# Pre-ICANN70 GNSO Policy Webinar

GNSO Council Webinar
9 March 2021

# Agenda

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- **Upcoming Work**

- **Q&A**

# Opening Remarks

Philippe Fouquart, GNSO Chair

# Overview

## High-level Overview of Council's Current and Upcoming Workload

**1** **WRAPPING UP (LANDING)**

- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP
- Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in all gTLDs

**2** **CURRENT (IN FLIGHT)**

- EPDP on gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2A
- IGO Curative Rights Work Track

**3** **UPCOMING (TAKING OFF)**

- Transfer Policy PDP
- EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names

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# GNSO Work that is Wrapping Up

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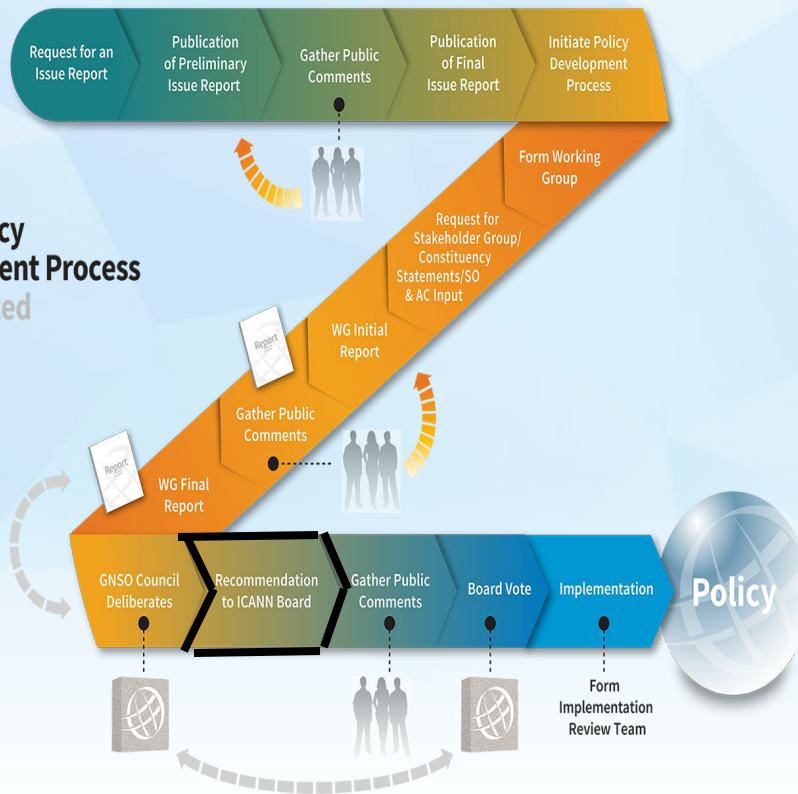
**Facilitator:** Pam Little

# GNSO Work - Wrapping Up

## New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP



**GNSO Policy Development Process** *Summarized*
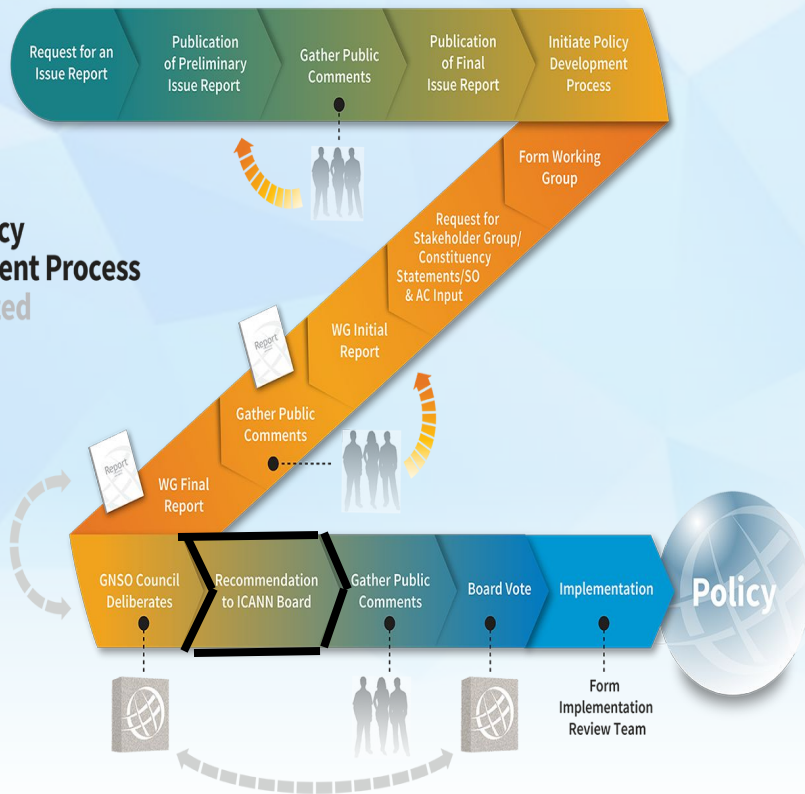
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**At a Glance**

