## **APAC Space Web Conference**

**ICANN71 Readout** 



29 June 2021

## **Agenda**

- Welcome Remarks and ICANN71 Overview Jia-Rong Low, Vice President, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, ICANN APAC (7 min)
- PDP Highlights: Transfer Policy Review PDP Antonia Chu, Transfer Policy Review PDP WG (8 min)
- Stakeholder Perspectives:
  - 1. Board Akinori Maemura, ICANN Board Member (8 min)
  - 2. GAC T. Santhosh, GAC Member (8 min)
  - 3. ccNSO Ai-Chin Lu, ccNSO Council Member (8 min)
- Open Community Discussion Amrita Choudhury, APAC Space Community Facilitator (10 mins)
- Stakeholder Perspectives (continued):
  - 4. ALAC Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair (8 min)
  - 5. GNSO Pam Little, GNSO Council Vice Chair (8 min)
  - **6. Youth** Manju Chen, Youth4IG (8 min)
- Open Community Discussion Amrita Choudhury, APAC Space Community Facilitator (10 mins)
- AOB: Community Feedback on Hybrid ICANN72 Seattle Donna Austin, RySG Chair Emeritus (7 mins)



## **Welcome Remarks**



Jia-Rong Low VP, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, ICANN APAC



## **APAC Space**





- \* "Space for APAC community members
- Community-led bi-monthly Sessions — web conference, or face-to-face at ICANN Meetings
- "Practice ground" to facilitate community discussion for ICANN participation
  - DNS industry topics
  - ICANN Policy Development Processes, and
  - ICANN Reviews

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## **ICANN71 Overview**



Jia-Rong Low VP, Stakeholder Engagement & Managing Director, ICANN APAC



## **ICANN71 Overview and Participation**

- ICANN By the Numbers <u>report</u> not ready
  - Total participation: 1,330 attendees participated from 147 countries and territories
- Total APAC participation: 23% (for reference Europe 25%, North America 32%)
  - Top participating APAC economies
    - India (48), Taipei, Chinese (37), Australia (25)
- Virtual Policy Forum Meeting features
  - Interpretation services integrated into Zoom (only 1 device required)
  - Breakout rooms added to working sessions
  - Can request for virtual bilateral meetings



## **Virtual Policy Forum**

- Focused on targeted policy development work or cross-community discussions
- 2021 Community Excellence <u>Award</u>
  - Rafik Dammak
  - Marilyn Cade
- Future of ICANN meetings session
  - Should ICANN72 (Seattle) be held in person?



## **Three Plenary Sessions**

#### Impact of Regulatory Developments on ICANN Policy Topics

- Covered 3 EU proposed laws/frameworks and potential impact to ICANN:
  - The Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS2 Directive)
  - Digital Services Act (DSA)
  - ➢ 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Protocol to the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime

#### Understanding Reputation Block List (RBLs)

- o RBLs are IP blocklists or domain (hostname) blocklists
  - Commercial (offered by companies specialised in threat intelligence) or Open Source)
  - Fed to DNS firewalls to prevent malicious traffic coming in or connecting to malicious domains or IP addresses
  - Used by large content CDNs, also by incident response or law enforcement
- Session featured interviews with RBL providers
  - Spamhaus, abuse.ch and WMC Global
- Panel discussion featuring perspective of ICANN Contracted Parties and End-Users
  - Discussion linked to broader topic of DNS security threats



## **Three Plenary Sessions**

#### ICANN's Multistakeholder Model within the Internet Governance Ecosystem

- Featured panellists from different stakeholder groups
- Questions on why participate, is the ICANN model working, how is the ICANN model perceived inside and outside the community, ICANN in today's political/regulatory landscape



## **Notable Topics**

- EPDP Phase 2A initial <u>report</u> published 2 June. In <u>public comments</u> phase (until 19 July)
  - For recap, EPDP Phase 2A looks at:
    - The differentiation of legal vs. natural persons' registration data
    - The feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address
  - Community update and consultation session held:
    - Preliminary recommendations
    - Additional identified issues for consideration before a final report is issued
- GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP held session at ICANN71



