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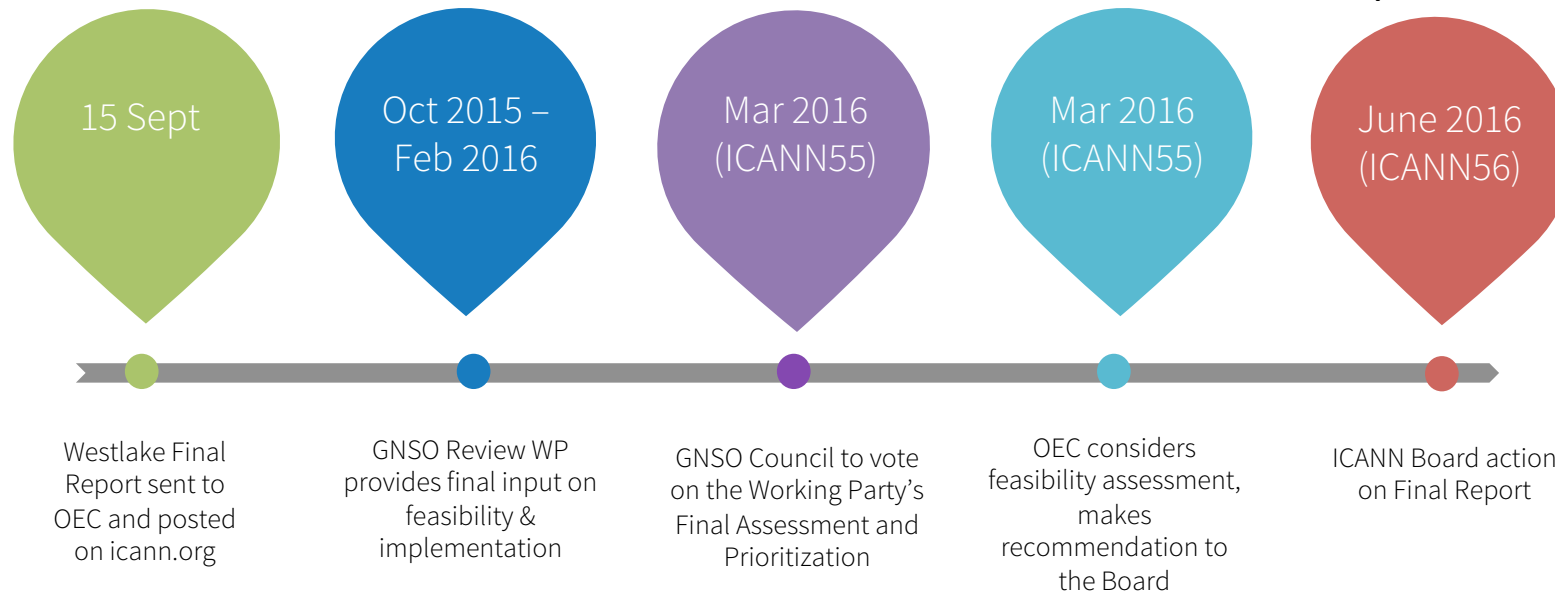


# GNSO Review: Update on Working Party Activities and Expected Next Steps

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# GNSO Review Update

Updated March 2016



## Update:

- GNSO Review Working Party to completed its assessment and prioritization of 36 Recommendations in February 2016 and submitted its report to the GNSO Council.

# Assessment of Review Process and Recommendations for Improvements

- Working Party to develop suggestions for framing and measuring outcomes from recommendations
- Working Party's role in developing implementation plans and benchmarks
- Complete assessment of the Review process, including performance of:
  - Independent examiner
  - Effectiveness of the Working Party model
  - Efficiency of the Review process
  - ICANN Staff
- Questions for Council:
  1. Should the Working Party conduct a self-review and supplement the Independent Examiner's recommendations?-- OR --
  2. Should the work conclude with the presentation of the Executive Summary and allow a follow-on group to form to work toward implementation?

