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GNSO Council Action Items - LINK	NA	NA	NA	Refer to most recent action item list for latest status

2 - Issue Scoping

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Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP-PR) Staff**:** J. Gore, C. Tubergen, M. Konings	2018-02-28	August 2018	GNSO Council	Final modifications to the Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy were implemented 1 Dec 2016 as a result of the final PDP WG, IRTP-D, which were adopted by the GNSO Council. That WG produced a series of recommendations after deliberating on issues on the use of the EPP AuthInfo Code, FOAs, and penalties for policy violations. The WG's final two recommendations suggest that data be collected and an eventual review of the entire IRTP be conducted: Recommendation #17: The WG recommends that, once all IRTP recommendations are implemented (incl. IRTP-D, and remaining elements from IRTP-C), the GNSO Council, together with ICANN staff, should convene a panel to collect, discuss, and analyze relevant data to determine whether these enhancements have improved the IRTP process and dispute mechanisms, and identify possible remaining shortcomings. Recommendation #18: The Working Group recommends that contracted parties and ICANN should start to gather data and other relevant information that will help inform a future IRTP review team in its efforts, especially with regard to those issues listed in the Observations (4.2.7.1) above. The GNSO Council received a letter from Jennifer Gore, GDD Staff, with proposed next steps to commence the review. The Council considered the proposed approach in further detail during its meeting on 26 April 2018 and subsequently via email. Staff has been requested to deliver the proposed post-implementation policy assessment report by June 2018. Staff is 75% complete with the report. Transfer Emergency Action Contact: The TEAC became a part of the IRTP Consensus Policy on 1 Jun 2012 as a result of adopted recommendations produced from the GNSO's Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy – Part B (IRTP-B) PDP WG. That WG produced a series of recommendations based on issues around domain hijacking,

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				urgent returns of inappropriately transferred names and lock status. As a part of the WG's first recommendation, it requested an follow-up review of the TEAC: "The Working Group recommends that the GNSO perform a follow-up review of the TEAC 12 to 24 months after the policy is implemented to identify any issues that may have arisen and propose modifications to address them. This review should specifically address whether the TEAC is working as intended (to establish contact between registrars in case of emergency), whether the TEAC is not abused (used for issues that are not considered an emergency) and whether the option to 'undo' a transfer in case of failure to respond to a TEAC should be made mandatory." Since the policy effective date, ICANN's Contractual Compliance has processed several TEAC complaints over the years, and as part of its Audit Program, Registrars are asked to provide their TEAC information should it not match what is listed in RADAR. Further, compliance reports about this specific policy are posted on the compliance site.

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Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data Chair(s): TBC Council Liaison: TBC Staff: M. Konings, C. Tubergen Following the adoption by the ICANN Board of a temporary specification on gTLD Registration Data to enable contracted parties to continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and with community-developed policies as they relate to WHOIS, while also complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a one-year policy development process is required to be initiated to confirm whether or not the temporary specification should become a consensus policy.		2018-July-19	DT	On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The Board took this action to establish temporary requirements for how ICANN and its contracted parties will continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and with community-developed policies as they relate to WHOIS, while also complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Temporary Specification has been adopted under the procedure for Temporary Policies outlined in the Registry Agreement and Registrar Accreditation Agreement, which require that following adoption of the temporary specification, the Board "shall immediately implement the Consensus Policy development process set forth in ICANN's Bylaws". Per the requirements of the procedure for Temporary Policies, this Consensus Policy development process on the temporary specification would need to be carried out within a one-year period. Following the adoption of the Temporary Specification, the Board consulted with the GNSO Council about the expected scope of the PDP, timing considerations, and relevant procedural requirements. Similarly, as the manager of the Policy Development Process, the GNSO Council started considering possible next steps through a number of meetings as well as briefing documents (see https://community.icann.org/x/iwE5BQ for example). As a result of an extraordinary Council meeting on 12 June, the GNSO Council agreed to form a drafting team consisting of Council leadership and interested Council members to develop an Initiation Request for an Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) as well as a proposed EPDP Team Charter for this effort. The Drafting Team met during multiple sessions at ICANN62, including a cross-community session, and discussed many components of the EPDP, including membership criteria, composition, leadership, scope, decision-methodology, conflict resolution, status reporting, et.al. The Drafting Team is currently finalizing the text for the EPDP Initiation Request and Charter so that the GNSO Council can consider these documents for approval during its meeting on 19 July 2018.

