



**GAC-GNSO Consultation Group**  
On  
**GAC Early Engagement in GNSO PDP**

London Progress Report

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# Background

- GAC-GNSO Consultation Group (CG)
- To address GAC early engagement in GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP)
- Early engagement identified by both Accountability and Transparency Review Teams (ATRT1 Rec. 12, ATRT2 Rec. 10.2)
- Group commenced work Q1 2014
- Two work track
  - Day-to-day co-ordination
  - With PDP

## Work Track I (Team 1)

- Mechanisms for day-to-day ongoing cooperation
- Six potential opportunities identified
  - A. GNSO Liaison(s) to the GAC
  - B. GAC Chairs / GNSO Chairs regular interaction
  - C. Topic Leads / Buddy System
  - D. Rethinking recurring joint meetings / conference calls
  - E. Further develop early awareness & notifications
  - F. Utilize existing GNSO Council PDP liaisons in interactions with the GAC
- Refined initial focus on options A + F & E

## A. GNSO Liaison to the GAC

### Description (TBC)

- GNSO Liaison to the GAC
- Appointed by the GNSO Council
- Likely - Outgoing Councilor or recently stepped down
- Implemented as a pilot
- Evaluated after one year
- Travel funding agreed for FY15 (i.e. starting ICANN 51)

## A. GNSO Liaison to the GAC

### Responsibilities (TBC)

- Attend and participate in GAC meetings
- Represent and communicate GNSO policy work
- Work closely with GNSO Chair and Vice Chairs
- Liaise with ICANN policy staff in the preparation of briefing materials and/or responses to questions
- Liaise with relevant working groups, utilizing GNSO Council liaisons where required
- Provide regular updates to the GNSO Council
- Guide the GAC in opportunities for early engagement
- Keep the GAC updated on how its early input was considered by the GNSO
- Assist in facilitating GAC-GNSO discussions in cases where GAC early input is in conflict with GNSO views

## A. GNSO Liaison to the GAC

### Practical Working (TBC)

- Attend all GAC open meetings, be allowed to request floor
- Attend GAC closed meetings when discussing GNSO related topics and be allowed to request the floor
- Attend GAC conference calls by invitation and accordingly be allowed to request the floor
- Join GAC WGs by invitation and accordingly be allowed to request the floor
- Not on GAC mailing list but may send to it through the mailing list admin and receive replies by being cc'd

## A. GNSO Liaison to the GAC

### Action 1 for ICANN50

Seek to obtain GAC and GNSO

- Approval to proceed with this option starting ICANN51 / LA meeting
- Approval of detailed specification including appointment and removal mechanism

## F. GNSO Council PDP Liaisons

### Description

- Group of existing GNSO PDP Liaisons
- Typically participate in GNSO WG deliberations
- Experts in the different GNSO ongoing policy activities
- Have a seat on the GNSO Council
- Will support the GNSO Liaison to the GAC
- In case specialist knowledge is required, may interact directly with the GAC when necessary / desirable



## F. GNSO Council PDP Liaisons

In practice?

- A mailing list of GNSO Council PDP WG liaisons could be created to flag certain items that should be brought to the attention of the GAC
- Regular calls could be scheduled between the GNSO Council PDP WG liaisons and the GNSO liaison to the GAC

## F. GNSO Council PDP Liaisons

### **Action 2 for ICANN50**

Seek to obtain GAC and GNSO

Conditional (on Action 1) support to move ahead with this as it provides support for the GNSO Liaison to the GAC

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## E. Early Awareness/Notifications

- Notifications currently sent by GNSO Secretariat to GAC Secretariat and/or GAC Chair
- Documents then posted on the GAC website and GAC members notified
- Notifications may be (often?) lost in the multitude of emails GAC members receive
- Alternatives explored to go beyond a simple “heads up”
- Further feedback / input from the GAC is desirable in order to expand on this option

## E. Early Awareness / Notifications

- On-line [survey](#) for GAC members – input deadline 12 July
- Objectives of survey:
  - Inform GAC members of existing opportunities to engage in GNSO PDP
  - Understand GAC member views on timeliness and overall utility of existing mechanisms whilst aiming to develop improvements
- Early Awareness / notifications to be further reviewed following results of survey

## E. Early Awareness/Notifications

### **Action 3 for ICANN50**

Participation in the survey from GAC members in order to best inform the work of the Consultation Group

By 12 July please

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## Work Track II (Team 2)