### **Notable Topics**

#### ccNSO

- ccPDP3 Retirement of ccTLDs work concluded and approved by ccNSO Council for voting
  - A members report will be circulated after for members to vote from 7-28 July. A super majority of 66% was needed to support the recommended policy.
- o ccPDP3 Review Mechanism work began in March 2020 (updates provided)
- ccPDP4 deselection of IDN ccTLD Strings work ongoing and updates provided

#### Subsequent Procedures

- SubPro PDP <u>Final Report</u> (January 2021)
- Operational Design Phase (OPD) currently being scoped, Board to decide whether to go ahead with ODP
- CEO Göran Marby spoke on the next gTLD round in relation to delivering ICANN's mission
  - The Internet is made interoperable by systems/machines, the next round will contribute to interoperability of people (context of IDNs)
  - Akin to "paying back" to the rest of the world we have 5 billion users but only 1500 TLDs for people to identify themselves
  - ➤ IDNs and Universal Acceptance important 'pieces' of the puzzle for the next round. Also a legacy that we can be part of.



## **Notable Topics**

#### EPDP on IDNs

- To work on policy recommendations on:
  - The definition of all generic top-level domains (gTLDs) and the management of variant labels
  - How the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which require compliance by the Contracted Parties, should be updated in the future
- Outreach session during ICANN71
  - EPDP participation will be based on representation model.
  - But can also join as Observers
- Call for Expressions of Interest for Chair closed on 25 June



## **At-Large Policy Sessions**

- End User Participation in ICANN PDPs and their Role within the ICANN Ecosystem
- ccTLD Governance Models- Testimonies from At-Large End Users
- GDPR as a Technology- Policy Implications



## PDP Highlights: Transfer Policy Review PDP



**Antonia Chu**Transfer Policy Review PDP WG





## Introduction on the Transfer Policy Review PDP

Antonia Chu | Alibaba Cloud
Transfer Policy Review WG Member

#### Transfer Policy

- An ICANN consensus policy governing the procedure and requirements for registrants to transfer their domain names from one registrar to another.
- Formerly called the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) which went into effect in November 2004.
- GNSO reviewed the policy once before, shortly after implementation.

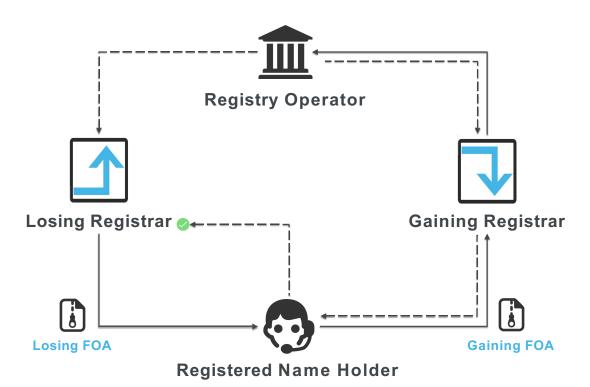
#### Previous Discussion on the Issue

- On April 22, 2019, ICANN Org delivered the <u>Transfer Policy Status Report</u> to the GNSO Council.
- On September 19, 2019, the GNSO Council agreed to launch a call for volunteers for a Transfer Policy Review Scoping Team.
- On April 6, 2020, the Transfer Policy Review Scoping Team delivered its <u>Transfer Policy Review Scoping</u>
   Paper to the GNSO Council for its consideration.
- On January 12, 2021, ICANN Org published the <u>Final Issue Report on a Policy Development Process to Review the Transfer Policy</u>.



### **Standard Transfer Process**

(Inter-Registrar)

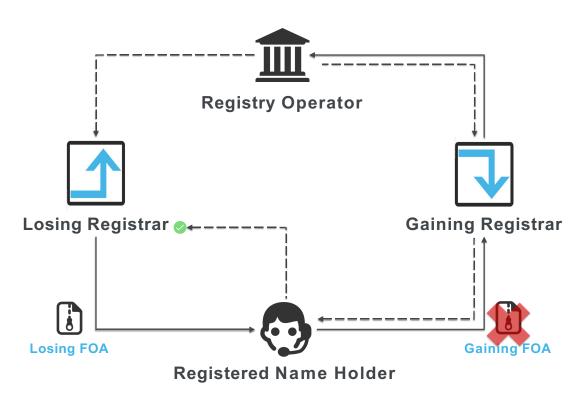


- 1. RNH contacts Gaining Registrar
- 2.If domain name is eligible for transfer,Gaining Registrar sends <u>Gaining FOA</u> to RNH
- 3. RNH confirms intent to transfer
- 4.Gaining Registrar Notifies Registry
  Operator of the transfer
- RO sends notice of pending transfer to both Registrars
- 6.Losing Registrar sends Losing FOA to RNH
- 7. Absent objection to the transfer within5 calendar days, Losing Registrarprocesses request



