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Welcome to ICANN57 from the GNSO Chair



Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of myself, the Vice Chairs, and the entire GNSO Council, I am delighted to welcome you to City of Pearls, Hyderabad, for ICANN57. This meeting represents a culmination of ICANN's new meeting structure, and provides the venue for ICANN's Annual General Meeting.

Less than 1 month ago, the IANA functions contract with the US government expired, and these functions transitioned to the global Internet community. This represents a historic milestone in the development of the Internet, along with ICANN's own evolution, and illustrates the ability of the multi-stakeholder model to deliver on its commitments.

As a result of this transition, we are now operating under a new set of Bylaws, and the GNSO community has been working to determine how it will meet its responsibilities in the new Empowered Community. A proposed implementation plan outlining the GNSO's views on its role in the post-transition environment is expected to be an important topic during ICANN57.

Despite the dominance of governance issues associated with the IANA transition, the essential policy development work of the GNSO moves forward. A number of important work-streams will continue their work through face-to-face working sessions at ICANN57, while others (such as the IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protections Working Group) are expected to present their preliminary Policy Development Process (PDP) recommendations to the community for discussion and feedback.

Meanwhile, the GNSO Council will receive updates on the ongoing work of other PDPs. The Working Group reviewing Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs will provide the status of its work to the community, including its initial review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure. Also, the PDP will seek community input on issues being examined in Phase One, including the Trademark Clearinghouse (and the associated RPMs offered through its services, like sunrise registrations and Trademark Claims notifications) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure.

Work on the Registration Directory Services (RDS) PDP has continued, and the working group has compiled an initial list of possible requirements for gTLD registration directory services. Proposed requirements will seek to address two questions: What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data and directory services, and is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS necessary to address these requirements? The topic will also be covered during the high interest topic session entitled 'Update on WHOIS related Initiatives.'

A half-day, face-to-face working session is also planned for the PDP Working Group dealing with procedures covering subsequent rounds of new gTLDs; the group hopes to have a lively and productive discussion on a topics of broad community interest.

This represents an ambitious workload for the GNSO community in Hyderabad, and I encourage all attendees (including those participating remotely) to actively engage in our discussions. As we've demonstrated so powerfully throughout the transition process, the importance of volunteer contributions is essential to our success. Safe travels, and the Vice Chairs and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible in Hyderabad.

James Bladel
GNSO Chair

ICANN57 at a Glance

ICANN56 in Helsinki was our first ever “Policy Forum,” which was shorter than prior meetings, and focused on community policy work. In contrast, ICANN57 will be longer, with 7 days of sessions. The third meeting in the three-meeting annual cycle, ICANN57 is the “Annual General Meeting.” It aims to showcase the ICANN community’s work to a broader global audience, while also having days dedicated for Supporting Organization (SO) and Advisory Committee (AC) work. A more in-depth overview is provided by Nick Tomasso, VP Meetings, in his recent blog posts available [here](#) and [here](#).

Please note that any reference to meeting times is provisional – you are encouraged to consult the [ICANN meeting schedule](#) for the latest information.

The GNSO Policy Support Team has, as similar to other ICANN meetings, put together these preparatory Policy Briefings to give an overview of the status of the various policy development efforts that are expected to be discussed at ICANN57. In addition, this document provides an overview of links to make sure community members are able to find all preparatory information they need to make ICANN57 as successful as possible:

ICANN57 MEETING INFO

- Schedule: [ICANN572016.sched.org](https://icann572016.sched.org)
- Register for Hyderabad: registration.icann.org/register
- Info about remote participation: meetings.icann.org/en/remote-participation
- What you need to know about ICANN57 Part I:
[ICANN.org/news/blog/ICANN57-hyderabad-what-you-need-to-know-part-1](https://icann.org/news/blog/ICANN57-hyderabad-what-you-need-to-know-part-1)
- What you need to know about ICANN57 Part II:
[ICANN.org/news/blog/ICANN57-hyderabad-what-you-need-to-know-part-2](https://icann.org/news/blog/ICANN57-hyderabad-what-you-need-to-know-part-2)
- Expected standard of behavior:
[ICANN.org/en/system/files/files/expected-standards](https://icann.org/en/system/files/files/expected-standards)

GNSO RELATED INFORMATION

- GNSO 1-stop-shop for ICANN57: gnso.icann.org/en/ICANNmeeting
- Meeting page: meetings.icann.org/en/hyderabad57
- Project List: gnso.icann.org/en/council/project

If you have any further questions after reviewing the information contained in this policy briefing, please contact us at policy-staff@icann.org. We all wish you a fruitful Meeting B and safe travels to Hyderabad.

GNSO Policy Support Team

IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process

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

The Working Group (WG) will be holding an open community session on Monday 7 November (from 09:00-10:30). At the meeting, the WG will present its likely preliminary recommendations to the community for feedback. The WG plans to finalize these recommendations and publish an Initial Report for public comment shortly following ICANN57.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP was initiated in June 2014 by the GNSO Council to consider whether existing curative rights protection mechanisms (namely, the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) procedure) should be modified to address the needs of International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) in order to protect their names and acronyms at the second level in both existing and new gTLDs.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Protecting the names and acronyms of IGOs and INGOs at the top and second levels has been a long-standing issue over the course of the New gTLD Program. The GNSO had previously recommended certain protective measures to the ICANN Board, but those that pertained to IGO acronyms and certain names and acronyms of the Red Cross movement differed from the advice provided by the Government Advisory Committee's (GAC) to the Board. In early 2014, the Board tasked its New gTLD Program Committee (NGPC) to develop a proposal that would take into account both the GNSO's recommendations and GAC advice, while adopting those GNSO recommendations that are consistent with GAC advice received. In addition, the NGPC and the GNSO Council discussed the possibility of the GNSO amending its remaining recommendations so as to reconcile them with GAC advice, in accordance with the prescribed procedure in the GNSO's PDP Manual.

