



Internet Society Kolkata Comments Westlake Governance – GNSO Review Draft Document

1. In its 2008 Board Governance Committee Working Group (BGC WG) made recommendations in the following broad level areas / themes. The themes were
 - Adopting a Working Group model for policy development
 - Revising the policy development process (the PDP)
 - Restructuring the GNSO Council
 - Enhancing and supporting stakeholder groups and constituencies
 - Improving communications and coordination with other ICANN structures

Now the broad themes under which Westlake has grouped their recommendations are as follows:

- Participation & Representation
- Continuous Development
- Transparency
- Alignment with ICANN's future

While the 2008 recommendation areas reflect largely various dimensions of operations, the West Lake recommendations has a theme named "Transparency". The appearance of this as a theme is largely disturbing and is a huge area of concern. While Westlake has attributed all recommendations directly to one of the themes, there are recommendations are overlapping themes and as such there should be snapshot wherein the Westlake's percentage attribution of each recommendation across themes should be done.

2. A matrix needs to be included to showcase the Westlake recommendations perceived impact on the expected outcomes and its possible Recommendations can be classified to showcase which one contributing to core values.
3. There is increased need to recognise the effort of the volunteer work force and as such, the recommendation 3 to increase participation from volunteers different from who need to the activity as part of their profession is very strategic in nature and has a long term impact. Also recommendation 4 on exploring the tailored incentive system to increase the motivation is also commendable.
4. The Indian representation in the GNSO council or for that matter the Asia Pacific User vis a vis the representation in GNSO is not reflective enough and efforts needs to be made to improve the scenario. The same analysis based on different groups within GNSO will reflect the real picture and can be included as part of analysis. The Westlake observation in terms of diversity of participation, is absolutely correct and there is agreement with the relevant recommendations 32-36 made in this regard.
