Call for Volunteers: GNSO Council's Standing Committee on ICANN's Budget and Operations

In Brief

The GNSO Council's Standing Committee on ICANN's Budget and Operations (SCBO) seeks additional Council members to collaborate on developing proposed GNSO Council input in relation to the annual fiscal year budgeting process.

It is recommended from the SCBO charter [PDF, 158KB] that each stakeholder group nominates one primary and one alternate (refer to section III). Current membership can be viewed here.

What the Standing Committee Will Do

The task of the SCBO is to coordinate and facilitate dialogue to fully understand ICANN's strategic and operational planning and budgetary processes, in particular in preparation for the annual budgetary comments cycle as it relates to the GNSO Council's remit.

The committee's scope of activities will encompass monitoring relevant information and formulating proposed positions that are submitted to the GNSO Council for approval with regards to ICANN's Budget and Operating Planning cycle as it relates to the Council's remit of managing the GNSO's policy development process and the GNSO's role as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community. The SCBO cannot initiate any action or decision on its own, unless specifically instructed by the GNSO Council – any and all recommendations will need to be submitted to the GNSO Council for its consideration.

While GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies file their own comments specific to their respective SG/C, interested Councilors are invited to contribute to the input for the GNSO Council as recommended by the SCBO. It is anticipated that this collaborative forum will enhance the GNSO's understanding of ICANN's budgetary process and allow for increased coordination of input submitted across groups within the GNSO. Note that when needed, decisions of the SCBO will only be made by the Council members that have joined the standing committee, but input from Subject Matter Experts of SGs/Cs (SMEs) as a part of that process will be welcomed.

How the Standing Committee Will Work

The SCBO will function much like ICANN Working Groups using transparent, open processes. The meetings of this standing committee will be recorded and the recordings will be made available to the public. The mailing list for the SCBO will be archived publicly. The group will collaborate using a public workspace for draft materials and all final work products and milestones will be documented on the SCBO's wiki.

As deemed necessary, the SCBO will also coordinate interactions with ICANN's Finance team to present on activities around the budget process and to respond to clarifying questions prior to any public comment submissions.

How to Participate

GNSO Councilors that are interested in ICANN's annual budget and operating plan process can volunteer to join the SCBO as a member. Members and SMEs of the SCBO will be required to provide a Statement of Interests (SOI).

In addition, there will be opportunities to provide input through the public comment processes via your respective SGs/Cs as always performed in the past.

How to Join

Interested Council members that have yet to join the SCBO should send an email to gnso-secs@icann.org. After which, staff will update your membership to the SCBO roster and add their email address to the mailing list.

All Members, SMEs, and Observers will be listed on the SCBO's wiki page.