

RECOMMENDATION 15: TIMELINESS OF THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS	
STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT	
Part One – Which ICANN Objective does this meet	
Promote role clarity and establish mechanisms to increase trust within the ecosystem rooted in the public interest. See Strategic Plan, page 19 at: https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/strategic-plan-2016-2020-10oct14-en.pdf .	
Alignment with Strategic Objectives	
Goal	Shared understanding by Board, staff and stakeholders of the allocation of responsibilities for design, development and implementation of policy and operational processes. - Shared understanding of the roles, responsibilities and accountability of the Board, staff and stakeholders. - Board, staff, and stakeholders use
Project/Recommendation	That the GNSO continues current PDP Improvements Project initiatives to address timeliness of the PDP.

SCOPE DESCRIPTION	
Scope Statement	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Staff to confirm whether the expedited PDP procedures have been adopted. The GNSO Review Working Group to determine whether adoption of the expedited procedures fulfills the intent of this recommendation. If intent has been met, GNSO Review Working Group to detail how this intent has been met. If not, GNSO Review Working Group to detail what parts of the recommendation are still outstanding and recommend how these are expected to be implemented. 	
Out of Scope	
The above scope is sufficiently clear.	
Assumptions	
The assumption is that implementation requires revisions to the GNSO Operating Procedures.	
Deliverables	
Revised GNSO Operating Procedures.	

OPTION ANALYSIS	
None were considered or were necessary to be considered.	
SOLUTION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Staff reviewed the Final Report of the Policy & Implementation Working Group that was adopted by the GNSO Council. See the Final Report at: https://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/policy-implementation/pi-wg-final-recommendations-01jun15-en.pdf. In particular, recommendation #2 recommended the creation of three additional GNSO Processes, namely a GNSO Input Process, a GNSO Guidance Process and a GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process following the model as outlined in Annex C (GNSO Input Process), Annex D and E (GNSO Guidance Process) and Annex F and G (GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process). In addition, staff noted that on 24 June 2015 the GNSO Council recommended that the ICANN Board of Directors adopt the new GNSO Processes as reflected in the Annexes D and E for the GNSO 	

Guidance Process and Annexes F and G for the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process as outlined in the Policy & Implementation Final Recommendations Report and the motion at in the motion at <https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/Motions+24+June+2015>. In addition, the GNSO Council recommended that the GNSO Guidance Process and GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process shall be available for use by the GNSO Council following adoption of any necessary changes to the ICANN Bylaws by the ICANN Board. The revised ICANN Bylaws were completed and posted on 16 February 2016 and the revised GNSO Operating Procedures were posted on 17 February 2016 at version v3.2

2. Staff reviewed the revised GNSO Operating Procedures v3.2 and the addition of Annex G, the GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process, appears to complete the implementation of the recommendation.
3. [Staff note that the Working Group could consider whether a more formal process should be undertaken for speeding up PDPs. Perhaps, periodically in PDPs to share ideas how it could be speeded up. If so, staff could draft language for inclusion in the PDP Manual.](#)
4. Staff hereby presents the results of the review to the Working Group.
5. The Working Group will determine whether the revisions constitute the implementation of the recommendation.

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KEY DEPENDENCIES

1. Approval the recommendations to be included GNSO Operating Procedures by the GNSO Council.
2. Publication of the revised GNSO Operating Procedures, which occurred on 17 February 2016.

RISK IDENTIFICATION

Risk was identified as lack of approval by the GNSO Council.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

~~As the manager of the PDP GNSO Council is expected to ensure that its GNSO Operating Procedures are followed. It is not clear to staff whether a KPI applies to the implementation of this recommendation.~~

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NECESSARY TO PROCEED

Next Phase Activities/Resources

None

REVIEWERS

Name	Title	Date Sent
GNSO Review Working Group		

APPROVERS

Name	Title	Approval Status	Date
GNSO Review Working Group			
GNSO Council			

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Version	Description	Author
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13 March 2017	V1	Original Draft	Julie Hedlund, Policy Director	Deleted: Insert
29 March 2017	V2	Revision based on the discussion during the meeting on 15 March 2017.	Julie Hedlund, Policy Director	Deleted: X

Attachments, as applicable:

- None