Subject: Policy Calendar for 24-Oct-2023 Open BC Meeting in Hamburg

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To: BC List

Here's the Policy Calendar for the BC open meeting on Tue 24-Oct (also in attachment "policy calendar.pdf")

Channel 1. BC participation in ICANN Public Comment process:

On 3-Oct we supported the Proposed Updates to Existing Rights Protection Mechanisms Documentation. Thanks to Zak for drafting, and to Marie, Arinola, and Abdul-Hakeem for reviewing.

On 28-Sep we commented on a ccNSO Proposed Policy for a Specific ccTLD Review Mechanism. Thanks to Ching Chiao for drafting, and to Margie Milam for reviewing.

On 11-Sep we responded to the Recommendation from GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) on supporting applicants for new gTLDs.   Thanks to Vivek for drafting, and to David Snead, Steve, and Lawrence for edits.

On 31-Aug we commented to the UK on Powers in Relation to UK-Related Domain Name Registries. Thanks to Margie and Mason for drafting, and to Marie for edits.

On 20-Jul we filed comment on Amendments to the Base gTLD RA and RAA to Modify DNS Abuse Contract Obligations. We covered the contracts and ICANN's Compliance Advisory, thanks to a big effort from Margie, Mark, Crystal, and Mason.

On 15-Jul we commented on the Draft Framework for closed generic gTLDs. Thanks to Tim Smith, Steve, and Marie for drafting.

Selected ICANN Public Comments and other opportunities for the BC to comment:

1. Pilot Holistic Review Revised Draft Terms of Reference. Comments close 27-Nov.
   This is an update to the version that BC commented on back in Nov-2022, thanks to Barbara Wanner, Margie Milam, and Steve.
   We need volunteer(s) to draft a BC comment on the updated terms of reference.

2. NIS2, followed closely by Andrew Bennett and Marie Pattullo.
   In The Hague we talked with MEP Bart Groothuis about NIS2 and next

steps.

[NIS2 final text](#) approved by European Parliament and by Council in Nov-2022.

final text [published on 27-Dec](#) (p.82), giving 21-months for Member States to transpose into national law.

BC will advocate for strong transposition by Member States.

On 3-Aug, Mark and Marie worked with Mason on a message to Council, regarding ICANN direct outreach to EU member states about NIS2 – instead of working thru the GAC. See [Mark's email to Council](#).

<mark>On 20-Oct-2023 Eco hosted a Day 0 event on [NIS2 implementation challenges](#).
Summary: Started slowly and politely, but afternoon discussion surfaced tensions between EC and EU small businesses about NIS2 compliance challenges.   (Steve circulated a detailed report via email)</mark>

Channel 2. Support for discussion and votes of our representatives on GNSO Council

Marie Pattullo and Mark Datysgeld are our GNSO Councilors.   At this meeting, Lawrence Olawale-Roberts will succeed Marie on Council.

Previous Council meeting was 21-Sep. See [Agenda](#), [Transcript](#), and [Zoom Recording](#).
        3 [resolutions](#) were considered:

Motion to adopt [recommendations](#) of Council Committee for Overseeing and Implementing Continuous Improvement regarding Statement of Interest (SOI) requirements - (WITHDRAWN)

Motion to adopt [Charter](#) for a Registration Data Request Service (RDRS) Standing Committee to help inform the next steps on the SSAD policy recommendations. (PASSED)

Approval of GNSO Council's Clarifying Statement on Select Pending SubPro Recommendations (DEFERRED to Oct meeting)

Council also discussed [update](#) from Cross-community working group on Auction Proceeds

<mark>Next Council meeting is 25-Oct at 13:00 CET in Hamburg.</mark>   [Agenda part 1](#) and [Agenda part 2](#)
        Agenda highlights:

<mark>Item 4: Vote on [motion](#) to approve the [CCOICI Recommendations Report](#) on Statement of Interest (SOI) Requirements.</mark> Here is the most relevant new language:

The General Statement of Interest shall request information such as name; stakeholder group / constituency; current employer; financial relationships, and; any other Working Groups or other chartered teams in which the Relevant Party is participating.

The **Activity Specific Statement of Interest** shall request information such as whether the Relevant Party is participating as a representative of any individual or entity; identify any other relevant arrangements, interests, or benefits, including whether the Relevant Party's employer or client has any type of material interest in activity and outcomes; any arrangements / agreements between the Relevant Party and any other group, constituency or client.

