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Generic Names Supporting Organization

## Policy Briefing ICANN71 Edition

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# Welcome to ICANN71 from the GNSO Chair

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Dear Colleagues:

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council and GNSO community welcome your participation in the ICANN71 Virtual Policy Forum. The GNSO has a full agenda for the Virtual Policy Forum, which will focus on policy development efforts and the work of the GNSO Council. Additional meeting time will also be devoted to Stakeholder Group and Constituency meetings, and community updates. As ICANN71 approaches, I would like to highlight a few GNSO initiatives that will be on the agenda for the Policy Forum as well as ongoing work that may interest you. Additional information about GNSO projects can be found in the following sections of this briefing.

During ICANN71, sessions will be held to make progress on key policy development initiatives. The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2A has been tasked to review two issues: (1) the differentiation of legal vs. natural persons' registration data and (2) the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address. During its ICANN71 session, the EPDP Phase 2A Team is expected to present an update on the status and content of its initial report and provide an opportunity for the ICANN Community to ask questions.

The Transfer Policy Review PDP was initiated by the GNSO Council to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. The working group is currently in the early stages of its work. The working group will hold a session at ICANN71 to discuss and seek broader community input on some of the topics within its charter.

The GNSO Council has also initiated a GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) for the Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs). The working group will soon be launched and is expected to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on i) the definition of all TLDs and the management of variant labels to facilitate the delegation of variant gTLDs in the root zone, and ii) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines should be updated in the future. During ICANN71, an outreach session will be held to provide additional information about this EPDP, including its mission and scope, as well as ways to get involved.

Other policy development efforts continue to make progress but will not have dedicated sessions at ICANN71. For example, work continues in the Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO) Work Track within the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group. Its work is based on the Council referral of recommendation 5 from the Final Report of the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group.

In addition, the ICANN Board currently is considering or preparing to consider outputs of several significant GNSO policy development efforts:

- Recommendations from Phase 2 of the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data
- Recommendations from Phase 1 of the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP
- Affirmations, recommendations, and implementation guidance produced by the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP

Operational Design Assessments conducted during Operational Design Phases or ODPs are expected to support the Board's consideration of EPDP Phase 2 recommendations and SubPro outputs.

At ICANN71, the GNSO Council will hold its meeting on Wednesday, 16 June. The Council will hold a working session on Monday, 14 June and a wrap up session on Thursday, 17 June. GNSO meetings will also take place with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the ICANN Board, and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). Note that due to the condensed format of this ICANN meeting, the session with the ccNSO will occur prior to ICANN71, and the session with the Board will occur following ICANN71.

Progress continues on PDP 3.0, a GNSO Council initiative aimed at introducing incremental improvements to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the PDP working groups, as well as to empower the GNSO Council to better serve in its role as the manager of policy development processes. As the GNSO Council scopes and initiates new GNSO policy development efforts, it is actively applying PDP 3.0 improvements to the design of this work. For example, the IGO Work Track and Transfer Policy Review PDPs have used the representative working group models, as well as specified expectations and required skills for their members and chairs. The soon-to-be-launched EPDP on IDNs will adopt a "representative + open" model, enabling the working group to conduct its work in an efficient manner while creating additional opportunities for broader community participation. In addition, the toolkit for project and program management of PDPs has continued to evolve with a new tool to track the execution of action items more effectively.

ICANN71 will be a full meeting with no shortage of opportunities to contribute and get involved. All GNSO sessions are open to anyone who wants to join, and I encourage you to take advantage. Despite this persistent COVID-19 crisis and the challenges it presents us with, we can collectively be proud that the GNSO Council and community continue to meet their mission. I look forward to seeing you on Zoom in the GNSO Council meeting, at a PDP working session, or at an outreach event.

**Philippe Fouquart**  
**GNSO Chair**

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# ICANN71 at a Glance

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The GNSO Policy Support Team has developed this briefing to help community members prepare for ICANN71. It provides an overview of the status of GNSO PDP working groups and teams, as well as information about other GNSO policy-related activities, including PDP Implementation Review Teams (IRTs). This document includes links for additional background reading that will help you prepare for sessions and support active participation from all attendees.

Newcomers to ICANN and the GNSO may be interested in online learning opportunities that will further help them make the most of the upcoming meeting. We highly recommend taking the “Get to Know the GNSO” course on [ICANN Learn](#). The course will make it easier to navigate through the structure and content of this Policy Briefing with a better understanding of PDPs. All are encouraged to enroll.