### **Standard Transfer Process**

(Inter-Registrar) Post-GDPR



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#### Initiation of the WG

- On 18 February, 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously adopted a motion to initiate a Policy Development Process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy.
- On 24 March, 2021, the GNSO Council approved the Charter for the Working Group to Conduct a Policy Development Process to Review the Transfer Policy.

#### **WG** Mission

- To provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on the Transfer Policy.
- To conduct a review of the Transfer Policy and determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of <a href="inter-registrar">inter-registrar</a> and <a href="inter-registrant">inter-registrant</a> transfers.



## WG Scope

- Phase 1(a)
  - Gaining Registrar FOA and Losing Registrar FOA
  - AuthInfo Code Management
  - EPDP Phase 1, Recommendation 27 Wave 1
     Report (as it relates to FOA requirements)

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#### Phase 1(b)

- Change of Registrant --
  - 60-Day Lock
  - Privacy/Proxy Customers
  - **Designated Agent**
- EPDP Phase 1, Recommendation 27 Wave 1 Report

- Phase 2
  - Transfer Emergency Action Contact, TEAC (Inter-Registrar Transfers)
  - Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, TDRP (Inter-Registrar Transfers)
  - **Denying Transfers/NACKing Transfers** (Inter-Registrar Transfers)
  - ICANN-approved Transfers
  - EPDP Phase 1, Recommendation 27 Wave 1 Report (Inter-Registrar and Inter-Registrant Transfers)



#### WG Formation

The WG uses a <u>Representative Model</u>, which consists of GNSO SG and Constituency appointed members and alternates, and members and alternates representing other SO/ACs. Anyone interested will be able to join the team as an observer.

- ✓ RrSG: up to 10 Members and 10 Alternates;
- ✓ RySG: up to 3 Members and 3 Alternates;
- ✓ IPC: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ BC: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ ISPCP: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ NCSG: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ WG Chair: Roger Carney
- ✓ ICANN Supporting Staff

- ✓ GAC: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ ALAC: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ SSAC: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ RSSAC: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ ccNSO: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates;
- ✓ ASO: up to 2 Members and 2 Alternates.
- ✓ GNSO Council Liaison: Gregory DiBiase



#### At minimum

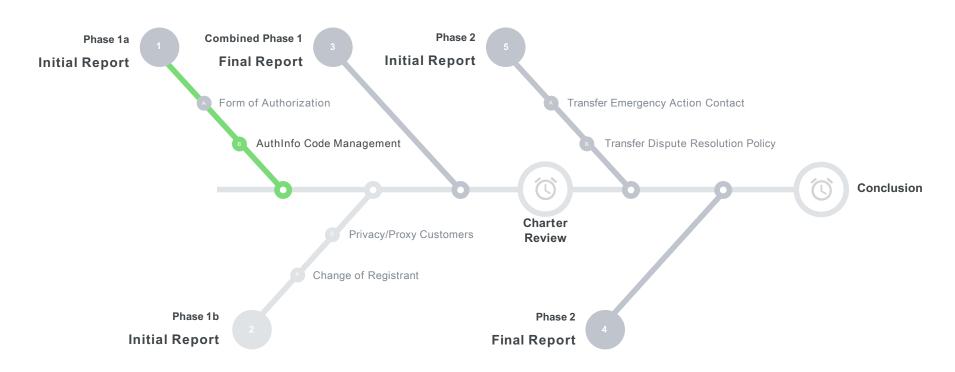
- Phase 1a Initial Report
- Phase 1b Initial Report
- Phase 1 Final Report
- Phase 2 Initial Report
- Phase 2 Final Report

#### WG Deliverables

- To develop a set of reports regarding the WG's recommendations on the <u>eight issues</u> identified in the Final Issue Report relating to the Transfer Policy.
- If the WG concludes with any recommendations, the WG shall (or recommend the subsequent policy Implementation Review Team to) conduct a policy impact analysis and identify a set of metrics to measure the effectiveness of the policy change, including source(s) of baseline data for that purpose.



