GNSO/GAC meeting

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Agenda

• Review policy process
• Policy for New gTLDs
• Policy for Existing gTLDs contracts
• Policy for gTLDs with IDN strings
Policy Development Process (PDP)

- Request issues report
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- Initiate PDP with terms of reference
  - Public comment
- Preliminary Task Force Report or Initial Report
  - Public comment
- Final Report for Council vote
- Board Report
  - GAC advice to Board
- Board vote
Phases

• In some cases we have broken work on large policy issues into phases, and issued interim reports for public comments
• Drafts of the documents are often published
GAC Advice

• Advice on interaction between ICANN's policies and
  – various national laws
  – international agreements
  – public policy issues
GAC principles

• Progress on public policy principles as it relates to gTLDs or WHOIS?
• Possibility of a dialogue prior to publication of any draft?
New gTLDs - timeline

• Draft Initial report – available now
• Initial Report – July 06
  – Public comment
• Final Report – Oct 06
• Board Report – Nov 06
• Board vote – Dec 06, Sao Paulo
New gTLD work

• Selection of entity to operate a new gTLD
  – Technical criteria etc
• New gTLD clearly differentiated from other TLDs with respect to its purpose
• Allocation when more than one entity wants to operate the same string
Advice

• Should there be limitations on strings for new gTLDs?
  – E.g no country names

• Should there be limitations on strings at the second level within a new gTLDs?
  – names of territories, distinct economies, and other geographic and geopolitical names
GAC interaction

• How best to get input from:
  – Experts in their individual capacity
  – Individual Government agencies
  – Individual Governments
  – GAC working group
  – GAC committee

• Between now and October 2006

• Openness of dialogue helps us understand the issues
Contracts for existing gTLDs

- Policy would only apply if an existing gTLD operator sought to change their agreement or if a new entity becomes the operator.
- Seeking further expert advice – e.g., competition law, price regulation, definitions of market power/dominance.
- Preliminary Task Force Report – Oct 06.
Areas of work

• Examining areas where consistency would be useful
  – Registry agreement renewal
  – Limitations to comply with new ICANN policies
  – Price controls for registry services
  – ICANN fee structure
  – Limitations on using registry data
  – Investments required for infrastructure
IDN gTLDs - timeline

- Draft Issues Report – available now
- Formed a GNSO working group to consider this report and liaising with ccNSO with respect to scope of any GNSO work
- Issues Report – July 06
- Decision to initiate a PDP – July 06
- Further information in IDN workshop