Please note that any reference to meeting times in this document is provisional. Please consult the ICANN meeting schedule for the latest information.

## ICANN71 Meeting Information

[Meeting Page \(including Registration and Schedule\)](#)

[General Remote Participation Information](#)

[GNSO Session Remote Participation Details](#)

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## GNSO Related Information

[GNSO Council Policy Update Webinar](#)

[GNSO One-Stop-Shop for an ICANN Meeting](#)

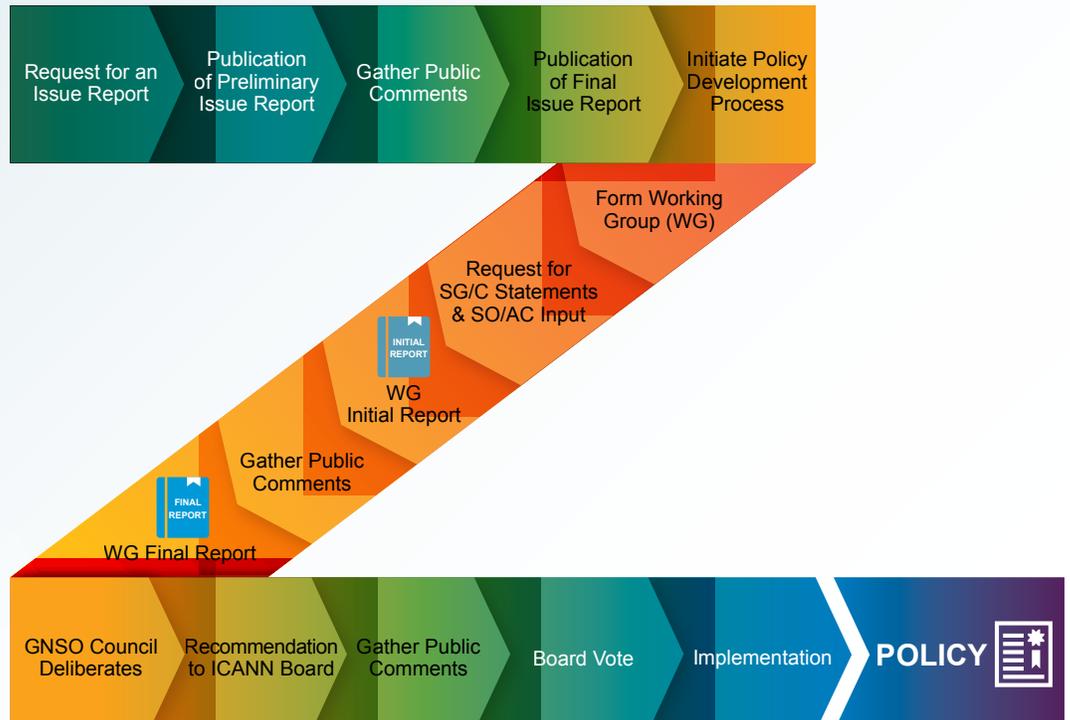
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If you have any questions about or suggestions for this Policy Briefing or GNSO policy activities, please contact us at [policy-staff@ICANN.org](mailto:policy-staff@ICANN.org). We look forward to a productive meeting.

# GNSO Policy Development Process Infographic

The GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) governs the way in which the GNSO develops consensus policies relating to generic top-level domains (gTLDs). GNSO PDPs follow the process (see below) during their lifecycle, which consists of different steps including:

- Identifying an issue
- Scoping the PDP initiation
- Forming a working group
- Submitting for GNSO Council deliberation
- ICANN Board voting
- Implementing the policy



In the following sections of the GNSO Policy Briefing, the respective steps which the PDP working groups and implementation review teams have reached, are noted.

For more details about the steps in PDPs, see the following materials:

- [ICANN Bylaws, Annex A](#)
- [Detailed Infographic of GNSO PDP](#)
- [PDP Manual](#)

# Expedited Policy Development Process: Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2 & Phase 2A

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN71 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The EPDP Phase 2 Team has completed its work and, accordingly, will not be meeting at ICANN71. The EPDP Phase 2A Team plans to present a high-level overview of its Initial Report during ICANN71 and invites the ICANN community to attend and provide feedback. The session will take place on Wednesday, 16 June 2021, from 16:30-17:30 (CEST).