## Sequence of Milestones



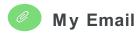


#### **WG** Work Plan

- Kick-off on 14 May 2021
- Weekly Zoom meeting for 90 minutes with offline assignments between calls
- Initial deliverables (approximately the first 6 weeks)
  - High-level review of phase 1 topics
  - Prepare request to SO/AC/SG/Cs for input on phase 1 topics
  - Deliver phase 1 work plan to GNSO

#### WG Workspace URL

https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/transfer-policy-review



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## **Stakeholder Perspectives**



## **ICANN Board Perspectives**



**Akinori Maemura**ICANN Board Member



### **Activities**

- ICANN71 sessions were spread out in four weeks in June
  - Prep Week June 1 3: 23H to 5:30@UTC+9
  - Board Workshop sessions June 10 12 : 23H to 3:30
     @UTC+9
    - 11 sessions including policy updates and workshop sessions
  - ICANN71 Policy Forum June 14 17 : 16H to 0:30
     @UTC+9
  - Post ICANN71 Sessions June 22 and 25 : during bedtime
     @UTC+9
    - A board meeting and Joint meetings with GNSO Constituencies
- Joint meeting with ALAC is yet to come on July 8!!

### **Decisions**

- Special Board Meeting on June 21
  - <a href="https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2021-06-21-en">https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2021-06-21-en</a>
  - GNSO Council Policy Recommendations on EPDP Phase 2, Priority 2 Recommendations
    - To adopt the recommendations 19 22
  - Deferral of the third Generic Names Supporting Organizational Review (GNSO3)
    - For better understanding on the impact of ATRT3 Recommendations, etc.
  - President and CEO At-Risk Compensation for Second Half of FY21

### Discussions

- State of ICANN Meetings
- DNS Abuse, contractual compliance
- Subpro, Next gTLD round, ODP, SAC114
- Reviews ATRT3 Holistic Review, CCT, SSR2
- GDPR
- Planning and Prioritization
- IDNs Univeral Acceptance, IDN EPDP aligning with Subpro



https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/board-of-directors

## **GAC** Perspectives



T. Santhosh GAC Member



## ccNSO Perspectives



Ai-Chin Lu ccNSO Council Member



## **ICANN71 ccTLD Relevant Sessions**

ICANN71 ccNSO Block Schedule				
итс	Mo, 14 June	Tue, 15 June	Wed, 16 June	Thu, 17 June
Block 1 (60') 07:00-08:00	DNSSEC Workshop	ccNSO MM: Governance Session		SOPC
Block 2 (90') 08:30-10:00	DNSSEC Workshop	At-Large Session: ccTLD governance models: Testimonies from At-Large end users		Plenary: Registrant Protections
Block 3 (90') 10:30-12:00	Plenary: Government Regulatory Developments/WHOIS, Data Protection & Cybersecurity	ccNSO MM: Q&A with ccTLD- related ICANN Board	ccNSO MM: Policy Session	
Block 4 (90') 12:30-14:00	Tech Day	Plenary: Multistakeholder Model / Internet Governance		ccNSO Council
Block 5 (60') 14:30-15:30	Tech Day		CSC/PTI update to the community	Future of ICANN Public Meetings



## ccNSO Members Meeting Governance Session

- ICANN71 marked the third ccNSO governance session, which built on previous sessions held during ICANN69 and ICANN70
- This session, we addressed certain elements in the new set of rules with ccNSO members, which will have a direct impact on the governance structure of the ccNSO, specifically on the respective roles and responsibilities of the Council and ccNSO membership
- A follow-up survey for ccNSO members as well as an additional consultation session leading up to ICANN72 are foreseen



## Policy Session-ccPDP3 Retirement

# Proposed recommended policy for the retirement process of ccTLD (The Final Report is available <a href="here">here</a>)

## Trigger event

The removal of the country code (2-letter code element) from the list of country names in ISO3166-1

When does the retirement process start?

Exceptionally Reserved: If MA makes a change to such a two-letter code, IFO to consider if change requires retirement. Retirement process further applies.

