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**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2015 at 2:55 PM  
**To:** Tom Dale  
**Cc:** Marika Konings Steve Chan, "Robinson" Volker Greimann, David Cake  
**Subject:** Opportunity for early engagement -- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures DG

Dear Tom --

I write to formally notify the GAC of another opportunity for early engagement in a GNSO PDP and invite the GAC to provide its input.

In June 2014, the GNSO Council created the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group, which was focused on reflecting upon the experiences gained from the 2012 New gTLD round and identifying a recommended set of subjects that should be further analyzed in an Issue Report. It is important to note that there is existing policy from the [2007 Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains](#), which states that the original policy recommendations as adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board has “been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains,” meaning that those policy recommendations remain in place for subsequent rounds of the New gTLD Program unless the GNSO Council decides to modify via a PDP. At the ICANN53 meeting, the GNSO Council approved a motion (located below) to request that a preliminary issue report be drafted by ICANN staff, basing the report on the [set of deliverables](#) developed by the Discussion Group, to further analyze issues identified and help determine if changes or adjustments are needed for subsequent new gTLD procedures. ICANN Staff intends to publish the preliminary issue report for public comment in August of 2015.

This message is intended to provide early notice to the GAC to better allow for adequate time in preparing input. Please confirm your receipt of this notification, advise on the GAC’s next steps, and let me know if you have any questions regarding process or the specifics of this effort.

Kind regards,

Mason

<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201506>

### **Request for a Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLDs Subsequent Rounds**

Whereas,

1. In 2005, this Council of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) began a policy development process to consider the introduction of new gTLDs, which resulted in the creation of certain policy recommendations for the launch of a new gTLD application process; and,

2. In September 2007, this Council adopted the policy recommendations from the GNSO policy development process and forwarded them to the ICANN Board of Directors; and,
3. The Final Report stated that " This policy development process has been designed to produce a systemised and ongoing mechanism for applicants to propose new top-level domains."
4. In June 2008, the ICANN Board adopted the GNSO's policy recommendations for the introduction of new gTLDs and directed staff to develop an implementation plan for a new gTLD introduction process; and
5. In June 2011, the ICANN Board approved an Application Guidebook ("AGB") for new gTLDs and authorized the launch of the New gTLD Program; and,
6. In June 2012, the first round application submission period closed; and,
7. In June 2014, this Council created the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group (DG) to discuss experiences gained and lessons learned from the 2012 New gTLD round and identify subjects for future issue reports, that may lead to changes or adjustments for subsequent procedures; and,
8. In August 2014, the DG began deliberations, focusing primarily on the identification of issues that members experienced in the 2012 New gTLD round; and,
9. In November 2014, the ICANN Board provided initial input on areas for possible policy work in Annex A related to a resolution on Planning for Future gTLD Application Rounds.
10. The DG developed a matrix which attempts to associate identified issues with a corresponding principle, policy recommendation or implementation guidance from the 2007 Final Report on New Generic Top-Level Domains, or to note that the issue may warrant new policy work. Furthermore, the DG developed a draft PDP WG charter that identifies subjects, divided into provisional groupings, for further analysis in a potential Issue Report and potential PDP; and,
11. The DG recommends that its set of deliverables serve as the basis for analysis in a single Issue Report.

Now therefore, it is resolved:

1. The GNSO Council requests a single Issue Report that will analyze subjects that may lead to changes or adjustments for subsequent New gTLD Procedures. The Preliminary Issue Report should at a minimum consider:
  - o The subjects that the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group identified in its deliverables (i.e., issues matrix and draft charter);
  - o Global Domains Division Staff input to the deliberations of the DG, and;
  - o The ICANN Board Resolution Annex A regarding Initial Input on Areas for Possible Policy work.

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