**Skills and Experience**

* Significant experience in and knowledge of the GNSO policy development process as well as of recent and current policy work under discussion and / or review in the GNSO
* Availability to attend and participate in GAC meetings during the course of ICANN meetings and also, where applicable, intercessional meetings (via teleconference)
* A former or recently departed GNSO Councilor is likely to be well-qualified for the position but this is not a necessary criterion for the Liaison.

**Responsibilities**

* Attend and participate as required in GAC meetings during ICANN meetings and possible intercessional meetings (Note: to the extent that ICANN meetings are held face-to-face, travel funding is available for the ICANN meetings should the Liaison otherwise not be able to attend an ICANN meeting)
* Represent and communicate the policy work of the GNSO in a neutral and objective manner
* Liaise with ICANN policy staff who may assist, as needed, in the preparation of briefing materials and/or responses to questions
* Liaise with relevant working groups, utilizing GNSO Council liaisons where required, in order to be continuously current and knowledgeable on work in progress
* 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 the facilitation of GAC-GNSO discussions in cases where GAC early input is in conflict with GNSO views
* Produce an annual report to the GAC and GNSO that highlights early engagement efforts to date as well as possible improvements to be considered
* Attend all GAC open meetings and be allowed to request the floor
* Attend GAC closed meetings 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 working groups by invitation and accordingly be allowed to request the floor
* Will not be on the GAC mailing list but may send to it t through the mailing list admin and receives replies by being cc’d

**Removal**

In the case of significant issues identified with the performance of the Liaison, the GNSO Council Leadership, in consultation with the GAC Leadership, may decide to remove (and possibly replace) the Liaison at any point during the Liaison’s term.

**Review and Renewal**

The role is reviewed and the liaison is reconfirmed by the GNSO Council in its position every year, unless the Liaison has indicated that he/she is no longer available to continue in this role in which case a new selection process as outlined above will take place. As part of this review, the GNSO Council is expected to request the GAC and/or GAC Leadership for input on the role and functioning of the GNSO Liaison to the GAC.