3.3 Phase 3: Medium and Low Priority Recommendations

These are the recommendations that were assessed by the GNSO Review Working Party as medium to low priority. Some also were considered to have agreement by the Working Party to adopt them, but with modifications. These recommendations could be placed in the third batch to be implemented within the second to third years and could overlap with the implementation of the second batch. These also are organized into the three categories identified above, and then by high, medium, and low priority within each category.

PDP Improvements, Effectiveness, and Implementation

Recommendation 20	
Independent Examiner's	That the GNSO Council should review annually ICANN's Strategic
Final Recommendation	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.
Prioritization	Low
Working Party Comments	Modify recommendation - input from GNSO should go into the
	Strategic Planning process.
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Recommendation 21	
Independent Examiner's Final Recommendation	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.
Prioritization	N/A - Low
Working Party Comments and Rationale	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.
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GNSO Council, Stakeholder Group, and Constituency Appointments, Members, Membership, Statements of Interest, Procedures, and Support

Recommendation 7	
Independent Examiner's	That Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies engage more deeply
Final Recommendation	with community members whose first language is other than
	English, as a means to overcoming language barriers.

Prioritization	Medium
Working Party Comments	Include summaries in multiple languages; combine with other
	similar recommendations; further discussions with representatives
	from Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies together and see what
	needs are before the Working Party makes a recommendation.
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Recommendation 35	
Independent Examiner's	That the GNSO Council establish a Working Group, whose
Final Recommendation	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.
Prioritization	Medium
Working Party Comments	The metrics used to measure diversity should be specified with
	more consideration to what can actually be defined and measured.
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Recommendation 22	Recommendation 22	
Independent Examiner's	That the GNSO Council develop a competency-based framework,	
Final Recommendation	which its members should use to identify development needs and	
	opportunities.	
Prioritization	Low	
Working Party Comments	Reword recommendation: develop a framework to identify training	
	needs for PDPs so that members have appropriate skills and	
	background to participate effectively in the PDP. This training is	
	not intended to address technical issues.	
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Working Group Performance, Participation, Meeting Tools, Self-Evaluation, Outreach, Volunteers, and Leadership

Recommendations 1, 2, and 3	
Independent Examiner's	Recommendation 1: That the GNSO develop and monitor metrics to
Final Recommendation	evaluate the ongoing effectiveness of current outreach strategies
	and pilot programs with regard to GNSO Working Groups.
	Recommendation 2: That the GNSO develop and fund more
	targeted programs to recruit volunteers and broaden participation
	in PDP Working Groups, given the vital role volunteers play in
	Working Groups and policy development.
	Recommendation 3: That the GNSO Council reduce or remove cost
	barriers to volunteer participation in Working Groups.
Prioritization	Medium
Working Party Comments	Adopt – Need strategic goals, objectives, and KPIs - themes around
	problems that we want to solve. Should measure the shared

	effectiveness between ICANN and community. In-depth program should be developed; stronger volunteer drive that includes metrics to capture volunteers based on outreach efforts. GNSO Council should not determine how finances are allocated to Working Group members; what are cost barriers (time and costs); training (wiki for example); identify cost barriers.
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Recommendations 5 and 9	
Independent Examiner's	Recommendation 5: That, during each Working Group self-
Final Recommendation	assessment, new members be asked how their input has been
	solicited and considered.
	Recommendation 9: That a formal Working Group leadership
	assessment program be developed as part of the overall training
	and development program.
Prioritization	Medium
Working Party Comments	Adopt
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Recommendation 12	
Independent Examiner's	That ICANN assess the feasibility of providing a real-time
Final Recommendation	transcription service in audio conferences for Working Group
	meetings.
Prioritization	Medium
Working Party Comments	Adopt and consider work already done in the ALAC.
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Recommendation 17	
Independent Examiner's	That the practice of Working Group self-evaluation be incorporated
Final Recommendation	into the PDP; and that these evaluations should be published and
	used as a basis for continual process improvement in the PDP.
Prioritization	Medium
Working Party Comments	Adopt
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Recommendation 4	
That the GNSO Council introduce non-financial rewards and	
recognition for volunteers.	
Low	
Adopt; no financial rewards - such as travel funding.	
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Recommendation 34	
Independent Examiner's	That PDP Working Groups rotate the start time of their meetings in

Final Recommendation	order not to disadvantage people who wish to participate from anywhere in the world.
Prioritization	Low
Working Party Comments	Adopt; some groups already do this, but it's not a standard. Add
	some language to flag that this should be tested for effectiveness.
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Recommendation 36	
Independent Examiner's	That, when approving the formation of a PDP Working Group, the
Final Recommendation	GNSO Council requires 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 Working Group.
Prioritization	Low
Working Party Comments	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.
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