

Date: 10-Oct-2010  
To: Business Constituency Members  
From: Steve DelBianco, vice chair for policy coordination

**Subject: Policy Coordination Calendar**

The purpose of this document is to inform members of policy work before the BC, and to inspire participation and debate. For help with acronyms, see glossary at <http://www.bizconst.org>

This document is organized around 4 distinct channels where BC policy work is done:

1. BC participation in ICANN Public Comment processes
2. Supporting discussion and voting of BC Representatives on GNSO Council
3. Supporting discussion and voting in the Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)
4. BC statements and responses during public meetings

Current activity within each of these Channels are summarized below:

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**Channel 1. BC participation in ICANN Public Comment processes:**

ICANN Public Comment page is at <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/>

Comments open now: (in order of comment closing dates)

1. Accountability & Transparency Review Team feedback (open)
2. Numbers and hyphens in .name domains (16-Oct)
3. WG report on avoiding gTLD strings that contravene generally-accepted legal norms relating to morality and public order, as recognized under international principles of law (22-Oct)
4. ACDR proposal to provide UDRP resolutions (28-Oct)
5. Privacy/proxy services study report, incl finding that 18% of domains in top 5 gTLDs use privacy or proxy services. (28-Oct)
6. Update to FY11 plan for security, stability, and resiliency (3-Nov)
7. Public participation committee info on using webinars (3-Nov)
8. Delegation rate scenarios for new gTLDs (5-Nov)
9. Impact of root zone scaling with addition of new gTLDs (5-Nov)

*Note: BC members are encouraged to submit individual or company comments on any topic. Based on member interest, the BC selects topics on which to submit official positions.*

BC members can also subscribe to ICANN's Policy Update, a monthly e-newsletter. See <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/policy> for latest issues and subscription form.

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**Channel 2. Support for discussion and votes of our representatives on GNSO Council**

Upcoming discussions & votes at 28-Oct GNSO Council meeting:  
(agenda not yet available)

Council Working Groups: (see GNSO Project Status List, at <http://gns0.icann.org/meetings/pending-projects-list.pdf> )

Vertical Integration – Initial report published 18-Aug. <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/vertical-integration/revised-vi-initial-%20report-18aug10-en.pdf> Council forwarded to Board for their retreat. Board asked for consensus by 8-Oct but was not achieved. Board and Staff now drafting their VI plan. Future of Working Group is not assured, but there will be additional points of input when staff generates their plan as part of DAG before Cartagena. WG volunteers from BC incl Mikey O'Connor (chair), Berry Cobb, Martin Sutton, Jon Nevett, Ron Andruff, Mike Rodenbaugh, Mike Palage, Tero and Jarrko from Nokia.

PEDNR (post-expiration domain name recovery). Initial report published 31-May. ICANN staff posted initial analysis of 412 public comments on 23-Aug, at <http://forum.icann.org/lists/pednr-initial-report/msg00009.html>. Final analysis of comments expected before Cartagena. Expect multiple PDPs to be spawned from the PEDNR project, with potential to affect both current and new gTLD contracts. WG members: Berry Cobb; Phil Corwin; Mikey O'Connor; Mike Palage; Mike Rodenbaugh

RAP (Registration Abuse Policies)– Final report published 29-May, at <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-29may10-en.htm> Council evaluating next steps. Eventually expect multiple PDPs to be spawned from the RAP project, with potential to affect both current and new gTLD contracts. WG members: Berry Cobb; Martin Sutton; Zahid Jamil; Mikey O'Connor; Phil Corwin; Mike Rodenbaugh.

IRTP-B (Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy – Part B). initial report issued 29-May. Staff analysis of comments was posted 12-Aug at <http://forum.icann.org/lists/irtp-b-initial-report/msg00017.html>. WG developing survey on the proposed Expedited Transfer Reverse Policy. WG members: Berry Cobb, Chris Chaplow, Mike O'Connor, Mike Rodenbaugh.

Joint working group on new gTLD Applicant Support. (requested by Board in Nairobi). Sent draft recommendations to Board before 24-Sep retreat. Board did not act on their report.

Internationalized Registration Data (IRD). Looking at IDN strings in Whois data. Presented report in Brussels. Plan a preliminary report by Cartagena.

RAA (Registrar Accreditation Agreement) and rights of registrants. Published initial report 28-May, at <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-3-31may10-en.htm> WG preparing final report. WG members: Phil Corwin, Phil Lodico, Mike Rodenbaugh

Operations Steering Committee includes several sub-teams. Constituency & Stakeholder WT submitted recommendations on 15-Sep. Members incl: Philip Shepard (chair), Ron Andruff, Zahid Jamil, Mike O'Connor, Mike Rodenbaugh

PDP-WT (Policy Development Process Work Team). Presented initial report in Brussels. See <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-2-31may10-en.htm> WT is reviewing public comments now. Members: Mike Rodenbaugh, Zahid Jamil, Marilyn Cade

Working Group Guidelines. Proposed guidelines published 31-May. See <http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-3-31may10-en.htm> PPSC

provided feedback in Sep and is evaluating further changes. Members: Mike Rodenbaugh, Alternate: Zahid Jamil

HSTLD (High Security TLDs) – convened an expert group, based on ICANN Staff proposal. Participants: Mikey O'Connor, Mike Rodenbaugh

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**Channel 3. Supporting discussion and voting on policy matters before the Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG)**

1. Drafting a charter for the CSG (Sara Deutsch and Marilyn Cade)

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**Channel 4. BC statements and responses during public meetings (Board breakfast, outreach events, Cross-Constituency, public forum, etc.)**

1. Prior to Cartagena meeting, expect a draft report from Accountability & Transparency review team (part of the Affirmation of Commitments)
2. Prior to Cartagena, ICANN staff expects to issue the 'final' Applicant Guidebook for new gTLDs, incl restrictions on vertical integration

*Note: if the BC has no adopted position on issues arising in meetings, members may speak on their own, but not "on behalf of the BC".*