# SOAC Chairs' Pre-ICANN69 Virtual Roundtable

## Call #2

23 September 2020

# AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Opening Remarks
3. Discussion Topic #1:
   - ICANN Virtual Meetings
4. Discussion Topic #2:
   - Proposed Community Consultation - The gTLD Policy Process (with a potential new Operational Design Phase)
5. Discussion Topic #3:
   - For Community Information - Board Discussion on Proposed Principles for the Adoption and Implementation of Reviews, Cross Community Working Groups and Other Non-Policy Recommendations
6. Closing Comments

# TOPIC #1: ICANN VIRTUAL MEETINGS

**TOPIC #2: PROPOSED COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON THE gTLD POLICY PROCESS AND A NEW OPERATIONAL DESIGN PHASE**

# Objectives & Rationale

- Increasing complexity of consensus policy recommendations requires more attention to implementation planning, prior to Board action
- Board decisions will benefit from having specific information available prior to a Board vote (e.g. likely costs, resource needs and potential timelines for implementation)
- Existing policy development and implementation processes have been in place for some time - useful to obtain community feedback about their effectiveness, sufficiency and any gaps (based on community experiences)
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities of Board, org and community may be helpful - since the roles change depending on each stage of the policy process (e.g. initiation, development, voting/decision, implementation)

# Existing Processes

**Roles & Responsibilities:**
- gTLD policy scoping (Issue Report) - Board request, AC request, GNSO Council
- gTLD Policy Development Process (PDP) launch - GNSO Council
- gTLD PDP approval - GNSO Council, ICANN Board
- gTLD PDP implementation - ICANN org (directed by Board and advised by GNSO Implementation Review Team (IRT))

**Documentation:**
- ICANN Bylaws, GNSO Operating Procedures, GNSO PDP Manual, Consensus Policy Implementation Framework (CPIF), IRT Guidelines

**Other Existing Processes:**
- Expedited PDP; GNSO Guidance Process; GNSO Input Process

# NEW: Proposed Operational Design Phase

Scope:

- Occurring between GNSO approval of gTLD policy recommendations and Board vote
- May not be needed for all GNSO policy efforts - only those where ICANN org believes implementation will be very costly or complex
- Purpose is to provide the Board, prior to its decision, with operational information (e.g. cost estimates, timing, level of effort)
- ICANN org develops operational information to share with community feedback group
- Does not replace the Implementation Review Team (IRT) - IRT formed at the actual implementation phase upon Board approval of policy recommendations

**TOPIC #3: BOARD DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PRINCIPLES FOR ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING REVIEWS, CCWG AND OTHER NON-POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS (FOR COMMUNITY INFORMATION)**

# The need for clear principles

- The multi-stakeholder model results in a number of different types of non-policy recommendations (e.g. Reviews, Cross Community Working Groups)
- Some recommendations are directed at the Board, some at ICANN org, some at the community

**Roles & Responsibilities:**

- <u>ICANN Board</u>: Responsible for fiduciary oversight
- <u>ICANN org</u>: Support community implementation; responsible for implementing org-directed recommendations
- <u>ICANN community</u>: Independent structures with specific processes; responsible for implementing community-directed recommendations
- <u>Shared</u>: Governance issues

# Engage with ICANN

## Thank You and Questions

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