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4 – Working Group

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WHOIS Procedure Implementation Advisory Group (WPIAG) Chair: TBC Council Liaison: Keith Drazek Staff: TBC The ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Implementation Advisory Group (WHOIS Procedure IAG) is tasked to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations on how to address the comments and input that have been received in response to the public comment forum on the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps.	2018-Feb-22	TBC	Staff	The GNSO Council adopted the charter for the ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Implementation Advisory Group (WHOIS Procedure IAG) during its meeting on 22 February. The WHOIS Procedure IAG is tasked to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations on how to address the comments and input that have been received in response to the public comment forum on the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps. Per the Council's recent discussions, noting the current workload and activities that may impact the IAG's work, staff will refrain from circulating the call for volunteers to the GNSO Stakeholder Groups with the request for each Stakeholder Group to appoint up to 3 members to the IAG, until it receives further instruction from the Council. Further, staff will circulate through the normal communication channels a call to the wider ICANN community for volunteers for interested participants and observers to join the IAG.
Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs PDP (Reconvened WG) Chair**:** Thomas Rickert Council liaison: Heather Forrest Staff**:** M. Wong, B. Cobb This reconvened WG is tasked with providing the GNSO Council with policy recommendation changes, if any, as it pertains to the protection of the Red Cross National Society and International Movement designations that are inconsistent with GAC Advice.	2017-May-03	2018-Aug-06	Reconvened WG (for Red Cross names only)	At ICANN57 (Nov. 2016) in Hyderabad, the Board proposed that the GAC and GNSO enter into a facilitated dialogue to try to resolve the outstanding issues from the original PDP. Facilitated discussions took place at ICANN58 (Mar. 2017) in Copenhagen and were moderated by former Board member Bruce Tonkin based on a set of Problem Statements and Briefing Papers reviewed by the parties. Following the facilitated discussions, the GNSO passed a resolution in May 2017 requesting that the original PDP WG be reconvened using the GNSO's policy amendment process concerning a limited set of Red Cross names. The reconvened WG has reached agreement on the international legal basis for protecting Red Cross National Society names. The RCRC representatives completed the definitive list of the 191 Red Cross Society's identifiers to be protected and the WG has agreed on the variant principles that define the definitive, finite and specific list of permitted variants. The WG's recommendations are now published for public comment unti 31 July.

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				Following the WG's review of any comments received, a final report will be submitted to the GNSO Council, with a target in early August 2018.
New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) Co-Chairs: Ching Chiao (ccNSO); Erika Mann (GNSO) Staff: M. Konings (GNSO), J. Braeken (ccNSO) This CCWG is tasked with developing a proposal(s) for consideration by its Chartering Organizations on the mechanism that should be developed in order to allocate the new gTLD Auction Proceeds. As part of this proposal, the CCWG is also expected to consider the scope of fund allocation, due diligence requirements that preserve ICANN's tax status as well as how to deal with directly related matters such as potential or actual conflicts of interest. The CCWG will not make any recommendations or determinations with regards to specific funding decisions (i.e. which specific organizations or projects are to be funded or not).	2016-Mar-10	Ongoing	CCWG	The CCWG held its first meeting on 26 January 2017 and has started meeting on a weekly basis to meet its target of delivering an Initial Report for public comment by ICANN62 (June 2018). The latest version of the work plan can be found here: https://community.icann.org/x/dUPwAw. The CCWG has now commenced its work on stage 5 – answer the remaining charter questions from the perspective of the different mechanisms identified. A first draft of responses to the remaining charter questions was shared with the CCWG and was further discussed during the CCWG's F2F session at ICANN62 (June 2018). Following the completion of the responses to the remaining charter questions, the CCWG is planning to conduct another poll to determine whether one or more mechanisms are preferred over the others. The CCWG aims to publish an Initial Report for public comment by ICANN63. To review the status of deliberation on the different charter questions as well as preliminary agreements reached to date, see https://community.icann.org/x/PNrRAw.
Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Co-Chair(s)**:** Philip Corwin, Kathy Kleiman, Brian Beckham Council Liaison**:** Paul McGrady Community Liaisons (to/from the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG): Robin Gross, Susan Payne Staff: M. Wong, J. Hedlund, A. Liang	2011-Feb-03	Ongoing	WG	On 28 February 2016, the GNSO Council voted to initiate this Policy Development Process (PDP) and adopted a revised Working Group Charter in March (https://community.icann.org/x/2CWAAw). The PDP is being conducted in two phases, beginning with the RPMs developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program, with the 1999 Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy to follow in Phase 2. The WG has completed an initial review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP), and much of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) structure and operations. For the Sunrise and Trademark Claims RPMs, the GNSO Council approved an extensive data

