

GNSO Council update for the ccNSO council

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GNSO Council meetings October and November 2020

In October and November, the GNSO Council held two regular meetings (21 October (in 2 parts) and 19 November). The following is a short summary of decisions, updates and discussions in the regular meetings. The detailed minutes can be found [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

The GNSO Council also held in November its yearly Strategic Planning Session.

Change of members and leadership

At ICANN's AGM a number of council members ended their term and were replaced. An overview of the current composition of the GNSO Council is available [here](#). Among those that stepped down were Keith Drazek (chair) and Rafik Dammak (vice-chair). The new leadership team consists of Philippe Fouquart (chair), Pam Little (vice-chair) and Tatiana Tropina (vice chair).

Decisions

- Philippe Fouquart will represent the GNSO as the Decisional Participant on the Empowered Community Administration.
- To develop a draft charter and an EPDP scoping document for the scheduled IDN Policy Track 2.
- To start up EPDP Phase 2a that will deal with the outstanding issues 'Legal vs. Natural persons' and the feasibility of unique contacts by forming a new/continuing the current EPDP Team 2A and seeking a chair to lead this effort.
- Confirmation of the [Recommendations Report](#) to the ICANN Board regarding adoption of recommendations 1-22 contained in the Final Report from the EPDP Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data – Phase 2.

Discussions

- ICANN Org introduced the idea for an Operational Design Phase (ODP) to the SOAC Chairs for an initial preview and discussion, the document was then circulated to the Council mailing list on the 5th October 2020. A small group of councilors was formed to formulate a formal response.
- There are two reviews due/upcoming (Review of Policy & Implementation Recommendation Review and the GNSO 3 Review). It seems that, for different reasons, it may not be timely to launch both reviews as originally scheduled.
- The EPDP P2 Final Report approved the SSAD package while noting questions surrounding financial sustainability of SSAD and concerns expressed in minority statements. The GNSO Council requested a consultation with the ICANN Board as part of the delivery of the GNSO Council recommendations report to discuss these issues, one of which being whether a further cost benefit analysis should be conducted before ICANN Board considers all SSAD related recommendations for adoption. The council will prepare this consultation.

The next GNSO Council meeting is scheduled for 17 December 2020.