

Policy Status Report on the Policy and Implementation Recommendations

Potential Actions for GNSO Council Consideration

PSR Section:

3. Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP)

- Staff suggestion to promote greater community awareness of the PDP and EPDP processes, their characteristics and differences, and the situations where each is appropriate.
- Staff suggestion for the Council to consider whether additional guidelines are necessary to clarify where policy recommendations are intended to impact pre-existing policies and contract requirements, and to ensure that critical issues are not deferred to the implementation phase due to timing constraints of an EPDP.
- Council/Staff to Identify new options for participants to improve, streamline and/or expedite the EPDP process, including:
 - Staff suggestions to consider forgoing the requirement for early input requirement, in certain cases.
 - Public comment suggestions to:
 - Encouraging the optional use of exceptional working practices to expedite WG timelines, as required on a case by case basis e.g extended calls, more frequent face-to-face meetings, use of outside expertise etc.
 - Conduct a regular “lessons learned’ exercise at the conclusion of every EPDP, to collect relevant data and feedback from all participants on its conduct and effectiveness to identify process improvements.
 - Provide increased structure and governance when setting EPDP objectives, such as greater use of project charters, and gathering data and SME input prior to the launch of the EPDP, to more clearly define scope and expected outcomes.

4, GNSO Guidance Process (GGP)

- Council/Staff to refine working procedures for the GGP, including:
 - Staff suggestion to encourage and facilitate better communication on the expected timelines for the delivery prior between all stakeholders involved (EPDP Team, Council, Org) prior to launch.

- Staff suggestion to introduce steps to help coordinate and define GGP scope: e.g. adapting the initiation request to capture more information.
- Public comment suggestion to encourage and facilitate more community involvement in the GGP process, e.g. in setting scope, expected outcomes and providing more opportunities for in person participation.

5, GNSO Input Process (GIP)

- Staff suggestion for Council to consider status of the GIP, including potential revision of the GIP Manual in light of recent GNSO ‘Small Team’ and activity.

6, Implementation Review Team (IRT)

- Staff suggestion for Org to discuss and propose approaches to handling disagreements during the IRT stage, including further detail on the roles and responsibilities among ICANN org, the IRT and the GNSO Council in resolving implementation issues.
- Staff suggestion for Org to conduct further research on the conduct of IRTs to identify opportunities to streamline and optimize the implementation process.
- Staff suggestion for Org to incorporate IRT guidelines into the CPIF to avoid the potential duplication of guidance.

7. CPIF

- Staff suggestion for Org, pending Council approval, to identify and implement potential updates to the CPIF noted in the PSR, including:
 - ICANN org proposals shared with the GNSO Council in [2019](#),
 - further detail on the post-implementation Consensus Policy review process
 - the additional implementation steps that have been developed since its last update in 2018, notably the Operational Design Phase
 - Steps to address gaps in the CPIF identified in the 2021 [Modifying gTLD Consensus Policies Discussion Paper](#),
- Staff suggestion for Org to develop and submit a research proposal to the Council to investigate adherence to the CPIF during the various individual steps of implementation to provide data analysis on potential improvements.