

7 August 2024 Small Team on Board Readiness Meeting Notes

- Kurt Pritz's PowerPoint kicked off discussion of the scope and purpose of the small team on Board Readiness:
 - GOAL: Perform a study to inform and improve the process for Board readiness.
 - AS MEASURED BY: the likelihood that GNSO policy will be readily adopted by the Board.
- Outlined possible paths forward for the small team, which began with a review of the staff Board Readiness [document](#) and suggesting how to proceed.
- Intent of staff Board Readiness document to see what else needs to be done.
- There were some important lessons learned from informal conversations with the Board from SubPro:
 - If a recommendation that goes on for paragraphs or pages, then the Board can only accept or reject the whole thing.
 - Instead divide each item into sub-recommendations, which the Board can accept or reject one or another.
 - The need for Board liaisons (that we now have)
 - SubPro recommendations often lacked precision or were too prescriptive
- Is the newly established Board liaison position enough for Board readiness? Or should we do a more research-based question as to why some things were rejected by the Board? Consensus view to continue on with research.
- Idea raised into looking how the Board makes decisions based on the Global Public Interest framework [GPI toolkit](#). Could be worthwhile to keep GPI in mind during the PDPs with this to make it stand out more.
- Staff should compile a set of rejected recommendations. Then the small team could develop the reasons for rejections through questions and interviews.
- Concerns about perhaps no causal link or trends that we could improve upon for why rejections took place, so we need to be thoughtful about methodology.
- Concept of board readiness raises the question as to what are you sacrificing in the consensus building aspects of the policy development process? Walking the line between separation between policymaking and the Board and we want to maintain the independence of the PDP process.
- Develop the list of rejected recommendations for further research

Action Items:

- Staff to add circulated board readiness document to small team wiki (COMPLETED)
- Staff to propose timing and cadence of meetings based on availability and send calendar invites based on consensus
- Staff to compile a repository of Board rejected recommendations
 - Including: SubPro, EPDP Registration Data Phase I and Phase II