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This WG is tasked to review all the RPMs that have been developed by ICANN in a two-phased PDP. By the end of its work, the WG will be expected to also have considered the overarching issue as to whether or not the RPMs collectively fulfil their purposes or whether additional policy recommendations will be necessary, including to clarify and unify the policy goals.				request in the form prescribed by the 2015 Data & Metrics for Policy Making Working Group at its 20 September 2017 meeting. Following staff evaluation of the proposals submitted under the Request for Proposal that closed in March 2018, the Analysis Group was announced as the selected vendor. They are currently working with the group's Data Sub Team to finalize the survey questions, with the aim of issuing all the surveys by end-July at the latest, with initial survey results anticipated around end-August. Staff has also compiled quantitative data on Sunrise registrations, Trademark Claims and Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) filings to complement the surveys. Some additional data collection needs relating to additional voluntary marketplace RPMs being offered by a few registry operators have also been identified by the Data Sub Team. At present, the WG is reviewing the URS through the use of three additional Sub Teams. It is aiming to complete initial data collection for the URS review shortly after ICANN62, at which point it can begin to develop potential recommendations for the URS. As a result of the time required to complete the full data collection effort, the WG is likely to be working on Phase 1 through early 2019, with the aim of submitting a Phase One report to the GNSO Council by mid-2019. The WG is likely to continue to rely on multiple sub teams to facilitate progress in view of what is a relatively tight timeline.
New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Co-Chair(s): Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Jeff Neuman Council Liaison: Donna Austin and Keith Drazek Community Liaisons (to/from the RPM Review PDP WG): Robin Gross, Susan Payne Community Liaison (to/from CCT-RT): Carlos Raúl Gutiérrez Staff: S. Chan, J. Hedlund, E. Barabas	2014-Jun-25	Ongoing	WG	The WG was chartered by the GNSO Council in January 2016 (https://community.icann.org/x/KAp1Aw). It has completed preliminary deliberations on a set of overarching topics and 30+ additional topics identified in the WG's charter. These additional issue areas have been addressed through a series of Work Track Sub Teams (WTs 1-4). The WG considered input received from the community through two rounds of community comment and has published its Initial Report for public comment, including preliminary recommendations, options, and questions for community input. The public comment period on the Initial Report will remain

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This WG is tasked with calling upon the community's collective experiences from the 2012 New gTLD Program round to determine what, if any changes may need to be made to the existing 2007 Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains policy recommendations. Those policy recommendations will remain in place for subsequent rounds unless modified via a PDP. The work of this WG follows the efforts of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group (DG), which identified a set of issues for a future PDP-WG to consider in their deliberations.				open until 5 September 2018.

The PDP also includes a Work Track 5, which addresses geographic names at the top level. WT5, operating under an inclusive leadership structure but nonetheless operating under GNSO Operating Procedures, has completed its Terms of Reference, developed a work plan, and made progress on substantive deliberations through regular meetings. As WT5 was formed later than the other Work Tracks and is therefore on a different timeline than other parts of the PDP, it is seeking to publish a separate Initial Report in August 2018. |

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PDP on the next generation gTLD Registration Directory Service to replace WHOIS Co-Chair: Susan Kawaguchi, Marc Anderson Vice-Chairs: David Cake, Michele Neylon Council liaison: Stephanie Perrin Staff: M. Konings, L. Phifer, C. Tubergen The WG is tasked to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations on the following two questions as part of phase 1: What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data and is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS needed to address these requirements?	2012-Nov-8	On hold	WG	The PDP Working Group was chartered in November 2015 (https://community.icann.org/x/E4xlAw) and first convened at the end of January 2016. The WG continues to refine its Work Plan (see https://community.icann.org/x/oIxlAw). The Working Group has compiled a list of possible requirements for gTLD registration directory services, providing a foundation upon which to recommend answers to these two questions: What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data and directory services, and is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS needed to address these requirements? Triage on the list of possible requirements was completed and deliberations on the list of possible requirements commenced at ICANN57 (Nov 2016). However, the WG decided to first focus on a number of key concepts which are intended to facilitate the deliberations on the list of possible requirements. For ICANN61 (Mar 2018), the WG focused on purposes for which it formed seven drafting teams to further develop the purposes identified in the EWG Final Report. The WG has paused its weekly meetings and it did not meet at ICANN62 (June 2018), as it awaits further direction from the GNSO Council and ICANN Board with respect to how the WG's efforts may be affected by concurrent GDPR compliance efforts. The WG tentative agreements achieved to date can be found here: https://community.icann.org/x/p4xlAw, and an updated PDP WG newsletter has been published, and can be found here: https://community.icann.org/x/_RmOAw.

5 – Council Deliberation

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Cross Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability Co-Chairs: Jordan Carter (ccNSO), Thomas Rickert (GNSO), Tijani Ben Jemaa (ALAC) Staff: B. Turcotte This CCWG is expected to deliver proposals that would enhance ICANN's accountability towards all stakeholders. In Work Stream 1, it identified those mechanisms that must be in place or committed to before the IANA Stewardship Transition occurs. Currently, in Work Stream 2 it is considering those mechanisms for which a timeline for implementation extends beyond the IANA Stewardship Transition.	2016-Jun-26	July 2018	CCWG	The CCWG-WS2 commenced work on Work Stream 2 (WS2) at ICANN56 (June 2016). It is addressing the remaining nine issues that were deferred from WS1 (i.e. Diversity, Guidelines for Good Faith Conduct, Human Rights, Jurisdiction, Ombudsman, Reviewing the Cooperative Engagement Process (CEP), SO/AC Accountability, Staff Accountability, and Transparency). The CCWG has submitted its final report for public comment, which closed on 11 May 2018. The CCWG-WS2 has now submitted its Final Report to the Chartering Organizations. The GNSO Council will discuss at its upcoming meeting how/when to consider the Final Report for adoption.
Curative Rights Protections for IGO/INGOs PDP Chair:Petter Rindforth Council Liaison: Susan Kawaguchi Staff: M. Wong, S. Chan This WG is tasked with providing the GNSO Council with recommendations as to whether to amend the UDRP and URS to allow access to and use of these mechanisms by IGOs and INGOs and, if so in what respects or whether a separate, narrowly-tailored dispute resolution procedure that takes into account the particular needs and specific circumstances of IGOs and INGOs should be developed.	2014-Jun-05	Ongoing	WG	Based on the recommendation of the IGO-INGO PDP Working Group in 2013, the GNSO Council resolved to initiate a PDP on the specific topic of curative rights, and chartered the WG in June 2014 (https://community.icann.org/x/77rhAg). The PDP WG is tasked to explore possible amendments to the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure (URS) to address the specific needs of International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs). The WG's preliminary recommendations and its Initial Report were published for public comment on 20 January 2017 (see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/igo-ingo-crp-access-initial-2017-01-20-en). The WG modified certain initial recommendations as a result of the comments received. Leading up to ICANN62, the WG continued to try to reach consensus on a remaining recommendation to deal with IGO jurisdictional immunity and registrants' rights to file court proceedings. To resolve a procedural appeal filed by a WG member under the GNSO WG Guidelines, the Council liaison to the WG

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				facilitated some of the WG's discussions. The WG Chair began leading meetings again, with a consensus call on proposed final recommendations being opened on 25 May 2018. The WG Chair made his initial designations of consensus levels and the WG has come to agreement on those levels for inclusion in the Final Report. The WG has completed and submitted its Final Report on 9 July 2018, in time for the Council's July 2018 meeting. Several minority statements are expected to be filed by 13 July, which will be incorporated into the Final Report before the Council's July meeting.

