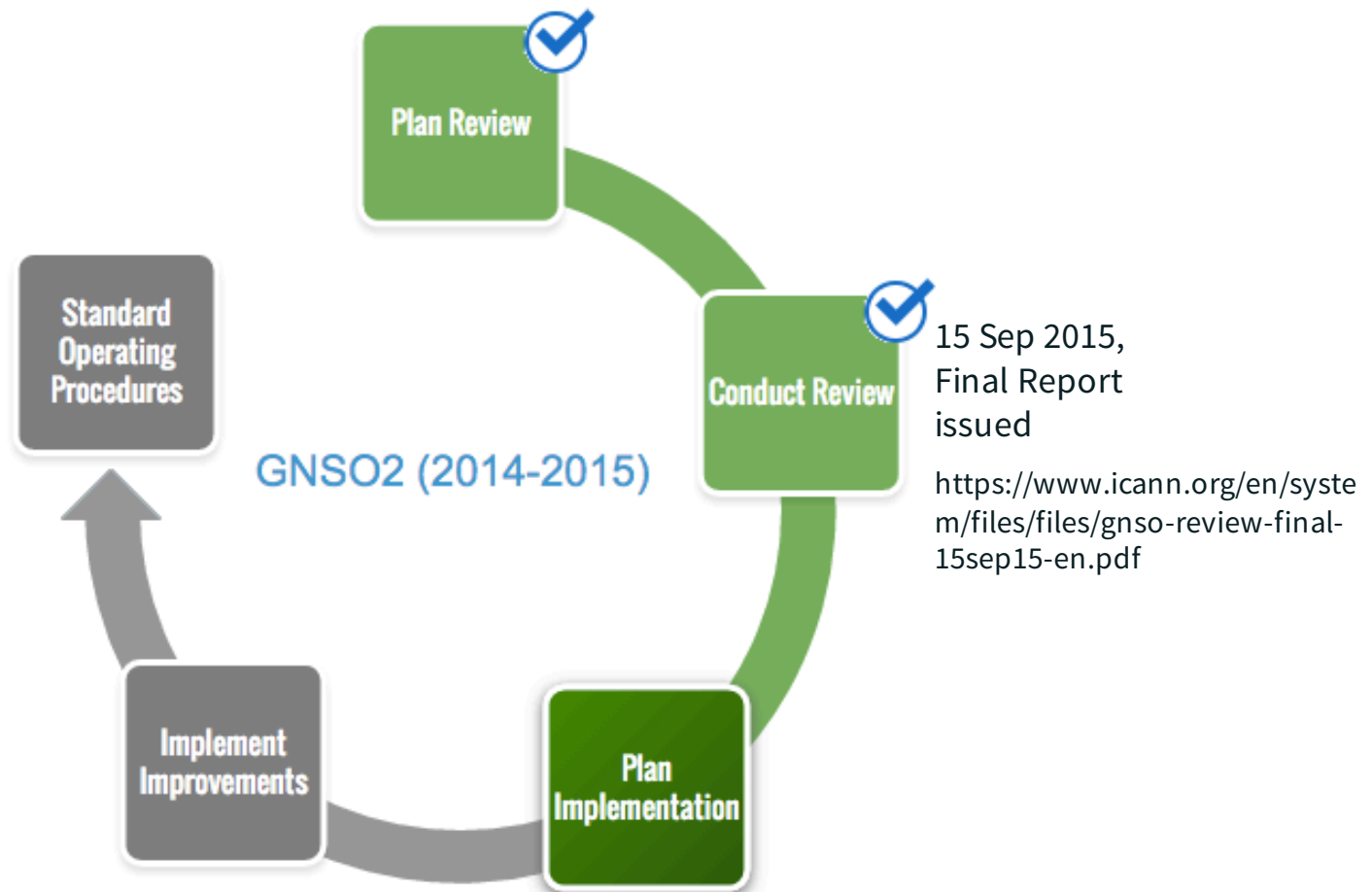# Overview of GNSO Review

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GNSO Review - Background

- The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) develops and recommends subtantive policies relating to generic top-level domains (gTLDs) to the ICANN Board.
  - E.g., Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)

- GNSO Organizational Review examines the GNSO's organizational effectiveness.

- 1st GNSO Review : 2008 to 2012.