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data to allow contracted parties to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and, at the same time, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This Board action triggered the GNSO Council's initiation of a PDP on 19 July 2018. The PDP was conducted in two phases: Phase 1 aimed to confirm, or not, the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019; Phase 2 discussed, among other elements, a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data. [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

### Phase 2

The GNSO Council approved the [Phase 2 Final Report](#) during its meeting on 24 September 2020 by a supermajority. The Final Report sets out the EPDP Team's recommendations for a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to nonpublic gTLD registration data, as well as recommendations and conclusions for the so-called "Priority 2" topics, which include data retention, city field redaction, et al.

As part of its approval, the GNSO Council agreed to request a consultation with the ICANN Board to discuss the financial sustainability of the SSAD and some of the concerns expressed within the different minority statements, including whether a further cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before the ICANN Board considers all SSAD-related recommendations for adoption. During ICANN70, the Board directed ICANN org to initiate an Operational Design Phase (ODP) for the SSAD-related recommendations, and the ODP is currently ongoing. For more information on the SSAD ODP, please visit the following [page](#).



As the requested consultation related only to SSAD-related recommendations, the Board opted to consider the Priority 2 recommendations separately and conducted a **Public Comment** period on those recommendations from December 2020 to January 2021. The Board conducted a separate **Public Comment** period on the SSAD-related recommendations from February to March 2021.

### **Phase 2A**

Following the request from some EPDP Team members, the GNSO Council asked the EPDP Team to continue its work on two topics: 1) the differentiation of legal vs. natural persons' registration data and 2) the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address.

As a result, the EPDP Team is currently reviewing these topics assigned by the GNSO Council in **Phase 2A** of its work. The team has been meeting regularly since December 2020 and plans to publish its Initial Report by the end of May 2021. In relation to its work on the differentiation between legal and natural persons, the EPDP Team has discussed the risks involved with the inadvertent disclosure of personal information and how to best mitigate these risks. The EPDP Team has also extensively discussed proposed guidance for contracted parties who choose to differentiate between legal and natural persons. For example, the team has discussed the option for registrars to allow registrants to self-designate as legal or natural persons. Registrars who offer this option are responsible for explaining to the registrants that self-designating as legal persons may result in the publication of the contact information in a public database.

### WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

For Phase 2, the ICANN Board is expected to consider the SSAD-related recommendations following the conclusion of the ODP. The Board is expected to consider the Phase 2 recommendations, which are not related to the SSAD, also referred to as the “Priority 2 recommendations,” during its meeting in June 2021. The Priority 2 recommendations concern topics held over from EPDP Phase 1, e.g., city field redaction, display of privacy and proxy registrations.

For Phase 2A, the EPDP Team plans to publish its initial report and will provide a high-level overview of its contents during its public session at ICANN71. Following its review of the input received during the Public Comment period, the EPDP Team will finalize its report for submission to the GNSO Council.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Parties interested in the EPDP are invited to provide feedback during the EPDP Phase 2A Public Comment forum on the Initial Report.

### MORE INFORMATION

- [EPDP Phase 2 webpage](#)
- [EPDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Caitlin Tubergen, Marika Konings (consultant), Berry Cobb (consultant)

# Policy Development Process: New Generic Top-Level Domain Subsequent Procedures

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN71 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN71 as it has completed its work. The GNSO Council adopted its Final Report in February 2021 and sent the PDP outputs to the ICANN Board for its review. The staff report on the mandatory Public Comment proceeding, prior to the Board’s consideration of the Final Report is expected to be published during ICANN71, if not earlier.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP sought 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](#). [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The working group started its work on 22 February 2016, and over the course of several years, convened several subgroups and undertook extensive deliberations on the long list of topics in this working group’s charter. This work included numerous opportunities for community input, including Public Comment periods on its [Initial Report](#), [Supplemental Initial Report](#), [Additional Supplemental Initial Report from the PDP’s Work Track 5](#), and [Draft Final Report](#).

The working group submitted its [Final Report](#) to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 18 January 2021. It put forward hundreds of Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance (collectively referred to as “outputs”) under 41 topics. Only two outputs did not receive consensus or full consensus support from the working group.

At its meeting on 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council voted to approve by a supermajority all final Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance that were determined to have received either Full Consensus or Consensus designations by the working group. On 24 March 2021, the GNSOs adopted outputs as well as the [Recommendations Report](#), and they were sent to the ICANN Board for its review. The GNSO Council requested that the ICANN



Board initiate an Operational Design Phase (ODP) on the PDP Final Report, and requested that ICANN org convene an Implementation Review Team (IRT) to implement the PDP's outputs.