6 – Board Vote

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Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs PDP Chair**:** Thomas Rickert Council liaison: Keith Drazek Staff**:** M. Wong, S. Chan, B. Cobb This WG was tasked to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations as to whether there is a need for special protections at the top and second level in all gTLDs for the names and acronyms of International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) receiving protections under treaties and statutes under multiple jurisdictions, specifically including the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement (RCRC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).	2012-Apr-12	Ongoing	Board/ Council	In April 2014 the Board voted to adopt those of the GNSO's recommendations, approved unanimously by the GNSO Council in November 2013, that are not inconsistent with GAC advice received on the topic (http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-30apr14-en.htm#2.a). An Implementation Review Team (IRT) was formed, led by Dennis Chang of GDD, to implement those recommendations adopted by the Board. The finalized Consensus Policy was announced in January 2018, with an effective date of August 2018 for most aspects of the Policy. For those policy recommendations that are inconsistent with GAC advice, the Board passed a number of resolutions in 2013 and 2014 (see e.g. https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-new-gtld-2013-07-17-en#1.a) to temporarily reserve the Red Cross National Society names at issue as well as the names and acronyms of the IGOs that appear on the list provided by the GAC to ICANN in March 2013. These interim protections remain in place until the differences between the GNSO recommendations and the GAC advice are reconciled. At ICANN57 (Nov. 2016) in Hyderabad, the Board proposed that the GAC and GNSO enter into a facilitated dialogue to try to resolve the outstanding issues. Facilitated discussions took place at ICANN58 (Mar. 2017) in Copenhagen and were moderated by former Board member Bruce Tonkin based on a set of Problem Statements and Briefing Papers reviewed by the parties. **Next steps on IGO acronyms protections:** Further discussions relating to possible next steps for protecting IGO acronyms are expected to take place following indications from the IGO-INGO Curative Rights PDP WG as to its likely recommendations and whether or not these are expected to differ from GAC advice on the subject. **Next steps on Red Cross names** See above (under Section 4: Working Group) for updates on the reconvened PDP on this topic.

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Geo Regions Review Community-wide Working Group Chair: Cheryl Langdon-Orr (ccNSO/APRALO) Staff: M. Wong This Board-chartered cross community WG has consulted with ICANN stakeholders regarding the definition and applications of ICANN's Geographic Regions.	2008-Aug-07	2018-Sep-30	Board	A community Public Comment opportunity has been established for this matter (see https://www.icann.org/public-comments/geo-regions-2015-12-23-en. The comment period closed on 24 April 2016 and 7 submissions were received. The staff report of public comments was published (https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-geo-regions-13may16-en.pdf) and the Board is reviewing the comments received with a view toward considering next steps. It is expected to take up this topic at a Board meeting shortly after ICANN62.

7 – Implementation

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GNSO Rights & Obligations under Revised ICANN Bylaws Drafting Team (DT) **Recommendations** Chair: Steve DelBianco Staff: M. Wong, J. Hedlund, M. Konings This DT was created to work with ICANN staff to identify the GNSO's new rights and obligations under the revised ICANN Bylaws, and to prepare an implementation plan for the GNSO Council's consideration.	2016-Jun-30	June 2018	Board	On 30 January 2018, the GNSO Council adopted the revised GNSO Operating Procedures and recommended to the ICANN Board the modification of the ICANN Bylaws to include a set of additional GNSO voting thresholds in relation to the post-transition roles and responsibilities of the GNSO as a member of the Empowered Community. The ICANN Board approved a resolution on 15 March 2018 at ICANN61 to direct staff to post the proposed additions to the ICANN Bylaws for public comment. The 40-day public comment period closed on 05 May 2018 and the ICANN Board adopted proposed additions based on comments received during its meeting on 13 May. The requisite Empowered Community process for a possible Rejection Action was initiated on 19 May. No rejection petitions were received. As a result, the changes became effective under the Bylaws on 21 June 2018. Staff had circulated a follow up document on 17 May which outlines the additional proposed steps to be taken to ensure preparedness as well as facilitate the ability for the GNSO Council to act in relation to the new roles and responsibilities outlined in the post-transition Bylaws, such as development of templates and additional processes/procedures.
GNSO Review Working Group Chair: Jennifer Wolfe Vice-Chair: Wolf-Ulrich Knoben Council Liaison: Rafik Dammak Staff: J. Hedlund, E. Barabas This WG was tasked to develop an implementation plan for the GNSO Review recommendations (http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/review-feasibility-prioritization-25feb16-en.pdf) which have been adopted by the ICANN Board.	2016-Jul-21	Ongoing	WG	The GNSO Council adopted the WG Charter (http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/gnso-review-charter-11jul16-en.pdf) during its meeting on 21 July 2016. The Working Group delivered its proposed implementation plan for the Board-adopted GNSO Review recommendations to the GNSO Council on 21 November (https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/review-implementation-recommendations-plan-21nov16-en.pdf) On 15 December the GNSO Council unanimously approved the proposed plan. The Board's Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) reviewed the plan and recommended it to the Board for adoption. The Board accepted the recommendations at its 3 February 2017 meeting, and requested that the Working Group provide updates to the OEC every six months through implementation. The Working Group submitted an update on its implementation progress to the OEC of the ICANN Board and to the GNSO Council at ICANN60 (Oct. 2017) in which it agreed by full consensus that all

