

Council SPS Review Session

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Background

- ⦿ Council ran its virtual Strategic Planning Session in October & November 2021. See <https://gns0.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2021/presentation/gns0-council-sps-meeting-report-01dec21-en.pdf>
- ⦿ Focus on the theme “Virtual Effectiveness: How can the Council be more effective in its role as Manager of the Policy Development Process now as well as post-pandemic?”
- ⦿ To check on the progress of the implementation of these action items as well as allow for updates to be made, Council agreed to schedule a post-SPS meeting in the 4-6 month timeframe after this meeting.
- ⦿ Status marked **green** are considered complete. Status marked **orange** are in progress. Council members to identify if anything is overlooked and/or requires further action. Have items implemented contributed to the focus area identified?

Focus Area #1 – Council Commitments



Recap: the Council agreed to further explore the possibility of developing a ‘GNSO Council Commitments Pledge’ that would outline what all Council members are willing to commit to as individuals but also in their role as a Council member, as well as a commitment to consensus building.

Action item #1: Council leadership to develop a first draft of proposed “Council Commitments” for Council Consideration

Status: *Drafting is in progress. Expected to be shared with Council shortly for review.*

Focus Area #2 – Volunteer Engagement and Motivation

Recap: Council is used to doing work in a virtually manner, but last two years it has ONLY been virtual. Many improvements made should be maintained post-pandemic. Consider how to assist new Council members in finding right information to be fully prepared.

Action item #2: Council members to identify how additional informal as well as non-substantive exchanges can be incorporated in the current schedule. For example, Council members are encouraged to suggest discussion topics to the Council Agenda planning document.

Status: *Represents a change in ongoing practice with no clear deliverable, but will be considered at SPS checkpoint.*



Focus Area #2 – Volunteer Engagement and Motivation

Action item #3: Staff support team to try and incorporate more details in call for volunteers in relation to the expected time commitment so that volunteers can better assess whether or not it is a commitment they are able to take on.

Status: *Represents a change in ongoing practice with no clear deliverable, but will be considered at SPS checkpoint. The staff support team has taken note of this AI and will continue incorporating this information in calls for volunteers as much as possible.*

Action item #4: Council members as well as staff support team to try and limit use of slides and make use as much as possible of cameras to promote interaction and engagement.

Status: *Represents a change in ongoing practice with no clear deliverable, but will be considered at SPS checkpoint.*



Focus Area #2 – Volunteer Engagement and Motivation

Action item #5: Staff support team to rerun expertise survey and develop database of Council member expertise that can be used when identifying volunteers for Council efforts.

Status: Survey circulated to Council on 29 March. 11 responses received to date. Those that have not responded yet, please complete asap.

Action item #6: Council leadership to explore possibility to set up a regular informal Q & A session with ICANN CEO for GNSO Council, either as part of future SPS or intersessionally.

Status: This action item is considered complete as a meeting has been scheduled that will allow for informal Q & A session with ICANN CEO.



Focus Area #2 – Volunteer Engagement and Motivation

Action item #7: Staff support team to develop cheat sheet with tips & tricks for where to find relevant information and prepare for Council meetings.

Status: [Cheat sheet](#) was developed by staff support team and is circulated prior to every Council meeting.

Action item #8: Leadership and/or Staff to engage with incoming Council Members to ensure they have the required support/mentor to be operational.

Status: Leadership met with all incoming Council members.



Focus Area #3 – Work planning / prioritization



Recap: Council is not making optimal use of PMT Tools. Consider how to optimize use of tools.

Action item #9: Council leadership to work with staff support team to develop proposed PMT small team assignment and proposal for if/how this work can be incorporated into the SCBO as well as manner and frequency with which Council will review PMT.

Status: *Staff support team is in the process of developing a pre-recorded webinar on PMT tools and then host dedicated Q&A sessions as necessary.*

Action item #10: Council members and Council leadership to review on a regular basis the Council Agenda planning document to ensure that sufficient time is built in to allow for discussion and consideration before topics are scheduled for a vote.