On 22 April 2021, a [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Final Report was opened to seek community input prior to the ICANN Board action on PDP's outputs. The proceeding is scheduled to be closed on 1 June 2021. On 29 April 2021, as required by the Bylaws, the ICANN Board [notified](#) the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council's approval of the PDP outputs that received either Full Consensus or Consensus designations by the working group.

#### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

Following the Public Comment proceeding and operational assessment, the ICANN Board is expected to take action on the approved policy recommendations in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Please stay tuned for additional information about future opportunities to engage on this topic.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Steve Chan, Emily Barabas, Julie Hedlund

# Policy Development Process: Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All Generic Top-Level Domains

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN71 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Review of All Rights Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN71 as it has completed its work on Phase 1. The GNSO Council approved all the Phase 1 recommendations in January 2021 and sent them to the ICANN Board for its review. The staff report on the mandatory Public Comment proceeding, prior to the Board's consideration of the Phase 1 Final Report is expected to be published prior to ICANN71.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP has two phases. Phase 1 reviewed all the RPMs applicable to gTLDs launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program. These RPMs include:

- The Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP)
- The Sunrise registrations and Trademark Claims services that are offered through the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH)
- The Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure

Phase 2 will focus on reviewing the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The GNSO Council initiated the PDP on 18 February 2016 and chartered the working group in March 2016.

The working group published its Phase 1 Initial Report on 18 March 2020 for [Public Comment](#). From late May to September 2020, it reviewed the Public Comments received from 55 contributors in order to finalize its Phase 1 recommendations. The working group also took into account the outcome of other community work, such as the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT), and the Wave 1 Report of the Expedited PDP (EPDP) on a Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Recommendation #27.



On 24 November 2020, the working group submitted its [Phase 1 Final Report](#), which contains a total of 35 final recommendations, to the GNSO Council for its consideration. The working group classified its recommendations into three categories:

- Recommendations for new policies and procedures
- Recommendations to modify existing operational practice
- Recommendations to maintain status quo

The working group also put forward an overarching data collection final recommendation, aiming at addressing data-related gaps. Of the recommendations, 34 of them received full consensus support, and one recommendation received consensus support from the working group.

On 21 January 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously [approved](#) the Phase 1 Final Report. On 19 March 2021, the GNSO Council sent the [Recommendations Report](#) to the ICANN Board of Directors, which recommended that the Board adopt all the Phase 1 final recommendations. A [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Phase 1 Final Report was opened on 7 April and closed on 21 May 2021. On 7 April 2021, the ICANN Board [notified](#) the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council's approval of the Phase 1 Final Report, as required by the Bylaws.

#### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

Following the close of the Public Comment proceeding, the ICANN Board will consider the approved policy recommendations in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Please stay tuned for additional information about future opportunities to engage on this topic.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Mary Wong, Julie Hedlund, Ariel Liang

# Policy Development Process: IGO-INGO to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN71 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

In April 2019, the GNSO Council voted to adopt Recommendations 1-4 of the **Final Report** of the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process, but elected to refer Recommendation 5 to the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. In January 2020, the GNSO Council adopted an Addendum to the RPMs charter to integrate consideration of Recommendation 5 and initiate a separate Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO) Work Track. The work track held its first meeting in February 2021 and has been meeting weekly, though it does not plan to hold a session at ICANN71.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council tasked the working group to consider whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is generally consistent with Recommendations 1-4 and, while allowing for the possibility that an IGO may have jurisdictional immunity in some circumstances, will nevertheless not affect a registrant's right to seek judicial review of an initial Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) or Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) decision. [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

### PDP

The original PDP working group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 9 July 2018. The GNSO Council resolved to accept the Final Report on 19 July 2018, though it did not take final action on the report at that time, noting that it would seek to consider the topic of curative rights protections for IGOs in the broader context of the appropriate overall scope of protection for all IGO identifiers.

The GNSO Council's deliberations included consultation with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). On 18 April 2019, the Council resolved to approve Recommendations 1-4 of the Final Report and refer Recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Working Group as part of its Phase 2 work.



