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Welcome to ICANN65 from the GNSO Chair



Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of myself, the Vice Chairs, Pam Little and Rafik Dammak, and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, I would like to welcome you to ICANN65 in Marrakech, Morocco. ICANN65 is the 2019 Policy Forum, a four-day meeting focused on work supporting policy development. The GNSO community will leverage our time together in Marrakech to make progress on ongoing policy development processes (PDPs) while also devoting time to several other key policy initiatives.

Many of you have been closely following the work of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registration Data. In May 2018, the ICANN Board adopted a Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data as an interim measure to bring existing WHOIS obligations in line with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. This, in turn, triggered the obligation of the GNSO Council to undertake the EPDP to determine whether to confirm the Temporary Specification as a Consensus Policy. Relevant provisions in the Bylaws required that this work be completed within 12 months of the implementation effective date of the Temporary Specification which was 25 May 2019.

The EPDP Team delivered its Final Report for Phase 1 of its work on 20 February 2019, which was approved by the GNSO Council on 4 March 2019. On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board adopted most of the GNSO Council Policy Recommendations for a new Consensus Policy on gTLD Registration Data. Those interested in the implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations are welcome to follow the progress of the Implementation Review Team (IRT), as it approaches the target publication date of August 2019 for the New gTLD Registration Data Policy. Meanwhile, work continues in the EPDP Phase 2, which includes the discussion of a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data. During ICANN65 sessions, the EPDP Team will continue its initial deliberations. In addition to the EPDP working sessions, GNSO community members may be interested in attending the cross-community topic session on the impact of GDPR and EPDP Phase 1 recommendations on existing policies and procedures.

The EPDP continues to provide an opportunity for the GNSO community to test some of its PDP 3.0 recommendations. Empowering the GNSO Council to serve its role as the manager of policy development, PDP 3.0 is a Council initiative aimed at introducing incremental improvements to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of the PDP working groups. Discussions started at the GNSO Council's pilot Strategic Planning Session in January 2018, which led to development of a detailed implementation plan last December. The GNSO Council has since been making progress on

implementing specific recommendations from those discussions by taking advantage of teleconferences and face-to-face time. In Marrakech, the Council will continue its work on the implementation of recommendations as it seeks to apply improvements to ongoing and future PDPs.

In addition to the EPDP Team, other GNSO working groups will also hold sessions aimed at making progress on their policy development efforts. The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group will be analyzing community input on policy recommendations contained in its Initial Report and Supplemental Initial Reports. The working group conducts this analysis to determine whether recommendations should be modified for the Final Report. The Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group will be holding four open meetings, during which the preliminary recommendations on Sunrise and Trademark Claims RPMs will be discussed. The working group's Phase 1 work is expected to continue through early 2020 and the projected delivery of its Initial Report to the GNSO Council is by April 2020.

Recently, the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group has completed its work. In April 2019, the GNSO Council voted to approve recommendations 1-4 of Final Report from the working group. The Council also resolved to not approve Recommendation 5 and directed the RPM PDP to consider, as part of its Phase 2 work, whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is consistent with recommendations 1-4. The GNSO Council further resolved to amend the charter for the Review of All RPM in All gTLDs PDP Working Group to reflect this new instruction accordingly. The GNSO Council has now begun considering the revisions to the charter of the RPM PDP in line with the resolution, as well as potential PDP 3.0 recommendations to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness.

In Marrakech, the GNSO Council will meet on three days: Monday, 24 June for an all-day working session; Wednesday, 26 June for its monthly Council meeting; and Thursday, 27 June for a wrap-up of the week's achievements and action items. Other sessions of interest for the GNSO community include joint meetings with the ICANN Board, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). These sessions serve as important touchpoints between the GNSO and other parts of the ICANN community.

There will be many opportunities throughout ICANN65 to engage with the GNSO community and contribute to important ongoing work. If you are new to the GNSO and want to make the most of your time at ICANN65, I recommend attending the

Morning Policy Briefing on Monday, 24 June from 8:30 to 9:30 local time in room Tichka. This interactive session will help you prepare for the week ahead and provide ample opportunities to ask questions and engage with ICANN staff supporting GNSO policy work.

I look forward to seeing many of you, both newcomers and familiar faces alike, in Marrakech. Safe travels and have a great meeting.

