

GNSO 4 month Operating Plan

1 November 2006 – 31 January 2006

Section 1 - Current Projects

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<p><u>New gTLDs</u></p> <p><i>Project No. 2005 / 01</i></p> <p>Priority 1</p> <p>Staff lead: Liz Williams</p> <p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>http://gns0.icann.org/issues/new-gtlds/ holds the full archive of all documents</p>	<p>Early Q1 2007 Submission of Final Report to GNSO Council</p> <p>Late Q1 2007 Submission of Board Report</p> <p>Late November 2006 TBC GNSO Council meeting to discuss the report and work toward achieving a supermajority vote on a recommendation to present to the Board.</p> <p>14 September 2006 Draft Recommendations Summary posted to working document section of GNSO website</p>	<p>25 – 27 May 2006 Working meeting in Brussels</p> <p>29 – 31 August 2006 Working meeting in Amsterdam</p> <p>2- 8 December 2006 Working meeting in Sao Paulo</p>	
<p>GNSO work on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)</p> <p><i>Project No. 2005 / 03</i></p>	<p>9 November 2006 Chair election process started, two candidates</p> <p>19 October 2006</p>	<p>12 October 2006 Revised Draft ToR for GNSO IDN Policy Development Activities http://gns0.icann.org/issues/idn-</p>	<p>First WG meeting foreseen for Sao Paulo</p>

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<p>Priority 1</p> <p>Staff lead: Olof Nordling</p> <p>Relevant documents: August, 2006 - DRAFT GNSO Issues Report Policy Issues Relating to IDN at the Top-level http://gnso.icann.org/issues/idn-tlds/issues-report-02aug06.htm</p> <p>Review and Recommendations for IDN, RFC4690 John Klensin / Patrik Fältström http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc4690.txt</p> <p>An overview with proposed issues and changes for IDNA: http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-klensin-idnabis-issues-00.txt</p> <p>A suggestion for solving an IDNA problem in right-to-left scripts by revising the string-prep profile: http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-alvestrand-idna-bidi-00.txt</p> <p>An initial suggested inclusion based IDNA Unicode Code-points based on Unicode 5.0 http://www.ietf.org/internet-drafts/draft-faltstrom-idnabis-tables-01.txt</p> <p>'GNSO Policy Development for IDNs: Background Paper'</p>	<p>GNSO Council adopted terms of reference and re-launched the GNSO IDN working group to pursue the matter.</p> <p>31 August 2006 Proposed terms of reference (of draft issues report) on an IDN PDP were reviewed in the context of the draft recommendations for new gTLD arising from the Amsterdam meeting.</p>	<p>tlds/idn_tor_draft-12oct06.htm</p> <p>2 August 2006 DRAFT GNSO Issues Report Policy Issues Relating to IDN at the Top-level http://gnso.icann.org/issues/idn-tlds/issues-report-02aug06.htm</p> <p>17 July 2006 DRAFT GNSO Issues Report Policy Issues Relating to IDN at the Top-level http://gnso.icann.org/issues/idn-tlds/issues-report-17jul06.htm</p>	

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<p>Circulated to Council mailing list on 28 October, 2005: http://gnso.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/msg01479.html</p>			
<p>February 2006 PDP on contractual conditions in gTLDs</p> <p>Project No. 2006 /01</p> <p>Priority 1</p> <p>Staff lead: Liz Williams</p> <p>http://gnso.icann.org/issues/gtld-policies/ holds all documents for TF</p>	<p>9 November 2006 Release of draft TF Report including Rapporteur Group reports</p> <p>3 August, 2006 Distribution of an updated version of the Preliminary Report on PDP-Feb06 - Contractual conditions for existing gTLDs,</p> <p>1 July, 2006 Task Force met during ICANN meeting in Marrakech</p>	<p>Draft TF Report released for working discussion at São Paulo meeting.</p>	<p>Delayed schedule</p>
<p>Transfers Working Group (TWG) Review of the Transfers Policy Project No. 2005 / 04</p> <p>Priority 2</p> <p>GNSO Council lead: Ross Rader</p> <p>Staff lead: Karen Lentz</p> <p>Relevant documents:</p>	<p>14 September 2006 List of issues identified by the TWG is in 2 categories:</p> <p>a) Clarifications that could be dealt with in an advisory, and b) Policy issues that may require work by the GNSO.</p> <p>After the TWG reviews the advisory and list of policy issues, the TWG will forward the list of policy issues to the GNSO for its consideration.</p>	<p>August 2006 ICANN staff developed TWG input into a draft advisory and list of policy issues for review by TWG.</p> <p>17 March 2006 Ross Rader circulated to working group an updated reference document.</p> <p>19 January 2006 ICANN staff distributed overview of issues raised in the transfers working</p>	