On 16 May 2019, the GNSO Council transmitted its Recommendations Report (relating to Recommendations 1-4) to the ICANN Board. ICANN org conducted a **Public Comment** consultation process for Recommendations 1-4 from 11 July to 20 August 2019. The GAC sent a **letter** to the GNSO Council, noting the Council's approval of Recommendations 1-4 and referring Recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Working Group to ensure it is inconsistent with GAC advice.

### **IGO Work Track**

Following its referral of Recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP, the GNSO Council prepared a draft Addendum to the RPMs charter and consulted with the GAC and IGO representatives. Subsequently, the GNSO Council adopted the **Addendum** in January 2020 to initiate a separate IGO Work Track.

In September 2020, the GNSO Council conducted an Expression of Interest process for the IGO Work Track Chair and issued a call for volunteers to the various community groups to appoint members to the work track. Members of the work track met for the first time on 22 February 2021 and have been meeting weekly.

### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

The ICANN Board is now considering Recommendations 1-4, taking into account Public Comments received. With regard to Recommendation 5, the IGO Work Track is continuing its substantive deliberations toward its aim of delivering its Initial Report in the latter part of 2021.

### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Parties interested in the IGO Work Track should coordinate with the members assigned by the relevant Stakeholder Group (SG), Constituency, Supporting Organization (SO), or Advisory Committee (AC) to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the IGO Work Track's deliberations. Interested parties are also able to follow its progress by signing up as an observer.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)
- [IGO Work Track workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Mary Wong, Steve Chan

# Policy Development Process: Transfer Policy Review

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN71 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The working group will conduct one working session at ICANN71, on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 14:00-16:30 (CEST). Please check the ICANN71 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader community input.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council **initiated** a two-phase policy development process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. As recommended in the **Final Issue Report**, this PDP is to address the following topics in sequence:

- The Form of Authorization and AuthInfo Codes (Phase 1A)
- The change of registrant (Phase 1B)
- The transfer emergency action contact and reversing inter-registrar transfers, Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, NACKing transfers, and ICANN-approved transfers (Phase 2) [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Following the GNSO Council's initiation of this PDP, a small group of GNSO Councilors convened to finalize the working group's charter. The GNSO Council **adopted** the **charter** on 24 March 2021. The GNSO Council conducted an Expression of Interest process to identify a working group chair and issued a call for volunteers to the Stakeholder Group (SG), Constituencies, Supporting Organizations (SOs), or Advisory Committees (ACs) to assign members. With the chair identified and the membership established, the working group met for the first time on 14 May 2021.

## WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

In the early stages of its work, the working group will develop a work plan, conduct an initial review of the topics within its charter, and request input from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, or ACs on these topics. The working group will then focus on substantive deliberations and making progress toward delivering its Initial Report.



### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Parties interested in the Transfer Policy Review PDP should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective SG, Constituency, SO, or AC to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the Transfer Policy Review PDP's deliberations. Interested parties are also able to follow the working group's progress by signing up as an observer.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Emily Barabas, Caitlin Tubergen, Berry Cobb

# Policy Implementation Update

Implementation Review Teams (IRTs) are convened to assist ICANN org in developing the details necessary for implementing a Board-approved policy developed in GNSO PDP working groups. This is to ensure that the implementation conforms to the intent of the policy recommendations (as per IRT Principles and Guidelines). [Learn More](#)

## Registration Data Policy for gTLDs (EPDP PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION)

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) will conduct one working session at ICANN71, on Monday, 14 June 2021 at 16:30-17:30 (CEST) Please check the ICANN71 meeting schedule for the confirmed time.

Three stages of the policy implementation were designed in advance of the Board resolution:

- Stage 1: Effective 20 May 2019, contracted parties must continue to implement measures consistent with the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, as adopted by the Board on 17 May 2018.
- Stage 2: This stage will begin after the ICANN org publishes a Registration Data Policy as a Consensus Policy and formally notifies the contracted parties. During this stage, contracted parties may implement the Interim Policy, the Registration Data Policy, or elements of both as they prepare for the effective date of the Registration Data Policy. The timing of this milestone is to be determined.
- Stage 3: Contracted parties must comply with the Registration Data Policy as of its effective date, which the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data recommended to be 29 February 2020.

The Stage 1 interim Consensus Policy named [Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs](#) was published on 17 May 2019.