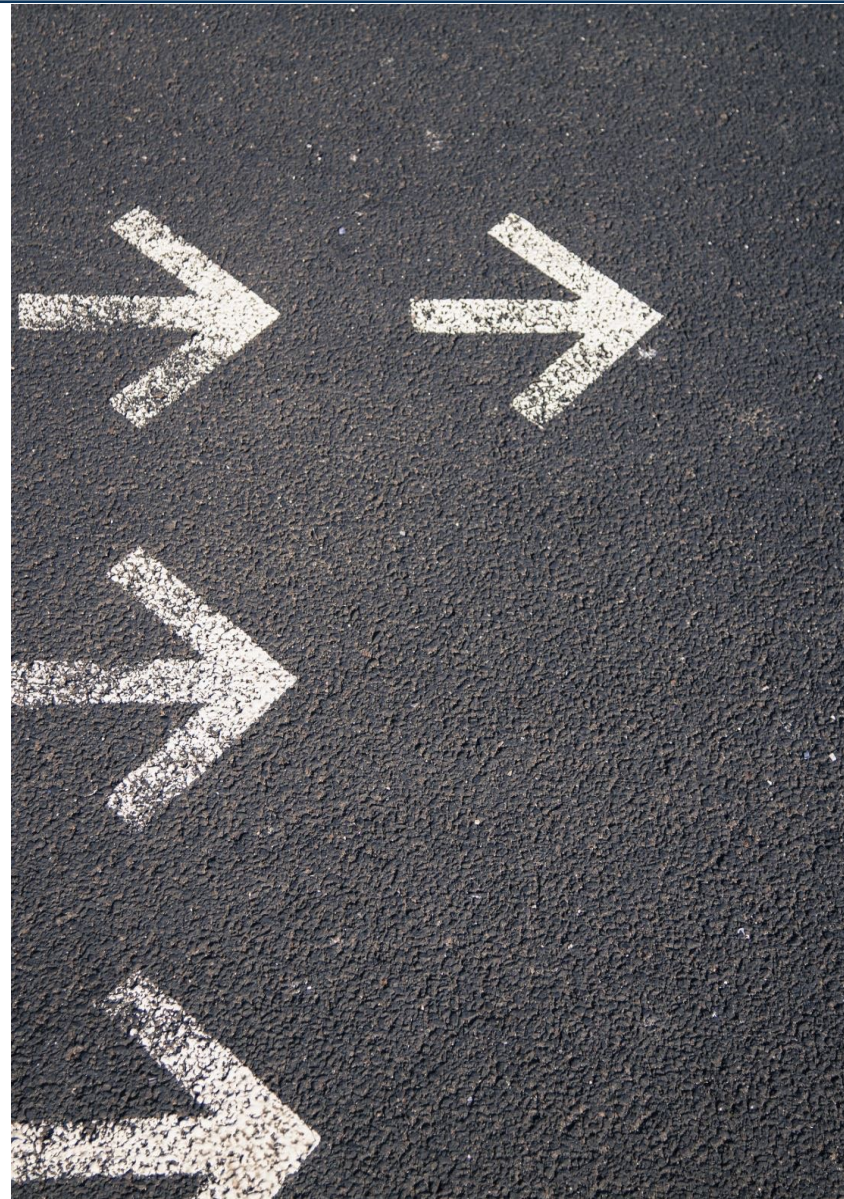
Status: *Represents a change in ongoing practice with no clear deliverable, but will be considered at SPS checkpoint.*

Focus Area #4 – Policy recs post-Council adoption

Recap: importance of follow through once GNSO policy recs have been adopted by the GNSO Council. What improvements can be considered?

Action item #11: Council leadership to set up an informal conversation with Becky and Matthew to obtain their feedback on the SPS discussions as well as their suggestions on how the Council can best engage with the ICANN Board on this topic. Following this conversation, Council leadership to put forward proposed next steps for Council consideration.

Status: *Initial conversation took place with Matthew & Becky. Proposal to schedule brainstorming session. Proposed questions have been identified and session is in the process of being scheduled.*



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