

### New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

#### June 2018 Newsletter

\*\*Note: all upcoming meetings are subject to change. For current scheduling information, please see the [GNSO Master Calendar](#) and the Working Group [scheduling document](#).

### CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

#### Current Status of Overall Working Group and Work Tracks 1-4:

In May, the Working Group met weekly to continue its review of [draft sections](#) of the Working Group's Initial Report:

- [7 May](#): Application Submission section, with review focused on topics Application Fees, Variable Fees, and Application Submission Period.
- [14 May](#): Application Submission section, with review focused on topic Applicant Support.
- [21 May](#):
  - Application Submission section (topic Terms and Conditions).
  - Application Processing section (topic Application Queuing).
  - Contracting section (topics Base Registry Agreement and Registrar Non-Discrimination / Registry/Registrar Standardization).
  - Pre-Delegation section (topic Registry System Testing).
- [29 May](#): Application Evaluation/Criteria, with review focused on topics Reserved Names, Registrant Protections, and Closed Generics.

The Working Group had a meeting on 4 June, which will be summarized in the following edition of the newsletter.

There were no meetings held for Work Tracks 1-4 during the month of May.

#### Next Steps for Overall Working Group and Work Tracks 1-4:

The Working Group is planning to publish its Initial Report in the near future covering the overarching issues and topics included in Work Tracks 1-4. The Working Group will continue to meet weekly as it reviews draft sections of the report prior to publication for public comment. Working Group meetings are scheduled for 12 June and 18 June.

Consensus calls will not be taken on the content of this Initial Report. The Initial Report will provide preliminary recommendations, options, and questions for community input, as well as details on the deliberations that led to these preliminary outcomes. As required by the [GNSO Operating Procedures](#), consensus calls will however be taken for the Final Report, which the Working Group plans to publish later this year.

The full Working Group will have three face-to-face working sessions at ICANN62:

- [Monday 25 June](#) from 9:00 to 10:15 local time
- [Monday 25 June](#) from 10:30 to 12:00 local time
- [Thursday 28 June](#) from 13:30 to 15:00 local time

## Current Status of Work Track 5:

Following input from Work Track members, the leadership team piloted a new meeting schedule in May, holding weekly meetings for 60 minutes rather than meeting every other week for 90 minutes.

### [2 May:](#)

- Continued to share ideas on potential future treatment of capital city names, city names, and sub-national place names.
- Continued to discuss potential additional categories of geographic names that were not included in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook.
- Encouraged members to further explain what additional terms they felt should or should not receive special treatment in future rounds and the rationale for their positions.

### [9 May:](#)

- Held a focused discussion on city names that are not capital city names.
- Discussed potential needs and interests of different stakeholders with respect to these strings.
- Reviewed and considered proposal put forward by Work Track members related to future treatment of city names.

### [16 May:](#)

- Discussed methods for collecting and managing input received through Work Track meetings and the mailing list, as well as opportunities for structuring future inputs.
- Began to review a draft map of the process used in the 2012 application round. The purpose of the review was to ensure that there is a common understanding of the process steps and relevant program elements and use this map as a basis for considering possible future process improvements.

### [23 May:](#)

- Provided an update on the development of the working document that summarizes the different perspectives expressed in the Work Track.
- Continued to review a draft map of the process used in the 2012 application round.

### 30 May:

- Began to discuss potential process improvements related to geographic names, drawing on the map of the 2012 process. Conversations focused on identifying options for improving objections, string contention, and contractual elements of the process.
- Provided an update on the [working document](#) to track Work Track inputs and discussions. The document was published following the call. Work Track members are encouraged to review the document and provide feedback.
- Discussed preparation underway for ICANN62 Cross-Community Sessions on geographic names at the top level.

Work Track 5 had a call on 6 June, which will be summarized in the following edition of the newsletter.

## Next Steps for Work Track 5:

Work Track 5 has calls schedule for 13 June and 20 June. In addition, there will be two Cross-Community Sessions at ICANN62 focused on gathering broader community input on topics discussed in Work Track 5. All are encouraged to participate in these sessions:

- [Monday 25 June](#) from 15:15 to 16:45 local time
- [Thursday 28 June](#) from 15:15 to 16:45 local time

The Cross-Community Sessions are an important opportunity for community members from all SO/ACs to provide input into Work Track 5 discussions.

The GAC and ccNSO will also hold sessions at ICANN62 that will include discussion of Work Track 5:

- [ccNSO Policy Session](#) on Tuesday 26 June from 10:30 to 12:00 local time (WT5 will be discussed between 11:00 and 11:30 local time)
- [GAC: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures WT1-5 \(incl. GAC Geographic Names WG\) Discussion](#) on Monday 25 June from 14:00 to 15:00 local time

Please note that while ccNSO and GAC members are encouraged to participate in these sessions, the sessions are not a substitute for participating in the Cross-Community sessions.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

In June 2014, the GNSO Council established a Discussion Group that was intended to evaluate the experiences of the 2012 round gTLD Program and to identify possible areas for future GNSO policy development. The Discussion Group's [deliverables](#) served as the basis for the GNSO Council's request for a Preliminary Issue Report in June of 2015.

Following the publication of the [Final Issue Report](#), the GNSO Council adopted the [charter](#) for the PDP Working Group, which began its work in February 2016. The Working Group initially concentrated on a set of overarching issues and has since established five separate Work Tracks to consider specific topic areas: Work Track 1 - Overall Process/Support/Outreach, Work Track 2 - Legal/Regulatory, Work Track 3: String Contention/Objections & Disputes, Work Track 4: Internationalized Domain Names/Technical & Operations, Work Track 5: Geographic Names at the Top Level.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Discussion Group identified a number of subjects that may require further analysis and possible formulation of policy language. There are existing policy recommendations adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board, which will remain in place unless the PDP WG determines that changes are needed.

**To join this effort, please email the GNSO Secretariat: [gns0-secs@icann.org](mailto:gns0-secs@icann.org)  
All are welcome!**

### MORE INFORMATION

- PDP Working Group Workspace Wiki: <https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw>
- PDP Working Group Charter: <https://community.icann.org/x/KAp1Aw>
- PDP Working Group Active Project Page: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>