Keith Drazek
GNSO Chair

ICANN65 at a Glance

The second ICANN Public Meeting of 2019, the ICANN65 Policy Forum is a four-day meeting highlighting cross-community policy development activities with sessions focused on policy work and outreach. A key element of the Policy Forum is a series of cross-community and high interest topic discussions. They provide community members from all Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) an opportunity to collaborate on issues of common interest. The Policy Forum will also dedicate time for Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Development Process (PDP) working groups and teams to conduct face-to-face working sessions. The GNSO Council's Public Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 26 June from 13:00-15:00 (local time).

The GNSO Policy Support Team has developed this briefing document to help community members prepare for ICANN65. It provides an overview of the status of GNSO PDP working groups and teams, as well as information about other GNSO policy-related activities, including GNSO co-chartered Cross-Community Working Groups (CCWG) and PDP Implementation Review Teams (IRTs). The document includes links for additional background reading that will help you prepare for sessions in Marrakech and support active participation by all attendees.

Newcomers to ICANN and the GNSO may be interested in online learning opportunities that will further help them make the most of the upcoming meeting. We highly recommend taking the **Introduction to the GNSO** course on **ICANN Learn**. The course will make it easier to navigate through the structure and content of this Policy Briefing with a better understanding of PDPs. All are encouraged to enroll.

Please note that any reference to meeting times in this document is provisional. Please consult the ICANN meeting schedule for the latest information.

ICANN65 MEETING INFORMATION

- Meeting page: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech65>
- Schedule: <https://schedule.icann.org/>
- Register for ICANN65: <https://registration.icann.org/>
- General remote participation info: <https://meetings.icann.org/en/remote-participation>
- GNSO session remote participation details: <http://go.icann.org/gnsoremote>
- Expected standard of behavior: <https://go.icann.org/2ChDUjG>

GNSO RELATED INFORMATION

- GNSO one-stop shop for ICANN65: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/icannmeeting>
- Project list: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/project>

If you have any questions about or suggestions for this Policy Briefing or GNSO policy activities, please contact us at policy-staff@ICANN.org. Safe travels to those traveling to Marrakech and we look forward to a productive meeting.

Participate in ICANN65 GNSO Policy Webinar & Morning Briefing



SAVE *the* DATE

GNSO Policy Webinar (pre-ICANN65)	GNSO Morning Briefing (at ICANN65)
Monday, 17 June 21:00-22:30 UTC	Monday, 24 June 08:30-09:30 CET

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Support Team is pleased to announce two planned events to help you get prepared for ICANN65. To optimize your participation at these events, read the Pre-ICANN65 GNSO Policy Briefing and bring your questions.

BEFORE ICANN65 | GNSO POLICY WEBINAR

This webinar will be held on Monday, 17 June from 21:00-22:30 (UTC). Join webinar here: <https://icann.zoom.us/j/347985415>

The leaders of major GNSO policy development processes (PDPs) will provide an in-depth review of their topics, current issues being discussed, and what to expect at ICANN65. During the webinar, participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions about policy development work. A question-and-answer exchange will follow each working group presentation. The goal of the webinar is to enhance your preparation for ICANN65 and facilitate engagement in GNSO policy development activities.

Who should participate? Anyone interested in gaining insight into GNSO PDP working group activities.

DURING ICANN65 | GNSO POLICY MORNING BRIEFING

This session will be held on Monday, 24 June from 08:30-09:30 (local time - CET). Learn more here: <https://65.schedule.icann.org/meetings/1058163>

As the first GNSO session at ICANN65, the GNSO Policy Morning Briefing aims to enhance participants' understanding of why GNSO policy development is important and to prepare for the GNSO sessions scheduled throughout the week. In an interactive setting, participants will have ample opportunity to ask the GNSO Policy Support Team questions, engage in candid discussions, and network amongst themselves. The GNSO Policy Support Team hopes the GNSO Policy Morning Briefing will serve as a starting point for engagement in the GNSO policy work during and beyond ICANN65.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

- ICANN newcomers interested in following and getting involved in GNSO policy activities.
- ICANN65 attendees who want to know what to expect at the GNSO sessions in Marrakech.

The GNSO Policy Development Support Team looks forward to your participation!