The IRT is now working on the implementation plan for Stage 2. The process steps include drafting the complete gTLD Registration Data Policy and agreeing on a timeline that can be shared for Public Comment (including the anticipated implementation time for the contracted parties). The IRT has been focusing efforts on:

- deliberations to resolve conflicting interpretations of some of the recommendations
- evaluation of the requirements set by the policy language for technical feasibility
- projection of the scope and time for the tasks to be implemented
- assessment of the critical path to define a realistic implementation timeline

When the implementation plan is produced, it will be published for Public Comment.

In January 2021, the GNSO Council passed a [motion](#) to provide guidance on the interpretation of EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 7. In accordance with the motion, this has been communicated to the IRT and the ICANN Board for consideration of next steps.

This IRT is open to all to join. You may join as either a member (with full posting rights to the mailing list and the ability to participate in all meetings) or as an observer (with read-only status for the mailing list). If you are interested in joining, please follow the instructions in the “[call for IRT](#)” announcement. The IRT meets every other week via teleconference and in person at ICANN Public Meetings.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [EPDP Phase 1 background](#)
- [Policy Implementation Status webpage](#)
- [IRT workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Cyrus Jamnejad

The following Implementation Review Teams (IRTs) do not plan to meet at ICANN71

## Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues

The IRT for the **policy recommendations** developed by the Privacy Proxy Services Accreditation Issues (PPSAI) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group began meeting in October 2016 and has reviewed the draft Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and other associated program materials in preparation for the Public Comment phase.

On **04 March 2019**, ICANN org wrote to the GNSO Council, suggesting to wait before proceeding to Public Comment and implementation of the PPSAI recommendations until the completion of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The GNSO Council deferred the decision on this issue to ICANN org in a **message** on 30 April 2018. In its **response** on 5 September 2019, ICANN org confirmed that implementation work would remain paused pending the resolution of EPDP Phase 2.

Both phases of the EPDP are now complete, and ICANN org has provided its **draft review** of the impact of the EPDP recommendations on existing policies and procedures, including the PPSAI recommendations, per the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27. Following review by the EPDP Phase 1 IRT, the **report** has been shared with the GNSO Council, to help determine next steps.

### MORE INFORMATION

- [PDP background](#)
- [Policy Implementation Status webpage](#)
- [IRT workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Cyrus Jamnejad



## Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information

The ICANN Board **adopted** the recommendations of the PDP working group in September 2015. Since commencing implementation work in July 2016, the IRT and Global Domains and Strategy (GDS) have produced a **preliminary policy document**. Due to complexities emerging from the Implementation Review Team (IRT)’s discussions and work in other areas related to registration data directory services (RDDS)—in particular the **Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process** (EPDP)—the implementation’s projected announcement and effective dates are to be determined.

Given the implementation’s relationship to the evolution of registration data policies and procedures, the PDP working group’s recommendations are being assessed per Recommendation 27 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Team’s **Final Report** to ensure policy and implementation consistency across the many work streams in this area.

Both phases of the EPDP are now complete, and ICANN org has provided its draft review of the impact of the EPDP recommendations on existing policies and procedures, including the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information recommendations, per the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27. Following review by the EPDP Phase 1 IRT, ICANN org provided the **report** to the GNSO Council, to help determine next steps.

This IRT is open to all participants. You may join as either a member (with full posting rights to the mailing list and the ability to participate in all meetings) or as an observer (with read-only status for the mailing list). If you are interested in joining, please contact GNSO Secretariat at [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org).

### MORE INFORMATION

- [PDP background](#)
- [Policy Implementation Status webpage](#)
- [IRT workspace](#)

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## Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs

On 16 January 2018, the **implementation** of the Consensus Policy for the Protection of Certain Specific International Governmental Organization (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) Identifiers for All gTLDs was published. As of 1 August 2018, implementation has been completed for the portion of the policy that provides protection by reserving full names for certain specific names of IGOs, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (RCRC). For INGOs, the implementation period will be 12 months from the release of the INGO Claims Systems Specification which is currently under development by the ICANN org.

In January 2019, the ICANN Board **adopted** the policy recommendation proposed by the Reconvened PDP Working Group on the Protections of the Specific Red Cross Red Crescent Names in All gTLDs. After the **Public Comment**, the **consensus policy language** was revised and published in February 2020. The implementation was completed by 1 August 2020, which resulted in changing the **reserved Domain Name System (DNS) Labels** from 700 to over 7,000.

The INGO Claims System implementation is on hold at this point in consideration of potential additional requirements that could be combined to create this new system. ICANN org is consulting with the Implementation Review Team (IRT) on the timing of the restart.

