
GAC Meeting with the GNSO Council

Session #5

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Session Objective

The GAC and Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) meet at ICANN Meetings to discuss policy matters of interest to both parties.

The agenda for the session is scheduled to focus on an exchange on the following topics:

1. **Introduction (5 minutes)**
2. **Accuracy of Registration Data (10 minutes)**
3. **DNS Abuse (10 minutes)**
4. **Registration Data Request Service (10 minutes)**
5. **Urgent Requests/Law Enforcement Authentication (8 minutes)**
6. **AOB (2 minutes)**

Talking Points & Questions

1. **Introduction**
 - Welcome by Chairs
 - High-level overview of what the GNSO does and how it does it
2. **Accuracy of Registration Data**
 - What are the GNSO Council's plans with the input received on the threshold questions, including what next steps the GNSO will take on this matter? What were the findings and recommendations of the GNSO Small Team that reviewed the input?

- What is the GNSO reaction to the GAC's submission?
- The GAC would appreciate updates on resuming the GNSO accuracy scoping teams and outreach on accuracy best practices

3. DNS Abuse

- The GAC would appreciate an update on DNS Abuse Small Team work and timeline for its outputs.

4. RDRS

- The GAC would like a status update of the report by the Standing Committee on RDRS. What are the GNSO's thoughts on next steps after the Standing Committee issues its final report?
- Additionally, the GAC would like an overview of how the RDRS addresses key elements and recommendations of the SSAD and an overview of additional policy work that may be required.

5. Urgent Requests/Law Enforcement Authentication

- The GAC acknowledges the ongoing work related to a reasonable timeline for urgent requests is being contemplated by the IRT and that this work is ongoing. The GAC would appreciate an update on the work of this group by the GNSO.
- What next steps does the GNSO believe would be appropriate after the recent IRT discussions?

6. AOB

Background

With the pace of GAC participation in ICANN policy development activities changing in recent years, it has been observed that information sharing with various parts of the ICANN community is more valuable than ever to help GAC members understand the context of various DNS issues. At recent public meetings, the GAC has interacted with various community groups from the gTLD space including business, intellectual property and non-commercial interests. This meeting with the GNSO Council will continue that strategic communications approach.

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 Greg DiBiase. Vice Chairs are Nacho Amadoz and Tomslin Samme-Nlar. The GNSO Liaison to the GAC is Sebastien Ducos. The GAC’s point-of-contacts to the GNSO are Manal Ismail (Egypt) and Rida Tahir (Canada).

The GNSO is a “federation” of different stakeholder groups. It is made up of two “Houses” - one “house” for parties contracted to ICANN (Registries and Registrars) and a second “house” for other non-contracted 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.

Prior to ICANN Public Meetings, the leadership teams of both the GNSO Council and the GAC meet via teleconference to identify the most pressing issues that merit further face-to-face discussions at the upcoming meeting.

Further Information

Further information about the GNSO and its policy development process is available at <http://gnso.icann.org/en/about>. GNSO web site – <https://gnso.icann.org/en>

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