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ISPs and Connectivity Providers can engage actively in the GNSO Policy Development Process, by joining the ISPCP Constituency

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ICANN recognizes the GNSO PDP to be so important that it is clearly stipulated in the by-laws, at the ANNEX A. You can find the illustration of GNSO's PDP at GNSO Website at the links below.

<http://gnso.icann.org/en/basics/pdp-process.htm>

<http://gnso.icann.org/basics/policy-development-process-flow-16dec11-en.pdf>

For further details of the handling of PDPs, we have the PDP manual which is included in GNSO Operating Rules and Procedures;

<http://gnso.icann.org/basics/gnso-pdp-manual-annex-2-16dec11-en.pdf>

The PDP consists of seven phases as shown below;

 1) Issue Identification

 ICANN may have issues with the current policies and practices.

 If an issue were identified as it will need a consensus policy,

 it will proceed to the next phase.

 2) Issue Scoping (What is the issue?)

 An Issue Report may be developed either of the Board, GNSO Council

 and an Advisory Committee requests.

 3) Issue Report (Moving ahead with a PDP or not?)

 With the Issue Report had, GNSO Council makes the decision to

 initiate a specific PDP for the identified issue. Then GNSO

 Council creates a Working Group (WG) to consider a policy to

 address the issue.

 4) Working Group (Exploring the issue in depth and developing recommendations)

 The WG considers the a policy with opinion sought among other

 ICANN bodies or Stakeholder Groups(SG)/Constituencies within GNSO,

 to develop the WG Final Report.

 5) Council Deliberation (Assess / affirm WG recommendations)

 With the WG Final Report, GNSO Council makes the decision to

 approve it and send the recommendation to the Board, as appropriate.

 6) Board Vote (Final approval)

 With the recommendation of GNCO Council, Board makes the decision

 to approve it as appropriate.

 7) Implementation

 With the approval, Board directs Staff to implement the recommendation

As you see, GNSO council and the Board are only the decision making bodies in terms of policy development. Participating in a constituency is a very proper way for you to have your opinion influence the constituency, then the GNSO councilor from it.

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