

GNSO Council update for the ccNSO council

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GNSO Council meeting March 2021

In March 2021, the GNSO Council held one regular meeting on 24 February 2021 during the virtual ICANN70 meeting. The GNSO Council further met with the ICANN Board, the GAC and the ccNSO Council.

The following is a short summary of decisions, updates, and discussions in the regular meeting. The detailed minutes are, when final, published [here](#).

Resolutions

Confirmation of the [Recommendations Report](#) to the ICANN Board regarding adoption of relevant Outputs from the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP.

Following the adoption of the Final SubPro Report ICANN staff drafted a Recommendation Report with which outcomes of PDP's are sent to the ICANN Board. After some amendments by the council the report received the full support of the GNSO Council and will now be sent as soon as possible to the board with the Final Subpro Report.

Approval of Recommendation 4 contained in the IFR Final Report

This recommendation to remove from Article VII, Section 7.1 (a) of the IANA Naming Function contract this statement, "The relevant policies under which the changes are made shall be noted within each monthly report" needed approval from both the GNSO as the ccNSO council. The ccNSO council already approved the change as did the GNSO Council unanimously in this meeting.

Approval of the [Charter](#) of the transfer policy PDP

Updates

Update on EPDP Phase 2A to examine legal vs natural and feasibility of unique contacts

Keith Drazek, EPDP Phase 2A Chair, [presented](#) an update to the Council. There could be a possibility the EPDP P2A team reach consensus on guidelines for registrars who choose to differentiate between legal and natural. The group has gathered around a proposal for guidelines for concerned registrars, but it is premature to assess whether consensus will be found on new consensus policy recommendations. On the current timeline, there will be an Initial Report finalized at the end of May 2021 after a consensus call, with the delivery of the Final Report by August 2021, factoring in the various Public Comment periods. The team will be able therefore to provide a clear indication on next steps to Council ahead of the 21 May 2021 meeting. If there is no consensus on the Initial Report, there will be no sense in continuing the work towards the Final Report.

Debriefing of the Consultation with the ICANN Board on the Financial Sustainability of the SSAD

The GNSO Council has made the decision to implement the SAAD system conditional on the answer to the question if building and maintaining such a system will be 'financially sustainable'. What 'financially sustainable' means in this perspective is however not described. In a meeting with the Board on this topic the GNSO Council tried to put this on the board's plate while the board kept that off by saying that that was a policy decision and therefore to be made by the GNSO Council.

The GNSO was struggling to follow up on this meeting. After a discussion it was decided to prepare a specific set of clarifying questions regarding the Financial Sustainability of the SSAD (e.g., what does the cost-benefit analysis mean) to be discussed during a scheduled Council-Board joint meeting on 1 April.

The next GNSO Council meeting is scheduled for 22 April 2021.