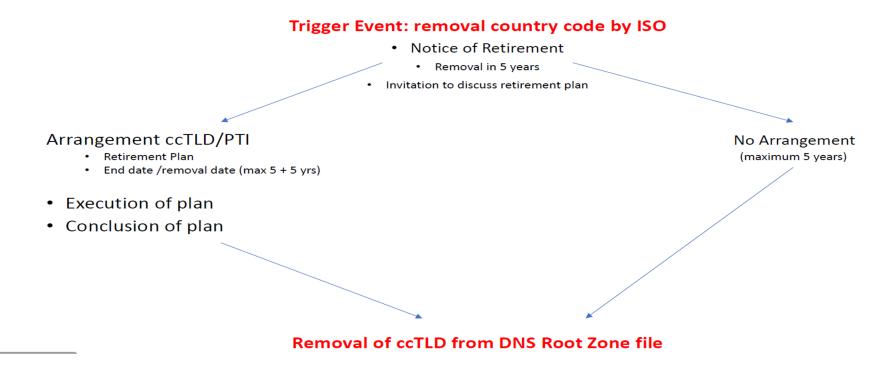
Trigger event for retirement IDN ccTLDs will be identified under ccPDP4 (deselection of an IDN ccTLD string)



## Policy Session-ccPDP3 Retirement

Once a country code is removed from the ISO 3166-1 list, the cc Top Level Domain MUST be removed from the DNS root zone database

#### **Retirement process**



Applicability of ccNSO PDP: Does the policy apply to all ccTLDs?



### Policy Session-ccPDP3 Review Mechanisms

#### General Principles

- Preserve the Stability, Security and interoperability of the DNS
- Predictability and Legitimacy of Process
- The WG identified the following IFO decisions which could be subject to a review:
  - Failure to accept a Delegation application for a newly created ccTLD
  - Contested Delegation of a newly created ccTLD by a losing party
  - Rejection of a Transfer request by a ccTLD Manager
  - Contested Revocation of an active ccTLD
  - Contested Retirement of an active ccTLD which does not correspond to an ISO 3166-1 Alpha-2 Code Element
  - IFO refusal to grant an extension to the retirement period for a retiring ccTLD
  - Failure to accept an IDN ccTLD (dependent on the IDN ccPDP and the responsibility of the ICANN Board)
- Next Step: Continue to work with ICANN Legal and proceed by a Topic Driven working method



## Policy Session-IDN ccPDP4

## Replacing ccPDP2 & IDN ccTLD fast track

- Issue report adopted May 2020 by ccNSO Council
- Kick-off in August 2020
- Current stage: Develop initial Recommendations August 2020-December 2021

Three-Sub-Group
Variant Management (2021/2)

Deselection IDN ccTLD(2021/8)

Confusing Similarity(2021/10)

#### Principles and Criteria: for your feedback

- 1. Principles underpinning the policy
- An IDN ccTLD string must be associated with a Territory
- ASCII ccTLD and IDN ccTLD are all country code Top Level Domains
- Preserve Security, Stability and interoperability of the DNS
- Requests for the delegation of IDN ccTLDs should be an ongoing process
- The number of IDN ccTLD per Territory are determined by criteria

- 2. Definition of Territory
- 3. An IDN country code Top Level
  Domain must contain at least one
  (1) non-ASCII character
- 4. The IDN string must be a meaningful Representation of the name of a Territory
- 5. A meaningful Representation of the name of the Territory must be in a Designated Language of the territory
- 6. Only one(1) IDN ccTLD string per Designated language selected IDN string must be non-contentious within the Territory
- 7. Technical criteria



### Strategic & Operational Planning Standing Committee (SOPC)

- The purpose of SOPC is to coordinate and organize the participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN strategic and operational planning processes
- The SOPC regularly holds joint meetings with its counterpart from the Generic Supporting Organization
- The groups discussed whether to continue with ranking the importance for them of ICANN org's Operating Initiatives and Functional Activities
- The ranking is used to share views and to focus the attention on specific Initiatives considered important by the specific group
- At ICANN71, the SOPC agreed to further improve and repeat this exercise in the future. Moreover, the SOPC met with the ICANN org Planning Team on what the community may expect over the next couple of months in terms of planning and finance topics