Expedited Policy Development Process: Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team currently has two sessions scheduled at ICANN65: Tuesday, 25 June from 08:30-15:00 (local time) and Thursday, 27 June from 08:30-15:00 (local time).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The Board took this action to establish temporary requirements for how ICANN and its contracted parties would continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and community-developed policies related to WHOIS, while also complying with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Temporary Specification has been adopted under the procedure for Temporary Policies outlined in the Registry Agreement (RA) and Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA). Following adoption of the Temporary Specification, the Board "shall immediately implement the Consensus Policy development process set forth in ICANN's Bylaws." This Consensus Policy development process on the Temporary Specification had to be carried out within a one-year period. Additionally, the scope included discussion of a standardized access system to nonpublic registration data.

At its meeting on 19 July 2018, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council initiated an EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data and adopted the EPDP Team charter. The EPDP Team published its Phase 1 Initial Report for **Public Comment** on 21 November 2018. The EPDP Team incorporated public comments into its Phase 1 **Final Report**, and the GNSO Council voted to adopt all 29 recommendations within the EPDP's Phase 1 **Final Report** at its meeting on 4 March 2019.

On 15 May 2019, the ICANN Board **adopted** the EPDP Team's Phase 1 Final Report, with the exception of parts of two recommendations: 1) Purpose 2 in Recommendation 1, and 2) the option to delete data in the Organization field in Recommendation 12. Per the ICANN Bylaws, a consultation will take place between the GNSO Council and the ICANN Board to discuss the parts of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations that were not adopted by the ICANN Board. At the same time, an Implementation Review Team (IRT), consisting of the ICANN organization

¹See section 3.1(a) of the Registry Agreement: <https://www.icann.org/resources/unthemed-pages/org-agmt-html-2013-09-12-en>

and members of the ICANN community, will now implement the approved recommendations of the EPDP Team’s Phase 1 Final Report. For further details on the status of implementation, [click here](#).

The EPDP Team has now begun Phase 2 of its work and will commence its deliberation on a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data, as well as other items that were either included in the EPDP Team charter or deferred from Phase 1.

WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE EFFORTS?

The scope for EPDP Phase 2 includes: (i) discussion of a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data, (ii) issues noted in the [Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#) (“Important Issues for Further Community Action”), and (iii) issues deferred from Phase 1 (e.g. legal vs. natural persons, redaction of city field, etc.) For further details, please see [here](#).

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The EPDP Team has been tasked with working on issues related to WHOIS registration data that the ICANN community has been discussing and trying to resolve for over 10 years.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

On 2 May 2019, the EPDP Team held its first Phase 2 [meeting](#). Since then, the EPDP Team has been working to agree on an approach and construct its work plan, including milestones, expected deliverables, necessary resources, and potential parallel workstreams.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The EPDP Team will continue working on its project plan with the intent to begin substantive discussions on priority 1 items related to a system for standardized access and disclosure to nonpublic registration data. Please see further details [here](#).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

You can become an observer of the EPDP Team mailing list on a read-only basis. Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/iZg5JWHOnERsoEMI2>. The names of mailing list observers will also be published on the [EPDP Workspace](#).

While participation on EPDP Team conference calls is restricted to appointed members and liaisons only, non-members are able to listen in real-time via audio cast.

MORE INFORMATION

- EPDP Phase 1 Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2E6DEbh>
- EPDP Phase 1 Final Report: <https://go.icann.org/2TNA63g>
- EPDP Webpage: <https://go.icann.org/2O8UTP6>
- EPDP Workspace: <https://go.icann.org/2LKujuF>
- EPDP Charter: <https://go.icann.org/2MsBAAx>

Staff Responsible: Marika Konings, Caitlin Tubergen, Berry Cobb (consultant)

Policy Development Process: New Generic Top-Level Domain Subsequent Procedures

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is set to meet on Monday, 24 June 2019 and Tuesday, 25 June 2019. On Monday, the working group will discuss its Work Track 5, dedicated to the topic of geographic names at the top-level. Work Track 5 expects to conduct substantive deliberations on comments received on its Supplemental Initial Report. On Tuesday, the working group will also conduct substantive deliberations on comments received on its Initial Report. Both Work Track 5 and the full working group intend to progress towards developing a set of final recommendations.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The PDP on New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures was initiated in December 2015 and chartered in January 2016. It aims to determine what, if any, changes need to be made to the existing policy recommendations from the 2007 **Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains**, such as:

- Clarifying, amending, or overriding existing policy principles, recommendations, and implementation guidance;
- Developing new policy recommendations; and,
- Supplementing or developing new implementation guidance.