- WG chartered with determining what, if any changes may need to be made to the existing 2007 Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains policy recommendations

- WG delivered Final Report to GNSO Council on 18 January 2021

- Council adopted Final Report on 18 February 2021

- Board will likely initiate an Operational Design Phase on these recommendations

- An additional public comment forum will be held prior to the Board's consideration of the recommendations

# GNSO Work - Wrapping Up

## Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs

**GNSO Policy Development Process *Summarized**

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Request for an Issue Report → Publication of Preliminary Issue Report → Gather Public Comments → Publication of Final Issue Report → Initiate Policy Development Process → Form Working Group → Request for Stakeholder Group/ Constituency Statements/SO & AC Input → WG Initial Report → Gather Public Comments → WG Final Report → GNSO Council Deliberates → Recommendation to ICANN Board → Gather Public Comments → Board Vote → Implementation → Form Implementation Review Team → **Policy**

### At a Glance

- WG was chartered in March 2016 to review all the Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) that have been developed by ICANN. (Phase 1 consisted of RPMs from New gTLD program).

- WG delivered Final Report for Phase 1 to GNSO Council on 24 November 2020

- GNSO Council voted to adopt the WG's Final Report on 21 January 2021

- An additional public comment forum will be held prior to board consideration

# Current GNSO PDPs (in flight)

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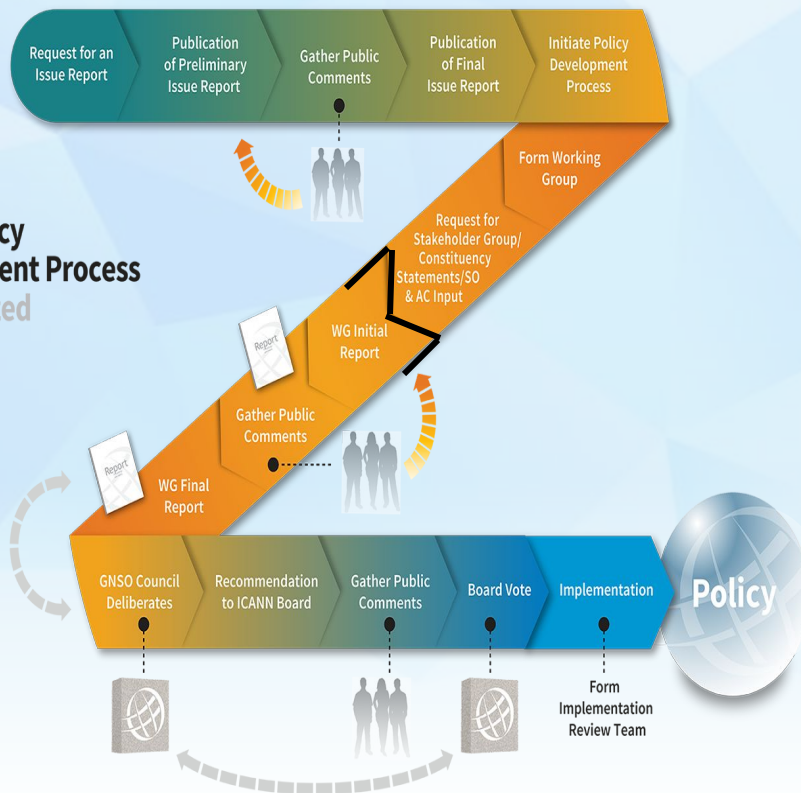
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# Current GNSO Work