## **Decisions and Outcomes by ccNSO Council**

- Adopted the policy recommendations for ccPDP3 regarding the retirement of ccTLDs. Voting by ccNSO members as a next step
- Decided on the ccNSO Council work plan for the next 2 years, and a transition towards quarterly work plans
- Reviewed the ccNSO implementation-related part of the second ccNSO organizational review recommendations, concluding that the ccNSO is not expected to undertake any further efforts
- Discussed how to organize the continuous organizational improvement process and asked the ccNSO Guidelines Review Committee (GRC) to review its mandate
- Agreed that starting at its next meeting, it will take a closer look at the potential role of the ccNSO in the ongoing discussion around DNS Abuse





Decision Making Process for the proposed policy on retirement of <a href="https://example.cctlls.org/retails/cctlls">cctlls</a>

2021/7/7~2021/7/28

At least 87members need to vote

SUPER MAJORITY of votes cast (66%) +1 need to support the recommended policy

- •ICANN71 links
- ccNSO Schedule Hub
- https://community.icann.org/x/WIG1CQ
- •ccNSO Members Meeting, including sessions held prior to ICANN71
- https://community.icann.org/x/UYG1CQ
- Tech Day
- https://community.icann.org/x/a4G1CQ

## **Open Community Discussion**



Amrita Choudhury
APAC Space
Community Facilitator



# **ALAC Perspectives**



Maureen Hilyard ALAC Chair



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## ICANN71 Highlights

#### Prep Week

- What to expect at ICANN71 Maureen Hilyard
- Flash Tour of ICANN Sebastian Bachollet (EURALO)
- Outreach and Engagement Working Group Daniel Nanghaka, Natalia Filina

#### **At-Large Policy Sessions**

- End user Participation in ICANN PDPs Hadia Elminiawi
- ccTLD Governance Models & Testimonies from At-Large End Users – Hadia Elminiawi
- GDPR as a Technology Policy Implications Joanna Kulesza
- New gTLDS Protection of Geographical Names (EURALO)
   Sandra Hoferichter
- ALAC and GAC Joint Meeting Yrjö Länsipuro

#### At-Large in ICANN Plenaries

- Governmental Regulatory Developments Joanna Kulesza
- ICANN and the Internet Governance Ecosystem Marita Moll, Olivier Crépin-Leblond
- Understanding Reputation Block Lists Steinar Grøtterød

#### Other At-Large Sessions

- EURALO Social Natalia Filina (Weds)
- At-Large Leadership Wrap-up Maureen Hilyard (Thurs)

# **GNSO** Perspectives



Pam Little
GNSO Council Vice Chair



## **Ongoing and Potential PDPs & Implementation**

- EPDP 2A Initial Report
- IDNs Operational Track (IDN Implementation Guidelines v4.0) and Policy Track
- Accuracy Scoping Team
- PPSAI & T&T Implementation Next Steps
- UDRP Review (RPM Phase 2) Next Steps



## Structural, Procedural and Process improvements

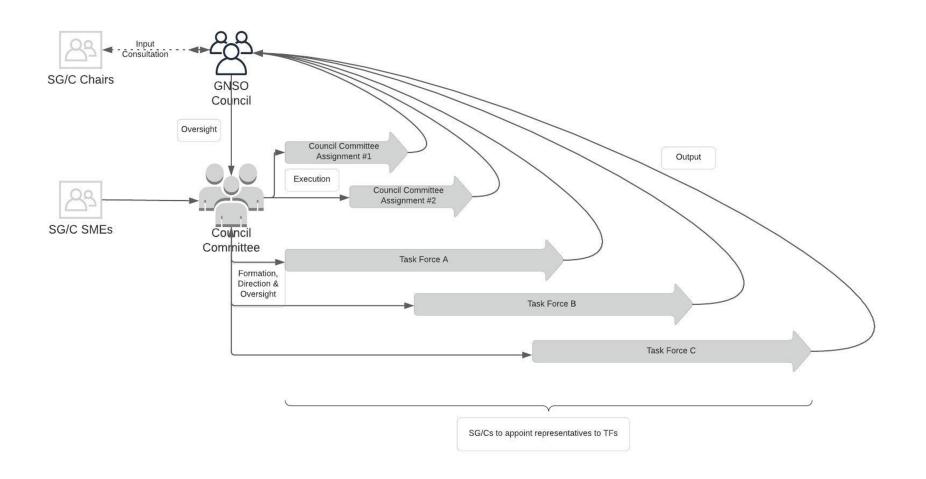
- Framework for Continuous Improvement
- Interactions with the GAC
- GNSO3 Review <a href="https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2021-06-21-en#1.b">https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2021-06-21-en#1.b</a>
  - ➤ Deferred until such time as the Board, community and org better understand the impact of the ATRT3 Recommendations on the next Organizational Review cycle, as well as in consideration of the current community workload.
  - ➤ The Board directs the ICANN President and CEO, or his designee, to develop a comprehensive plan for the timing and conduct of the next Organizational Review cycle, taking into consideration the timing of the implementation of the ATRT3 recommendations.



