys and Interviews

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	Survey Responses	Interviews
Group	Percent	Percent
ALAC	7.8%	5.0%
ASO	1.0%	7.5%
Board	4.4%	7.5%
ccNSO	2.9%	0.0%
Fellowship	3.4%	0.0%
GAC	3.4%	0.0%
GNSO	50.5%	47.5%
RSSAC	0.0%	0.0%
SSAC	2.5%	2.5%
Staff	9.8%	20.0%
None	14.2%	0.0%
Anonymous	0.0%	10.0%

# Useful Links and Q&A



## Thank You and Questions



[GNSO Review Working Party Home Page](#)



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[Final Report of Independent Examiner](#)



[GNSO Review Working Party Activities, Milestones and Statistics](#)



[Summary and Resolution of Working Party Comments](#)