This new PDP is not dependent on the outcome of those discussions that focus on the issue of preventive (i.e. before a third party registers a domain name) rather than on curative (i.e. following a third party domain name registration) protections. However, a small group of Board, GAC and IGO representatives have been working on a proposal covering both types of protections. This proposal was delivered to the GAC and the GNSO for their consideration in early October.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The Charter directs the WG to consider whether the UDRP and URS should be amended to resolve the problems faced by IGOs and/or INGOs and if so in what way; or if a separate, narrowly tailored dispute resolution procedure should be developed to apply only to IGOs and/or INGOs. The WG reached preliminary agreement on a number of points, including the basis upon which an IGO would have standing to file a complaint under the existing scope of the UDRP and URS. The WG also completed discussions on the issue of IGO immunity from the jurisdiction of national courts for purposes of an appeal from a UDRP or URS decision, based on advice obtained from an external subject matter expert on international law. It is now reviewing those parts of the small group proposal that touch on curative rights protections, to determine whether and how the proposal affects the WG's preliminary conclusions on this topic.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The WG hopes to complete its Initial Report shortly after ICANN57 and to put its preliminary recommendations out for public comments before the end of this calendar year.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Although it is at a fairly late stage in its work, the Working Group continues to be open to anyone; please contact the GNSO Secretariat to be added to the mailing list (gnso.secretariat@gnso.ICANN.org). You can also attend the WG's open session on Monday 7 November, to provide your feedback on the WG's likely preliminary recommendations.

MORE INFORMATION

- GNSO project page with relevant dates and background: gnso.ICANN.org/en/group-activities
- IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protection WG collaborative Wiki Space with meeting records and draft documents: community.ICANN.org

BACKGROUND

IGOs and INGOs are currently unable to fully use either the UDRP or URS for a number of reasons. For IGOs, the requirement that a complainant submit to the jurisdiction of a national court is alleged to jeopardize an IGO's jurisdictional immunity status. For both IGOs and INGOs, the fact that the UDRP and URS were designed as protective mechanisms for trademark owners currently means that they cannot utilize these procedures unless they also own trademarks in their names and/or acronyms. Both types of organizations are also concerned about the cost involved in using these procedures, which would mean diverting resources and funds from their primary missions. The GAC has issued advice on the topic which the WG is taking into account in its deliberations, along with the recently received proposal from the Board-GAC-IGO small group.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Mary Wong and Steve Chan

Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS Policy Development Process

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

In addition to a face-to-face Working Group meeting on Day 1 of ICANN57 (see <http://sched.co/8cxj>), the WG will also provide a status update to the GNSO community on Day 2 (see <http://sched.co/8cxl>). Furthermore, the topic is also expected to be covered during the high interest topic session on ‘Update on WHOIS related Initiatives’ (see <http://sched.co/8cyZ>).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

In April 2015, the ICANN Board reaffirmed ‘its request for a Board-initiated GNSO policy development process to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data, and consider safeguards for protecting data, using the recommendations in the Expert Working Group (EWG) Final Report as an input to, and, if appropriate, as the foundation for a new gTLD policy’.

Following the publication of the PDP Final Issue Report, the GNSO Council adopted the charter for the PDP Working Group, which commenced its deliberations at the end of January 2016. During the first phase its work, the Working Group has been tasked with providing the GNSO Council with recommendations on the following two questions: What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data and is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS needed to address these requirements?

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Comprehensive ‘WHOIS’ policy reform remains the source of long-running discussions within ICANN. Any discussion of the ‘WHOIS’ system for gTLD domain name registration data – hereafter called gTLD registration directory services (RDS) – typically includes topics such as purpose, accuracy, availability, privacy, data protection, cost, policing, intellectual property protection, security and malicious use and abuse. Although ICANN’s requirements for gTLD domain name registration data collection, maintenance, and provision have undergone some important changes, after almost 15 years of GNSO task forces, working groups, workshops, surveys, and studies, the policy is still in need of comprehensive reforms that address the significant number of contentious issues attached to it.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The WG has compiled an initial list of possible requirements for gTLD registration directory services, providing a foundation upon which to recommend answers to these two questions: *What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data and directory services?* and *Is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS needed to address these requirements?*

The WG is in the process of reviewing the proposed organisation of the list that spans nearly 1000 possible requirements to ensure that the possible requirements are aligned with the respective phases of its approach (phase 1 – policy requirements, phase 2 - Specific policies the WG will design, based on Phase 1 requirements, phase 3 - Implementation and Coexistence Guidance associated with Phase 2 policies) as well as easily searchable and organisable in different ways to facilitate subsequent deliberations. To aid the deliberation of these possible requirements, the WG also agreed upon a succinct problem statement for this PDP and completed its review of [example use cases](#) which examines particular real world scenarios involving registration data and directory services which have helped to identify and better understand today's system and the possible requirements on a next-generation RDS.

Finally, to prepare for effective deliberation on hundreds of detailed possible requirements, the WG is currently attempting to agree upon a statement of purpose for gTLD registration data and directory services. For the next step of its work, the WG will continue to follow the agreed upon the [approach to achieve consensus](#).