If you are interested in joining the IRT, please contact the GNSO Secretariat at [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org).

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# Chartering Effort: Internationalized Domain Names

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Following the adoption of the [Final Report](#) of the Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Scoping Team, the GNSO Council kicked off its efforts related to the IDN policy work track in October 2020. When considering the mechanism in carrying out the work, the GNSO Council agreed with the Scoping Team’s suggestion that an Issue Report is likely not needed in order to initiate the work, and an Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) is the desired approach.

In November 2020, the Council [launched](#) a call for volunteers within the GNSO community for a drafting team to develop a draft charter, as well as an initiation request for the EPDP on IDNs. The drafting team first met on 7 December 2020 and held a total of 19 meetings. In developing the EPDP charter, the drafting team built on the existing body of work related to IDNs, such as IDN related [recommendations](#) from the GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP, the [IDN Variant TLD Implementation Staff Paper](#), and [recommendations for the Technical Utilization of the Root Zone Label Generation Rules \(RZ-LGR\)](#).

On 10 May 2021, the drafting team submitted its deliverables to the GNSO for its consideration. The EPDP is expected to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on: i) the definition of all TLDs and the management of variant labels to facilitate the delegation of variant gTLDs in the root zone while achieving the security and usability goal of variant labels in a stable manner; and ii) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with, should be updated in the future.

The charter includes a total of 48 questions under seven broader topics, ranging from the “same entity” requirement at the top- and second-levels to adjustments to ICANN policies and procedures as they relate to IDNs. The charter also includes a “representative + open” model for the EPDP working group, consisting of members, participants, and observers. This model is designed to enable the working group to conduct its work in an efficient manner while creating additional opportunities for broader community participation.

On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council approved the [initiation request](#) for the EPDP on IDNs and adopted its [charter](#). The GNSO Council is expected to conduct an Expression of Interest process for the EPDP chair and issue a call for volunteers to the various

community groups to assign members. ICANN org Global Domain and Strategy (GDS) will also be invited to identify at least one liaison for the working group.

During ICANN71, an outreach session will be held to provide additional information about this EPDP, including its mission and scope, as well as ways to get involved.

Furthermore, to fulfill ICANN Board's request that the GNSO and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) coordinate to ensure a consistent solution is developed for IDN variant gTLDs and IDN variant ccTLDs, both the GNSO and ccNSO Councils have appointed liaisons to follow each other's policy efforts related to IDNs.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [Drafting Team workspace](#)

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# GNSO Schedule for ICANN71

Please confirm this schedule against the [final schedule](#) as changes may occur. For remote participation details, please check this [wiki page](#) created by the GNSO Support Team. Live audio streaming, recording, and transcripts will become available after meetings. Unless specified with the symbol [C], sessions published in this table are open to all. At the time of publishing, because virtual meeting rooms have not yet been finalized, please see the final schedule for further information.

DATE	MEETING
<b>Monday, 7 June 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: Contracted Party House (CPH) and ICANN Board
<b>Tuesday, 8 June 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG) and ICANN Board
<b>Thursday, 10 June 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) and GNSO Councils
<b>Monday, 14 June 2021</b>	Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) – Brand Registry Group – What can ICANN do now to help prepare future applicants, especially from underserved regions
	Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) Membership Meeting
	CSG Membership Meeting
	Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Membership Meeting
	GNSO Council Working Session
	Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Community Outreach Session
	Registration Data Policy Implementation Review Team (IRT)
<b>Tuesday, 15 June 2021</b>	RySG GeoTLD Group Community Outreach Session
	Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC) Membership Meeting
	Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency (NPOC) Membership Meeting
	CPH Registry Agreement (RA) and Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) Amendment Discussion Group Community Update
	CPH Roles and Responsibilities Discussion Group
Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) Membership Meeting	

DATE	MEETING
<b>Wednesday, 16 June 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and GNSO Council
	CPH DNS Abuse Work Group Community Update
	Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) Policy Committee Meeting
	GNSO Council Public Meeting
	GNSO Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group Meeting
	Business Constituency (BC) Membership Meeting
	EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2A Community Update and Consultation
<b>Thursday, 17 June 2021</b>	NCSG Membership Meeting
	RrSG Preparations for WHOIS Registrant Experiences
	GNSO Council Wrap Up
<b>Thursday, 24 June 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and GNSO Council

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