

ISP& Connectivity Providers Constituency

Response to GNSO Council Operations Work Team on Proposed GNSO Structure

In response to the recent request for comments on the proposal to create a new GNSO Administrative body to deal with administrative issues, the ISPCP offers the following comments.

The consensus view of the ISPCP Constituency is that the creation of a new Administrative body would not be in the best interest of the GNSO. At a time when the GNSO is fundamentally changing its structure and working methods with a move towards a more progressive role for working groups, it is essential that the GNSO use its existing resources wisely instead of creating new layers of bureaucracy. The GNSO already has too much work and too few volunteers.

Creating an additional stream of work would have the effect of diluting the base of volunteers even more and bring into question the capability of ICANN as a bottom up organization. As the number of volunteers dwindles, more and more work has to be undertaken by staff if the required progress is to be made. That situation would inevitably evolve from coordination and facilitation by staff to actual policy making.

In addition, such a move adds an additional layer of complexity, with limited reward.

The ISPCP does not support the division of the GNSO in this manner.