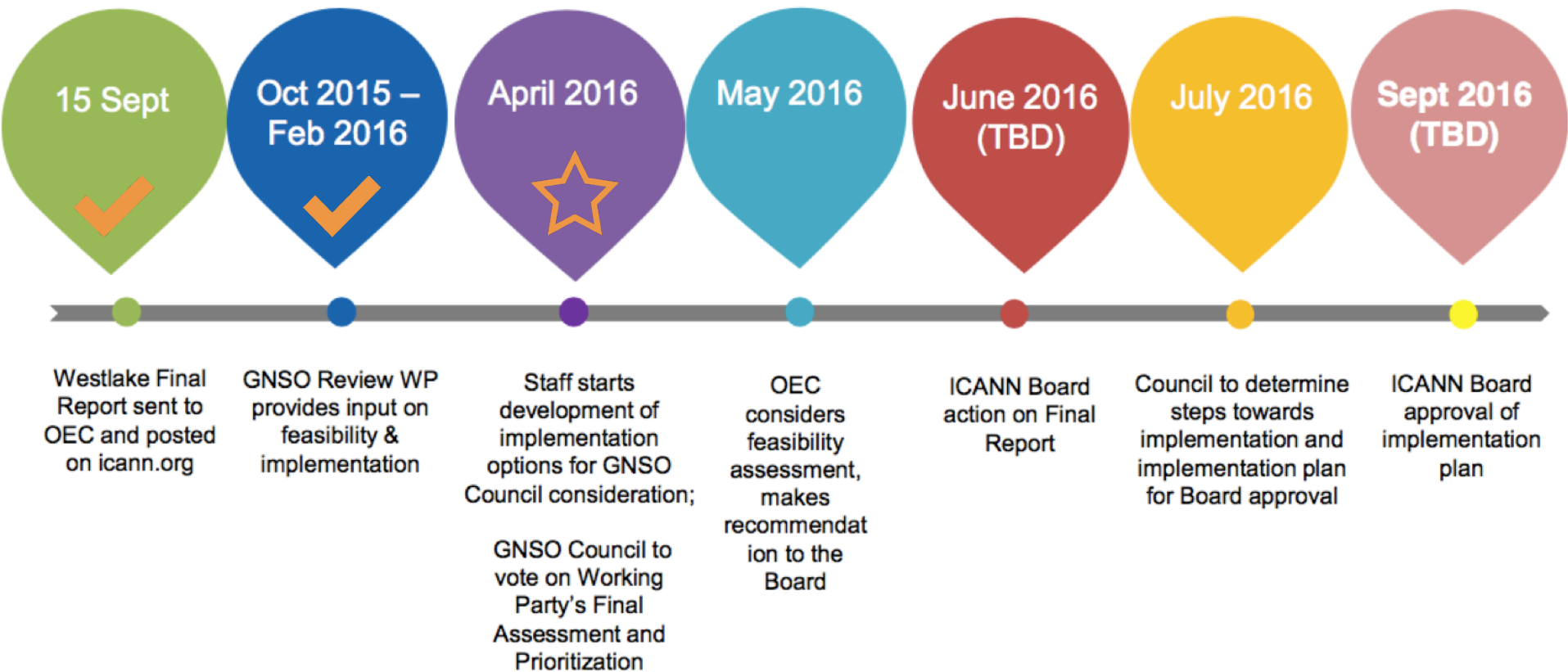- 2nd GNSO Review (current) : 2014 to 2017.

GNSO Review Report – Where we are now

GNSO2 (2014-2015)

Plan Review

Conduct Review

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APAC Space Comments on GNSO Review draft Report

- APAC Space comments were focused on the 16 recommendations relating to Participation and Representation in GNSO.

