New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
Policy Development Process

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN57 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Working Group is set to meet on Thursday, 3 November for a half day working session where it hopes to have a lively and productive discussion on a topics of broad community interest. The Working Group leadership is also set to participate in a High Interest Topic session on New gTLD Program Reviews.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, initiated in December 2015 and chartered in January 2016, is intended to determine what, if any changes need to be made to the existing policy recommendations from the 2007 **Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains**, such as:

- Clarifying, amending, or overriding existing policy principles, recommendations, and implementation guidance;
- Developing new policy recommendations; and,
- Supplementing or developing new implementation guidance

It should be noted that the existing policy recommendations adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board have "been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains," meaning that these recommendations would remain in place unless the PDP WG determines that changes are needed.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The new gTLD Program marked a seminal moment in ICANN's history and in spite of great interest and over 1000 successful TLD delegations, changes to existing policies and implementation guidance might be needed for subsequent procedures of new gTLD launches. Note, the **Final Issue Report** and the PDP Working Group (WG) **Charter** identified a number of subjects that may require analysis and policy development.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The PDP Working Group (PDP WG) started its work on 22 February 2016 and is meeting on a bi-weekly basis. The PDP WG began deliberations on a set of six (6) subjects that are considered overarching or foundational in nature and sought the community's input on these 6 subjects. The PDP WG has also established 4 separate Work Tracks that are addressing the remaining subjects identified in the WG's charter – these Work Track sub teams are meeting on a bi-weekly basis as well.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The PDP WG will consider input and feedback received from ICANN57 and other sources in attempting to reach conclusions on its first 6 subjects. Having only recently broken into sub teams to consider the remainder of subjects in the WG's charter, the PDP WG will continue deliberations on these subjects and seek community input after ICANN57. The PDP also anticipates receiving and taking into account the work of other new gTLD related efforts within the community (e.g., The Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice Review Team, Cross Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names, etc.) and integrating dependencies into its work plan where applicable..

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

As with all GNSO Working Groups, this PDP WG is open to all participants. If you are interested in joining the WG effort, please email **gnso-secs@ICANN.org**.

MORE INFORMATION

- Face-to-Face Working Group Session during ICANN57: Thursday, 3 November, 13:45-18:30 local time: **community.ICANN.org/x/Nge4Aw**
- GNSO Active Project Page, including background information and reports: **gnso.ICANN.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures**
- WG Wiki Space: **community.ICANN.org/x/RgV1Aw**

BACKGROUND

With the application submission period for the initial new gTLD round closing in June 2012, the GNSO Council continues to have a role to play in evaluating that first round and proposing policy recommendations, if necessary, for changes to subsequent rounds. A **discussion group** was created to begin that evaluation process and possibly identify areas for future GNSO policy development. Upon considering the deliverables of the Discussion Group, the GNSO Council requested a Preliminary Issue Report to be delivered by ICANN staff. After incorporating public comment on its Preliminary Issue Report, staff prepared and delivered the Final Issue Report. Subsequently, the GNSO Council initiated the PDP and adopted the WG charter.

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