

NCSG Response to Public Comment – Proposed Updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures

The Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group (NCSG) represents the interests of non-commercial users in the formulation of Domain Name System policy within the auspices of the Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO). Since our inception, we have facilitated global academic and civil society engagement in support of ICANN's mission, stimulating an informed citizenry and building their understanding of relevant DNS policy issues while raising awareness of the need for ICANN to comply with applicable privacy and data protection legislation.

GNSO Working Group Self-Assessment

The NCSG strongly supports the updates to GNSO Working Group Self-Assessment (WGSA) by the GNSO Council Committee for Overseeing and Implementing Continuous Improvement (CCOICI). We are hopeful that the proposed modifications will improve the efficiency of WGSA survey while assisting the GNSO Council, in its role as the policy development manager, to monitor and support the Working Groups more effectively.

GNSO Statement of Interest

Regarding the CCOICI's recommendation to separate the current Statement of Interest (SOI) into 2 parts, the NCSG welcomes the addition of an Activity Specific Statement of Interest. By mandating participants to provide information specific to the activities they request to participate in, we believe this will effectively improve the transparency and accountability of GNSO activities.

The NCSG notes that the questions recommended for the Activity Specific Statement of Interest should only serve as baseline questions. It should allow the GNSO Council, when chartering GNSO activities, to add questions specific to the activities when it sees fit.

Miscellaneous Updates

The NCSG supports the proposed updates and thanks the staff support team for its work in identifying and correcting all the inconsistencies and typographical and grammatical errors throughout the GNSO Operating Procedures.