### Puzzles to Solve

#### Scope

- Charter includes new and existing TLDs
- Charter includes a review of contracts to ID current/previous practices
- Charter asks us to ID and articulate changes cross-ownership, separation, and equivalent access to those proposed in the current DAG – but the Board resolution came at the end of the chartering process, which makes current-DAG a moving target

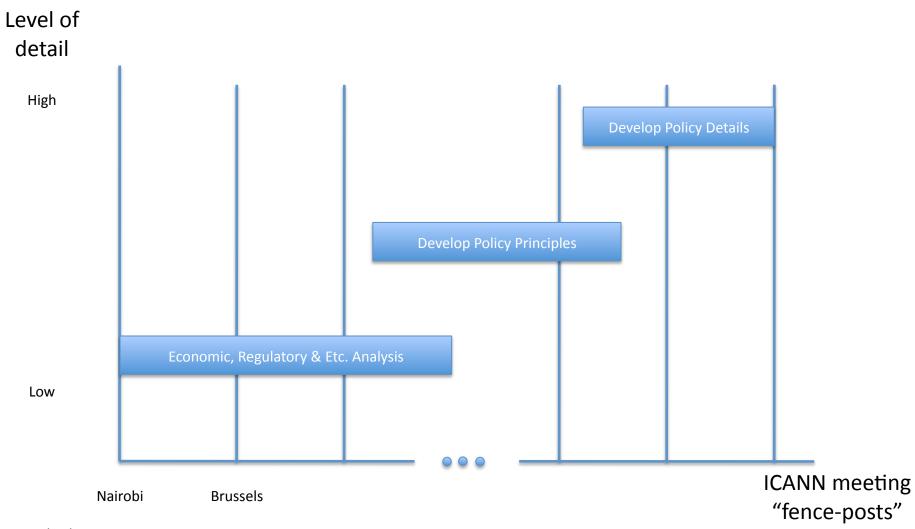
#### Approach/process

- Project has been chartered as a PDP (avg time = ~400 days) but Obj 6 of the charter says "do not delay launch"
- Work plan in the charter needs revision to comply with bylaws and WG guidelines, which will lengthen it
- Some of the possible work (economic studies, regulatory analyses, etc.) may not lend itself to PDP approach/work-plan and certainly don't fit in a compressed schedule

#### Target dates?

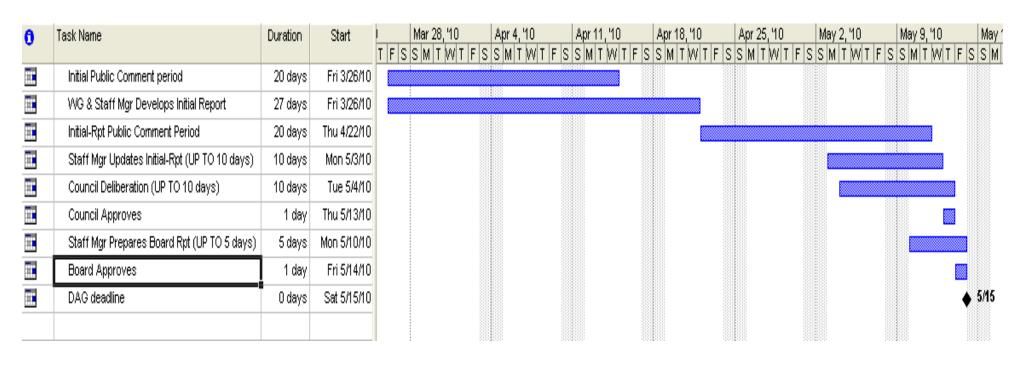
- DAG 4 May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Brussels June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Next DAG deadline guesstimate is mid-November
- None of these work until we are done

