

# Public Comment Summary Report

## Updated GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charter Amendment Process

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Wednesday, 10 September 2025

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<https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/updated-gnsso-stakeholder-group-and-constituency-charter-amendment-process-10-09-2025>

**Outcome:**  
The Public Comment proceeding for the Updated GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charter Amendment Process received four submissions to inform the consideration of the ICANN Board Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC). All feedback was supportive of the updated process. This document provides an overview of the feedback and the ICANN organization's analysis.

### Section 1: What We Received Input On

The ICANN Bylaws ([Article 11, Section 5.c](#)) state that each Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Stakeholder Group and its associated Constituencies “shall maintain recognition with the ICANN Board.” To maintain recognition, the ICANN Board considers and approves any charter amendments for those groups.

As a best practice, each GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency reviews its charter regularly. In September 2013, the ICANN Board approved a Process for Amending GNSO Stakeholder Group and Constituency Charters (“[process](#)”).

The Public Comment proceeding sought community input on the proposed updates to the process that would streamline the governance work of GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, ensuring their continued focus on policy development.

## Section 2: Submissions

| <b>Organizations and Groups:</b>                                   |                          |                 |
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| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Submitted by</b>      | <b>Initials</b> |
| Internet Infrastructure Coalition                                  | Christian Dawson         | IIC             |
| Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency | Philippe Fouquart        | ISPCP           |
| Registrar Stakeholder Group  | Sarah Wyld               | RrSG            |
| Registries Stakeholder Group                                       | publiccomments@rysg.info | RySG            |

**Individuals:** None

## Section 3: Summary of Submissions

The IIC noted the value of making processes as accessible as possible to the ICANN community and suggested incorporating visual aid with step-by-step instructions to ensure the process is well understood by the ICANN community. Similarly, the ISPCP suggested a flow chart would be helpful. The ISPCP also recommended a grammatical edit. Additionally, the RrSG encouraged the retention of timelines for ICANN’s review of charter amendment proposals submitted through the process. This would avoid ambiguity concerning subsequent steps and help guarantee timely approval of proposed charter amendments. The RySG had no concerns with or observations for the proposed changes to the process.

## Section 4: Analysis of Submissions

The four submissions expressed support for the updated process and provided input and recommendations to further improve the proposed changes to the process. The ICANN organization will develop an accompanying visual aid, such as a flow chart, with step-by-step instructions and publish it with the updated process. Instead of requiring a set timeline in the updated process, the ICANN organization will work with the relevant GNSO Stakeholder Group or Constituency to establish an appropriate timeline for each effort. Finally, the ICANN organization will revise the grammar of a dependent clause in Phase 3.

## Section 5: Next Steps

The ICANN Board OEC will review this Public Comment Summary Report and recommend next steps to the ICANN Board.