- Suggested prioritising 3 key recommendations #32, #35, and #33

- Recommendation 32: That ICANN define "cultural diversity" and that relevant metrics (encompassing geographic, gender, age group and cultural, possibly by using birth language) be monitored and published. – GNSO Review Working Party proposed not to implement as it was too broad.
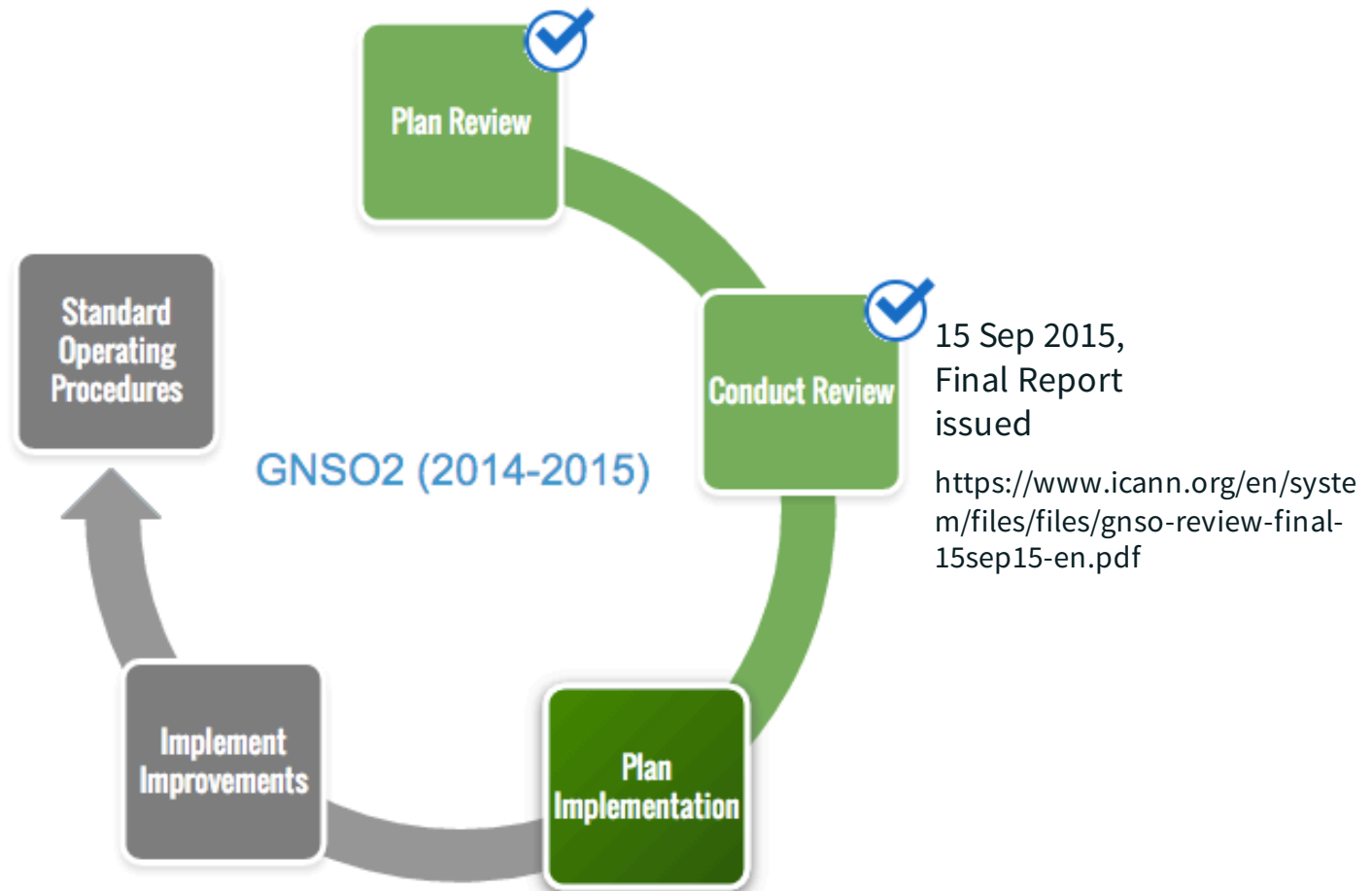
GNSO Review – Where we are now

15 Sept	Oct 2015 – Feb 2016	April 2016	May 2016	June 2016 (TBD)	July 2016	Sept 2016 (TBD)
Westlake Final Report sent to OEC and posted on icann.org	GNSO Review WP provides input on feasibility & implementation	Staff starts development of implementation options for GNSO Council consideration; GNSO Council to vote on Working Party's Final Assessment and Prioritization	OEC considers feasibility assessment, makes recommendation to the Board	ICANN Board action on Final Report	Council to determine steps towards implementation and implementation plan for Board approval	ICANN Board approval of implementation plan

Update:

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

- OEC requested rationale for recommendations where GNSO disagreed with the Independent Examiner

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Useful Information

- Basic information regarding the issue:
- https://www.icann.org/public-comments/gnso-review-draft-2015-06-01-en

- Recent discussion at the last APAC Space (ICANN55):
- https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/tue-apac-space