# Feasibility Assessment & Prioritization

GNSO Review Working Party evaluated and prioritized 36 recommendations issued by the independent examiner:

- ✓ Ease or difficulty of implementation,
- ✓ Cost of implementation,
- ✓ Alignment with the strategic plan of the GNSO
- ✓ Impact on existing or other work

Process  
Improvement

Category	Priority			Total	
	High	Medium	Low		
Agreed	3	7	3	13	36%
Work already underway	4	7	3	14	39%
Agreed with modifications	0	3	3	6	17%
Did not agree	0	0	3	3	8%
	7	17	12	36	100%
	19%	47%	33%	100%	

# GNSO Review – “Do Not Implement”

The GNSO Review Working Party proposes that Recommendations 21, 23 and 32 not be implemented

Rec	Independent Examiner's Final Recommendation	Comments & Notes from GNSO Review Working Party
21	That the GNSO Council should regularly undertake or commission analysis of trends in gTLDs in order to forecast likely requirements for policy and to ensure those affected are well-represented in the policy-making process.	This recommendation is not well phrased and does not compare to what is in the Final Report; additionally, the GNSO Review Working Party does not feel that it is appropriate to implement the recommendation at this time.
23	In order to support ICANN's multi-stakeholder model, all Cs should have seats on the GNSO Council, allocated equally (as far as numerically practicable) by their SGs.	
32	That ICANN define “cultural diversity” (possibly by using birth language); and regularly publish this along with geographic, gender and age group metrics, at least for the GNSO Council, SGs, Cs and WGs.	Do not implement - too broad.

# GNSO Review – “Agree with Intent but Suggest Modification”

The GNSO Review Working Party agrees with the intent of several recommendations and suggests modification to the recommendation language in the Final Report.

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3	That the GNSO Council reduce or remove cost barriers to volunteer participation in WGs.	Overlap with other rec; GNSO Council should not determine how finances are allocated to WG members; what are cost barriers (time and costs?); training (wiki for example); identify cost barriers.	That the GNSO Council reduce time barriers to volunteer participation and consider ways enhance participation remotely without the need for travel expenditures.
7	That Stakeholder Groups (SGs) and Constituencies (Cs) engage more deeply with community members whose first language is other than English, as a means to overcoming language barriers.	Include summaries in multiple languages; combine with other similar recs; further discussions with reps from SGs and Cs together and see what needs are before the WP makes a recommendation.	That Stakeholder Groups (SGs) and Constituencies (Cs) strive to overcome language barriers by participating in the WG established under Recommendation 35.
20	That the GNSO Council should review annually ICANN's Strategic Objectives with a view to planning future policy development that strikes a balance between ICANN's Strategic Objectives and the GNSO resources available for policy development.	Modify rec - input from GNSO should go into the Strategic Planning process.	That the GNSO Council should participate in developing ICANN's Strategic Objectives and plan future policy development that aligns the Strategic Objectives with GNSO resources.

# GNSO Review – “Agree with Intent but Suggest Modification” (con’t)

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22	That the GNSO Council develop a competency-based framework, which its members should utilise to identify development needs and opportunities.	Reword recommendation: develop a framework to identify training needs on policy development process so that members have appropriate skills and background to participate effectively in the policy development process. This training is not intended to address technical issues.	That the GNSO Council develop a technical competency-based expectation of its members and provide training on the policy development process.
35	That the GNSO Council establish a WG, whose membership specifically reflects the demographic, cultural, gender and age diversity of the Internet as a whole, to recommend to Council ways to reduce barriers to participation in the GNSO by non-English speakers and those with limited command of English.	Agree with the intent, but not the WG approach. The metrics used to measure diversity should be specified with more consideration to what can actually be defined and measured. <u>Chuck</u> : What is wrong with the WG approach? What would be an alternative way of fulfilling the intent of this recommendation?	That the GNSO Council establish a WG to recommend ways to reduce barriers to participation by non-English speakers and those with limited command of English. To the extent practicable, the members of the WG should be diverse and reflect demographic, cultural, gender and age diversity.
36	That, when approving the formation of a PDP WG, the GNSO Council require that its membership represent as far as reasonably practicable the geographic, cultural and gender diversity of the Internet as a whole. Additionally, that when approving GNSO Policy, the ICANN Board explicitly satisfy itself that the GNSO Council undertook these actions when approving the formation of a PDP WG.	Reword recommendation so that it corresponds to the process that Council goes through in terms of approving a PDP, forming a working group, etc. and that Council review accomplishment toward achieving diversity and proper representation of all stakeholders; begin data collection as soon as possible. The metrics used to measure diversity should be specified with more consideration to what can actually be defined and measured.	That, when approving the formation of a PDP WG, the GNSO Council strive for its membership to be diverse and reflect demographic, cultural, gender and age diversity. When approving GNSO Policy, the Board should take into consideration if reasonable measures were taken to achieve such diversity.



# Next Steps

- ⦿ GNSO Council action – April?
- ⦿ Definition of successful outcome by recommendation (GNSO Review Working Party and Staff)
- ⦿ Comprehensive report provided to the OEC - April-May?
- ⦿ Assessment of Review process and recommendations for improvements – April?
- ⦿ OEC consideration – May?
- ⦿ Board Action – June?

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**Thank You!**