

Date: 9-Nov-2010  
To: Business Constituency Members  
From: Steve DelBianco, vice chair for policy coordination

**Subject: Policy Coordination Calendar**

The purpose of this document is to inform members of policy work before the BC, and to inspire participation and debate. For help with acronyms, see glossary at <http://www.bizconst.org>

This document is organized around 4 distinct channels where BC policy work is done:

1. BC participation in ICANN Public Comment processes
2. Supporting discussion and voting of BC Representatives on GNSO Council
3. Supporting discussion and voting in the Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)
4. BC statements and responses during public meetings

Current activity within each of these Channels are summarized below:

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**Channel 1. BC participation in ICANN Public Comment processes:**

ICANN Public Comment page is at <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/>

[relevant] Public Comments open at this time: (in order of comment closing dates)

1. Accountability & Transparency Review Team draft recommendations (3-Dec)
2. Review of IDN ccTLD fast track (17-Dec)
3. Applicant Guidebook for new gTLDs ( tbd )

*Note: BC members are encouraged to submit individual or company comments on any topic. Based on member interest, the BC selects topics on which to submit official positions.*

BC members can also subscribe to ICANN's Policy Update, a monthly e-newsletter. See <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/policy> for latest issues and subscription form.

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

Upcoming discussions & votes at 18-Nov GNSO Council meeting:

Agenda at <http://gns0.icann.org/meetings/agenda-council-18nov10-en.htm>

1. Discussion of GNSO project prioritization
2. Electing a new Chair of GNSO Council:
  - a. Contract and non-contract houses each nominate candidates by 10-Nov
  - b. Chair voting begins 19-Nov and ends 30-Nov
  - c. " Election of Vice Chairs is house specific and will be defined elsewhere"
  - d. New officers expected to be seated at Cartagena meeting
3. Vote on motion to amend GNSO procedures for Disclosure of Interests (DOI)
4. Presentation / discussion of new gTLD Guidebook

Council Working Groups: (see GNSO Project Status List as of 21-Oct-2010, at <http://gns0.icann.org/meetings/pending-projects-list.pdf> )

Vertical Integration – On 9-Nov, the VI Working Group published its Interim Report (Phase I). This Interim Report describes the absence of consensus within the VI Working Group for any recommendations for the first round of new gTLDs (Phase I of the PDP). With Phase I of the PDP complete, the VI Working Group will suspend its activities pending further instructions from GNSO Council for Phase II of the PDP, expected to focus on a long term solution for both new gTLD and existing gTLDs.

See [https://st.icann.org/vert-integration-pdp/index.cgi?vertical\\_integration\\_pdp](https://st.icann.org/vert-integration-pdp/index.cgi?vertical_integration_pdp)  
WG volunteers from BC incl Mikey O'Connor (chair), Berry Cobb, Martin Sutton, Jon Nevett, Ron Andruff, Mike Rodenbaugh, Mike Palage, Tero and Jarrko from Nokia.

HSTLD (High Security TLDs) – convened an Advisory Group. ICANN staff anticipates publication of RFI response in mid-December. BC Participants include Mike Palage (chair), Mikey O'Connor, Mike Rodenbaugh.

RAA (Registrar Accreditation Agreement) and rights of registrants. Published proposed final report on 18-Oct-2010.

<http://gns0.icann.org/issues/raa/raa-improvements-proposal-final-report-18oct01-en.pdf>

WG members: Phil Corwin, Phil Lodico, Mike Rodenbaugh

PEDNR (post-expiration domain name recovery). Initial report published 31-May. ICANN staff posted initial analysis of 412 public comments on 23-Aug, at

<http://forum.icann.org/lists/pednr-initial-report/msg00009.html>. Final analysis of comments expected before Cartagena. Expect multiple PDPs to be spawned from the PEDNR project, with potential to affect both current and new gTLD contracts. WG members: Berry Cobb; Phil Corwin; Mikey O'Connor; Mike Palage; Mike Rodenbaugh

RAP (Registration Abuse Policies)– Final report published 29-May, at

<http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-29may10-en.htm> Council evaluating next steps. Eventually expect multiple PDPs to be spawned from the RAP project, with potential to affect both current and new gTLD contracts. WG members: Berry Cobb; Martin Sutton; Zahid Jamil; Mikey O'Connor; Phil Corwin; Mike Rodenbaugh.

IRTP-B (Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy – Part B). initial report issued 29-May. Staff analysis of comments was posted 12-Aug at

<http://forum.icann.org/lists/irtp-b-initial-report/msg00017.html>. WG developing survey on the proposed Expedited Transfer Reverse Policy. WG members: Berry Cobb, Chris Chaplow, Mike O'Connor, Mike Rodenbaugh.

Joint working group on new gTLD Applicant Support. (requested by Board in Nairobi). Sent draft recommendations to Board before 24-Sep retreat. Board did not act on their report.

Internationalized Registration Data (IRD). Looking at IDN strings in Whois data. Presented report in Brussels. Plan a preliminary report by Cartagena.

Operations Steering Committee includes several sub-teams. Constituency & Stakeholder WT submitted recommendations on 15-Sep. Council Operations team submitted revised

procedures on 18-Oct. BC Members incl: Philip Shepard (chair), Ron Andruff, Zahid Jamil, Mike O'Connor, Mike Rodenbaugh

PDP-WT (Policy Development Process Work Team). Presented initial report in Brussels. See <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-2-31may10-en.htm> WT is reviewing public comments now. Members: Mike Rodenbaugh, Zahid Jamil, Marilyn Cade

Working Group Guidelines. Proposed guidelines published 31-May. See <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-3-31may10-en.htm> PPSC provided feedback in Sep and is evaluating further changes. Members: Mike Rodenbaugh, Alternate: Zahid Jamil

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### **Channel 3. Supporting discussion and voting on policy matters before the Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)**

1. Proposed charter for the CSG (Sara Deutsch and Marilyn Cade)
2. Nominations and elections of GNSO Council officers

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### **Channel 4. BC statements and responses during public meetings (Board breakfast, outreach events, Cross-Constituency, public forum, etc.)**

1. On 9-Nov, ICANN staff expects to issue the 'final' Applicant Guidebook for new gTLDs.
2. Affirmation review teams for Whois and SSR expect to make presentations in Cartagena and may seek input for reviews.
3. The BC needs to update its own charter to be consistent with CSG charter and changes in GNSO procedures.

*Note: if the BC has no adopted position on issues arising in meetings, members may speak on their own, but not "on behalf of the BC".*