- APAC Space Comments on Independent Review of the GNSO Draft Report:
- https://forum.icann.org/lists/comments-gnso-review-01jun15/pdfNHIcHx273v.pdf

- APAC Community Wiki:
- https://community.icann.org/display/GSEAPAC/APAC+Webinars

Enhancing APAC Participation in GNSO Policy Development activities

⊙ **Anyone can participate** in a GNSO Working Group

⊙ You can join a Working Group as a **Member or Observer**

⊙ Participation in a GNSO Working Group remains **open throughout the lifecycle** of the project

⊙ Although attending an ICANN meeting is useful, **all Working Groups conduct their work via conference calls, mailing lists and virtual meeting rooms**

How to participate in the GNSO?

- **Contact GNSO Policy Staff or any APAC Hub staff and we will connect you!**

- **Are you receiving the APAC Newsletter? If not, write to APACHub@icann.org**

- **Browse the GNSO Briefings page:** http://gnso.icann.org/sites/gnso.icann.org/files/gnso/presentations/policy-efforts.htm#background

- **Sign up for a Working Group** that interests you: http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active

- **Learn** about the GNSO: http://learn.icann.org/courses/gnso

- **Get in touch** via Twitter: @ICANN_GNSO

Useful Links on GNSO

- **List of all GNSO Working Groups** – including PDPs (updated when specific milestones are reached, e.g. publication of a report): http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active

- **List of all GNSO projects** – including PDPs, Drafting Teams, Implementation Teams etc. (updated prior to each GNSO Council call, roughly every 3-4 weeks): http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/project

- **GNSO website** – with an "acronym helper" and "quick links" on the homepage to Briefings & Documents, the master calendar for all GNSO policy meetings, and a section for Newcomers: http://gnso.icann.org/en/
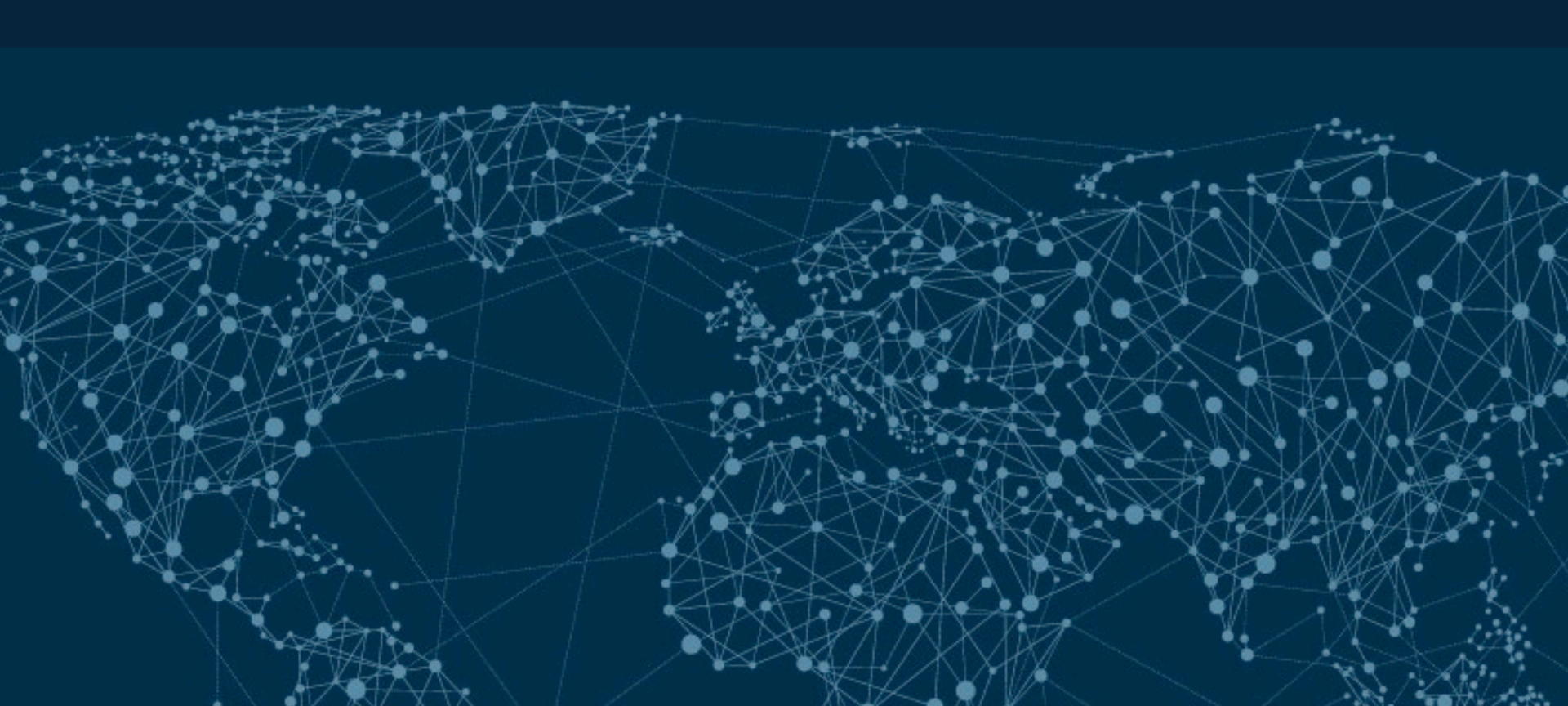
- **GNSO Council** – graphic showing the composition, structure and current members: http://gnso.icann.org/en/about/gnso-council.htm (with links to each Stakeholder Group and Constituency on the same page)

