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Steve Crocker
Chairman, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Steve and Members of the ICANN Board,

On behalf of the GNSO Council, I would like to update you on the progress made by the GNSO Council and GNSO Stakeholder Groups (SGs) and Constituencies (Cs) with regards to planning for the new ICANN Meeting Strategy, which will come into effect in 2016.

Following the ICANN meeting in Singapore, a small drafting team was formed consisting of Council members and SG/C representatives, in order to review the current GNSO schedule together with the objectives set out in the new ICANN Meeting Strategy. The drafting team has developed a skeleton schedule, which has been annexed to this letter, and which outlines the proposed GNSO organised meetings for meetings A, B and C. The GNSO is very cognizant that the scheduling of meetings, especially those for meeting B, will need to be closely co-ordinated with other parts of the ICANN community. Therefore, the GNSO organized an informal gathering with other Supporting Organization (SO) and Advisory Committee representatives to obtain a better idea of where others stand in their planning and how on-going co-ordination can be ensured.

From the conversations described above, it appears that all SO/ACs have started or are in the process of starting their planning with a view to being able to finalise high-level schedules, in close co-operation and co-ordination with other SO/ACs, as well as ICANN staff, during ICANN54 in Dublin. However, it has become clear that in order to do so, it will be important to obtain information from the ICANN Board as to how it plans to organise its schedule and participation under the new ICANN Meeting Strategy, especially with regards to meeting B. As such, I would like to request, that you to share with the GNSO (and others interested) at your earliest convenience, the draft Board schedule for the new ICANN Meeting Strategy as that will significantly aid our planning. It is the hope of myself, and I expect others in the community, that we will be able to continue active engagement between the community and the ICANN Board and that the new ICANN Meeting Strategy will allow for enhanced interaction and participation of Board members in the activities of the different SO/ACs, especially with regards to meeting B.

I look forward to receiving your feedback.

Sincerely,

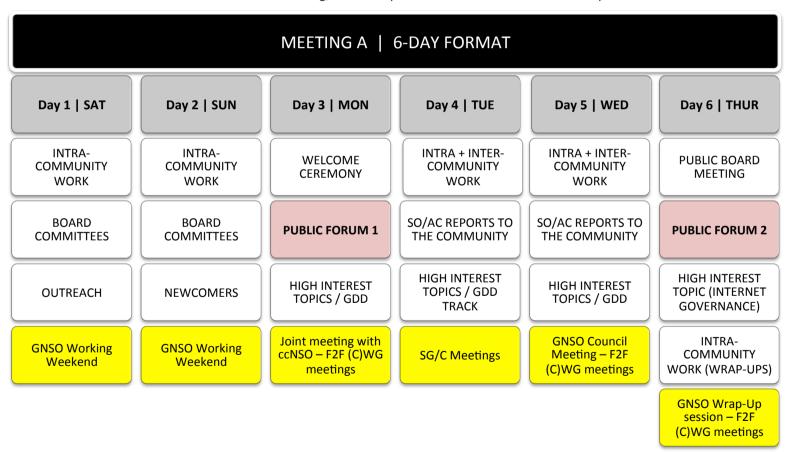
Jonathan Robinson Chair, ICANN GNSO Council

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Annex A - New ICANN Meeting Strategy - Draft GNSO Schedule

Meeting A

- 1st meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle
- Duration is six (6) total days
- Format is similar to the current ICANN meeting, with exception of the revised format for the public forum



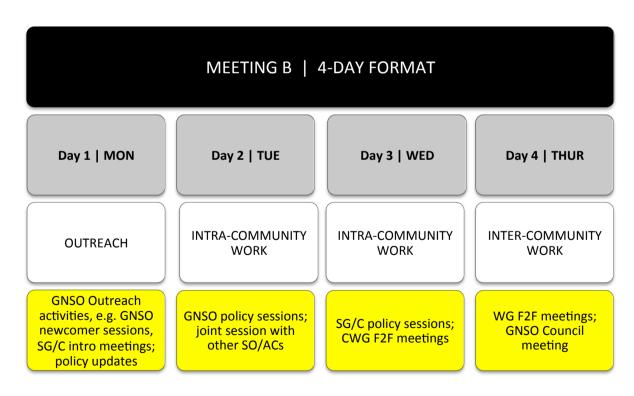
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Day 1 Sat	Day 2 Sun	Day 3 Mon	Day 4 Tue	Day 5 Wed	Day 6 Thur
9.00 - 10.30	9.00 - 10.30		9.00 - 18.00	9.00 - 10.30	9.00 - 10.30
PDP WG Updates	Updates from ICANN		SG/C Meetings	GNSO WG F2F	CWG/GNSO WG F2F
	Staff			meetings	meetings
11.00 - 12.30	11.00 - 12.30			11.00 - 12.30	11.00 – 12.30
PDP WG Updates	Meeting with ICANN			GNSO WG F2F	GNSO Wrap Up
	CEO, Executive Staff			meetings	Session
14.00 - 15.30	13.00 - 14.00			13.00 - 15.00	
PDP WG Updates	Meeting with ICANN			GNSO Council	
	Board			meeting	
16.00 - 17.30	14.30 - 16.00	17.00 – 18.30		15.30 - 17.00	
Prep Sessions /	Meeting with GAC	Joint meeting with		GNSO WG F2F	
Strategic Planning		ccNSO		meetings	
	16.00 - 18.00				
	SG/C Meetings				

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Meeting B

- 2nd meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle
- Duration of four (4) total days
- Three (3) days focused on SO/AC and Board work
- One (1) day focused on community outreach (note, Outreach activities are defined in the MSWG Report as activities conducted by SO/AC groups or
 cross-community groups with the intention of increasing awareness and interest in ICANN with individuals and organizations outside of the ICANN
 community. These activities are consistent with ICANN's function and mission. In ICANN's global multistakeholder model, policy is developed in a
 bottom up fashion, a process that is enhanced and strengthened by reaching out to external communities, educating them about ICANN and
 encouraging them to participate if they wish).



