



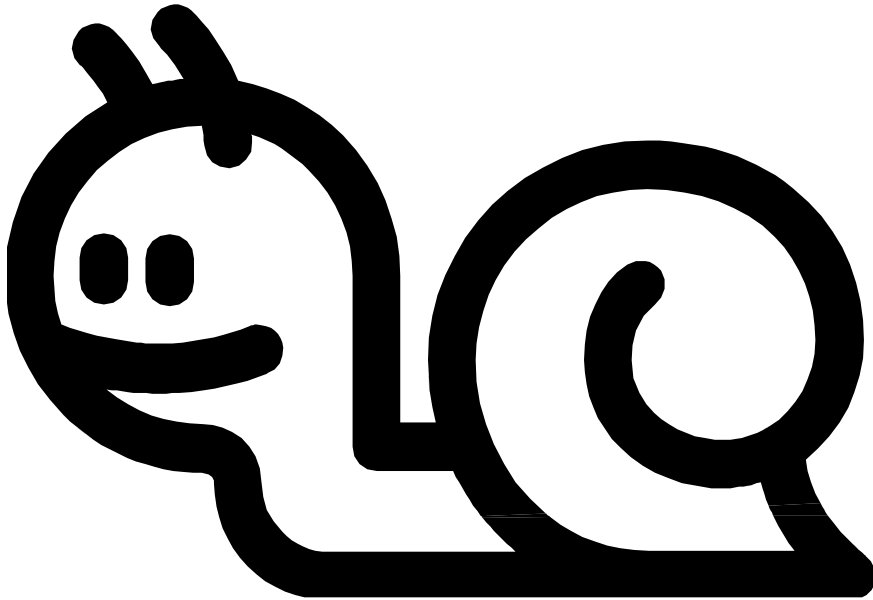
# GNSO Policy Development Process





**“The PDP is broken ...”**

# Because it is so slow ...



- Average PDP takes 2-3 years to complete, from request to Issue Report to Board Vote
- Compare to: IETF (approx. 1000 days) & ccNSO (5+ years)
- Multi-stakeholder is a marathon not a sprint

# Because you never reach consensus ...

- 8 out of 9 recent PDPs have resulted in consensus recommendations
- Only Vertical Integration resulted in no consensus and non-completion of PDP



# Because you don't allow others to participate or provide input ...



- All GNSO DT and WGs are open to anyone interested to participate
- At least 3 public comment forums before Board considers recommendations
- All SO/ACs requested to provide input early in the process

# Because you punt decisions to implementation ...

- Definitely an issue with the new gTLD PDP, but the exception is not the rule
- Implementation Review Teams working in tandem with staff – further guidance expected as a result of Policy & Implementation WG



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But, there is always room  
for improvement ...



# Possible options for streamlining

- Include proposed charter as part of the Issue Report, which would allow Council to initiate PDP and adopt charter at the same time, should it decide so
- It takes a WG approx. 40 – 50 meetings / hours to get to a Final Report – what if some of that time is used consecutively instead of one hour a week?
- More hands make light work – same core group of volunteers doing most of the heavy lifting
- Online tools & training



# Possible options for streamlining (continued)

- More effective collaboration with other SO/ACs to obtain early input
- Use of a rapporteur to develop first draft of report / recommendations early on in the process
- Professional moderators / facilitation for 'difficult' topics
- Involvement of (implementation) experts during the policy development process
- Organize workshops / discussions at the outset
- Better data & metrics

# Possible structural changes

- Develop fast-track process for GNSO Policy “Advice” or “Guidance” which can be used for policy recommendations that are not Consensus Policy
- Require WG representative / participant from each SG/C and possible liaison from SO/ACs



## **The PDP is not broken!**

We can make optimal use of the flexibility that exists within the current framework and we can focus on the external factors (engagement, volunteers) to make it more efficient and multi-stakeholder

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Thank you

