**ICANN CSG / NCSG**

**PROPOSAL FOR INTERSESSIONAL MEETING**

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Submitted by: Julf Helsingius, NCSG Chair

Mason Cole, BC Chair (on behalf of the CSG)

Submission date: 18 January 2024

Proposed meeting date: Sunday, 9 June 2024

Proposed meeting time: 9:00 – 17:00 (Kigali local time)

Proposed location: ICANN80 meeting venue

Proposed attendees: NOTE: All proposed attendees are ICANN-funded travelers. Mason to confirm

CSG Executive Committee

(Philippe Fouquart, Susan Mohr, Mason Cole, Marie Pattullo, Lori Schulman, John McElwaine)

CSG GNSO Councilors

(Mark Datysgeld, Lawrence Olawale-Roberts, Osvaldo Novoa, Thomas Rickert, Damon Ashcraft, Susan Payne\*)

NCSG Executive Committee

(Julf Helsingius, David Morar, Caleb Ogundele) Julf to confirm

NCSG GNSO Councilors

(Wisdom Donkor, Stephanie Perrin, Manju Chen, Bruna Martins dos Santos, Tomslin Samme-Nlar, Taiwo Peter Akinremi)

NCUC Chair

(Benjamin Akinmoyeje)

NPOC Chair

(Juan Manuel Rojas)

NCA NCPH

(Paul McGrady)

Facilitation: Paul McGrady

Meeting goals: All requested attendees will contribute constructively to the goals of the meeting.

The CSG and NCSG, in years past, regularly conducted intersessional meetingsas the whole of the Non-Contracted Party House (NCPH). These sessions were meant to help the two SGs collaborate on issues of mutual interest, identify common goals, advance ICANN policy work, and build and maintain good will between the SGs.

The CSG and NCSG conducted an intersessional meeting immediately prior to ICANN78 in Hamburg and can report that the session was an overall success in terms of re-establishing a cordial working relationship, advancing policy, and making successful appointments to ICANN offices.

However, the two groups believe it would be worthwhile to invest further time and resources into additional collaborative discussions and work. While progress has been made, there still remain issues on which the two SGs are divided, and this causes SG work – and in turn, ICANN work – to suffer.

Should ICANN Org agree to this renewed proposal, the CSG and NCSG leaderships hope to continue to rebuild the groups’ working relationship, further identify and collaborate on goals of mutual interest, and agree to appointment procedures for GNSO, Board and other ICANN offices.

Potential outputs: The CSG and NCSG intend to:

* Share with one another, and with the broader ICANN community, their objectives for progress on policy and other matters through the end of 2025.
* Enhance the working relationship with their appointed Board representative.
* Finalize nomination of candidate for Board Seat 14 (if not already concluded).
* Arrive at predictable procedures for the selection of GNSO Council leadership.
* Arrive at a mutually agreed-to approach regarding rebalancing of GNSO Council representation.
* Agree to a collaboration model for consideration of and joint work on policy issues of mutual interest.