

12 April 2021

RE: Appointment of the GNSO Council Liaison for the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure Operational Design Phase

Mr. Philippe Fouquart
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council

Dear Philippe,

On 25 March 2021, the ICANN Board passed a [resolution](#) to direct the ICANN org President & CEO, Göran Marby, to conduct an Operational Design Phase (ODP) for the GNSO Council-approved recommendations #1-18 of the [Final Report - Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2 Expedited Policy Development Process](#). This report was [received](#) by the ICANN Board on 29 October 2020. These 18 recommendations are specific to the System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD).

The President & CEO is now in the process of initiating the project as directed by the Board's resolution. This includes the appointment of the Subject Matter Expert (SME) who will lead and manage ICANN org's ODP assessment based on the scope set by the Board in its [25 March 2021 Scoping Document](#). With this appointment, the org's effort to conduct an SSAD ODP begins, and any questions that arise during the ODP pertaining to policy, substance, and/or intent of the recommendations will be addressed to the GNSO Council in its role as the manager of the policy development process.

The ODP process recommends the appointment of a GNSO Council liaison who, preferably, has had previous involvement with the related policy development process. The liaison will aid the process by serving as the primary contact between the ODP team and Council to facilitate and streamline communications on identified issues that pertain to the intent or substance of the policy recommendations. The appointment of a liaison by the Council is not a required step in the ODP; however, on behalf of the ICANN Board, I would like to encourage the Council to appoint such a liaison. For more information about the ODP and the role of the liaison, please refer to the [ODP process paper](#) published in March 2021.

Sincerely,



Maarten Botterman
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors