



## GNSO 4 month Operational Plan

November – February 2005

### Section 1 - Current Projects

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<p><b><u>New gTLDs</u></b></p> <p><i>Project No. 2005 / 01</i></p> <p><b>Priority 1</b></p> <p><b>Staff lead:</b> Olof Nordling</p> <p><b>Relevant documents:</b></p> <p><b>GNSO Discussion Document; additional evaluation of new TLDs Circulated to Council mailing list 9</b></p>	<p><b>28 November 2005</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GNSO Council vote on whether to launch a PDP.</li> <li>Decision on how to execute the PDP (e.g. to create and populate a task force).</li> </ul>	<p><b>14 December 2005</b> Beginning of public comment period following notification of the initiation of the PDP.</p> <p>Public comment period includes GNSO Public Forum in Vancouver on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</p> <p><b>4 January 2005</b> End of public comment period on launch of PDP</p> <p><i>If a task force is created:</i></p> <p><b>7 December 2005</b> Develop a Task Force Charter or Terms of Reference (see Annex A, section 7 of ICANN)</p>	<p><b>Yes</b></p>



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<p><i>November 2005</i></p> <p><b>Draft GNSO Issues Report on Introduction of New TLDs, circulated to Council mailing list 8 November 2005</b></p>		<p>Bylaws for charter content)</p> <p><b>12 December 2005</b> Task force to convene and vote to appoint TF chair.</p> <p><b>12 December – 9 January 2006</b> Call for constituency statements</p> <p><b>14 January 2006</b> Submission by staff of Preliminary Task Force Report to Task Force.</p> <p><b>19 January 2006</b> Task Force vote on Preliminary Task Force Report.</p> <p><b>20 January 2006</b> Publication of Preliminary Task Force Report for public comments</p> <p><b>10 February 2006</b> Conclusion of public comment period</p> <p><b>20 February 2006</b></p>	



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		Submission of Final Task Force Report to GNSO Council  <b>2 March 2006</b> GNSO Council meeting to discuss the report and work toward achieving a supermajority vote to present to the Board.	
<b>GNSO Review</b>  <i>Project No. 2005/02</i>  <b>Priority 1</b>  <b>Staff lead:</b> Liz Williams  <b>Relevant documents:</b>		<b>4 December 2005</b> Vancouver Board meeting. Approval of Terms of Reference and resolution to proceed with GNSO Review  <b>10 December 2005</b> Release Terms of Reference and Request for Proposal for Evaluators  <b>30 January 2006</b> Appointment of independent consultant	
<b>GNSO work on</b>	<b>28 November 2005</b>	.	



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<p><b>Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)</b></p> <p><i>Project No. 2005 / 03</i></p> <p><b>Priority 1</b></p> <p><b>Staff lead:</b> Tina Dam / Maria Farrell</p> <p><b>Relevant documents: ‘GNSO Policy Development for IDNs: Background Paper’</b> Circulated to Council mailing list on 28 October, 2005</p>	<p>Council to decide whether to request an Issues Report, based on background paper on IDNs.</p> <p><i>Staff suggestion</i> – Council delay formally requesting staff to produce the issues report to incorporate information from the GNSO’s meeting with the ICANN Board and the IDN Workshop in Vancouver.</p>	<p><b>IDN Workshop in Vancouver</b></p> <p><b>Date TBA</b> GNSO Council requests an Issues Report from staff.</p> <p><b>Date TBA</b> Staff submits Issues Report to GNSO Council</p> <p><b>Date TBA</b> <i>Meeting date of GNSO Council TBA</i> GNSO Council vote on whether to launch a PDP. Decision on how to execute the PDP (e.g. to create and populate a task force).</p> <p>If a task force is created:</p> <p><b>Date TBA</b> Develop a Task Force Charter or Terms of Reference (see Annex A, section 7 of ICANN Bylaws for charter content)</p> <p><b>Date TBA</b> Task force to convene and vote to appoint TF chair.</p>	



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		the report and work toward achieving a supermajority vote to present to the Board.	
<b>Transfers Working Group</b>  Project No. 2005 / 04  Priority 2  <b>GNSO Council lead:</b> Ross Rader  <b>Staff lead:</b> Karen Lentz Maria Farrell  <b>Relevant documents:</b>		<b>2 December 2005</b> Provisional – Transfers Working Group to report back to GNSO Council on whether further policy development work is required.	
<b>Purpose of WHOIS</b>		<b>January / February 2006</b> Consideration by GNSO Council of Final Task	



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Project No. 2005 / 05  Priority 3 (subject to task force input)  Staff lead: Maria Farrell		Force Report on Purpose of WHOIS	
<b>Purpose of Whois contacts</b>  Project No. 2005 / 06  Priority 3 (subject to task force input)  Staff lead: Maria Farrell		<b>January / February 2006</b> Consideration by GNSO Council of Final Task Force Report on Purpose of WHOIS	
<b>WHOIS Rec. 1 on improved notification and consent</b>  Project No. 2005 / 07  Priority 1		<b>28 November 2005</b> Staff to report on legal advice.  <b>Date TBA</b> Submit Council report to the Board.	



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Staff lead: Maria Farrell			
<b>WHOIS Rec. 2 on a policy and procedure national laws</b>  Project No. 2005 / 07  Priority 1  Staff lead: Maria Farrell		<b>28 November 2005</b> GNSO Council to consider Final Task Force Report	
<b>WHOIS Accuracy Working Group</b>  Project No. 2005 / 08  Priority 1  Council lead: Niklas Lagergren (IPC)  Staff lead: Maria Farrell		<b>30 November 2005</b> Accuracy Working Group to meet. Niklas Lagergren to update working group and focus future work.	
<b>ICANN Strategic and</b>		<b>Date TBA</b>	





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<b>Operational Planning Process</b>  Project No. 2005 / 09  Priority 1  Council lead: Marilyn Cade / Ross Rader  Staff lead: Maria Farrell		Future participation by GNSO Councilors in ICANN Strategic and Operational Planning Process	



## Section 2

### Non-active projects - approved but not resourced

Work item, relevant documents	Current status	Notes	
<b>Contention for domain names at gtld registries</b>	Work item agreed by Council resolution but not currently resourced.  <b>13 January 2005 Council resolution</b> Resolution passed: "Council resolves, to request the ICANN staff manager to write an issues report (as specified in annex A to the ICANN by-laws) on the "Problems caused by contention for domain names made available by a gTLD registry ", so that Council can subsequently decide if a policy development process would be appropriate".		



### Section 3

#### Councilors' 'Wish List' – projects proposed but not yet approved

<p><b>Single letter 2<sup>nd</sup> level domain names</b></p> <p><b>Council lead:</b> Marilyn Cade</p> <p><b>Staff lead:</b> Maria Farrell</p> <p><b>Relevant documents:</b> <b>'Status report on single letter domain names'</b> Circulated to Council mailing list on 14 September 2005</p>
<p><b>Explore use of Wikis to support GNSO Council collaborative work online</b></p> <p>Aleck Wilson</p>
<p><b>GNSO Council Review, recommendation 1</b></p> <p>The Council has made a significant contribution to other ICANN core values such as outreach, bottom-up consensus based policy development, geographical diversity and transparency. It has endeavoured to make good use of the ICANN meetings to conduct outreach activities with other</p>



ICANN organizations and with the broader internet community. The Council should plan to expand and enhance these activities.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 2**

The appointment of liaisons is a good step in building links with other parts of the ICANN structure. Again consideration needs to be given to the best way that these liaisons can be used to raise awareness of Council issues. The crafting of a “role description” or “partnership agreement” may assist with setting clear expectations and maximizing outcomes.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 3**

Develop a plan for increasing representation to cover all regions.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 4**

Consider how people from non-English speaking backgrounds can participate more actively in Council.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 5**

Develop and seek Board approval for a revised Policy Development Process.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 6**



Develop a formal process for seeking input from other ICANN organizations for each of the policies it is developing.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 7**

Consider other measures to speed up the consensus process, including the greater use of time at ICANN meetings to discuss issues face to face, and possibly the use of facilitators to move more quickly to understanding of issues and building of consensus.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 8**

Chair of the GNSO Council and the VP Supporting Organizations should establish a service level agreement between the GNSO Council and ICANN management that specifies the amount and type of support that is to be provided. Where possible, this should include measures (eg turnaround times for legal opinion, delivery of reports by agreed dates, minutes posted within a certain number of days) The Chair should consult the Council to ensure the targets meet the needs of the Council and its taskforces. The VP Supporting Organizations and Chair of GNSO Council should meet quarterly to review performance measures and report these to the President.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 9**

Council should work with the ICANN General Counsel to establish clear communication channels for the request for and provision of legal opinion. At a minimum this should include detailed legal input at the scoping phase of each PDP. Wherever possible, “check points” for further legal input should be established as part of the scoping study.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 12**

Ensure the viability of implementation of each of the policy recommendations that it makes to the Board.



**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 14**

Work with ICANN operational staff to develop a compliance policy with graded penalties.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 16**

GNSO Council should utilize the Ombudsman and any reports produced by the Ombudsman as source of systematic analysis of complaints and therefore of issues that may need to be addressed through the PDP.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 17**

Continue to explore ways in which the Nominating Committee members can add value to the Council process.

**GNSO Council Review, recommendation 18**

Draft “role descriptions” for the Nominating Committee which describe the skills, expertise (especially technical expertise) and attributes that are needed for the Nominating Committee members to be optimally effective members of the Council.