# "Perfect-World" Approach



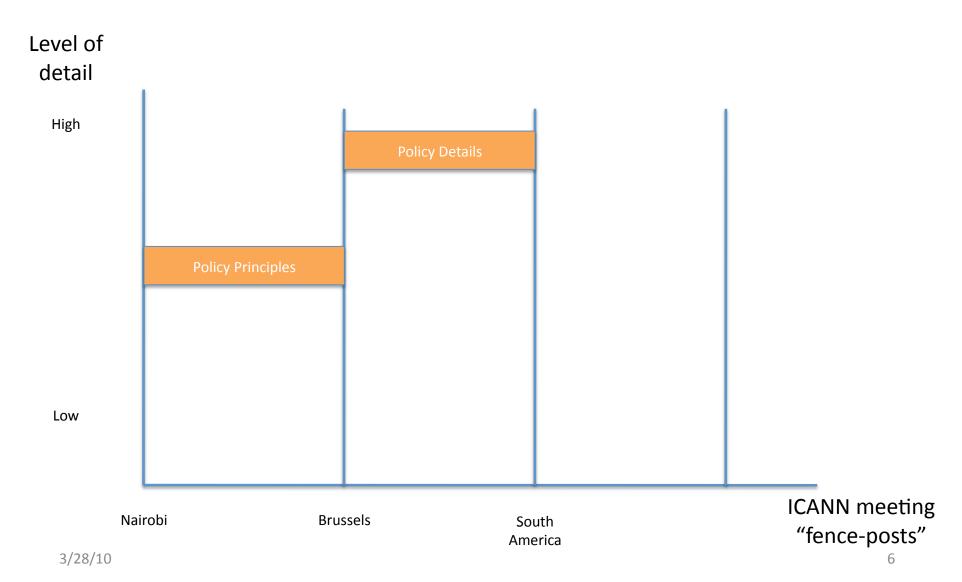
- Disadvantages
  - Delays launch, or implies that the Boardresolution defines the framework for this round
- Advantages
  - Appropriate rigor and expertise
  - Provides time for thought, conversation, learning, compromise
  - Provides advance notice of changes in time for parties to react to and prepare

# "Bylaws-compliant PDP by DAG Deadline" Approach



- Disadvantages
  - Huge scope
  - Astoundingly tight schedule
  - Provides almost no time for WG to think, work effectively 3 weeks, starting from last Friday
  - Doesn't allow WG to react to 2<sup>nd</sup> round comments
  - Doesn't allow WG to react to changes in DAG as a result of the Board resolution
- Advantages
  - Complies with bylaws and WGG (kindof)
  - Meets DAG-4 deadline
  - Does not delay launch

# "Fast PDP" Approach



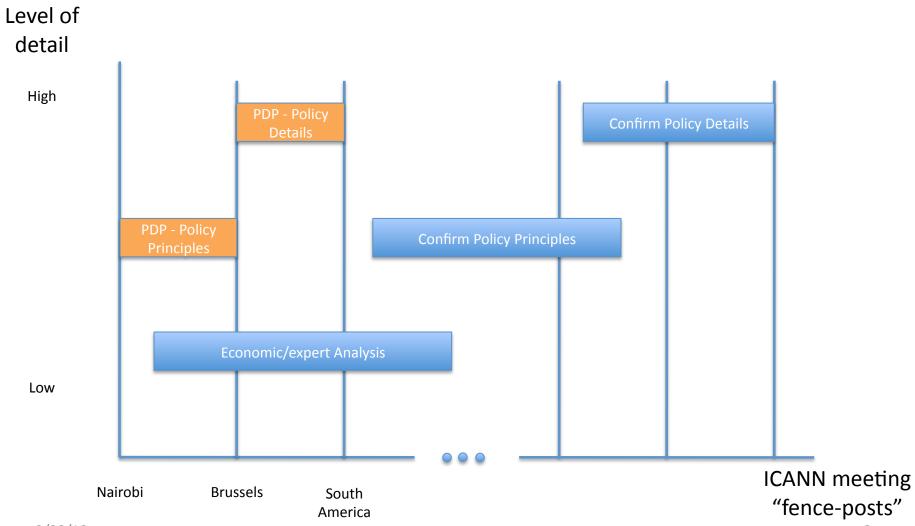
#### Disadvantages

- Still a very aggressive schedule
- Puts a lot of pressure on scope, tough choices as to what gets left out (Only incremental changes for this-round TLDs?)
- Smacks of "ready, fire, aim" since it skips the analysis phase
- Misses DAG 4 deadline and <u>may</u> delay launch

