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## Meeting with Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Block 7 - GAC Inter-Constituency Engagement

### Session 7.1 - Meeting with the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group

### Session 7.2 - Meeting with the GNSO Council

### Session 7.3 - Meeting with the Registrar Stakeholder Group

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#### Purpose and Background

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is a body within the ICANN community responsible for developing and recommending to the ICANN Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains. The GNSO is the largest Supporting Organization within the ICANN framework.

The GAC normally meets with the Chair and other members of the [GNSO Council](#) at each ICANN public meeting to discuss issues of common concern and identify methods for better cooperation. The current Chair of the GNSO Council is Mr. Keith Drazek. Vice Chairs are Ms. Pam Little and Mr. Rafik Dammak. The GNSO Liaison to the GAC is Mr. Johan (Julf) Helsingius. The GNSO is a “federation” of different stakeholder groups. It is comprised of two “Houses” - one “house” for parties contracted to ICANN (Registries and Registrars) and a second “house” for other parties – commercial and non-commercial interests.

The GNSO Council and the GNSO stakeholder groups have different roles within the GNSO. The Council undertakes the role of manager of the policy development process. The Council is populated by representative members of the various GNSO stakeholder groups and constituencies. Comparatively, the stakeholder groups themselves (including the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) and the Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)) are focused on operational considerations, sharing information and helping their members understand the overall GNSO activities and responsibilities. Various stakeholder groups participate directly in policy development working groups.

In late January the GNSO Council conducted a Strategic Planning Meeting and subsequently produced a report of the discussion during that gathering (see - <https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/council-strategic-planning-session-final-25jan19-en.pdf> [[gnso.icann.org](https://gnso.icann.org)]). In the report (36 pages) the GAC is mentioned about 20 times regarding a number of topic areas including:

- Role of the GNSO Council in the ICANN governance model
- Relationship between GNSO Council and other ICANN SO/ACs (including liaisons to other SO/ACs)
- Participation of GAC in PDPs

- Improvements to GNSO Policy Development (including detailed discussions of PDP 3.0, a set of improved rules for PDPs targeted to be implemented by end of 2019)
- Objectives of the GNSO Council in 2019
- Various issues such as conflicts with national legislation, legal threats on participants in PDP WG, etc; and
- Notes of the Council's meeting with ICANN Board at the time of the session

For the Kobe Meeting, both GNSO contracted party stakeholder groups (the gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group and the Registrar Stakeholder Group) asked to meet with the GAC. After consultations with GAC members, the GAC leadership agreed to the meetings with expectations of targeted agendas for each discussion as set forth below.

## Agendas

With the pace of GAC participation changes in recent years, it has been observed that information sharing with various parts of the ICANN community is valuable to help GAC members understand the context of various DNS issues. Occasional dialogue with members of other ICANN communities can enhance communications and information sharing and create connections that can be relied on as new policy and operational topics are introduced and discussed.

At recent public meetings, the GAC has interacted with other groups from the gTLD space including business, intellectual property and non commercial interests. These meetings with the GNSO Council and contracted parties in Kobe will continue that strategic communications approach.

The discussion with leaders of the **GNSO Council** will include

- IGO Curative Rights;
- Status of Progress on the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) for the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (including a discussion of GAC concerns regarding the substance of the recommendations as well as the operational methodology of the effort;
- New gTLD subsequent procedures – expectations, status and next steps;
- AOB

The discussion with leaders of the **gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG)** will include:

- Introduction on RySG
- Universal awareness of TLDs

The discussion with leaders of the **Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)** will include:

- Third party access to non-public WHOIS Data
- Registrar efforts on DNS abuse

## Further Information and Documentation

For additional insights on topics that may be discussed during this session, please review the topic briefings for IGO protections and the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

Further information about the GNSO and its policy development process are available at <http://gns0.icann.org/en/about>.

GNSO web site –  
<https://gns0.icann.org/en>

Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Web Site –  
<http://icannregistrars.org/>

gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group Web Site –  
<https://www.rysg.info/>

Report of January 2019 GNSO Council Strategic Planning Meeting -  
<https://gns0.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/council-strategic-planning-session-final-25jan19-en.pdf> [gns0.icann.org]

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