

Generic Names Supporting Organisation

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GNSO Purpose

- Responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains
- com,net,org,biz,info,aero,coop,museum,pro,name,jobs,travel,mobi etc

Current Activities

- WHOIS
 - Improve information in registration agreements regarding requirement to make contact information available to the public
 - Waiting for draft legal text for registrar agreements
- Approval process for changes to gtld agreements – new registry services process
 - Final report currently before the Council
 - Impact of recent changes to .net agreement

Current Activities

- WHOIS – next steps
 - Define purpose of WHOIS
 - Define purpose of various contacts
 - Registrant, admin, tech, billing
 - Determine what collected data should be public
 - Determine how to access data that is not public
 - Determine how to improve process for correcting data
 - Determine how to manage conflicts between ICANN contract requirements and local laws as they relate to making contact data public

New activities

- New gtlds
 - Confirm current consensus policy
 - Determine what new policies are required to assist staff to implement the consensus policy
- Enforcement mechanisms
 - Need more than just termination of registrar agreement
- IDNs – review outcomes of IDN workshop
- Domain Name Hijacking – review outcomes of SSAC report

GNSO Planning

- 4 month plan with ICANN policy staff
 - Agreed priorities
- 12 month operating plan relating to policy work and implementation of new GNSO policies with ICANN staff
 - Provides input to ICANN operating plan
- 3 year plan for policy development
 - Strengthen constituency participation
 - Provides input to ICANN strategic plan
- Independent reviews

Vice President of Policy

- Focus on working with GNSO, ccNSO, ASO and working on shared issues
- Help communicate with ICANN operations staff to assist in better decision making
 - Need good data to help guide decision making
- Separate role for outreach to organisations not yet part of the ICANN community

Outcome of constituency meetings

- Process to report on meetings this week not formalised
- Constituency positions and formal Council positions – require formal process to endorse
- Can report on what I have heard

Outcomes from constituency meetings

- View from a majority of Council members that current strategy plan document does not yet represent the consensus view of the GNSO community
 - Support development of strategy plan with consensus support from the GNSO community for next year
- View from a majority of Council members that the final .net agreement should have been published for public comment before the Board approved it.

Outcome of GNSO public forum

- Improve education and awareness of issues with new TLDs (and IDNs) and support in application software
 - Website improvement
 - Links to information on announcements of new TLDs
- Legal explanations from members of the GNSO community on the new changes to the .net agreement

It is getting better!

- The production of operational and strategic plans is a good initiative
- Additional staff starting to show benefits in better management of compliance to registrar agreements
- We are all working hard – lets make sure we select the right things to work on, and ensure we stick to the principles of transparency and dialogue