

GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charters

Process for Amending GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charters

The ICANN Bylaws ([Article 11, Section 11.5.c](#)) state that each Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Stakeholder Group and its associated Constituencies “shall maintain recognition with the ICANN Board.” The ICANN Board has interpreted this language to require approval of any charter amendments. As a best practice, each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency reviews its charter on a regular basis. In September 2013, the ICANN Board [approved \(Resolution 2013.09.28.12\)](#) a four-phase [Process for Amending GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charters](#) (“Process”). This is a defined Process requiring Public Comment and guides ICANN Board consideration of any charter amendments.

Not-for-Profit Organizations Constituency (NPOC)

In May 2022, the then Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency of the GNSO amended its [current charter](#), including a name change to the Not-for-Profit Organizations Constituency (NPOC), and notified the ICANN organization of its request for approval by the ICANN Board. Following review of the [amended NPOC charter](#) by the ICANN organization in mid-2022, the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) directed a [Public Comment proceeding](#) on the amended NPOC charter in late 2022. The ICANN organization developed a [summary report](#) of the Public Comment submissions, and the NPOC addressed this feedback in early 2023, revising its [operating procedures](#) as appropriate.

Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) Constituency

In March 2023, the Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) Constituency of the GNSO amended its [current charter](#) and notified the ICANN organization of its request for approval by the ICANN Board. Following review of the [amended ISPCP Constituency charter](#) by the ICANN organization in May 2023, the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) directed a [Public Comment proceeding](#) on the amended ISPCP Constituency charter. The ICANN organization developed a [summary report](#) of the Public Comment submissions, and the ISPCP Constituency addressed this feedback in June 2023.

Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG)

In December 2023, the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) amended its [current charter](#) and notified the ICANN organization of its request for approval by the ICANN Board. Following review of the [amended RySG charter](#) by the ICANN organization in early 2024, the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) directed a [Public Comment proceeding](#) on the amended RySG charter in mid-2024. The ICANN organization developed a [summary report](#) of the single Public Comment submission, which did not require further adjustments by the RySG.