

14 July 2022

**Re: Status Update EPDP Phase 2 and Review of the Operational Design Assessment (ODA)**

Philippe Fouquart  
Chair, Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO)

Dear Philippe,

Thank you for your [letter](#) dated 5 July 2022. The ICANN Board of Directors understands that the GNSO Council would like ICANN org to proceed with the WHOIS Disclosure System design paper at this time. The Board also understands that the Council continues to view current work on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Operational Design Phase (SubPro ODP) as a high priority and expects this work to proceed in parallel.

The Board sought the Council's input on prioritization of these projects in order to be both transparent about resource demands, and to align expectations. The Board appreciates the Council's urging that every effort be undertaken by ICANN org to complete the work in parallel and to meet currently published milestones.

After review and discussion of this input, the Board has accepted ICANN org's approach of proceeding with both projects in parallel. As noted in the original estimates, however, there is an overlap in org resources with the relevant expertise needed to complete these efforts. As a result, work on the design paper will impact existing projects. While SubPro ODP work will not stop during this period, we anticipate that an extended timeline will be required to account for the temporary unavailability of resources allocated to the design paper work.

ICANN org has assured the Board it will work hard to minimize the impact on SubPro ODP efforts and deliver both projects in a timely manner. ICANN org has assured us that it will continue to keep the Board and ICANN community apprised of its progress.

Regards,



Maarten Botterman  
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors