

## Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

### Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs (PDP)

December 2016

#### Upcoming important dates

The Working Group has completed its initial review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP), for which sought feedback from the PDDRP providers and all ICANN community groups. Its Sub Team that was formed to perform data collection for its upcoming review of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) has sent out questions to the TMCH providers, new gTLD registries and registrars. The Working Group expects to begin its substantive review of the TMCH in January 2017. Upon completion of this initial review, the Working Group will move on to review the Sunrise and Trademark Claims processes that are offered through the TMCH.

#### Summary

The ‘rights protection mechanisms’ (RPMs) in this PDP refer to those policies and processes that are aimed at combatting cyber-squatting and that were developed to provide workable mechanisms for trademark owners to either prevent or remedy certain illegitimate uses of their trademarks at the second level of generic top level domains (gTLDs). The most well-known of these RPMs is the *Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy* (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. A number of additional RPMs were developed subsequently to supplement the UDRP as part of the 2012 New gTLD Program: the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) and the associated the Sunrise and Trademark Claims service periods, the Uniform Rapid Suspension procedure (URS), and the Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedures (PDDRPs).

The GNSO Council chartered this Working Group to conduct the PDP in two phases. The first focuses on the review of all RPMs that have been developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program, and the second phase addresses the review of the UDRP. The Working Group began meeting in April 2016 and approved its Work Plan for Phase One, which involves first addressing the TM-PDDRP followed by the TMCH and then the Sunrise and Trademark Claims processes. It will wrap up Phase One of its work by looking at the Uniform Rapid Suspension process (URS). It is hoping to complete all initial reviews for Phase One by late/end-2017.

#### Engagement Opportunity Status



Anyone may join the Working Group either as a full member or a mailing list observer.

#### Additional Information

- The Working Group Charter: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/rpm-charter-26feb16-en.pdf>
- Work Plan: <https://community.icann.org/x/wBeOAaw>