#### Advantages

- Adheres to bylaws and WG guidelines
- Provides for a "mid-course correction" of general principles by the Council, Board and community before diving into the details
- Probably doesn't require a charter-revision from the Council
- Allows considerable public comment and opportunity for WG to react
- May <u>not</u> delay launch if we get some lucky breaks

# **Combined Approach**

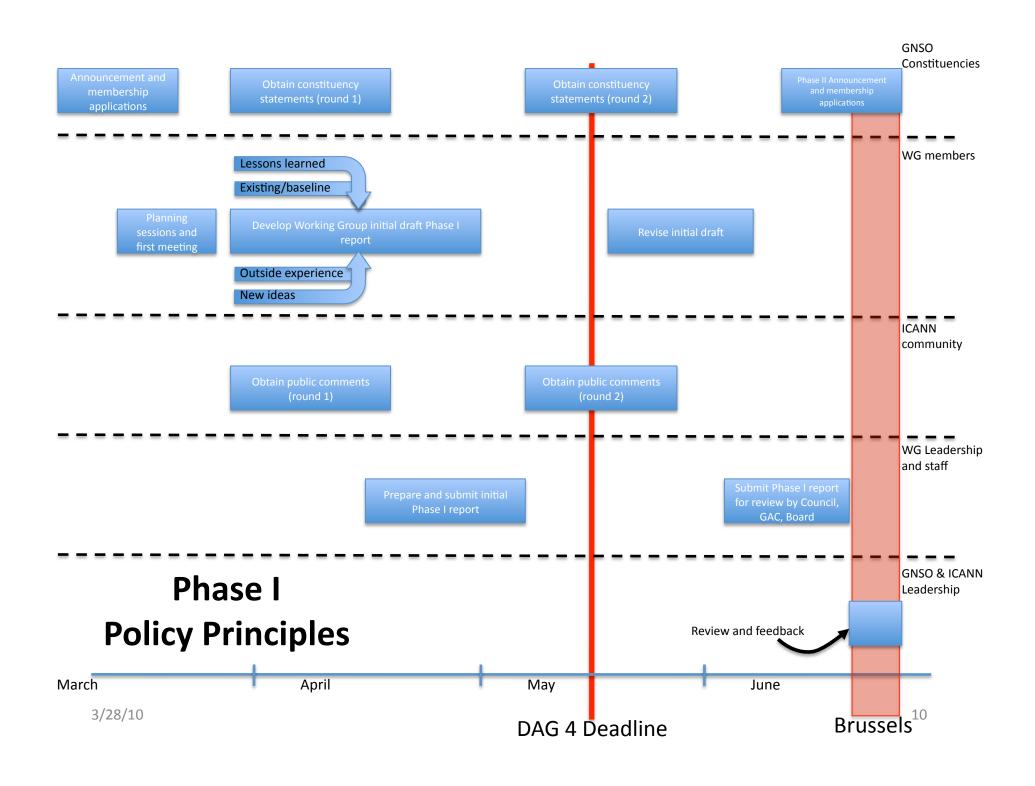


#### Disadvantages

- Leaves the door open for big changes in next-round new-gTLD rules, as well as for existing registries and registrars
- Probably requires a charter-revision from the Council, unless we choose to leave the Perfect World analysis out of scope

#### Advantages

- Best of both worlds speed and rigor
- Takes pressure off scope we'd be deferring issues rather than discarding them
- Maintains pace and momentum of new gTLD effort, but preserves opportunity for subsequent broader/deeper analysis
- Aligns with PDP/WG process requirements
- Narrows the nature of the work and expectations for near-term deliverables