- **GNSO Operating Procedures** – covering the functions and role of the GNSO Council, Council voting and meetings, and guiding principles for GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies: http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/op-procedures-16feb16-en.pdf (last updated in February 2016)

- **GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) Manual** – covering all aspects and deliverables of a GNSO PDP: http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/annex-2-pdp-manual-16feb16-en.pdf (last updated in February 2016; note **new** and additional, related GNSO processes approved by the ICANN Board in late 2015, including an Expedited PDP - http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/annex-4-epdp-manual-16feb16-en.pdf)

- **GNSO Working Group Guidelines** – covering all aspects of a Working Group's formation, operations and consensus decision making: http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/annex-1-gnso-wg-guidelines-16feb16-en.pdf (last updated in February 2016)

- **ICANN Bylaws** – covering the GNSO and the GNSO PDP in Article X (https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en#X) and Annex A (https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/governance/bylaws-en#AnnexA)

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	Priority
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 conform 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 and would be difficult to implement. We did not believe it was in scope for the GNSO to collect and analyze trend data and would be more appropriately completed elsewhere within ICANN such as in other Reviews.	N/A - Low
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.	Recommendation language is too broad. The Working Party agrees in principle with the concept of cultural diversity in ICANN, but was concerned about the way this recommendation was made, specifically: • Cultural diversity should be defined for ICANN as a whole, not by GNSO alone • Not clear that it is feasible to reach a consensus on such a definition. May be more feasible to look for practical applications to ensure diversity and that such work may already be underway.	N/A - Low
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.	Concerns include: 1. Would not work if any SG ever has more than six constituencies. 2. Assumes all constituencies are equal with respect to mission clarity, member engagement and contributions to GNSO work. 3. Could incent groups to form constituencies simply in order to get seats on the Council. 4. Questionable rationale throughout conclusion in Final Report and this addition was made at the very end of the process without input or feedback from the Working Party.	N/A - Low

Suggestions from Dublin

1) Travel support for the participants from the under-served regions

2) Provide transcript of GNSO meetings (not translation)

3) There are many factors related to the concept of "diversity". For example, geographic cultural and gender language diversity. Could we suggest a scorecard that include these factors?

Facilitating APAC participation in GNSO PDP work (1)

Time zone considerations:

- Every Working Group member is now asked to select a preferred time zone for meetings/calls when they sign up

- Doodle scheduling polls are used frequently – the most popular time is <u>not</u> always selected as there generally tend to be more participants from the Americas and Europe

- Recent PDP Working Groups have agreed to rotate time zones for calls

- The GNSO Council rotates its monthly calls across 3 time zones

Translation of key documents in accordance with the ICANN Bylaws:

"As appropriate and to the extent provided in the ICANN budget, ICANN shall facilitate the translation of final published documents into various appropriate languages."