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				recommendations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 have been implemented. The Working Group is meeting bi-weekly and has nearly completed work on Phase 3 recommendations. The Working Group provided a written update to the GNSO Council prior to ICANN61 (Mar. 2018) and in May 2018. An implementation progress report was sent to the OEC and the GNSO Council at ICANN62 (June 2018).
Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues PDP Recommendations Council Liaison: Darcy Southwell IRT Support Staff: Amy Bivins (GDD) The *Registrar Accreditation Agreement* (RAA), the contract governing the relationship between ICANN and accredited registrars, has been in place since 2001. The Board initiated negotiations for a new RAA in October 2011, and requested an Issue Report from the GNSO at the same time. The final version of the new RAA was approved by the Board in June 2013, thereby signifying that the RAA negotiations were concluded. Per the Board's 2011 request, the remaining issues, which were identified as those relating to privacy & proxy services and their accreditation, were examined in a PDP. This IRT was formed to implement the PDP recommendations approved by the ICANN Board.	2009-May-21	Ongoing	Staff/IRT	The WG's Final Report was sent to the GNSO Council on 8 December 2015 and in January 2016, the GNSO Council voted unanimously to approve all the WG's final recommendations (https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201601). In May 2016, the Board acknowledged receipt of the PDP recommendations and requested additional time to allow for possible timely GAC input. The GAC issued advice via its Helsinki Communique requesting that its concerns be addressed during implementation to the extent feasible. On 9 August 2016, the Board adopted the PDP recommendations (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2016-08-09-en#2.e). An IRT was formed and is being led by Amy Bivins of GDD. The IRT has discussed a draft framework developed by the GAC's Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) in relation to privacy and proxy services' handling of law enforcement requests, a draft accreditation agreement and related specifications. The Registrars Stakeholder Group asked ICANN organization to consider pausing the IRT work in view of the imminent enforcement date of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). ICANN organization has responded to indicate that it believes the public comment proceeding can still be conducted while the GDPR review is ongoing, as the IRT's work is nearly complete. The IRT is currently awaiting the outcome of a legal review of possible GDPR implications on the policy recommendations before posting its documents for public comment. IRTP-C: At the request of the Registrars' Stakeholder Group, which raised a substantive

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				concern regarding the application of IRTP-C to privacy and proxy services, the GNSO Council wrote to the ICANN Board to recommend that the matter be referred to the PPSAI IRT for consideration before the Policy effective date (https://gnso.icann.org/en/correspondence/bladel-to-crocker-01dec16-en.pdf). The Board responded on 21 December 2016 to note that it is reviewing the Council's request and in the interim directing that ICANN Compliance defer enforcement of the issue (https://gnso.icann.org/en/correspondence/crocker-to-bladel-21dec16-en.pdf). On 3 February 2017, the Board passed a resolution confirming its instructions regarding deferral of Compliance enforcement and declaring its intention of further discussing the concerns raised by the GNSO Council at a subsequent meeting. On 16 March 2017, the Board passed a resolution directing the ICANN CEO to instruct ICANN staff to work with the Registrars' Stakeholder Group and other interested parties to determine the appropriate path forward. Per the GNSO Council's motion of 30 November 2017, the PPSAI IRT will consider the issue of privacy/proxy registrations and IRTP Part C as outlined in the annex to the GNSO Council letter (see https://gnso.icann.org/en/correspondence/bladel-to-crocker-01dec16-en.pdf) and put forward recommendations for implementation that are consistent with the IRTP Part C policy recommendations as well as the PPSAI policy recommendations. The IRT is expected to undertake this work only after the it closes its expected comment period on its initial documents.
Translation/Transliteration of Internationalized Registration Data PDP Recommendations Council Liaison: Rubens Kuhl IRT Support Staff: Brian Aitchison (GDD) The PDP addressed two primary issues: 1. Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single	2012-Oct-17	Ongoing	Staff/IRT	On 28 September 2015 the ICANN Board approved the adoption of all seven recommendations contained in the Final Report from the PDP Working Group (https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-09-28-en). An Implementation Review Team (IRT) was formed and a draft implementation plan shared with the IRT, which met for its first meeting on 19 July 2016. As of November 2016, the IRT is engaged in discussions around language and script tags, which appear to be a minimum requirement to meet the standards set by the PDP recommendations.

