Background: Reviews & Key Objectives

❖ Like all ICANN structures, the GNSO is subject to periodic independent review every three years

❖ 2004: GNSO self-review & Patrick Sharry recommendations

❖ 2005-2006: Independent Review by London School of Econ (LSE)

❖ 2007: Board Governance Committee Working Group (BGC WG)

❖ Key BGC objectives:

- Maximizing stakeholders participation;

- Ensuring recommendations can be developed on gTLD consensus policies for Board review;

- Consensus policies clearly defined;

- Policy development based on thoroughly researched, well-scoped objectives and operated in a predictable manner to ensure effective implementation; and

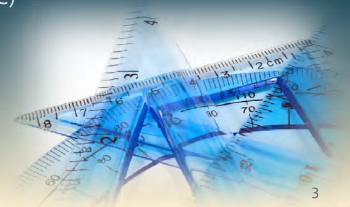- Improving communications and administrative support for GNSO objectives.

2008 Developments

- ❖ Feb: In New Delhi, ICANN Board accepted BGC WG GNSO Improvements Report
- ❖ Mar/Apr: Public Comment Forum on BGC WG Recommendations
    - ▪ Staff began implementation planning
    - ▪ GNSO Implementation Planning Team (IPT) formed
- ❖ May: Top Level Plan (now Implementation Plan) drafted by IPT
- ❖ Jun: ICANN Board approved BGC WG recommendations except Council structure
    - ▪ Formed Working Group on GNSO Council Restructure (WG-GCR)
- ❖ Jul: WG-GCR reported to ICANN Board
- ❖ Aug-Sep: Board decided on Council structure
- ❖ Sep: GNSO Council approved IPT revised plan and structure
    - ▪ Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC)
    - ▪ Operations Steering Committee (OSC)
- ❖ Nov: Steering Committees scheduled to begin deliberations

GNSO: Five Main Areas of Improvement

Based on input from the independent reviews, a Working Group of the ICANN Board Governance Committee (BGC-WG) identified these areas for improvement.

Adopt Working Group Model

Enhance Constituencies

GNSO Council Restructure

Improve Communications with ICANN Structures

Revise the Policy Development Process

BGC WG Recommended Improvements
Adopt a Working Group Model

Participation: open, broad, balanced, knowledgeable

Strong, neutral, experienced, and respected Chair

Goal: open, honest, respectful consensus

Statement of interest disclosures

Staff support, infrastructure, and funding

Work Team: establish rules, procedures, and norms

BGC WG Recommended Improvements
Revise the PDP Process

Align with contractual requirements and bylaws

Periodic Council self-review, assessment, and metrics

Align with ICANN strategic operations objectives

Council: manager of PDP process vs. legislative body

Preparation: scoping, discussion, research, scheduling

PDP Team: establish model charter, rules, & procedures

BGC WG Recommended Improvements
GNSO Council Restructure

- Focus: manage, monitor, and guide Working Groups

- Term limits for Council members

- Benchmark PDP and analyze trends in gTLD arena

- Reorganize to be representative, agile, and collegial

- Organization: four (4) broad Stakeholder Groups

- Statements and Declarations of Interest

BGC WG Recommended Improvements
Enhance Constituencies

All constituencies operate in open, transparent manner

Processes are standardized, accessible, and democratic

Participation is global and supports multiple languages

Centralized directory: up-to-date and publicly accessible

Staff Support "Toolkit": outreach, services, admin, et al.