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Day 1 Mon	Day 2 Tues	Day 3 Wed	Day 4 Thurs
9.00 – 10.00 Opening Session for	9.00 – 10.30	9.00 - 10.30	9.00 – 10.30
all attendees (TBC)	GNSO (PDP) WGs Follow Up (see	SG/C Meetings	(PDP) WG / CWG Meetings
10.00 – 11.30	assumptions below)		
GNSO Intro Session (Overview of			
GNSO, GNSO Council, GNSO Policy			
Development, policy topics under			
consideration Q & A)			
11.30 – 13.00	11.00 – 12.30	11.00 – 12.30	11.00 – 12.30
SG/C Intro Sessions (Overview of	Prep Session (either GNSO as a	SG/C Meetings	(PDP) WG / CWG Meetings
GNSO Stakeholder Group and	whole or SG/C break out, or		
Constituencies) [<mark>In parallel or</mark>	combination thereof)		
sequential or a combination			
thereof?]			
14.00 – 15.30	14.00 – 18.00	14.00 – 15.30	14.00 – 15.30
SG/C Open House sessions (SG/C	Joint Session with other	PDP WG Meetings	GNSO Council Meeting
meetings that can be observed /	SO/ACs/Board ¹		
participated in by newcomers)			
16.00 – 17.30		16.00 – 17.30	16.00 – 17.30
PDP WG Open House Session		PDP WG Meetings	GNSO Council wrap up session
(PDP WG meeting that can be			
observed / participated in by			
newcomers)			

Assumptions:

- The focus of all meetings is expected to be on policy development the Council as well as Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies are expected to factor this into their planning and limit any other topics to a minimum taking into account that less time is available compared to the A and C meetings.
- Further co-ordination and discussions will need to be held in relation to Day 1 especially with regards to how to attract the target audience for this particular aspect of the meeting (for example, co-ordination with members of ICANN's Global Stakeholder Engagement Team will be essential).

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- GNSO (PDP) WG Status Updates are provided in the form of a webinar for the GNSO Council and GNSO Community leading up to the B meeting. Based on these updates, the GNSO Council decides which efforts require further discussion as part of the GNSO (PDP) WGs Follow Up session which is currently foreseen for Tuesday morning.
- Preparation for the joint sessions on Tuesday afternoon would be carried out in advance of the B meeting, either as part of a GNSO Council meeting or a separate session so that only limited time is needed on Tuesday (to confirm whether any other topics have come up in the interim period that would need to be added).
- There will likely be one or more collective sessions such as an opening session for meeting B that will need to be accommodated in the schedule. Further information on these is expected to be available shortly. For now, an opening session on Monday morning has been tentatively included.

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Meeting C

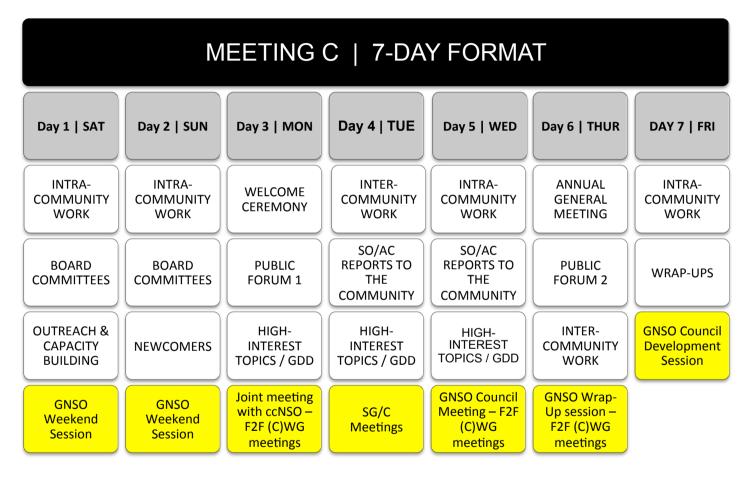
- 3rd meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle
- Focus on showcasing ICANN's work to a broader global audience
- Duration of seven (7) total days
 - 2 days dedicated to Intra-Community Work
 - 1 day dedicated to Inter-Community Work
 - 1 day dedicated to internal SO/AC work; CC interaction; or both
 - 2 days dedicated to public forum, AGM, opening session, high-interest topics
 - 1 day for meeting wrap up activities

(Note Cross community interaction is defined in the MSWG Report as activities occurring between two (2) or more SO/AC groups. Internal SO/AC work includes work within one AC or SO (including stakeholder and constituency groups), or one AC or SO group and the Board or members of the Board.

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						Session
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	Executive Staff					
14.00 - 15.30	13.00 - 14.00			13.00 - 15.30		
PDP WG Updates	Meeting with			GNSO Council		
	ICANN Board			meeting &		
				Administrative		
				Meeting		
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