It should be noted that the existing policy recommendations adopted by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council and ICANN Board have “been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanism for applicants to propose new top-level domains.” Essentially, this means that these recommendations will remain in place unless the working group determines that changes are needed.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The New gTLD Program marked a seminal moment in ICANN’s history. In spite of great interest and over 1,000 successful TLD delegations, changes to existing policies and implementation guidance might be needed for future gTLD launches. The **Final Issue Report** and the working group **charter** identified a number of subjects that require analysis and potential policy development.

²GNSO Summary of Policy Recommendations: <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/new-gtlds/summary-principles-recommendations-implementation-guidelines-22oct08.doc.pdf>

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT?

The working group started its work on 22 February 2016 and began deliberations on a set of six overarching or foundational subjects. It established four work tracks to address the remaining subjects identified in the charter. After completing preliminary discussions on their respective topics and considering input received through public consultations (e.g. face-to-face meetings, Public Comment), the working group and work tracks developed preliminary recommendations and outcomes, and identified areas where they are specifically seeking community input. On 3 July 2018, the working group published its **Initial Report** for Public Comment, receiving a number of comments by the 26 September 2018 deadline. In October 2018, the working group published a **Supplemental Initial Report**, which considers topics additional to those found in its Initial Report. Now the working group has completed its initial review of public comments for both its Initial Report and its Supplemental Initial Report. Since ICANN64, the working group began the process of taking into account how public input might affect its final recommendations.

The PDP's Work Track 5 is devoted solely to the issue of geographic names at the top-level. Work Track 5 has a shared leadership model amongst the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and the GNSO. Work Track 5 has focused on reviewing the existing geographic terms and their respective rules in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook (AGB) and considering whether they require modification. It is also assessing geographic terms that were not identified in the AGB and, if applicable, determining what the corresponding treatment should be. Work Track 5 published its **Supplemental Initial Report** in December 2018 and completed its initial review of public comments in mid-May 2019. Work Track 5 is beginning the process of taking into account how public input might affect recommendations it will submit to the full working group.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The full working group will continue determining what changes may be needed as a result of the public comments received. The working group will continue considering summary reports from the three subgroups it convened, which were tasked with compiling, reviewing, and tabulating the public comments for further analysis. The working group will then determine if and how the public comments will affect final recommendations in the Final Report.

Similarly, Work Track 5 will continue the work it started in late May 2019. It is also considering how public comments may affect recommendations it will submit to the full working group.

The working group hopes to coordinate timing so that a single, unified Final Report is delivered to the GNSO Council.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

This working group is open to all participants. If you are interested in joining, please email gns0-secs@icann.org. As the working group has already been in operation for a substantial amount of time and has progressed in its deliberations, newcomers are expected to catch up on the discussions to date and to not reopen previously closed topics unless new information is presented.

MORE INFORMATION

- Working Group Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2Q2pnjd>
- Working Group Supplemental Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2BsFcuH>
- WT5 Supplemental Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2SxaXgA>
- PDP Webpage: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>
- Working Group Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw>
- Working Group Charter: <https://go.icann.org/2G7BdUf>
- Final Issue Report: <https://go.icann.org/2Eoutkv>

BACKGROUND

While the application submission period for the initial new gTLD round closed in June 2012, the GNSO Council continues to play a role in evaluating the first round and proposing policy recommendations for changes to subsequent rounds, if necessary. A **discussion group** was created to begin the evaluation process and identify areas for future GNSO policy development. Upon considering the deliverables of the discussion group, the GNSO Council requested a Preliminary Issue Report to be delivered by the ICANN organization. After incorporating public comments on its Preliminary Issue Report, staff prepared and delivered the Final Issue Report. Subsequently, the GNSO Council initiated the PDP and adopted the working group charter.

Staff Responsible: Steve Chan, Emily Barabas, Julie Hedlund

Policy Development Process: Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All Generic Top-Level Domains

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Review of All Rights Mechanisms in All Generic Top-Level Domains Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will be holding four open meetings on Tuesday, 25 June 2019 (two 90-minute sessions) and Thursday, 27 June 2019 (one 105-minute session and one 90-minute session). Please check the ICANN65 meeting schedule for actual times and meeting locations. All community members are welcome to attend all the open sessions. The working group will be continuing its review of the Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) covered by Phase 1 of this two-phased PDP.

