Policy & Implementation Update

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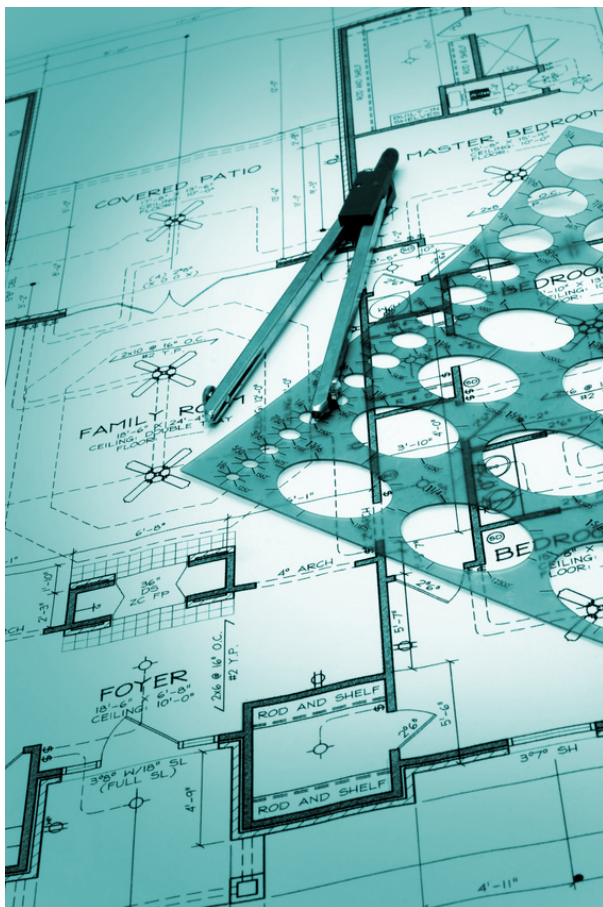**Olevie Kouami – Vice Chair**

Recent Developments

- WG convened in August 2013
- Broad representation (35+ participants)
- Outreach to all SO/ACs for input and participation, including ICANN Board
- Developed work plan to be reviewed in BA and approved shortly thereafter
- Formed sub-team to develop working definitions
- Forming sub-team to consider P&I principles

Work Plan

- Form sub-teams to address charter questions, some of which are expected to work in parallel

- Aim to publish initial findings or results for community input / discussion at the first two ICANN meetings in 2014

- Aim to deliver Initial Recommendations Report for public comment by ICANN meeting in L.A. (Oct 2014)

Overview of Proposed Work Plan

+ See work plan at https://community.icann.org/x/aBaMAg

+ Note that further discussion will take place in the WG meeting on Wednesday at 4:45 pm ART

WG - Next Steps

- F2F meeting in Buenos Aires (Wednesday 16.45 – 18.15) – aimed to obtain community input on some of the initial questions / issues

- Review input received

- Await feedback from GAC (deadline 30 November)

- Regular updates from sub-teams

Annex – Background Info

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- GNSO agreed to create a DT in Beijing to develop a charter for a Working Group to address issues that have been raised in the context of the recent discussions on policy & implementation that affect the GNSO

- DT was formed and started its discussions on 10 June

- Proposed charter submitted to GNSO Council for consideration on 5 July and approved on 17 July 2013

Charter

WG tasked to provide recommendations on:

1. A set of **principles** that would underpin any GNSO policy and implementation related discussions, taking into account existing GNSO Operating Procedures.

2. A **process** for developing gTLD policy, perhaps in the form of "Policy Guidance", including criteria for when it would be appropriate to use such a process (**for developing policy other than "Consensus Policy"**) instead of a GNSO Policy Development Process;

3. A **framework for implementation** related discussions associated with GNSO Policy Recommendations;

4. **Criteria** to be used to determine when an action should be addressed by a policy process and when it should be considered implementation, and;

5. Further **guidance** on how **GNSO Implementation Review Teams**, as defined in the PDP Manual, are expected to function and operate.

Further information

- WG Workspace - https://community.icann.org/x/y1V-Ag

- Project info - http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/policy-implementation