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

After the WG confirms that this list of possible requirements is sufficiently complete to serve as the foundation for WG deliberation and its support for the organization of the possible requirements list, the WG plans to continue through its work plan to Task 12 where it will systematically consider possible requirements with the goal of trying to reach as strong a consensus as possible as to whether the WG supports each possible requirement, including how it is worded as outlined in [this document](#). Due to interdependencies, WG deliberation will likely be iterative, especially on fundamental questions pertaining to purpose, data, and privacy. As part of this process, the WG is expected to review the input received from GNSO SG/Cs as well as ICANN SO/ACs provided in response to a second outreach message that was sent in July seeking additions to the list of possible requirements.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Anyone interested can join this effort. Please complete the registration form at goo.gl/forms/bb65ilznLv or contact the GNSO Secretariat gnso-secs@ICANN.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- PDP Working Group Workspace, including Charter, Work plan, relevant motions, and background documents and information: community.ICANN.org/x/rjJ-Ag
- Final Issue Report on Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS: WHOIS.ICANN.org/sites/default/files/files/final-issue-report-next-generation-rds-07oct15-en.pdf
- Board-GNSO Process Framework for this PDP: community.ICANN.org/download
- Link to RDS PDP: gnso.ICANN.org/en/group-activities/active/rds

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to its Resolution on 8 November 2012, the ICANN Board directed the ICANN CEO to launch a new effort to redefine the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data, and consider safeguards for protecting data, as a foundation for new gTLD policy and contractual negotiations. Moreover, the Board directed the preparation of an Issue Report on the purpose of collecting and maintaining gTLD registration data, and on solutions to improve accuracy and access to gTLD registration data, as part of a Board-initiated GNSO policy development process. The Board then went on to pass a resolution that led to the creation of the Expert Working Group; the Board referred to this as a ‘two-pronged approach’ that is based on ‘broad and responsive action’ in relation to the reform of gTLD Registration Data.

To enable effective consideration of the many significant and interdependent policy areas that the GNSO must address, the Board approved a Process Framework, collaboratively developed by GNSO Councilors and Board members, to structure this complex and challenging PDP for success. This phased process includes:

- Phase 1: Establishing requirements to determine if/why a next-generation gTLD registration directory service (RDS) is needed to replace today’s WHOIS system;
- Phase 2: If so, designing a new policy framework that details functions that must be provided by a next- generation RDS to support those requirements; and
- Phase 3: Providing guidance for how a next-generation RDS should implement those policies, coexisting with and eventually replacing the legacy WHOIS system.

Throughout this three-phase process, the many inter-related questions that must (at minimum) be addressed by the PDP include:

- Users/Purposes: Who should have access to gTLD registration data and why (i.e., for what purposes)?
- Gated Access: What steps should be taken to control data access for each user/purpose?
- Data Accuracy: What steps should be taken to improve data accuracy?
- Data Elements: What data should be collected, stored, and disclosed?
- Privacy: What steps are needed to protect data and privacy?
- Coexistence: What steps should be taken to enable next-generation RDS coexistence with and replacement of the legacy WHOIS system?
- Compliance: What steps are needed to enforce these policies?
- System Model: What system requirements must be satisfied by any next-generation RDS implementation?
- Cost: What costs will be incurred and how must they be covered?
- Benefits: What benefits will be achieved and how will they be measured?
- Risks: What risks do stakeholders face and how will they be reconciled?

The framework developed to guide this PDP also includes many opportunities for gathering input to inform this PDP and key decision points at which the GNSO Council will review progress made to determine next steps.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Marika Konings and Lisa Phifer (consultant)

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.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Steve Chan, Julie Hedlund and Emily Barabas

Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process

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

The Working Group (WG) welcomes all community members to its open meeting on Monday 7 November (11:00 – 12:15). At this session, the WG will review recent feedback received from the dispute resolution providers for the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure and seek to wrap up its initial review of this procedure. It hopes to also present an amended list of questions from its Charter concerning the Trademark Clearinghouse to the community for initial feedback. The TM-PDDRP and the TMCH are the first, consecutive rights protection mechanisms (RPMs) to be reviewed in this phase of the WG's two-phased PDP.

WHAT IS THIS PDP ABOUT?

This PDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase One will cover the review all RPMs applicable to gTLDs launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program, namely (and in order of their review) the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedures (TM-PDDRP), the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH), verified data of which supports additional protection mechanisms available during the Sunrise and Trademark Claims service periods, and the Uniform Rapid Suspension dispute resolution procedure (URS). Phase Two will focus on reviewing the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The UDRP is a long-standing Consensus Policy that has never undergone any substantial review and some community feedback indicates that, although in principle a functioning Policy, it might have some procedural and substantive shortcomings. In addition, a review of the RPMs developed specifically for the 2012 New gTLD program merit review in order to improve their applicability and usefulness, in particular if there is to be a further expansion of the gTLD space. This PDP is also intended to create a coherent and uniform mechanism for future reviews of all RPMs.

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 WG began meeting in April, and is commencing its Phase One review with looking at the TM-PDDRP and gathering data for the TMCH review. At ICANN57, the WG plans to complete its initial review of the TM-PDDRP and gather community feedback on the scope of its planned review of the TMCH.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The WG will coordinate its timelines and work with other ongoing, related efforts, such as the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, the Competition, Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust Review, and the TMCH Independent Review. It expects to complete Phase One by early 2018, at which point it will publish a Preliminary Report on its recommendations regarding the 2012 New gTLD Program RPMs for public comment.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The WG is open to all, who may join as either a Member (with full posting rights to the mailing list and the ability to participate in all WG meetings) or as an Observer (with read-only status for the mailing list). Please email the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@ICANN.org if you wish to join the group. You can also attend the WG's open meeting on Monday 7 November.

