

**ICANN61 SAN JUAN  
GNSO WEEKEND SESSION  
SUNDAY, 11 MARCH 2018**

**BRIEFING PAPER FOR MORNING SESSION (9:00 – 12:00 LOCAL TIME)**

In order to kick-start the discussion for the GNSO weekend session on effective and efficient policy development, we would like you to think about the following questions and be prepared to share your responses during the meeting (of course, you may also suggest other questions that you think should be covered):

- What do you consider the main hurdle(s) for ongoing PDP WGs to deliver policy recommendations in an effective and efficient manner?
- What do you see as potential solutions for overcoming these hurdles, either for ongoing PDPs or future PDPs?
- What assistance can the GNSO Council provide?

During the GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session a number of suggestions were discussed as possible ways to improve the effectiveness of PDPs, such as:

- Developing a job description for PDP WG Chairs based on criteria contained in the PDP Guidelines;
- Developing a budget for PDP WGs and making the PDP WG Chair/s responsible for the management of that budget.
- Developing a terms of participation for WG members/participants that would serve as a reminder that the process requires participants to work in good faith to reach consensus;
- Reiterating the role of the GNSO Council Liaisons;
- Limiting the number of WG members and consider other ways in which individuals can engage and provide input or consider having unlimited observers but limit WG members to those designated by different groups. Also get those WG members to commit to the # of hours / timeline that has been identified to ensure there is buy-in and understanding of what is required.
- Develop criteria for information that needs to be provided by PDP WG leadership as part of their regular updates to the GNSO Council.

Your feedback on these suggestions, as well as others you may have, is welcomed. We found preparation to be the key to progress in our strategic planning discussions, and we encourage you to do the same. In addition to these questions and suggestions, some suggested background materials that may help you prepare for the discussions in San Juan have been listed below.

The objective of this session is to feed the different ideas and suggestions into a White Paper that is intended to form the basis for concrete ideas and suggestions that could be tried and tested to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the GNSO PDP.

Best regards,

GNSO Council Leadership Team

**Suggested background materials:**

- Staff discussion paper on optimizing increased engagement & participation while ensuring efficient & effective policy development (see [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WbL79RXpkisfAnKOtxpuy\\_sf466\\_3XIT](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WbL79RXpkisfAnKOtxpuy_sf466_3XIT))
- GNSO Working Group Guidelines - <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/annex-1-gns0-wg-guidelines-30jan18-en.pdf>
- PDP Manual - <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/annex-2-pdp-manual-30jan18-en.pdf>