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common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script; and 2. Who should bear the burden translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script? This IRT was formed to implement the final PDP recommendations as approved by the ICANN Board.				The IRT held its 12th call on 8 June 2017. The team continues to discuss the details of implementing language and script tags. The team discussed the merits of submitting a set of questions on the T/T Recommendations to the GNSO Council for clarification and input. After discussing, they came to the conclusion that it would be better to seek the input of those involved in the T/T PDP Working Group and potentially certain Stakeholder Groups on those questions before considering GNSO Council input. The questions focus on whether the T/T recommendations mandate that ALL new registration data be tagged with the languages and scripts in use by a registrant, how the implementation should ultimately be carried out (eg: Should the implementation date be coordinated with the operationalization of RDAP? Should it be "pilot tested" along with RDAP? Should it be referred to the Next Gen RDS PDP?). Once the above questions are answered, a policy language document will be developed for IRT review and eventually public comment. The timeline for the implementation of the T/T Recommendations is now indeterminate due to the indeterminate nature of the RDAP roll-out, which is the minimum requirement to implement the T/T policy recommendations.
Thick WHOIS PDP Recommendations Council Liaison: Susan Kawaguchi IRT Support Staff: Dennis Chang (GDD) This IRT was formed to work with ICANN staff on the implementation of the GNSO's policy recommendation to require Thick Whois for all gTLD registries, as approved by the ICANN Board.	2012-Mar-14	2019-Feb-01	IRT / Staff / Council	The ICANN Board approved the GNSO recommendations on Thick Whois at its meeting on 7 February 2014 (http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/resolutions-07feb14-en.htm). An IRT was formed and various impact assessments and implementation proposals have been discussed with the IRT in the two decoupled work streams, corresponding to the two expected outcomes in the PDP Recommendations. The work streams have resulted in two policies and published on 1 February 2017: 1) Thick Whois Consensus Policy Requiring Consistent Labeling and Display of RDDS (WHOIS) Output for All gTLDs and 2) the Proposed Implementation of GNSO Thick RDDS (WHOIS) Transition Policy for .COM, .NET and .JOBS.

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				The Consistent Labelling and Display of RDDS Output for All gTLDs policy has completed implementation with the policy effective date of 1 August 2017. On 13 May 2018, the ICANN Board passed a Resolution to defer contractual compliance enforcement of the Thick WHOIS transition policy in consideration of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). ICANN Contractual Compliance will defer enforcing the following milestones until the dates listed below: • 30 November 2018: The registry operator must begin accepting Thick WHOIS data from registrars for existing registrations in .COM, .NET and .JOBS. • By 30 April 2019: All registrars must send Thick WHOIS data to the registry operator for all new registrations in .COM, .NET and .JOBS. • By 31 January 2020: All registrars are required to complete the transition to Thick WHOIS data for all registrations in .COM, .NET and .JOBS.