Constituency Ops Team: standards, rules, & procedures

BGC WG Recommended Improvements
Coordinate with ICANN Structures

Arrange meetings between SOs and ACs

Communication with GAC and ALAC bodies

Improve Board member awareness of GNSO issues

Coordinate policy activities across ICANN bodies

Conf calls with Chairs of SOs, ACs, Board, and CEO

Communications Work Team: establish methods, tools

GNSO Council Restructure Working Group

WG-GCR Recommendations (July 2008)

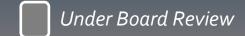| Bicameral Voting [Two Houses] Contracted Parties & Non-Contracted Parties *(see following slide)*	1 Council Level Non-Voting NCA & 1 Voting NCA in each House	GNSO Council Chair Elected by 60% of Both Houses	Voting Thresholds *(see following slide)*	Each Voting House Elects a Board Seat (#13 & #14)	Broad Represen-tation in Stakeholder Groups

■ *Board Approved*   □ *Under Board Review*

New GNSO Council Organization: June 2009

GNSO Council
{20}
(1)

GAC

ALAC

Contracted Party House {6+1}

Voting NCA

Non-Contracted Party House {12+1}

Voting NCA

Registry Stakeholder Group {3}
- Registries
- Others

Registrar Stakeholder Group {3}
- Registrars
- Others

Commercial Stakeholder Group {6}
- Business
- Intellectual Property
- Internet Svc Prov.
- Others

Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group {6}
- Non Comm'l Users
- Others

Legend: { } Voting; ( ) Non-Voting

GNSO Council Voting Thresholds

A Create an Issues Report: Either greater than 25% vote of both houses or simple majority of one house

B Initiate a PDP within Scope: Greater than 33% vote of both houses or greater than 66% vote of one house

C Initiate a PDP not within Scope: Greater than 75% vote of one house and a simple majority of the other

D Approval of a PDP w/o Super-Majority: Simple majority of both houses, but requires at least one rep of at least 3 of 4 stakeholder groups

E Super-Majority Approval of a PDP: Greater than 75% majority in one house and simple majority in the other

F Removal of Nominating Committee Appointees for Cause: Greater than 75% vote of both houses
(Note: subject to ICANN Board Approval)

G All other GNSO Business (other than Board elections): Simple majority of both voting houses

GNSO Implem Planning Team (IPT) Structure

Board & GNSO Council

Policy Process
Steering Committee
(PPSC)

Operations
Steering Committee
(OSC)

PDP
Work Team

Working Group
Work Team

GNSO
Operations
Work Team

Constituency
Operations
Work Team

Commun-
ications
Work Team

Note: Work Teams are prospective pending Steering Committee approval and charters.

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Progress & Coming Attractions

New PDP & WG Model

- Staff conducting research to support PDP and WG Work Teams
- Draft charters being developed after Cairo
- Final constructs to be approved by PPSC, Council, & Board

GNSO Council Restructure

- GNSO Implem Plan Team (IPT) Structure approved
- Council Term Limits for public comment
- Individual Internet User Involvement circulated for public comment
- Council Restructure Phase I implem plan due Dec Board meeting
- Existing constituencies submit confirmations to Board Feb 2009
- Stakeholder Group Petition/Charter plans due Apr 2009
- New GNSO Council seated Jun 2009

Progress & Coming Attractions (Cont'd)…

Enhance Constituencies

- "Notice of Intent to Form New Constituency" acknowledged by Board 30 Sep 2008
- "New Constituency Petition/Charter" being submitted to Board 7 Nov 2008
- Constituency survey instrument distributed & available for community input: Nov 3rd – Dec 2nd (30 days)
- Survey data published early Jan 2009
- Input to Constituency Operations Work Team

GNSO Communications

- Developing draft GNSO guidelines for language translation and interpretation
- Providing dedicated Staff person
- Working with ICANN Sr. Architect on requirements for new GNSO web site
- Planned "beta" test site for focus group testing late Dec 2008

GNSO Constituency Member Survey

Purpose: Collect information on how ICANN can better support GNSO Constituencies

Survey Topics: Admin/Services, Training Needs, & Operations

Survey Period: November 3rd – December 2nd, 2008

Results: Scheduled for Publication in early January 2009

Survey Link: https://www.bigpulse.com/m2597/intro

Security: Need special access PIN (emailed to each Constituency 10-28-08)

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Vielen Dank

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