

GNSO COUNCIL SMALL TEAM – WORK ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

Subject	Board Readiness
Background	<p>During the 2023 GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session (SPS), the GNSO Council agreed that it should seek to limit the likelihood of the Council approving PDP recommendations that the ICANN Board is ultimately unable to adopt. To that end, the Council discussed the desire to ensure it submits “board-ready policy recommendations” to the Board, to the extent possible.</p> <p>Generally speaking, a policy recommendation is considered board ready when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation is likely to achieve board adoption, i.e., the recommendation has been approved by a GNSO Supermajority Vote and will most likely be considered by the Board to be in the best interests of ICANN Community and ICANN org. <p>In an effort to assist the GNSO Council with this topic, Support Staff prepared a document on Board Readiness, which endeavors to define board readiness, provide examples of the parts of the PDP continuum contribute to Board readiness, and provide examples of existing or new efforts within the GNSO that support and reinforce Board readiness.</p>
Assignment	<p>The Small Team is tasked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a survey/questionnaire related to the Board’s rejection/non-adoption of policy recommendations, which may be administered to relevant PDP Chairs, PDP WG members, ICANN org Support Staff, and Board members. (Examples: EPDP Temp Spec Phase 1 and 2; Subsequent Procedures) • Administer the survey/questionnaire and conduct interviews with relevant PDP Chairs, PDP WG members, ICANN org Support Staff, and Board members. • Synthesize the findings from the survey/questionnaire and interviews into a set of findings and develop a set of recommendations intended to inform Council work on improving Board readiness.
Timing	Small Team to share findings and recommendations by ICANN81 (November 2024) .
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Documents	Support Staff Document on Board Readiness
Notes	See background section
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a meeting of the small team to consider the assignment.