

Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

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

April 2017

Upcoming important dates

The Working Group (WG) is currently completing an initial review of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH), having completed a review of the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP). It is preparing to move on to review the Sunrise and Trademark Claims processes that are offered through the TMCH, followed by the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) procedure. Collectively, these rights protection mechanisms (RPMs) are being reviewed in Phase One of this two-phased PDP, being those RPMs developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program. The WG expects to be in Phase One mode through 2017.

Summary

The RPMs being reviewed in this PDP refer to those policies and processes 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 TMCH and the associated Sunrise and Trademark Claims services, the URS, and the TM-PDDRP.

The GNSO Council chartered this WG 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.

Engagement Opportunity Status



Anyone may join the WG either as a full member or a mailing list observer. The WG has emphasized the need for updated data and input on the various RPMs, and has been actively soliciting information from a number of sources. It welcomes participation by the GAC in its work.

Additional Information

- PDP Charter: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/rpm-charter-26feb16-en.pdf>
- WG wiki space (containing all background material, meeting transcripts and draft documents of the WG): <https://community.icann.org/x/wCWAaw>