

3 November 2021

**Re: Appointment of GNSO Council Liaison for the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Operational Design Phase**

Mr. Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors

Dear Maarten:

In anticipation of the ICANN Board of Directors directing ICANN org to conduct an Operational Design Phase (ODP) for New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, the GNSO Council initiated an [Expressions of Interest](#) process on 21 August 2021 to identify candidates to serve as the GNSO Council's liaison to the ODP. The Council was fortunate to receive multiple responses from well qualified candidates and after a selection process, I am pleased to report that the GNSO Council has appointed Jeffrey Neuman to serve as the GNSO Council liaison to the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures ODP.

We believe it will be helpful to Jeffrey and the ODP Team to hold an introductory meeting, to review and come to mutual expectations of the role. We hope that this request can be accommodated at the earliest convenience of the ODP Team.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Philippe Fouquart, Chair, GNSO Council*  
*Sebastien Ducos, Vice-chair, GNSO Council*  
*Tomslin Samme-Nlar, Vice-chair, GNSO Council*