MORE INFORMATION

- Final Issue Report: [gnso.ICANN.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/11jan16-en.pdf](https://www.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/11jan16-en.pdf)
- Working Group Charter: [community.ICANN.org/x/2CWAaw](https://community.icann.org/x/2CWAaw)
- Working Group Collaborative Wiki Space: [community.ICANN.org/x/wCWAaw](https://community.icann.org/x/wCWAaw)
- Link to RPM PDP: [gnso.ICANN.org/en/group-activities/active/rpm](https://www.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/rpm)

BACKGROUND

In October 2011, prior to the launch of the 2012 New gTLD Program, ICANN staff published a Final Issue Report on the current state of the UDRP. The recommended course of action in that UDRP Report was not to initiate a PDP at the time, but to hold off doing so until after the new URS had been in operation for at least eighteen (18) months. The GNSO Council followed this recommended course of action and staff published a new Preliminary Issue Report in September 2015 that covered all existing RPMs. The Final Issue Report was published in January 2016, and outlined the two-phased approach that was eventually adopted by the GNSO Council.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Mary Wong and David Tait

Cross-Community Working Groups on the Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs

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

There will be an open face-to-face working session on Saturday, 5 November to continue discussion on the direction of travel for this group. Work of the CWG will also be presented during the High Interest Topic session on New gTLD Program Reviews.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

Following in the footsteps of the Study Group on the Use of Names for Countries and Territories as TLDs, the purpose of this CWG is to further review the issues pertaining to the use of country and territory names as top-level domains (TLDs) and develop a policy framework.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The Cross-Community Working Group on the Use of Country and Territory Names as top-level domains (CWG-UCTN) divided its work into three sections: 2-character TLDs; 3-character TLDs; and full name country and territory name TLDs. The CWG reached preliminary consensus in support of maintaining the status quo of 2-character codes as exclusively reserved for country code TLDs (ccTLDs). The community expressed a diverse set of views on 3-character codes, and no consensus was reached on this topic. Preliminarily, the group deems that it is not feasible within its limited mandate to develop a consistent and uniform definitional framework that could be applicable across the respective SOs and ACs defining rules guiding the use of country and territory names as top level domains.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The CWG is in the process of finalizing a Progress Report that will outline accomplishments to date, issues identified, and direction of travel. The Progress Report will inform the CWG's Interim Report, which is currently being drafted. The Interim Report will include extensive background information on the issue area, a full summary of the group's activities and accomplishments, and a discussion of the direction of travel.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you are interested in joining the CWG-UCTN as a GNSO participant, please email the GNSO Secretariat at gns0-secs@icann.org.

MORE INFORMATION



The face-to-face session at ICANN57 will take place on Saturday 5 November, 15:15 to 16:45

— More information on the CWG can be found at: community.icann.org/pages

BACKGROUND

The treatment of country and territory names as TLDs is a topic that has been discussed by the ccNSO, GAC, GNSO, ALAC and the ICANN Board for a number of years. So far, issues regarding the treatment of representations of country and territory names have arisen in a wide range of ICANN policy processes, including the IDN fast track, IDN ccPDP, and the development of the new gTLD Applicant Guidebook (AGB). Creating a uniform policy framework on this important issues that can be applied across all TLDs will be a very helpful step forward in the continuous development of the DNS.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Steve Chan (GNSO), Bart Boswinkel (ccNSO), Emily Barabas (GNSO) and Joke Braeken (ccNSO)

Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) on Framework of Principles for Future Cross-Community Working Groups

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

The GNSO does not plan to hold a specific session for this CCWG, since the group's recommendations were all adopted by the GNSO Council on 13 October 2016. As the intention behind the GNSO's chartering of this CCWG (along with the ccNSO Council) was to develop a framework that would be applied to all future CCWGs, however, community members may be interested in considering how the principles recommended by the CCWG are being applied to the proposed new CCWG on New gTLD Auction Proceeds.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

There has been an increasing reliance on Cross-Community Working Groups (CCWGs) as the ICANN community has recognized that there are a rising number of issues that cut across and affect more than just one of ICANN's Supporting Organizations (SOs) or Advisory Committees (ACs). Despite the number of past and current CCWGs, there are no agreed community-wide guidelines on their creation, scope or functioning. This CCWG was chartered jointly by the ccNSO and GNSO Councils to develop a framework of uniform operating principles that would allow for the effective and efficient functioning of future CCWGs.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Each SO and AC within ICANN is responsible for different aspects of policy and advice development, operates under different mandates, and has separate remits. Yet, there are issues that affect or interest more than one SO/AC that may require a cross-community working group. Up to now, CCWGs have been formed on an ad-hoc basis, without a consistent framework of underlying operating principles that take into account the different working methods of the various SOs and ACs. The ccNSO and GNSO Councils chartered this group to address these shortcomings.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The CCWG published a draft framework document for [public comment](#) in February 2016. The proposed framework identifies key principles and process steps that ought to be considered during each phase of the CCWG life cycle (i.e., initiation, formation, operation, decision-making, closure, and post-closure). It also contained several open questions for which the CCWG sought specific community input. Following review of all comments received and further community discussion at ICANN56, the CCWG completed its Final Framework and submitted it to the ccNSO and GNSO Councils in September. The GNSO Council approved the [Final Framework](#) in October.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The Final Framework, as adopted by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils, will be circulated to all other ICANN Supporting Organizations with the recommendation that its principles be applied to all future CCWGs – from their initiation and chartering to their operations, decision making processes and closure.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The CCWG will be closed as its work is completed.

