

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](#)

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