

Policy Development Process Update

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures

April 2016

Issue

Review and recommend possible changes or adjustments to the GNSO principles, recommendations, and implementation guidance from the [2007 Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains](#).

Upcoming important dates

The PDP WG has already held several meetings, beginning in late February 2016, and is meeting on a weekly basis. The PDP WG plans to request input on a series of overarching questions from Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, Stakeholder Groups, and Constituencies prior to ICANN56 in Helsinki.

Summary

In June of 2014, the GNSO Council created the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group, which was focused on reflecting upon the experiences gained from the 2012 New gTLD round and identifying a recommended set of subjects that should be further analyzed in an Issue Report. It is important to note that there is existing policy from the 2007 Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains, which states that the original policy recommendations as adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board has “been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains,” meaning that those policy recommendations remain in place for subsequent rounds of the New gTLD Program unless the GNSO Council decides to modify via a policy development process. At the ICANN53 meeting, The GNSO Council approved a motion to request that a Preliminary Issue Report be drafted by ICANN staff, basing the report on the [set of deliverables](#) developed by the Discussion Group, to further analyze issues identified and help determine if changes or adjustments are needed for subsequent new gTLD procedures.

ICANN staff completed the [Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures](#), which was published for [public comment](#) on 31 August 2015, with the comment period closing on 30 October 2015. ICANN staff reviewed public comments received and adjusted the Issue Report accordingly. The Final Issue Report, along with the summary and analysis of public comment received, were submitted to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 4 December 2015 and a PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures was initiated on 17 December 2015. The

GNSO Council adopted the PDP WG charter during its 21 January 2016 meeting, with a call for volunteers issued on 27 January 2016. The PDP WG held its first meeting on 22 February 2016 and is currently meeting on a weekly basis. While the PDP WG is just beginning its deliberations, it is aware of efforts related to New gTLDs underway within the community, particularly the Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice Review Team; the PDP WG understands that coordination with other community efforts is needed to promote comprehensive solutions and outcomes.

Engagement Opportunity Status



Though the PDP WG has begun its deliberations, individuals from the GAC are still encouraged to participate in the PDP WG if they so choose. In addition, the GAC will be informed of the opportunities for engagement in the process, which could include providing public comments to WG deliverables, input via communiqués, and periodic requests for input from the PDP WG to the GAC and other community groups. The PDP WG intends to make a formal request for input from the GAC prior to and in support of ICANN56 in Helsinki.

Additional Information

- Archived project page for the completed Discussion Group effort
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/inactive/2015/non-pdp-new-gtld>
- GNSO Council Resolution requesting Preliminary Issue Report
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201507>
- Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
<https://www.icann.org/public-comments/new-gtld-subsequent-prelim-2015-08-31-en>
- Final Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures -
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/subsequent-procedures-final-issue-04dec15-en.pdf>
- GNSO Council Resolution initiating PDP -
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201512>
- GNSO Council Resolution adopting PDP -
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#20160121-2>
- PDP WG Charter - <http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/subsequent-procedures-charter-21jan16-en.pdf>
- Active Project Page - <http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>