MORE INFORMATION

- Background information: [gnso.ICANN.org/en/group-activities/active/cross-community](https://www.gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/cross-community)
- CWG Workspace: [community.ICANN.org/x/rQbPAQ](https://community.icann.org/x/rQbPAQ)
- The Final Framework of Principles: [community.ICANN.org/x/4CiOAw](https://community.icann.org/x/4CiOAw)

BACKGROUND

In March 2012 the GNSO Council approved an initial set of operating principles for CCWGs that it sent to other SOs and ACs for feedback. Detailed comments and suggestions were received from the ccNSO suggesting additions and clarifications to the initial principles in June 2013. In October 2013, a Charter Drafting Team was tasked to develop a charter for a cross-community Working Group to build on the initial work and continue to develop a finalized framework workable across all SO/ACs by governing the formation, chartering, operation, decision-making, and termination of all future CCWGs.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Mary Wong and Steve Chan (GNSO); Bart Boswinkel (ccNSO)

New gTLD Auction Proceeds Drafting Team

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

It is the expectation that the different ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees may consider the proposed charter for the new gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group for adoption during ICANN57, if no pertinent issues have been identified that would prevent such an adoption. In addition, the Drafting Team that was tasked with developing the proposed charter has tentatively scheduled a session on day 6 (Thursday 8 November) to allow for further discussion, if needed (see sched.co/8cy0).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The new gTLD Program established auctions as a mechanism of last resort to resolve string contention. Most string contentions (approximately 90% of sets scheduled for auction) have been resolved through other means before reaching an auction conducted by ICANN's authorized auction service provider. However, it was recognized from the outset that significant funds could accrue as a result of several auctions. As such, these auction proceeds have been reserved and earmarked until the Board authorizes a plan for the appropriate use of the funds. In March 2015 that the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) started discussing a possible process for facilitating the conversation around new gTLD auction proceeds during the [ICANN meeting in Singapore](#). As part of that discussion, it became clear that there was interest from the GNSO to commence formal conversations on the topic of new gTLD auction proceeds and following which, the GNSO Council reached out to other ICANN Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) to determine whether there would be interest to form a cross-community working group (CCWG) on this topic.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

In relation to new gTLD Program Auction Proceeds, 14 contention sets have been resolved via ICANN Auction since June 2014. The total net proceeds to date are \$105.6 million USD. Details of the proceeds can be found at newgtlds.ICANN.org/en/applicants/auctions/proceeds. As of 18 February 2016, 22 contention sets remain to be resolved, although it is important to keep in mind that approximately 90% of contention sets scheduled for auction are resolved prior to the auction. The total amount of funding resulting from auctions, will not be known until all relevant applications have resolved contention.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Following a number of sessions on this topic during the ICANN53 in Buenos Aires (see [buenosaires53.ICANN.org/mon-soac-high-interest](https://www.buenosaires53.icann.org/mon-soac-high-interest) and [buenosaires53.ICANN.org/new-gtld-auction](https://www.buenosaires53.icann.org/new-gtld-auction)), a [discussion paper](#) was published in September 2015 to solicit further community input on this topic as well as the proposal to proceed with a CCWG on this topic. As the feedback received on the discussion paper confirmed the support for moving forward with a CCWG, James Bladel, GNSO Chair, reached out to all ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees for volunteers to participate in a drafting team to develop a charter for a CCWG on this topic. All ICANN SO/ACs, apart from the ccNSO, responded to this request and have put forward volunteers to participate in the drafting team. The GNSO Council appointed Jonathan Robinson to chair the Drafting Team ('DT'), which commenced its deliberations on Tuesday 23 February 2016. A draft charter for community discussion was published in advance of ICANN 56 and discussed during the [cross-community session](#) held at ICANN56. Following ICANN56, the DT [reviewed all the input received](#) and updated the proposed charter accordingly. On 13 September, [this proposed charter](#) was shared with all ICANN SO/ACs with the request to review it and identify any pertinent issues that would prevent adoption of the charter, if any. Subsequently, a webinar was held on 13 October to allow for additional time and information to undertake this review.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Once the Drafting Team confirms the proposed charter, possibly following addressing any pertinent issues that may have been identified by ICANN SO/ACs, all ICANN SO/ACs that are interested to become a chartering organization are requested to consider the charter for adoption. Once the charter has been adopted by at least two SO/ACs, a call for volunteers will be launched to form the CCWG.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Following adoption of the charter, it is the expectation that the CCWG would be open to anyone interested.

MORE INFORMATION

- Review the updated discussion paper published to reflect public comments: [gns0.ICANN.org/en/drafts/new-gtld-auction-proceeds-07dec15-en.pdf](https://www.gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/new-gtld-auction-proceeds-07dec15-en.pdf)
- Draft Framework for a CCWG Life Cycle - Principles and Recommendations: [gns0.ICANN.org/en/drafts/draft-principles-for-ccwg-22feb16-en.pdf](https://www.gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/draft-principles-for-ccwg-22feb16-en.pdf)
- Draft Charter [community.ICANN.org/x/mRuOAw](https://www.community.icann.org/x/mRuOAw)
- DT Mailing List Archives [ICANN.org/pipermail/dt-cwg-auctionproceeds](https://www.ICANN.org/pipermail/dt-cwg-auctionproceeds)

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Marika Konings and David Tait

Implementation Status: Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Policy Development Process

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

The GNSO is not planning a specific policy session on this topic, since the PDP has been completed and the consensus recommendations adopted by the ICANN Board. There will, however, be two other sessions of potential interest on this topic. The first is an open session to introduce the community to the scope and likely framework for implementation (scheduled for Friday 4 November at 11:00) and the second is an open meeting of the newly-formed Implementation Review Team (scheduled for Monday 7 November at 11:00).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This Policy Development Process (PDP) was initiated to develop policy recommendations to guide ICANN's implementation of an accreditation program for privacy and proxy service providers.

