

Initiation of the GNSO Guidance Process on Applicant Support (DEFERRED to the August 2022 meeting)

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Whereas,

1. In February 2021, the GNSO Council approved the consensus Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance (collectively referred to as "Outputs") of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP.
2. In September 2021, the ICANN Board directed the ICANN org to organize the resources required to begin work on an Operational Design Phase (ODP) and the ODP launched on 3 January 2022.
3. The ICANN org ODP Team identified a concern related to the Applicant Support topic, where the SubPro Final Report envisioned that a dedicated Implementation Review Team (IRT) would be responsible for performing substantive work; the ODP Team [submitted a set of questions](#) to the GNSO Council, asking whether the work required to implement Applicant Support may be beyond the scope envisioned for IRTs.
4. The GNSO Council [responded](#) to the ODP Team, communicating that it would explore avenues to perform work as envisaged by the SubPro Final Report.
5. The GNSO Council discussed and agreed that the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) would serve as an appropriate mechanism in order to provide additional guidance to support eventual implementation efforts.
6. The GNSO Council further agreed that the GGP should be limited to the single topic of Applicant support, with an allowance to add additional scope to the GGP subject to Council vote.
7. On 13 July 2022, the [GGP Initiation Request](#) was submitted to the GNSO Council.
8. [The GNSO Council determined that more time was needed to refine the Initiation Request and the vote was deferred.](#)
9. [The GGP Initiation Request was refined following input from Councilors and an updated GGP Initiation Request was shared with the GNSO Council on \[DATE\].](#)

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Resolved,

1. The GNSO Council approves the GNSO Guidance Process Initiation Request and initiates the GGP.
2. The GNSO Council directs staff to:
 - a. communicate the results of this motion to the GNSO SG/Cs as well as ICANN SO/ACs and invite them to identify Members for the Steering Group following the Steering Group composition described in the initiation request;
 - b. communicate the results of this motion to the ICANN Org GDS Team and invite them to identify at least one (1) staff liaison for the Steering Group; and
 - c. launch a call for expressions of interest seeking interested candidates to Chair the Steering Group.