

Existing PDP vs. proposed new PDP

The new GNSO Policy Development Process has been adopted by the GNSO Council but still needs to be considered by the ICANN Board. Concerning transition: 'the GNSO Council recommends that the procedures of the new Annex A shall be applicable to all requests for Issue Reports and PDPs initiated following adoption by the ICANN Board. For all ongoing PDPs initiated prior to the adoption by the Board, the Council shall determine the feasibility of transitioning to the procedures set forth in this Annex A for all remaining steps within the PDP. If the Council determines that any ongoing PDP cannot be feasibly transitioned to these updated procedures, the PDP shall be concluded according to the procedures set forth in Annex A in force on before the adoption of the new Annex A by the Board'.

Current PDP (WG related items) ¹	New PDP (WG related items) ²
<p>Public Comment Forum Upon Initiation (Required): After initiation of the PDP, ICANN shall post a notification of such action to the Website. A public comment period shall be commenced for the issue for a period of twenty (20) calendar days after initiation of the PDP. The Staff Manager, or some other designated representative of ICANN shall review the public comments and incorporate them into a report (the "Public Comment Report") to be included in either the Preliminary Task Force Report or the Initial Report, as applicable.</p>	<p>Public Comment Forum Upon Initiation (Optional): In addition to any required public comment periods, the PDP Team may seek public comment on any item that the PDP Team notes it will benefit from further public input. The PDP Team does not have to seek approval from the GNSO Council to seek public comment on interim items. The minimum duration of a public comment period that does not concern the Initial Report is twenty (21) days.</p>
<p>Constituency / Stakeholder Group Statements (Required): If the Council decides not to convene a task force, the Council will request that, within ten (10) calendar days thereafter, each constituency or Stakeholder Group appoint a representative to solicit the constituency's or Stakeholder Group's views on the issue. Each such representative shall be asked to submit a Constituency/Stakeholder Group Statement to the Staff Manager within thirty-five (35) calendar days after initiation of the PDP.</p>	<p>Constituency / Stakeholder Group Statements and other SO/ACs (Required): The PDP Team should formally solicit statements from each Stakeholder Group and Constituency in the early stages of the PDP. Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies should at a minimum have 35 days to complete such a statement from the moment that the statement is formally requested by the PDP Team. If appropriate, such statements may be solicited more than once by the PDP Team throughout the PDP process. The PDP Team is also encouraged to formally seek the opinion of other ICANN Advisory Committees and Supporting Organizations, as appropriate that may have expertise, experience, or an interest in the PDP issue. Solicitation of opinions should be done during the early stages of the PDP. In addition, the PDP Team should seek input from other SOs and ACs. Such input should be treated with the same due diligence as</p>

¹ <http://www.icann.org/en/general/bylaws.htm#AnnexA>

² <http://gnso.icann.org/improvements/updated-final-report-pdpwt-28sep11.pdf>

	<p>other comments and input processes. In addition, comments from ACs and SOs should receive a response from the PDP Team. This may include, for example, direct reference in the applicable Report or embedded in other responsive documentation or a direct response. The PDP Team is expected to detail in its report how input was sought from other SOs and ACs.</p>
<p>Development of Initial Report: The Staff Manager will take all Constituency / Stakeholder Group Statements, Public Comment Statements, and other information and compile (and post on the Comment Site) an Initial Report within fifty (50) calendar days after initiation of the PDP.</p>	<p>Development of Initial Report: After collection and review of information, the PDP Team and Staff are responsible for producing an Initial Report. The Initial Report should include the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compilation of Stakeholder Group and Constituency Statements - Compilation of any statements received from any ICANN Supporting Organization or Advisory Committee - Recommendations for policies, guidelines, best practices or other proposals to address the issue - Statement of level of consensus for the recommendations presented in the Initial Report - Information regarding the members of the PDP Team, such as the attendance records, Statements of Interest, etc. - A statement on the WG discussion concerning impact of the proposed recommendations, which could consider areas such as economic, competition, operations, privacy and other rights, scalability and feasibility.
<p>Initial Report (Required): The Staff Manager will take all Constituency / Stakeholder Group Statements, Public Comment Statements, and other information and compile (and post on the Comment Site) an Initial Report within fifty (50) calendar days after initiation of the PDP. [...]. The public comment period will last for twenty (20) calendar days after posting of the Task Force Report or Initial Report. Any individual or organization may submit comments during the public comment period, including any Constituency or Stakeholder Group that did not participate in the task force. All comments shall be accompanied by the</p>	<p>Initial Report (Required): An Initial Report should be delivered to the GNSO Council and posted for a public comment period of not less than 30 days, which time may be extended in accordance with the PDP Manual. Following the review of the comments received and, if required, additional deliberations, a Final Report shall be produced for transmission to the Council. At the end of the public comment period, the Staff Manager will prepare a summary and analysis of the public comments received for the Working Group. Such a summary and analysis of the public comments should be provided at the latest</p>

<p>name of the author of the comments, the author's relevant experience, and the author's interest in the issue.</p>	<p>30 days after the closing of the public comment period, absent exigent circumstances. The Working Group shall review and take into consideration the public comments received. Following this review, the Staff Manager, in close coordination with the PDP Team, shall add those comments deemed appropriate for inclusion to the Initial Report. In addition, the Staff Manager and the PDP Team may update the Initial Report if there are any recommendations within the Initial Report that require modification to address comments received through public comment. Such a revised Report shall be put forward for consideration by the PDP Team. The Staff Manager and the PDP Team are not obligated to include all comments made during the comment period, including each comment made by any one individual or organization.</p>
<p>Review of Comments: At the end of the twenty (20) day period, the Staff Manager will be responsible for reviewing the comments received and adding those deemed appropriate for inclusion in the Staff Manager's reasonable discretion to the Task Force Report or Initial Report (collectively, the "Final Report"). The Staff Manager shall not be obligated to include all comments made during the comment period, including each comment made by any one individual or organization.</p>	<p>Review of Comments: The PDP Team is expected to deliberate as appropriate to properly evaluate and address comments raised during the public comment period. This should include the careful consideration and analysis of the public comments; explaining the rationale for agreeing and disagreeing with the different comments received, and, if appropriate, how these will be addressed in the report of the PDP Team. Following the review of the comments received and, if required, additional deliberations, the PDP Team is expected to produce a Final Report for transmission to the Council. The analysis of the comments by the PDP Team is expected to be included or referenced as part of the Final Report.</p>
<p>Final Report (Required): The Staff Manager shall prepare the Final Report and submit it to the Council chair within ten (10) calendar days after the end of the public comment period.</p>	<p>Final Report (Required): While the Final Report is not required to be posted for public comment, in preparing the Final Report, the PDP Team should consider whether the Final Report should be posted for public comment as a [Draft] Final Report, with the goal of maximizing accountability and transparency with regards the PDP, especially when substantial changes have been made compared to the contents of the Initial Report.</p>