A *privacy service* allows domain name registration in the registrant's name, but all other contact details displayed in the publicly-accessible WHOIS system are those given by the privacy service provider, not by the registrant. A proxy service allows the registered name holder to license the use of the domain to a customer who actually uses the domain; the contact information displayed in the WHOIS system is that of the proxy service provider.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The 2013 RAA contains a temporary specification that governs registrars' obligations in respect of privacy and proxy services that will expire on 1 January 2017 or when ICANN implements a privacy and proxy accreditation program, whichever first occurs.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The PDP Working Group (WG) completed and submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council in December 2015. In January 2016, the GNSO Council adopted the WG's final recommendations, all of which received full consensus within the WG. In August 2016, the ICANN Board **adopted** the GNSO's recommendations. An Implementation Review Team (IRT) of community members has been formed under the direction of ICANN's Global Domains Division.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The IRT has begun to meet to discuss a draft Implementation Plan. It will initially be considering what an appropriate accreditation model might be and a feasible timeline for implementation, amongst other preliminary topics.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you are a community member with experience and interest in this topic, and wish to join the IRT, send an email indicating your interest to the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@ICANN.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- The WG's Final Report with background and final policy recommendations: gns0.ICANN.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-final-07dec15-en.pdf
- WG web page with links to background information: gns0.ICANN.org/en/group-activities/active/ppsa
- IRT Wiki Space: community.ICANN.org/x/VA2sAw

BACKGROUND

In October 2011, the ICANN Board initiated negotiations with the Registrars Stakeholder Group to update the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA), and simultaneously requested an Issue Report from the GNSO on issues not covered by the negotiations but suited for a PDP. The Final Issue Report was published in March 2012, and recommended that the GNSO commence its PDP on any issues not covered by the RAA as soon as possible after the negotiations were concluded. In June 2013, the ICANN Board formally approved the new 2013 RAA. In September 2013, ICANN staff published a paper for the GNSO, reporting on the conclusion of the RAA negotiations and highlighting issues relating to privacy and proxy services, including their accreditation and relay/reveal procedures. In October 2013, the GNSO Council formally approved the charter for the PDP WG on Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues (PPSAI).

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Mary Wong (GNSO) and Amy Bivins (GDD)

Implementation Status: Protection of IGO-INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs Policy Recommendations

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

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) is scheduled to meet at ICANN57 to complete its deliberations over a proposed draft Consensus Policy. The IRT meeting will be held on Monday 7 November at 15:15.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This Policy Development Process (PDP) was initiated to develop policy recommendations for the provision of protection for identifiers (e.g. names or acronyms) of certain International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs), including the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement (RCRC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The PDP Working Group completed its work in November 2013 and all its consensus recommendations were [approved](#) by the GNSO Council. In April 2014, the ICANN Board [adopted](#) those of the PDP recommendations that were consistent with GAC advice received on the topic, and requested more time to consider the remaining, inconsistent recommendations. The adopted recommendations relate to protection at the top and second level for specific RCRC, IOC and IGO names (with an Exception Procedure to be designed for the affected organizations), and a 90-days Claims Notification process at the second level for certain INGO acronyms.

This update concerns the implementation status of the recommendations that were adopted by the Board in April 2014. The implementation project is not concerned with the ongoing resolution process for the remaining, inconsistent recommendations or the deliberations of the ongoing PDP Working Group on IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protections.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Issues related to whether certain international organizations such as IGOs, the RCRC and the IOC should receive special protection for their names at the top level and second level in the domain name system have been raised throughout the development of the 2012 New gTLD program. In the PDP launched by the GNSO Council, the scope of organizations was expanded to also consider International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) other than the RCRC and IOC. All these organizations perform important public interest or humanitarian work and have reported that cyber-squatting and related abuse of domain names identical or confusingly similar to their names and acronyms could significantly impact their missions and resources.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Following the Board’s adoption of the GNSO policy recommendations that were consistent with GAC advice, ICANN staff under the leadership of the Global Domains Division (GDD) began developing an Implementation Plan. An Implementation Review Team (IRT) comprising community members and led by GDD was formed and is meeting regularly to discuss and agree on timelines and steps for implementation. Most recently, the IRT discussed completion of the Draft Consensus Policy language, the proposed process for updating the list of IGO and INGO names, and needed features for the 90-days Claims Notification system that would apply to INGO identifiers (other than the RCRC and IOC).

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The GDD is finalizing the draft consensus policy, in coordination with IRT. Once finalized, the draft consensus policy will be published for Public Comment.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you wish to join the Implementation Review Team, please contact the GNSO Secretariat (gns0-secs@icann.org). The IRT will also be meeting at ICANN57, on Monday 7 November from 15:15-16:30. Please join the IRT to provide feedback on their work and to find out more about their progress.

MORE INFORMATION

- Webpage for the PDP WG containing background information, the WG’s Final Report with Minority Positions, the GNSO Council’s resolutions and the ICANN Board’s actions in relation to the PDP recommendations: [hgnso.ICANN.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo](https://hgnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo)
- Online Wiki Space for the IRT containing membership information and progress updates: [community.ICANN.org/x/RJFCaw](https://community.icann.org/x/RJFCaw)

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Dennis Chang (GDD)

Implementation Status: Thick WHOIS Policy Recommendations

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

A working session has been scheduled geared toward members of the Thick WHOIS Implementation Review Team and other interested parties, such as registries and registrars. Participants will discuss the latest updates to the draft policy implementation plan. These discussions will include topics of particular interest to all gTLD registries and registrars including future requirements for all contracted parties, implementation mechanisms, timeline and coordination with implementation of the Registry Data Access Protocol (RDAP).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

ICANN specifies WHOIS service requirements through Registry Agreements (RAs) and the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) for the generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries. Registries have historically satisfied their WHOIS obligations under two different models. The two models are often characterized as “thin” and “thick” WHOIS registries. This distinction is based on how two distinct sets of data are maintained.

