

Title: GNSO Activity Brief for ccNSO Council

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Status: Most Recent GNSO Meeting

Review of Projects & Action List

Here are some GNSO Council on-going projects that were reviewed:

- Cross Community Engagement Group on Internet Governance (CCEG-IG): councilors discussed the requirements for the new structure, the need for the GNSO to be involved and to what extent, in the light of the ccNSO removing itself as Chartering Organisation (CO) and the At-Large remaining in the role as co or sole CO. Support was expressed in regard to the work of the group but further discussion is needed concerning the new cross community structure. Emphasis was expressed regarding the need for a swift decision.
- IANA Functions Review (IFR) team: GNSO Council will have an action item regarding the appointment of the co-chair in January or February 2019 in collaboration with the ccNSO.

Full Project list can be found here: [Projects List](#)

Updates to the [Action Items' list](#) included:

- *Council leadership* to develop draft response to the Cross Community Engagement Group on Internet Governance, providing input on the GNSO Council expected engagement with the group.

Consent Agenda

There were four items on the Consent Agenda:

- [Motion](#) to adopt the GNSO Council response to the GAC Communiqué.
- [Motion](#) to approve the nomination of Andrew Mack to serve as the ICANN Fellowship Program mentor.
- Confirmation of Heather Forrest to serve as the GNSO Representative to the ICANN Fellowship Program Selection Committee for the remainder of the 2-year term.
- Confirmation of the leadership for the GNSO Standing Selection Committee (Chair: Susan Kawaguchi, Vice-Chairs: Poncelet Ileleji and Erica Varlese)

Resolved,

1. The GNSO Council adopts the GNSO Review of the Barcelona GAC Communiqué (see
2. <https://gns0.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/review-gac-communique-13dec18-en.pdf>) and requests that the GNSO Council Chair communicate the GNSO Review of the Barcelona GAC Communiqué to the ICANN Board.
3. The GNSO Council requests that the GNSO Chair also informs the GAC Chair of the communication between the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board.

4. The GNSO nominates Andrew Mack to serve as a ICANN Fellowship Program mentor for a period of one year.
5. The GNSO Council instructs the GNSO Secretariat to communicate resolved #1 to staff supporting the ICANN Fellowship Program.
6. The GNSO Council instructs the GNSO Secretariat to inform the nominated candidate that he or she has been selected.
7. The GNSO Council requests the GNSO Secretariat to send a response to those applicants who were not nominated, thanking them for their interest and encouraging them to apply for future opportunities as they arise.

GNSO Councilors voted in support of the Consent Agenda with 7 votes in favour for the Contracted Party House and 10 votes in favour and 3 abstentions for the Non Contracted Party House.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP WG

Council leadership and staff developed a summary document ([Summary Paper](#) and [Slide Deck](#)) listing issues raised by Councilors, options available, and potential considerations for the previous council meeting.

Councilors were provided with background information and recent updates, Council discussed four potential actions: GNSO Council communication to the GAC welcoming further deliberations, GNSO Council communication to the PDP WG about the 5 recommendations, approval of recommendations 1-4, Council accepts (not approve) recommendation 5 and refers it to the Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPM) PDP WG.

Action item:

- *Council leadership and Council* to continue developing proposed path forward for the Working Group's Final Report.

COUNCIL UPDATE – Temporary Specification for Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP)- Recurring Update

Councilors were reminded that the deadline for the Public Comment on the EPDP Initial Report was closing on Friday 21st December, and that the team has advanced but needs further guidance with the public comment from the community. The letter to the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) has been put on hold until such point as pending questions can be answered and the Final Report is read. Progress has been made regarding legal counsel support, cost is a concern as is best use and a small team has been created and will meet weekly in order to draft questions for the legal counsel.

The EPDP team will meet for a face-to-face in Toronto in January 2019.

Councilors were informed of a letter from Cherine Chalaby, Chair of the ICANN Board, requesting the GNSO Council to provide a backup solution if the EPDP team were not to meet the May 2019 deadline. Council leadership is working with staff on a draft response. Council leadership will respond to this.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – ICANN Reserve Fund

Councilors were reminded of the resolution of the Board resolution to replenish the ICANN Reserve Fund from the auction proceeds amongst others. During the GNSO Wrap Up session in ICANN63, it was agreed that Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies take the lead on an action to take, if there was one. There were further discussions and the Council resolved on the following Action Items:

Action Item:

- *Keith Drazek* to send note to Council list, soliciting additional comments on guidance / principles for how the reserve fund should be replenished.
- Depending upon feedback received, *Council leadership* to prepare draft letter to communicate Council concerns.
- *GNSO Secretariat* to send final response to Cherine Chalaby and the ICANN Board.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – GNSO Policy Development Process 3.0 Implementation Plan

The [GNSO PDP3.0 Implementation Plan](#) was presented and asked that councilors review the document and provide feedback before the GNSO Strategic Planning Session in January 2019. Staff encouraged councilors to specifically review the next steps proposals and confirm that they are aligned with the PDP 3.0 discussion so far.

OTHER ISSUES

- Existing ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Implementation Advisory Group - Next steps for Call for Volunteers
This will be triggered by the posting of the EPDP team Final Report and the GNSO Council will have to evaluate the impact of consensus policy recommendations and if a drafting team formation is necessary.
- FY20 Draft ICANN Operating Plan and Budget - Next steps for the Standing Committee on ICANN's Budget and Operations.
The [FY20 Draft ICANN Operating Plan and Budget](#) has been posted. Also, the [Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews Public Comment](#) is open for comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 22:38 UTC Thursday 20 December 2018.