

Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

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

July 2016

Upcoming important dates

The Working Group is aiming to complete its review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP) by end-August. It has established a Sub Team to perform data collection for its upcoming review of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH), which it hopes to begin in September, and for which it is coordinating with ICANN staff and the independent reviewer of the TMCH (the Analysis Group) whose Draft Report is expected to be published in late July.

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. As part of its mandated initial outreach to all ICANN Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees and GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies, the Working Group sent a letter soliciting input on the scope of its work in late May, with a closing date of 5 July. However, groups that wish to provide input even after the closing date are invited to inform the Working Group of their intention as soon as is feasible.

Engagement Opportunity Status



Anyone may join the Working Group either as a full member or a mailing list observer. All SO/ACs are encouraged to provide feedback to the WG's [request for input](#).

Additional Information

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

- Request for Input: <https://community.icann.org/x/zheOAw>