- GNSO Operating Procedures encourage translation of all Preliminary Issue Reports (scoping out the topic for a possible PDP) and Executive Summaries of all Working Group Initial Reports and Final Reports into the six official UN languages

- In practice, full text of some Reports are also often translated

Facilitating APAC participation in GNSO PDP work (2)

Recent rollouts of enhanced online learning opportunities:

- *GNSO Learn* modules now live on the ICANN Learn online platform
- *Webinars –*
    - *GNSO Working Group Newcomer Welcome*
    - *GNSO Communications Tools*
    - *Policy Update*
- *Background Briefing* papers (published before every ICANN meeting) and *PDP Updates* (published monthly) on the GNSO website
- *GNSO Acronym Helper* on GNSO homepage, with *Google Translate* functionality

Cross-departmental collaborations to ensure timely communication

Overall enhanced travel and outreach funding opportunities, particularly for developing countries:

- For every ICANN Meeting, all members of the GNSO Council receive travel support (including NomCom appointees - total of 21 Councilors plus the GNSO liaison to the GAC).

- In addition, each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency receives a certain number of travel slots which each allocates according to its own rules.

- This does not include funding that may go to GNSO members outside the Council/GNSO allocations, e.g. as Fellows, or via funds raised within or by their own Stakeholder Group / Constituency.

Additional Support & Funding for Community Members

Travel funding not necessarily limited to GNSO activities is also available to selected applicants, e.g. through the ICANN Fellowship and Community Regional Outreach Pilot Project (CROPP) programs:

https://www.icann.org/fellowshipprogram

https://community.icann.org/display/croppfy16/Community+Regional+Outreach+Pilot+Program+(CROPP)-FY16+Home

Current GNSO Policy Development activities

Snapshot of current GNSO policy development activities

❑ 4 ongoing Policy Development Processes (PDPs) that could result in new consensus policies affecting all gTLDs:

  ❖ IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Mechanisms

  ❖ Next-Generation Registration Directory Service to Replace WHOIS

  ❖ New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures

  ❖ Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs

❑ 2 Cross-Community Working Groups (not including IANA Stewardship Transition or ICANN Accountability):

  ❖ Development of a Framework of Uniform Principles for Future CCWGs

  ❖ Use of Country & Territory Names as TLDs

❑ 5 completed PDPs in implementation phase; 2 completed PDPs in Board adoption phase; several Drafting Teams and other projects

  ❖ Most recent: Drafting Team to develop a charter for a Cross Community Working Group concerning the auction proceeds from new gTLDs

Overview of the three most recent GNSO PDPs

❑ *Next-Generation Registration Directory Service to Replace WHOIS (initiated Nov 2015)*

    ❖ 139 Members, 116 Observers (as of 15 April); first Working Group meeting was on 26 January 2016

❑ *New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures (initiated Dec 2015)*

    ❖ 110 Members, 56 Observers (as of 15 April); first Working Group meeting was on 22 February 2016

❑ *Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs (initiated Feb 2016)*

    ❖ 128 Members, 52 Observers (as of 15 April); first Working Group meeting to be held on 21 April 2016

Public Comments

Open for Public Comment	Open Date	Close Date
Final Report Recommendations of the Geographic Regions Review Working Group	23 Dec 2015	24 Apr 2016
Launch of Registration Authentication Platform for .MOI TLD	2 Mar 2016	24 Apr 2016
Draft Report: New gTLD Program Safeguards to Mitigate DNS Abuse	15 Mar 2016	25 Apr 2016
Draft ICANN FY17 Operating Plan & Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update	5 Mar 2016	30 Apr 2016
Release of Country and Territory Names within the .TORAY and .PICTET TLDs	28 Mar 2016	10 May 2016
Proposal for Khmer Script Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)	15 Apr 2016	28 May 2016

https://www.icann.org/public-comments

How to participate in the GNSO

- Contact any of the GNSO Policy Staff (policy-staff@icann.org) or the GNSO Secretariat (gnso-secs@icann.org) if you have questions about a PDP, want to join a Working Group, or would like to learn about the GNSO

- Contact any of the APAC Hub staff who will put you in touch with the GNSO Policy Staff

- Sign up for the various ICANN regional newsletters to get news about policy groups, public comment opportunities and webinars

- Browse the GNSO's Briefings Page: http://gnso.icann.org/sites/gnso.icann.org/files/gnso/presentations/policy-efforts.htm#background

- Take an introductory course on the GNSO's composition and functions: http://learn.icann.org/courses/gnso

- Browse the GNSO Active Projects page and sign up for a Working Group that interests you: http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active

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  Remember, **you do not have to attend an ICANN meeting in person to participate!**

Thank you

Please send your queries to
APACHub@icann.org

See you at the next APAC Space in June!