

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

September 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:

The Working Group continues to accept [public comments](#) on its [Initial Report](#), which was published on 3 July. The report includes preliminary recommendations, options, and questions for community input. The public comment period was originally scheduled to close on 5 September, but the [deadline has been extended to 26 September](#). All are welcome and encouraged to submit feedback on this report.

The Working Group held two meetings in August:

[13 August:](#)

- Deliberated on Registrar Support for New Registries, one of the topics that will be included in the supplemental Initial Report, and discussed options to address gTLDs that have low uptake by registrars.
- Reviewed the process for reaching consensus on the Initial Report, which will be used once the Working Group has considered and incorporated input received through public comment. See section 3.6 of the [GNSO Working Group Guidelines](#) for additional information.
- Went over the proposed timing of face-to-face sessions at ICANN63 and discussed possible areas of focus for these sessions.

[27 August:](#)

- Reviewed draft sections of the supplemental Initial Report on Auctions: Mechanisms of Last Resort and Use of Private Auctions, with a focus on refining draft preliminary recommendations, options, and questions for community input.
- Agreed that it would be useful to have additional data points about the use of private auctions in the 2012 round and developed a plan for seeking external input on this topic.
- Discussed revised [work plan](#) (see next steps below for additional details).

The WG had a meeting on 11 September, which will be summarized in the following edition of the newsletter.

There were no meetings held for the individual Work Tracks (1-4) during the month of August separate and apart from the full group meetings.

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

The Working Group will be meeting weekly beginning in September to progress several elements of the work plan. The WG has meetings scheduled for 17 September and 24 September. During these meetings the Working Group will focus on finalizing content for the supplemental Initial Report, laying the groundwork for establishing breakout groups to review public comments on the Initial Report, and preparing for sessions at ICANN63.

Current Status of Work Track 5:

Work Track 5 (WT5) held two meetings in August:

8 August:

- Reviewed the draft work plan prepared by the leadership team outlining remaining steps to publication of the WT5 Initial Report.
- Went over the consensus call process that WT5 will follow. See section 3.6 of the [GNSO Working Group Guidelines](#) for additional information.
- Reviewed draft preliminary recommendations on ASCII two-character letter-letter combinations and country and territory names and considered adjustments to the text proposed by Work Track members. The most recent version of the recommendations is available on the WT5 [wiki](#).

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- Reviewed revisions to draft preliminary recommendations on ASCII letter-letter combinations and country and territory names.
- Discussed whether additional terms not included in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook should have special rules or protections in subsequent procedures. Considered whether there were problems from the 2012 round that need to be solved in this regard, as well as the basis for any additional protections/restrictions, and the potential scope of the category.
- Began to review proposals from Work Track members on the future treatment of “non-AGB terms.”

WT5 had a meeting on 5 September, which will be summarized in the following edition of the newsletter.

Next Steps for Work Track 5:

WT5 has a meeting scheduled for 19 September. This call will focus on concluding preliminary discussions about terms that required government support or non-objection in the 2012 round. The Work Track is also continuing to refine draft preliminary recommendations, options, and questions to include in the Initial Report. WT5 is seeking to publish its Initial Report prior to ICANN63.

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. It later conducted deliberations on additional topics in its charter using five separate Work Tracks: 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: gns-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://gns.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>