- GAC early engagement in GNSO PDP
- Look at 6 phases of the current GNSO PDP
  1. Issue Scoping
  2. Initiation
  3. Working Group
  4. Council Deliberations
  5. Board Vote
  6. Implementation
- Initial focus on early phases 1 & 2

## Objective

- Ensure GAC is aware of all existing mechanisms available to provide input into the GNSO PDP
- Enable GAC to provide input in a timely / meaningful way
- If / when GAC decides to provide input, have a common understanding of what the potential impact of such input is (e.g. on the PDP timeline as well as WG/Council response)
- Develop a manageable and sustainable mechanism taking into account number of ongoing PDPs as well as desire for effective and timely policy development

# GNSO PDP Phases Diagram



For further details, please see:

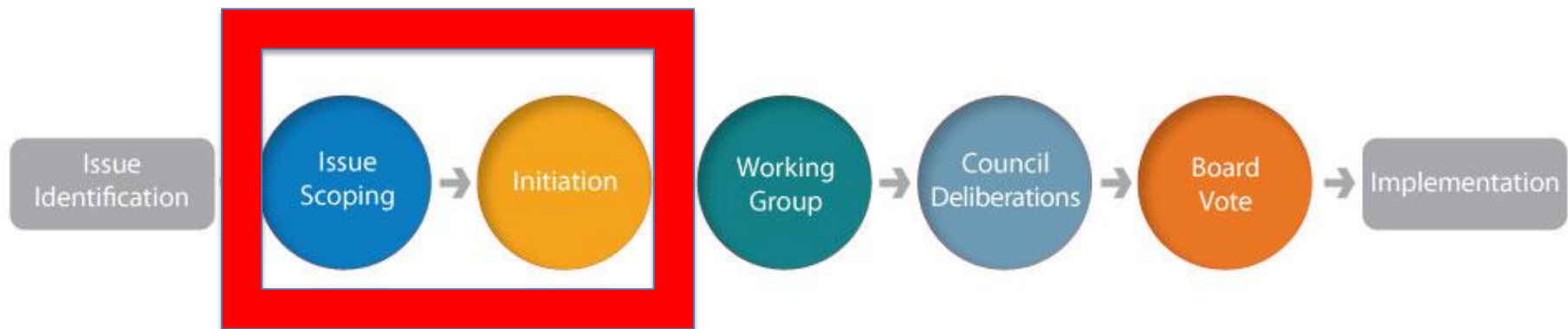
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# PDP Phases Diagram



## Current focus

- Includes request for / publication of preliminary Issue Report for public comment and
- GNSO Council consideration of whether to initiate a PDP and development of PDP Charter

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# Phase 1: Issue Scoping

## Existing Engagement Opportunities

- Any Advisory Committee can request an Issue Report (in addition to Board or GNSO Council)
- Preliminary Issue Report (drafted by Staff) published for public comment for at least 30 days
- Summary Report produced following public comment
- Final Issue Report submitted to the GNSO Council (usually within 30 days after close of public comment forum)

## Phase 2: Initiation

### Existing Engagement Opportunities:

- If PDP not initiated on issue requested by AC)  
Option is to request reconsideration (not used to date)
- Initiation by GNSO Council; consideration usually at first meeting after submission of Final Issue Report
- Charter - If Drafting Team is formed to develop charter for the PDP WG, call for volunteers (open to anyone)

## Ideas being explored

- Review outcome of survey to establish whether early PDP engagement communications are known / work
- GAC 'Quick look' mechanism; establish whether issue has potential public policy implications, flag as such at early stage
- Additional support to allow GAC to provide timely input
- Ensure that any GAC positions / advice are included in the Preliminary Issue Report
- GAC could consider creation of Triage committee

# Looking ahead

- Consultation Group to review input received in London
- Implement pilot project for the Liaison (if approved by GNSO and GAC)
- Review survey results
- Further develop recommendations for review, discussion and possible conclusion at the ICANN51 in Los Angeles

# Material / Resources

- Active [Wiki](#) providing full record of all the work of the Consultation Group, including:
  - GAC GNSO Consultation Group [Charter](#)
  - An overall [Work Plan](#)
  - Briefing note for London
  - [Work Track I](#)
  - [Work Track II](#)
  - [Survey](#)
  - [GNSO Liaison to the GAC - Draft Requirements & Proposed Selection Process](#)

## CG Membership

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# Questions & Discussion

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