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GNSO Standing Committee on ICANN Budget and Operating Plan (SCBO) Chair**:** Ayden Ferdeline Council Liaison: Heather Forrest Staff**:** M. Konings, S. Chan, B. Cobb The SCBO is tasked to assist the GNSO with providing information and possible comments to ICANN's Budget and Strategic Operating Plan.	2017-09-12	Ongoing	SCBO	The SCBO's interim charter was adopted by the GNSO Council at the December 2017 GNSO Council meeting. The standing committee has reviewed the ICANN FY19 Draft Budget and Operating Plan and submitted comments on behalf of the Council. The SCBO reviewed the responses from ICANN Org to the Council comments, among others, and determined no further action was necessary. Towards July 2018, the SCBO will review its prior activity and efforts and develop an after-action report for the Council to consider any changes to the SCBO Charter and confirm the group's continued existence.
GNSO Standing Selection Committee (SSC) Chair: Susan Kawaguchi Vice-Chair: Maxim Alzoba Staff: M. Konings, E. Barabas The SSC is tasked to assist with the selection of GNSO representatives to future Review Teams, including for the various reviews mandated by the ICANN Bylaws, and other ICANN structures for which the GNSO will need to appoint, nominate or endorse candidates.	2017-Mar-15	Ongoing	SSC	In order to deal with the different requests for nominations / endorsements of candidates for the different review teams as well as post-transition related structures, the GNSO Council adopted on an interim basis the proposed charter for a GNSO Standing Selection Committee during its meeting at ICANN58 (Mar. 2017). The SSC completed a review of its charter to assess whether the charter provides sufficient guidance and flexibility to carry out its work, and whether any modifications should be considered. The SSC sent proposed revisions to the GNSO Council, which the Council approved in its May 2018 meeting.
Consumer Choice Competition and Trust Review Team Chair**:** Jonathan Zuck Staff**:** Eleeza Agopian, Brian Aitchison (GDD) This Review Team was formed in Nov. 2015 to examine the extent to which the introduction or expansion of gTLDs has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer	2015-Feb-12	2018-Jul-31	Review Team	Under its bylaws, ICANN is committed to ensuring that, as it contemplates expanding the top-level domain space, the various issues that are involved will be adequately addressed prior to implementation. These include issues such as competition, consumer protection, security, stability and resiliency, malicious abuse issues, sovereignty concerns, and rights protection. The bylaws also requires ICANN to convene a community-driven review team to examine the extent to which the introduction or expansion of gTLDs has promoted competition, consumer trust and consumer choice, as well as the effectiveness of:

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choice. It will also assess the effectiveness of the application and evaluation processes, as well as the safeguards put in place by ICANN to mitigate issues involved in the introduction or expansion of new gTLDs.				• The application and evaluation process • Safeguards put in place to mitigate issues involved in the introduction or expansion The CCT-RT is currently developing its final report for delivery to the ICANN Board. The updated report will contain additional sections including results from a new generic top-level domain (gTLD) cost impact survey and the Statistical Analysis of Domain Name System (DNS) Abuse in gTLDs Final Report. The CCT-RT has produced its Report of Public comments on new sections and revised recommendations. It is now working towards its final report.
Expired Registration Recovery Policy – Policy Review (ERRP-PR) Staff**:** M. Konings	FY18	TBD	Staff	The ERRP Consensus Policy became effective 31 Aug 2013 as a result of adopted recommendations produced from the GNSO's Post Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR) PDP WG. That WG deliberated on issues related to the expiration of domain names and to what extent a Registrant should be able to recover domain names after they expire. One recommendation from the WG requested monitoring and follow-up: Recommendation #18: The Working Group recommends that ICANN Compliance be requested to provide updates to the GNSO Council on a regular basis in relation to the implementation and effectiveness of the proposed recommendations, either in the form of a report that details amongst others the number of complaints received in relation to renewal and/or post expiration related matters or in the form of audits that assess if the policy has been implemented as intended.
Policy & Implementation Recommendations Review (PolImp-RR) Staff**:** B. Aitchison, M. Konings	FY20	TBD	GNSO Council	The GNSO Council adopted the PolImp WG's recommendations in June of 2015 with the Board approving the necessary changes to Bylaws Article X, section 3-9 and to Annex A for the newly defined procedures. The results of this effort can be found in the GNSO Operating Procedures. As part of the Council's resolution a review is to take place:

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				"The GNSO Council recommends that a review of these recommendations is carried out at the latest five years following their implementation to assess whether the recommendations have achieved what they set out to do and/or whether any further enhancements or changes are needed." In the meantime and as noted in Point H of the CPIF, which directs "ICANN staff [to] continually review the implementation framework and related materials to encapsulate additional best-practices or to adjust the steps as a result of lessons learned with previous Consensus Policy projects," a cross-functional group of representatives from ICANN's GDD and GNSO Policy Development Support teams have reviewed the Framework, and are proposing a number of amendments to it for the consideration of the GNSO Council. On 5 March 2018, a redlined CPIF document and a document detailing a set of guidelines for ICANN Org to follow when considering engagement in a GNSO PDP were circulated on the Council email list. The Council may consider at its 26 April meeting the proposed changes and additional document developed by ICANN's GDD and discuss next steps.