In a thin registration model the Registry only collects the information associated with the domain name from the Registrar. The Registry in turn publishes that information along with maintaining certain status information at the Registry level. Registrars maintain data associated with the registrant of the domain and provide it via their own WHOIS services, as required by Section 3.3 of the RAA for those domains they sponsor. In a thick registration model the Registry collects both sets of data (domain name and registrant) from the Registrar and in turn publishes that data via WHOIS.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The ICANN Board approved the GNSO recommendations on Thick WHOIS in February 2014 and an Implementation Review Team (IRT) was formed. Various impact assessments and implementation proposals have been discussed with the IRT in the two decoupled work streams: transition from thin to thick for .COM, .NET and .JOBS (Transition Policy); and the consistent labeling and display of WHOIS output for all gTLDs as per Specification 3 of the 2013 RAA (CL&D Policy). In June 2015, ICANN’s General Counsel’s Office, released to the IRT a Legal Review Memorandum per the GNSO Council’s recommendation. In December 2015, a Proposed Implementation of CL&D Policy was released for Public Comment. Following the Public Comment, the CL&D Policy was published on 26 July 2016.

In August 2016, Registry Stakeholder Group submitted a Request for Reconsideration regarding the CL&D Policy and the policy is currently undergoing a revision. The revised policy will be release for an additional Public Comment period, which should result in the publication with an updated Policy with a new effective. As for the Transition Policy, a draft Consensus Policy is being finalized by staff, in coordination with the IRT, in preparation to begin the Public Comment.

MORE INFORMATION

- GNSO PDP page: gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/thick-whois
- Implementation Review Team Workspace: community.icann.org/display/TWCPI/Thick+WHOIS+Policy+Implementation
- Proposed Implementation of GNSO Thick WHOIS Consensus Policy Requiring Consistent Labeling and Display of RDDS (WHOIS) Output for All gTLDs: [ICANN.org/public-comments/rdds-output](https://icann.org/public-comments/rdds-output)
- Registry Registration Data Directory Services Consistent Labeling and Display Policy: [ICANN.org/rdds-labeling-display](https://icann.org/rdds-labeling-display)

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Dennis Chang (GDD)

Implementation Status: Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Recommendations

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

The implementation review team is hosting a face-to-face on 8 Nov, 15:15 – 16:15 to discuss its work in relation to the translation and transliteration of contact information recommendations.

CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

The ICANN Board **adopted** the recommendations of the PDP Working Group in September 2015. The Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information (T/T) Implementation Review Team (IRT) continues to engage in discussions around language and script tags, which appear to be a central requirement to meet the standards set by the T/T Working Group’s recommendations. Discussions around potential policy language pertaining to these tags will be subject of upcoming IRT calls.

The implementation was put on hold in September 2016 while ICANN’s Global Domains Division team and the IRT for the “Thick WHOIS: Consistent Labeling and Display” project discussed a Request for Reconsideration regarding the inclusion of the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) as a requirement in the Consistent Labeling and Display policy. In order to be implemented, the T/T Working Group’s recommendations require RDAP (or similar system) that can accept, store, and display non-ASCII characters. The Global Domains Division is working to keep the T/T project synced with the development of RDAP given their inter-relationship.

FINAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

In its Final Report, the Working Group does not recommend to mandate the translation/ transliteration of contact information data. Instead, the Group recommends that registrants are able to submit contact data in any language/ script supported by their registrar; ideally the registrant’s native one. The Group expressed in its Final Report that data submitted in a script native to the registrant is most likely to be accurate and that the costs of translating and/or transliterating all Contact Information data would be disproportionate to any potential benefits.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) is usually composed of members of the Working Group, however, newcomers to this issue are also free to join.

MORE INFORMATION

- Final Report: [gnso.ICANN.org/en/issues/gtlds/translation-transliteration-contact-final-12jun15.pdf](https://www.gnso.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/translation-transliteration-contact-final-12jun15.pdf)
- Public Comment Forum: [ICANN.org/public-comments/transliteration](https://www.icann.org/public-comments/transliteration)
- ICANN Board adopting the recommendations contained in the Final Report: [ICANN.org/resources/board-material/resolutions](https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions)

BACKGROUND

The continued internationalization of the domain name system (DNS) means registrations from registrants unfamiliar with Latin script are increasing. In October 2012 the GNSO Council requested an Issue Report to address whether it is desirable to translate or transliterate¹ contact information² into one common language or script. In December 2013 a GNSO PDP Working Group (WG) was formed to provide an answer to this question as well as to who would carry the financial burden if mandatory translation or transliteration of contact information were recommended.

STAFF RESPONSIBLE: Brian Aitchison

¹ 'Translation' is defined as the translation of a text into another language whereas 'transliteration' is the writing of a word using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet.

² Contact information¹ is a subset of Domain Name Registration Data and thus the information that enables someone using a Domain Name Registration Data Directory Service (such as WHOIS) to contact the domain name registration holder.

