GNSO Working Group Guidelines
Overview

Background

- GNSO Improvements: Board Recommendation to adopt "Working Group" Model

- In the past, GNSO made use of Task Forces -- small legislative bodies where decision-making was primarily based upon voting

- Working Groups are intended to be more open and inclusive; participants tackle issues using consensus-building approaches

- PPSC / Working Group Work Team tasked to develop appropriate operating principles, rules and procedures for working groups

Background

- PPSC submitted proposed GNSO Working Group Guidelines to GNSO Council on 1 January 2011

- GNSO Council conducted 21 day public comment period – 2 public comments received, plus statement from ALAC

- PPSC reviewed comments received and updated document accordingly

- Updated GNSO Working Group Guidelines submitted for GNSO consideration on 8 March

- Updated GNSO Working Group Guidelines adopted by the GNSO Council on 16 March

The Guidelines

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- **2. Roles and responsibilities**
  - Guidelines for announcement of a WG
  - Membership applications
  - Planning the first meeting
  - Election of WG leaders
  - WG members roles and responsibilities
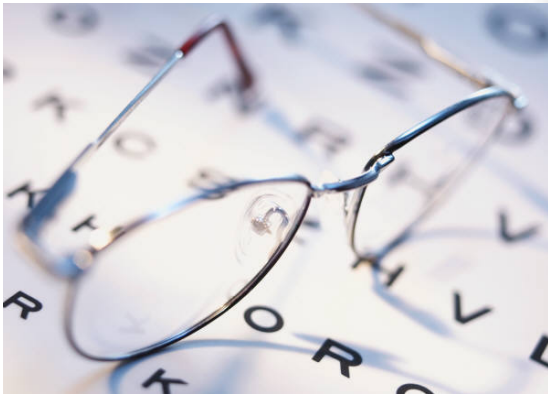 - Use of Sub-Teams

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- **3. Norms**
  - Participation
  - Representativeness
  - Process Integrity
  - Individual / Group Behavior and Norms
  - Rules of Engagement
  - Standard Methodology for making decisions
  - Appeal Process

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- **4 Logistics & Requirements**
  - Session planning / Meeting logistics
  - Communication / collaboration tools
  - Translation
  - Briefings and subject matter experts
- **5 Products & Outputs**

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- **6 Charter Guidelines**
  - Announcement of a WG
  - Transparency and Openness
  - Purpose, importance and expectations of the Chair
  - Other important roles
  - WG Charter Template
- **Annex I – Chair Checklist**

Thank you