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	GNSO Council will then review the list of policy issues and determine if further action is necessary.	group, with suggested next steps	
Purpose of Whois Project No. 2005 / 05 Priority 1 Staff lead: Maria Farrell	12 April, 2006 GNSO Council adopted 'Formulation 1' as a working definition to allow the Whois Task Force to proceed on its remaining terms of reference. Working definition of the purpose of Whois: "The purpose of the gTLD Whois service is to provide information sufficient to contact a responsible party for a particular gTLD domain name who can resolve, or reliably pass on data to a party who can resolve, issues related to the configuration of the records associated with the domain name within a DNS nameserver."	17 March 2006 Final Task Force Report submitted to the GNSO Council. 18 January – 7 February, 2006 Public comment period on Preliminary Task Force Report 17 January 2006 Whois Task Force voted on Preliminary Task Force Report	
WHOIS Rec. 2 on a policy and procedure national laws Project No. 2005 / 07 Priority 1 Staff lead: Maria Farrell Relevant documents:	December/January 2006 Implementation of ICANN staff procedure for dealing with conflicts between Whois requirements and local/national privacy laws. November 2006 ICANN staff to produce a draft procedure for circulation to the GNSO Council and for public comments. 11 August 2006	10 May 2006 ICANN Board voted to "adopt the 'recommendation on a procedure for potential conflicts between Whois requirements and privacy laws "; and to develop and publicly document a procedure for dealing with such conflicts, taking into account the advice of the GNSO and any other interested ICANN Supporting Organization or Advisory	

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'Final task force report on a policy recommendation and advice on a procedure for handling conflicts between a registrar/registry's legal obligations under privacy laws and their contractual obligations to ICANN' <i>Circulated to Council mailing list on 28 October, 2005:</i> http://gnso.icann.org/mailing-lists/archives/council/msg01480.html	ICANN staff wrote to chairs of SOs and ACs to solicit any advice those organizations may wish to submit and alerting them that implementation is anticipated within two months, i.e. October 2006. For organizations that cannot submit comments within two months, one-on-one contacts are an option.	Committee." 18 January 2006 GNSO Board Report posted for information on the ICANN website. 28 November 2005 GNSO Council to considered Final Task Force Report and voted to accept its recommendation.	
WHOIS Accuracy Working Group Project No. 2005 / 08 Priority 2 Council lead: Niklas Lagergren (IPC) Staff lead: Maria Farrell	December 2006 (Sao Paulo meeting) Accuracy group to present findings/recommendations 29 March 2006 (Wellington meeting) Ross Rader reported to Council on the group's progress. 31 May 2006 Niklas Lagergren circulated a draft report for consideration by the working group.		
WHOIS Rec. 1 on improved notification and consent Project No. 2005 / 07b Priority 2 Staff lead: Maria Farrell	29 March 2006 GNSO Council decision on Final Task Force Report on improved Whois notification and consent. Staff to provide updated information on legal clarification of notification versus consent.		

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ICANN Strategic and Operating Planning Process Project No. 2006 / 0X Priority 2 Council lead: Staff lead: Maria Farrell	13 September 2006 Issues Paper for the July 2007 - June 2010 Strategic Plan published on ICANN website for public comment. http://icann.org/announcements/announcement-13sep06.htm	Date TBA Future participation by GNSO Councillors in ICANN Strategic and Operational Planning Process	No schedule set

Section 2

Non-active projects - approved but not resourced

Work item, relevant documents	Current status	Notes	
Contention for domain names at gtld registries	<p>Work item agreed by Council resolution but not currently resourced.</p> <p>13 January 2005 Council resolution Resolution passed: "Council resolves, to request the ICANN staff manager to write an issues report (as specified in annex A to the ICANN by-laws) on the "Problems caused by contention for domain names made available by a gTLD registry ", so that Council can subsequently decide if a policy development process would be appropriate".</p>	Council needs to consider whether/how work on RGP relates to this existing resolution. (<i>staff note, 24 March 2006</i>)	

Section 3

Projects proposed but not yet approved: policy

Single letter 2nd level domain names

Council lead:
Marilyn Cade

Staff lead:
Maria Farrell

Relevant documents:
'Status report on single letter domain names'
Circulated to Council mailing list on 14 September 2005

Explore use of Wikis to support GNSO Council collaborative work online

Council lead:

Section 3

Projects proposed but not yet approved: administrative/procedural

Revise and agree GNSO Rules of Procedure

Council lead:
Bruce Tonkin