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THURSDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
9:00 - 10:30	ISPCP Meeting*	G.03/04
9:00 - 12:15	Next Generation gTLD Registration Directory Services to replace WHOIS PDP Working Group Face-to-Face	Hall 6
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
11:00 - 12:15	IPC Meeting*	G.03/04
12:15 - 13:45	IPC/Registrar Meeting	Hall 2
13:45 - 15:00	GNSO Futures Group*	G.03/04
13:45 - 16:45	NCUC Outreach	Hall 2
13:45 - 18:30	New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group Face-to-Face	Hall 6
15:00 - 15:15	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
15:15 - 16:45	BC Private Meeting*	G.03/04
17:00 - 18:30	CSG Meeting*	G.01/02
17:00 - 18:30	NCSG and Human Rights Meeting*	G.03/04

*Closed meeting

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FRIDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
9:00 - 18:30	GNSO Working Session (Part 1) 9:00-9:30 Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP update 9:30-10:00 New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP update 10:00-10:30 Next Generation RDS PDP update 10:30-11:00 Curative Rights Protections for IGO/INGOs update	Hall 6
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
11:00 - 12:00	GNSO Working Session (Part 2) 11:00 Session break 11:30-12:00 GNSO New Roles and Obligations under the revised ICANN bylaws DT update	Hall 6
11:00 - 13:45	RySG DNA Board of Directors Meeting*	MR1.02
12:15 - 13:45	LUNCH	
12:45 - 13:45	RySG IPC Discussion Team Meeting*	G.03/04
13:00 - 18:30	GNSO Working Session (Part 3) 13:00-14:00 Prep time for meeting with GAC, ICANN Board, ccNSO and discussion of motions 14:00-14:30 Session break 14:30-16:00 Meeting with the GAC 16:15-17:00 Meeting with GDD Staff 17:00-17:30 Meeting with ICANN CEO 17:30-18:00 Meeting with Theresa Swinehart 18:00-18:30 GNSO Review Working Group update	Hall 6
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer

*Closed meeting

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SATURDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
11:00 - 12:15	CSG Meeting with ICANN Board*	Hall 6
12:15 - 13:45	ccNSO-GNSO Joint Council Meeting	G.01/02
12:15 - 13:45	ISPCP Meeting*	Granite 1 (Novotel)
12:15 - 13:45	RySG Healthy Domains Initiative Committee Meeting*	Hall 6
12:15 - 13:45	LUNCH	
12:15 - 13:45	BC "Fireside Chat"	MR1.01
13:45 - 13:15	RySG Healthy Domains Initiative Update	Hall 6
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
15:15 - 16:45	RySG DNA Members Session*	Hall 6
15:15 - 16:45	CCWG Country and Territory Names as TLDs Meeting	G.01/02
15:15 - 16:45	NCSG Policy Committee	Granite 1 (Novotel)
TBC	GALA	

*Closed meeting

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SUNDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
8:30 - 9:30	NCSG-CSG Meeting*	G.03/04
8:30 - 18:30	RySG Membership Meeting	Hall 2
8:30 - 10:30	RrSG Meeting	Hall 6
9:45 - 10:45	NCSG-ICANN Board Meeting	Hall 3
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
11:00 - 12:15	CSG Meeting	G.01/02
11:00 - 12:30	ICANN Board and Contracted Parties House Meeting	Hall 3
11:00 - 13:45	NPOC Meeting	MR1.02
11:00 - 15:00	NCUC Meeting	G.03/04
12:15 - 13:30	CSG Board Prep Meeting*	G.01/02
12:15 - 13:45	LUNCH	
12:15 - 16:45	RrSG Meeting	Hall 6
13:30 - 15:00	ICANN Board and CSG Meeting	Hall 3
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
15:15 - 16:45	IPC Meeting (Open Meeting 2)	G.01/02
15:15 - 18:30	NCSG Open Meeting	G.03/04
15:15 - 16:45	BC Public Meeting	MR1.01
15:15 - 16:45	ISPCP Meeting	MR1.02
15:15 - 16:45	RySG DNA Marketing Committee*	Ball Room (Novotel)
17:00 - 18:30	CSG CPH Leadership Joint Meeting*	Hall 6
18:30 - 19:30	GNSO Informal Council Session*	Hall 6

*Closed meeting

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7 Nov

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MONDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
9:00 - 10:30	IGO/INGO Working Group Meeting	Hall 6
9:00 - 10:30	NPOC In-Reach Event	MR1.01
9:00 - 10:30	GNSO Bylaws Implementation Drafting Team Meeting	MR1.03
9:00 - 12:15	RySG BRG Working Session*	Granite 1 (Novotel)
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
11:00 - 12:15	GNSO RPM PDP Working Group	Hall 6
11:00 - 12:15	GNSO Review Working Group	MR1.04
12:15 - 13:45	LUNCH	
12:30 - 13:30	ICANN Board and GNSO Joint Meeting*	Hall 6
13:45 - 15:00	GNSO Council Public Meeting (Part 1)	Hall 2
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
15:15 - 16:45	GNSO Council Public Meeting (Part 2)	Hall 2
17:00 - 18:30	GNSO Wrap-Up Session	Hall 6

*Closed meeting

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TUESDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
8:30 - 9:30	Registrars DNS Context and Abuse Complaints*	Hall 1
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
12:15 - 13:45	LUNCH	
12:15 - 13:30	RySG DNA Reg-Ops Committee*	Hall 6
12:15 - 13:45	NCSG Excom Meeting*	G.01/02
13:30 - 15:00	NCUC Excom Meeting*	MR1.08
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
15:15 - 16:45	RySG BRG Open Session	Hall 6
15:15 - 16:45	NCSG Leadership-Board Meeting*	MR1.04
17:00 - 18:30	NPOC Community Out-reach Event	G.03/04
17:00 - 18:30	CCWG New gTLD Auction Proceeds Meeting	Hall 6
17:00 - 18:30	SG/C Leadership Meeting*	MR1.02

*Closed meeting

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9 Nov

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WEDNESDAY		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
9:00 - 10:30	RySG Brand TLD awareness Session	G.01/02
9:00 - 13:45	GNSO Development Session*	Hall 6
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
12:15 - 13:45	LUNCH	
15:00 - 15:30	AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	North Foyer
17:00 - 18:00	ICANN57 Wrap-Up Cocktail	Novotel Lawn

*Closed meeting

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