## Framework for Continuous Improvement Pilot

Council Committee: Working Group Self-assessment

Task Force: Statement of Interest (SOI)





## **GNSO Council Program Suite**

- Program Management Tool (PMT): <a href="https://community.icann.org/x/04vzC">https://community.icann.org/x/04vzC</a>
- Action/Decision Radar (ADR): <a href="https://community.icann.org/x/14vzC">https://community.icann.org/x/14vzC</a>
- Project List (PL): <a href="http://community.icann.org/x/1YvzC">http://community.icann.org/x/1YvzC</a>
- Action Items (Als): <a href="https://community.icann.org/x/RgZIAg">https://community.icann.org/x/RgZIAg</a>
- GNSO Council Active Small Teams
   <u>https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/</u>
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# **Youth Perspectives**



Manju Chen Youth4IG



## Sessions attended

#### Plenary sessions

- Impact of Regulatory Developments on ICANN Policy Topics
- ICANN's Multistakeholder Model within the Internet Governance Ecosystem
- Understanding Reputation Block Lists

#### NCSG sessions

- NCSG Policy Committee Meeting
- NCSG Membership Meeting

### Policy Development Process (PDP) Outreach

- Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) EPDP
- EPDP on Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase
   2A

#### Others

- Joint meeting: GAC & GNSO; GAC & ICANN Board
- GNSO Council meeting: working sessions & wrap-up
- The Post-Pandemic Future of ICANN Public Meetings



# Some takeaways



#### Zoom fatigue is real

- Volunteer burnout.
- Difficult to recruit and keep people engaged.



#### The evolving MSM

- New PDP participation model.
- Representative vs. inclusive vs. second kick of the can?



# What exactly does hybrid look like?

- Regional hub?
- Willingness vs. ability.
- Exacerbating the existing inequality?

## THANKS!

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## **Open Community Discussion**



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AOB: Community Feedback on ICANN72



**Donna Austin**RySG Chair Emeritus



### ICANN 72

- The ICANN Board are actively discussing whether ICANN 72, scheduled for Seattle, should be a hybrid meeting that allows for some form of face-to-face participation.
- ICANN org conducted a survey of the ICANN community that suggests that there is support for conducting a hybrid meeting in Seattle, with certain safety measures or precautions in place.
- The Board and ICANN's CEO do appear sensitive to the potentially negative impact on global participation if a meeting takes place in Seattle where the only in-person attendance is from North America.

### **Overview**

- Face-to-face ICANN meetings put all participants on an equal footing by overcoming time zone differences.
- Provide an opportunity for APAC's diverse cultural and language groups to get together and to establish relationships that enable continued participation in between meetings.
- Representation and participation from APAC in ICANN activities has been significant over the years.
- A face-to-face meeting that excludes a significant portion of the community will only serve to disadvantage those unable to attend and may result in a decline in representation from the APAC region.

### Recommendation

- The APAC Space consider sending a statement to the Board that outlines:
  - the benefits of in-person meetings from a regional perspective
  - the challenges that will likely mean no or very limited in-person attendance at ICANN 72
  - possible consequences of this inability to attend

#### And requests:

- If a hybrid meeting does go ahead, that it be limited to a pilot of a community group or effort, for example the Board, the NomCom or a working group
- If the Board decides to proceed with a hybrid meeting that they explain how proceeding with limited global participation contributes to the global public interest.

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