Item 5: Discussion of topics for potential council response, incl:
Proposed Pilot Holistic Review Revised Draft Terms of Reference.

Proposed Process for the Retirement of Non-Policy Recommendations.

Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group (CIP-CCG)

Item 6: Discuss GNSO Liaison to the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Annual Report

Item 7: Discuss Diacritics Issue in Latin Script

Other Council activities:
1. **Transfer Policy Working Group**. (Zak Muscovitch and Arinola Akinyemi). The Working Group continues work on ICANN-approved transfers, i.e. bulk transfers of domains under management from one registrar to another, i.e. after an acquisition or upon a loss of registrar accreditation. See current draft document that the WG is working on. Text on this portion of Transfer Policy is located at (B) - ICANN-Approved Transfers, in the current Transfer Policy.

2. **GNSO Guidance Process (GGP).** (Lawrence Olawale-Roberts). See main wiki page, Members and Alternates.

Lawrence represents the BC on the GGP group, and will share what he heard at a meeting .

In this public recording, the BC comment was read at 37:52 and the chair comments at 41:50.

3. **Registrant Data Request System** (RDRS), formerly known as SSAD Light
Steve is on Council small team on SSAD ODA, to review a"ticketing system"
Becky said board wants to know what we hope to learn from this

experiment.

> *Will we learn what we need to determine next steps? Is SSAD fit-for-purpose?*
> *Did this make it easier for users to submit requests and for registrars to process those requests?*

On the 26-Jun call, Steve D. and Steve Crocker advocated a bulk upload capability for requesters. ICANN Org will <u>not</u> modify its systems development plan to facilitate uploads, so we have to do this outside of ICANN.

ICANN is [opening the RDRS to registrars for early access](). Public launch is Nov-2023.

ICANN legal has [drafted Terms of Service]() for requesters and registrars.

4. Subsequent Rounds of gTLD expansion (SubPro)
> There will be an Implementation Review Team (IRT) for SubPro.
> We need volunteers to represent the BC, naming one representative and one alternate.
> Thanks to Imran Hossen for volunteering as BC rep. And thanks to Ching Chiao for volunteering as alternate.

Channel 3. Supporting discussion/voting on matters before the Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)
Tim Smith is the CSG Liaison for the BC. At this meeting, Marie will succeed Tim. Mason Cole is leading CSG thru Dec-2023, when Philippe Fouquart of ISPCP will assume the role.

NCPH Day Zero Meeting – October 20, 2023 – Hamburg
> Mason, Mark, Lawrence and I attended. All other constituencies in NCPH were also well represented with NCSG attendees consisting of Julf, Bruna, Tomslin, Wisdom, Stephanie, Juan, Benjamin, Manju, and David Morar.
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> This was a productive day and while we agree that we cannot be aligned on all issues at all times, we need to work together where we can and respect each other. Ongoing communication was determined by arranging monthly NCPH ExCom Zoom calls, face-to-face sessions regularly at future ICANN meetings, and re-establishing the yearly intercessional – either as a stand-alone meeting or as an additional day to one of the ICANN meetings.
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> Our path forward is marked by some good starting points.
> - Micro-team to review GNSO vice chair selection process from drafts in 2017 and 2018
> - Micro-committee to establish expectations for our new Board Seat 14 member by March 2024.
> - Development of criteria for evaluation of Board member and future

selection criteria within a year.
· Potential joint interviewing of future candidates
· CSG to determine level of support NCSG's interest to pursue adding NPOC seat on NomCom. CSG is not against the idea but yet to determine level of advocacy.
· Joint monitoring of progress of Holistic review
○ Update the [NCPH Wiki](#) and use as communication tool.

CSG Membership Meeting at ICANN 78 - Sunday, 22 October
Topics included exchange with PSWG, presentation on Meta's findings on DNS abuse threat vectors.

CPH and CSG ExComm Lunch – Mon 23-Oct at 12 Hamburg. This is in place of a full session exchange which couldn't be arranged in the schedule.

CSG session with Board at ICANN 78 – Tue 24-Oct 0830 Hamburg. ICANN Board has posed the following question for our response.
· **Looking forward over the next 3 - 5 years, what are the key strategic issues ICANN and the ICANN ecosystem should be addressing in the FY26-30 Strategic plan, and why?**
In turn, CSG is seeking CSG input from Board on DNS abuse and Fixing Whois.

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