

Project Change Request Form

Severity: [MED]

Project name:

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures

Requested by:

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Change description:

At ICANN66, the SubPro PDP Working Group leadership team submitted a work plan that estimated a delivery date of its Final Report to the GNSO Council by the end of Q2 2020. At the time there was an expectation that if there was a public comment period, it would be limited to only those areas for which the PDP was recommending new solutions to issues that were not previously subject to comment. Since ICANN66, it has become clear through Working Group discussions and letters received from the GAC and ALAC that the community not only wants another public comment period, but it also wants to see the entire draft final work product at the time that comments are being solicited. Therefore, SubPro leadership does not believe that it will be able to deliver a final report by the end of Q2 2020. As a result, the working group needs more time to deliver its Final Report to the Council.

Accordingly, the working group is requesting approval for a revision to the work plan that allows delivery of the Final Report to the GNSO Council by no later than 31 December 2020. Although we are confident that we will be able to deliver a Final Report before then, we are building in some extra room as a contingency. Our new Work Plan is attached.

Change reason:

There are several reasons for the adjustments to the work plan:

- The working group was previously undecided on whether an additional public comment period would be needed. Although the working group had mostly coalesced around the need for an additional public comment, there was an expectation that the comment proceeding would be focused on a limited set of topics. However, current thinking described above requires that the draft Final Report and all recommendations are available (though comment may only be sought on certain areas).
- The list of topics within our PDP is extensive, and comprehensive consideration of each one is taking longer than anticipated in some cases.
- The previous work plan submitted was a best case estimate while this work plan allows for slack and contingencies.

- As presented to the GNSO Council on several occasions, some of the other challenges include:
 - The WG is developing draft final recommendations, but there are several areas which may not have consensus recommendations.
 - Some WG members are continuing to show up to meetings without an understanding or appreciation of conversations that have already taken place, or without having reviewed materials shared and to be discussed.
 - Some WG members continue to assert that their strongly held opinion must be upheld, losing sight of how the MSM model works and consensus is reached.
 - Some WG members seem to lack the incentive to reach compromise.
 - Despite a large number of WG members, participation continues to come from a limited subset of participants, who sometimes dominate the conversation. Discussion on mail list is limited as well.

Impact of change (complete for relevant categories):

- **Scope:** N/A
- **Budget:** N/A
- **Timeline:** An additional six months are requested to complete work.
- **Resourcing:** Additional community volunteer time and GNSO Policy staff commitment. However, the leadership team is considering holding several “extended” meetings in April and May to cover some of the more difficult issues. Although a Face to Face meeting would be preferable, we recognize that it would be too expensive to arrange for such a meeting. In lieu of that, we believe that holding 4 3-hour meetings (two in April and two in May) could have the effect of pulling our schedule in. However, the current work plan is not dependent on those meetings.
- **Communications:** N/A
- **Other:** N/A

Proposed action:

Adjust work plan to target no later than 31 December 2020 for the Final Report, which the working group considers a more achievable target. Nevertheless, the working group will seek to beat the target date by seeking improvements in its work processes when possible (e.g., relying on the practice of emphasizing “can’t live with” as utilized in the EPDP Phase 2), as well as holding additional meetings as described above.

Estimated Associated cost, if applicable:

Direct cost impacts cannot be calculated until a burden rate estimate is established for PDPs.

Outcome of the request (to be completed AFTER the GNSO Council completes its deliberation on the request):

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Meeting Date	Topic		
30 January 2020	Fees; Variable Fees		
3 February 2020	Application Submission Period; Terms and Conditions		
6 February 2020	Continuing Subsequent Procedures; Applications Assessed in Rounds		
10 February 2020	RSP Pre-Approval		
13 February 2020	RSP Pre-Approval; Universal Acceptance		
17 February 2020	Registry System Testing; Application Queuing		
20 February 2020	Closed Generics		
25 February 2020	Closed Generics		
27 February 2020	Applicant Reviews		
2 March 2020	Applicant Reviews		
ICANN67	TBD - topics of interest to GAC; areas where recs potentially conflict with GAC Advice		
23 March 2020	Applicant Freedom of Expression		
26 March 2020	Application Submission Limits; Role of Application Comment		
30 March 2020	String Similarity		
2 April 2020	String Similarity		
6 April 2020	Objections		
9 April 2020	Objections		
13 April 2020	Global Public Interest		
16 April 2020	Global Public Interest		
20 April 2020	Registrar Support for New gTLDs; Registrar Non-Discrimination / Registry/Registrar Standardization		
23 April 2020	Community Applications		
27 April 2020	Community Applications		
30 April 2020	Applicant Support		
4 May 2020	Applicant Support		
7 May 2020	Accountability Mechanisms		
11 May 2020	Accountability Mechanisms		
14 May 2020	Base Registry Agreement		
18 May 2020	TLD Rollout; Contractual Compliance		
21 May 2020	Security and Stability		
26 May 2020	IDNs; Name Collisions		

28 May 2020	Reserved Names; Different TLD Types		
1 June 2020	Geographic Names		
4 June 2020	Registrant Protections		
8 June 2020	Auctions: Mechanisms of Last Resort		
11 June 2020	Auctions: Mechanism of Last Resort		
15 June 2020	Private Resolution of Contention Sets		
ICANN68	Buffer		
29 June 2020	Application Change Requests		
2 July 2020	Predictability		
6 July 2020	Predictability		
9 July 2020	Finalize and Review Report for Public Comment		
13 July 2020	Finalize and Review Report for Public Comment		
16 July 2020	Finalize and Review Report for Public Comment		
20 July 2020	Finalize and Review Report for Public Comment		
23 July 2020	Publish Draft Final Report for Public Comment		
1 September 2020	Close Public Comment		
30 October 2020	Complete Review of Public Comment		
30 November 2020	Complete Revision of Final Report		
15 December 2020	Consensus Call		
20 December 2020	Deliver Final Report to GNSO Council		