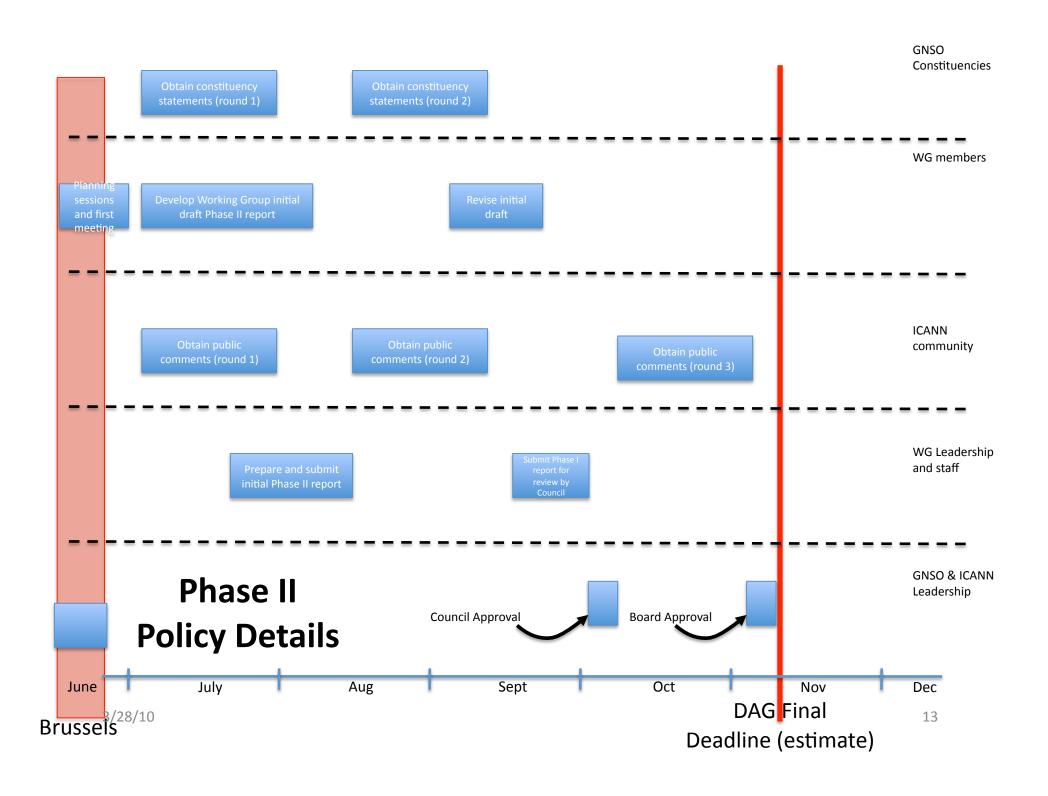
### Details of Phase I



- Brainstorming and research in "birds of a feather" subgroups?
- Share results through wiki?
- Thread conversations on list with subject-tags?
- Weekly updates, crosspollination on phone calls?

# Phase I Scope and Deliverable

- 3-5 page document describing the Vertical Integration policy (framed more as a memo of understanding than as a detailed contract)
- Consensus around principles, details to be determined after reviews by Council, Board, etc.
- Presumes that Brussels is a mid-course correction providing guidance for crafting policy details in the next phase
- The Economic Study and subsequent reviews are out of scope for this phase, merely noted



## Details of Phase II

Develop Working Group initial draft Phase II report

- Much narrower focus
- Translating principles into sample contract language
- Smaller group

# Phase II Scope and Deliverable

- Detailed analysis to guide staff as they develop contract language for the DAG
- Implementing the principles laid out in Phase I
- Incorporates Brussels mid-course corrections by Council, Board, GAC, etc.
- The Economic Study and subsequent reviews are also out of scope for this phase, merely noted

# **Detailed Workplan**

- To be developed
- Just need agreement on broad outline before diving one level deeper