## EPDP Phase 2A

**GNSO Policy Development Process**
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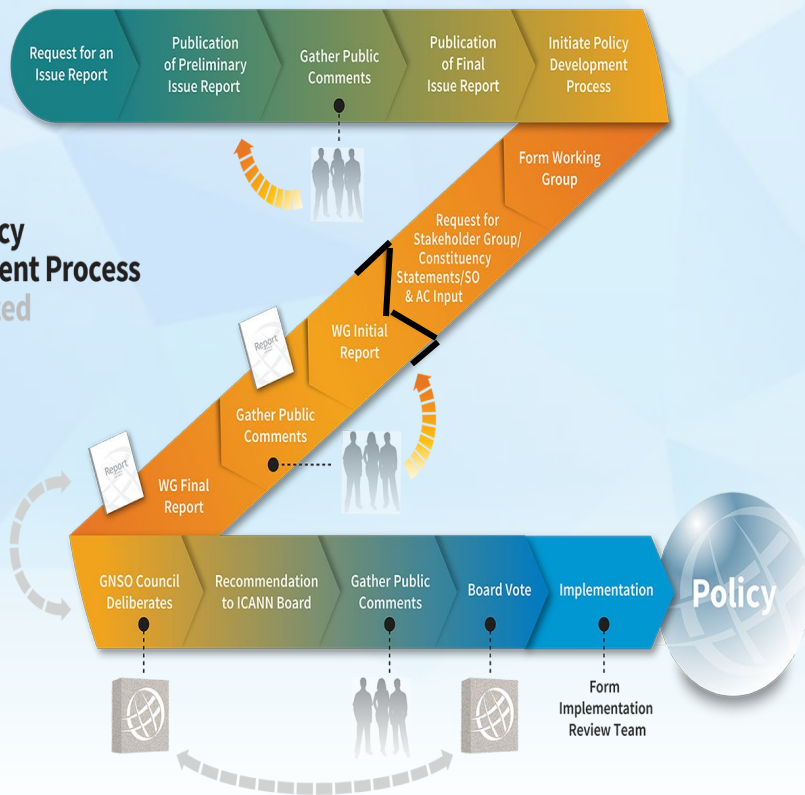


**At a Glance**

- Requested by GNSO Council to further review two topics from phase 1 and phase 2 namely:
    - Differentiation of legal vs. natural persons
    - Feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address

- This is expected to be a short duration project to properly consider these topics and determine if there are solutions to these issues that can be broadly supported

- As requested by Council, Chair of EPDP Phase 2A to present on Team's progress during GNSO Council's ICANN70 meeting. Based on this report, the GNSO Council will decide on next steps, which could include providing additional time for the EPDP to finalize its recommendations or termination of the EPDP if it is clear that no progress is being made or consensus is unlikely.

- Work plan expects Initial Report to be published in May 2021

# Current GNSO Work

## IGO Curative Rights Work Track

### GNSO Policy Development Process *Summarized

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**Request for an Issue Report** → **Publication of Preliminary Issue Report** → **Gather Public Comments** → **Publication of Final Issue Report** → **Initiate Policy Development Process**

**Form Working Group**

**Request for Stakeholder Group/ Constituency Statements/SO & AC Input**

**WG Initial Report**

**Gather Public Comments**

**WG Final Report**

**GNSO Council Deliberates** → **Recommendation to ICANN Board** → **Gather Public Comments** → **Board Vote** → **Implementation**

**Form Implementation Review Team**

**Policy**

### At a Glance

- The GNSO Council created a Work Track within the RPMs PDP WG to review Recommendation 5 of IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP WG Final Report.

- GNSO Council adopted the Addendum to the RPMs PDP Charter in January of 2020.

- Work Track members are now confirmed and the GNSO Council approved Chris Dispain as WT Chair.

- The WT held its first meeting on 22 Feb 2021.

- The WT has started its deliberations and is building out its work plan for confirmation to the GNSO Council by April 2021.

