

NCSG POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy Committee Session 2 of 2

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Board Bilateral Prep

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Community Engagement

Tuesday, 10 March 2026 | 10:30–12:00 IST | Room 105 A/B, Mumbai | ICANN85

Session Agenda

Part A

10:30–10:35

Framing: What We Want from the Board Bilateral

10:35–10:50

Q1: RDRS & LE Authentication — HR Resolution Proposal

10:50–11:05

Q2: ICP-2 and RIR Governance

11:05–11:18

Q3: Multistakeholder Resilience

11:18–11:25

Final Alignment & Speaker Confirmation

Part B

11:25–11:35

UDRP Independent Study: Framing NCSG's Position

Part C

11:35–11:53

Community Engagement — Presentation by ICANN Staff

11:53–12:00

Wrap-Up

PART A

Board Bilateral Preparation

Board bilateral: Wednesday 11 March, 16:30–17:30 IST, Jasmine Hall 2

10:30–11:25 · ~55 minutes

- Our goal: get the Board to consider a standing approach to human rights-respecting resolutions when matters engage registrant rights.
- **Key principle:** Making HR commitments visible does not slow operational work — it strengthens it by ensuring mechanisms are accountable from the outset.
- Confirm running order of speakers for the three questions.

- **The proposal:** NCSG's amended version of the Oct 2025 RDRS Board resolution — 5 new Whereas clauses + amended Res .16 + four new Resolved clauses (.16a–.16c, .18a).
- **Board's Feb 2026 response:** Pointed to Section 10 of Registration Data Policy and SC consensus. Our counter: Section 10 is micro-level individual request handling — it does not constitute systemic governance of the authentication framework.
- **Key message:** This is a template, not an exception. Authentication of LE for access to people's personal data is exactly when ICANN's Bylaws HR commitment should be visible in Board directives.
- **The ask:** Board works with NCSG to develop a standing approach to HR-respecting resolutions for future use whenever actions directly engage registrant rights.

→ *Confirm: who presents? What is the one sentence we leave the Board with?*

- **The issue:** Revised RIR Governance Document gives ICANN new powers: initiate derecognition, conduct ad hoc audits, appoint third parties to override RIR objections.
- **Question 1:** Is the Board concerned this accumulation of institutional authority could undermine the distributed governance model protecting independence of number resource management?
- **Question 2:** Does the Board consider current consultation (ASO/NRO-led + public comment) adequate multistakeholder input given the governance significance of these changes?
- **Connect to Q3:** Pattern of efficiency gains coming at cost of process integrity and participation breadth.

- Efficiency (cost + time) is legitimate. But time pressure must not hollow out the multistakeholder model.
- **Question 1:** How does the Board envision reinforcing the resilience of the multistakeholder model as PDP timelines are compressed?
- **Question 2:** How does the Board reconcile its external advocacy for multistakeholderism with internal patterns that favor speed over breadth of participation?
- **UDRP link:** NCSG building an evidence base (independent study) before a PDP is multistakeholder practice, not obstruction.

- Confirm speakers and order for all three questions.
- Any messaging from Saturday's council prep that needs to echo at the bilateral?
- Agree one-sentence takeaway per question — settle this now, not at the door.

PART B

UDRP Independent Study

Framing NCSG's position before a PDP is initiated

11:25–11:35 · ~10 minutes

- **Context:** UDRP reform has been on the agenda for years. Before NCSG can develop a meaningful PDP position, we need an independent report and not rely on external reports that are not holistic.
- **What should the study cover?**
- **Independence criteria:** What ensures the study is not captured by registrar or IP interests? Who commissions it, who conducts it, what is the methodology?
- **Output:** Agreed framing NCSG can take to council or raise in open mic if an opening arises at ICANN85.

PART C

Government and IGO Engagement

A conversation with Elena Plexida

11:35–12:00 · ~25 minutes

- **Internal drafting process:** How does your team approach formal submissions or comments? At what stage is community input gathered?
- **Trigger criteria:** What signals indicate it's the right time for a formal ICANN submission? How are community values and diverse perspectives reflected?
- **NCSG collaboration:** NCSG is active in human rights, privacy, and internet access. Where might our expertise and your outreach work align?
- Reference case: EU Fighting Online Fraud Action Plan — HAVE YOUR SAY submission (European Commission feedback portal). https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/16313-Fighting-online-fraud-action-plan/F33373056_en
- Open for substantive topics as time allows.

11:53–12:00

Wrap-Up

- Thank Elena — note any follow-up actions from community engagement discussion
- Confirm speakers and order for Board bilateral (Wed 11 March, 16:30 IST, Jasmine Hall 2)
- Agree one-sentence takeaway for each of the three Board questions
- Final reminders: GNSO Council meeting Wed 07:45 UTC / 13:15 IST