# Upcoming Work

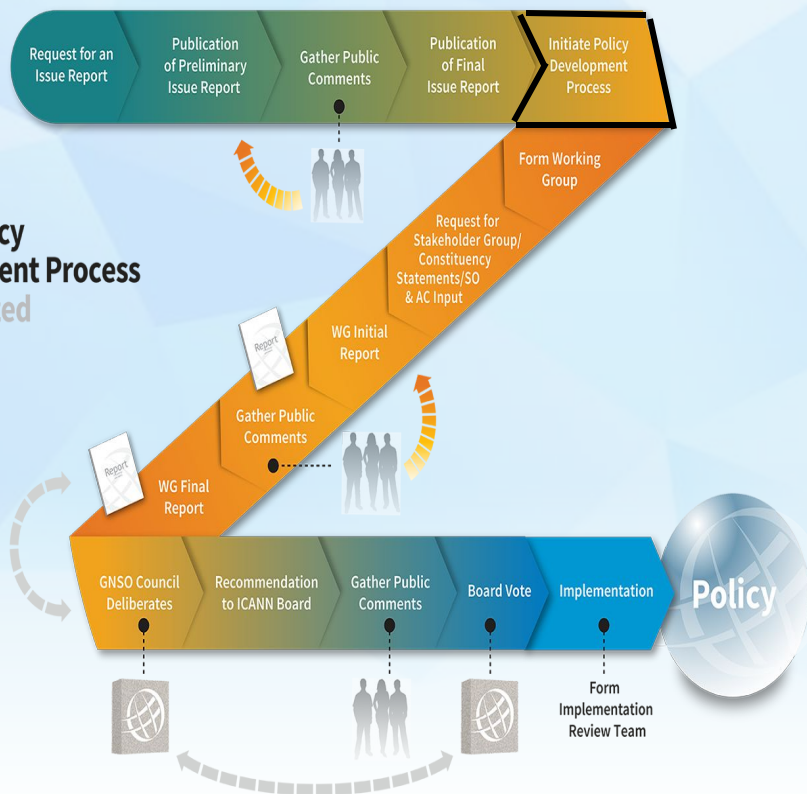**Presenter:** Pam Little

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# Upcoming GNSO Work

## Transfer Policy PDP



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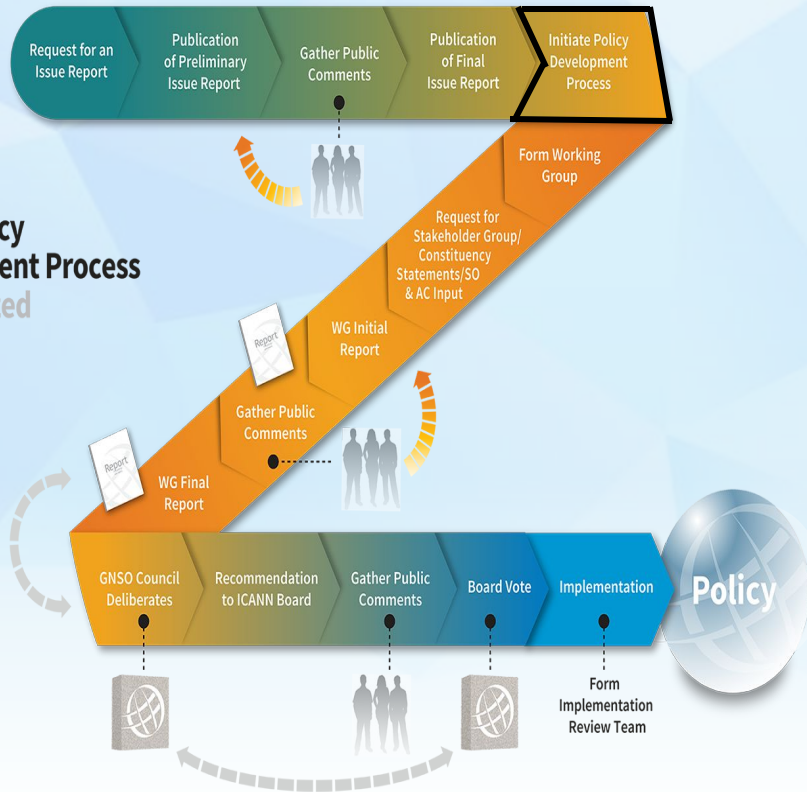
### At a Glance

- Transfer Policy is an ICANN consensus policy that went in effect in 2004 with a goal to provide a straightforward procedure for domain name registrants to transfer their domain names from one registrar to another.

- Previous policy work recommended the Transfer Policy be reviewed following the implementation of all recommendations.

- Following review of a Scoping Team's recommended areas of review, Council voted to request ICANN org to produce a Preliminary Issue Report.

- Council voted to initiate a two-phased PDP on 18 February 2021.

- Council plans to vote on WG Charter during ICANN70.

- There will be a session at ICANN70 for community to learn more about the work of the PDP.

# Upcoming GNSO Work

## EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) - Track 2



**GNSO Policy Development Process**
*Summarized
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- Council requested and received a scoping document on internationalized domain name-related issues.

- Scoping document recommended an EPDP that would cover:
  - IDN Variant TLD: definition, management, and coordination issues;
  - Process to update the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with.

- Progressing based on this proposed work plan, the GNSO charter drafting team aims to deliver the draft charter and EPDP initiation request by the May 2021 Council meeting.

- Following delivery of the charter, Council to consider the initiation of an EPDP on IDN variant TLDs.

# Q&A