WHAT IS THIS PDP ABOUT?

This PDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase 1 covers all the RPMs applicable to generic top-level domains (gTLDs) launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program. These RPMs include: Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP); Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH); Sunrise and Trademark Claims services that are offered through the TMCH; and Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure. Phase 2 will focus on reviewing the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. The working group is currently in Phase 1 and hopes to complete this stage of work by April 2020.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Community feedback on the RPMs developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program indicated a need to review their application and scope, especially if there is to be further expansion of the gTLD space. The 2012 New gTLD Program RPMs are mechanisms that have now been in use for several years. The UDRP is a long-standing Consensus Policy that has never undergone any substantial review. By the conclusion of both phases of this PDP, the working group is expected to have considered the overarching issue as to whether all the RPMs collectively fulfill the purposes for which they were created, or whether additional policy recommendations are needed. The outcome of this PDP is also intended to create a coherent and uniform mechanism for future reviews of all RPMs.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council initiated the PDP on 18 February 2016 and chartered the working group in March 2016. The working group began its Phase 1 work with reviewing the TM-PDDRP, which was completed in late 2016, and has mostly completed an initial review of the structure and scope of the TMCH.

By the end of ICANN63 in October 2018, the working group completed its review of the URS dispute resolution procedure. It also completed a data collection exercise, involving **professionally-designed surveys** of targeted respondent groups, to obtain both quantitative and anecdotal evidence that can assist with its review of Sunrise and Trademark Claims that are offered through the TMCH.

After ICANN63, the working group has been focusing on the review of the Sunrise and Trademark Claims services. In December 2019, two sub teams were formed to analyze all Sunrise and Trademark Claims related data with an aim to answer the agreed charter questions. The data the sub teams were tasked with reviewing includes the results of the professionally designed surveys, the data collected prior to the launch of the surveys, and additional sources suggested by working group members in February 2019. The sub teams completed their analysis of all data before ICANN64.

Since ICANN64, the sub teams have been developing answers to the agreed charter questions and preliminary recommendations based on their review and analysis of the Sunrise and Trademark Claims data. In parallel, the sub teams have also been conducting the initial vetting of proposals submitted by individual working group members, with an eye toward recommending the full Working Group whether to include them in the Initial Report.

Prior to ICANN65 in June 2019, the sub teams are expected to have almost completed their development of proposed answers and preliminary recommendations, as well as the review of individual proposals. The sub teams will use the sessions at ICANN65 to finalize their work, as well as to present and discuss their progress with the full working group.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The working group is aiming to complete the review of Sunrise and Trademark Claims services and complete discussions on all proposals at or before ICANN65 in June 2019. Following its review of the Sunrise and Trademark Claims RPMs, it will complete the review of the TMCH in general and finalize its preliminary recommendations for all the Phase 1 RPMs.

The working group is aiming to publish an Initial Report on Phase 1 recommendations for Public Comment by the end of January 2020. It will continue to coordinate its timelines and work with other related efforts, such as the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, and the Competition, Consumer Choice, and Consumer Trust Review.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The working group is open to all. You may join as either a member (with full posting rights to the mailing list and the ability to participate in all meetings) or as an observer (with read-only status for the mailing list). Please email the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org if you wish to join the group.

As the working group has operated for a substantial amount of time and progressed in its deliberations, newcomers are expected to catch up on the discussions to date and to not reopen previously closed topics unless new information is presented.

MORE INFORMATION

- PDP Webpage: <http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/rpm>
- Working Group Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/wCWAaw>
- Working Group Charter: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/rpm-charter-15mar16-en.pdf>
- Final Issue Report: <https://go.icann.org/2BvPivt>

BACKGROUND

In October 2011, prior to the launch of the 2012 New gTLD Program, ICANN organization published a Final Issue Report on the current state of the UDRP. The recommended course of action at the time was for the GNSO Council to hold off from initiating a PDP until after the new URS had been in operation for at least 18 months. The GNSO Council followed this recommended course of action and staff published a new Preliminary Issue Report in September 2015 that covered all existing RPMs. The Final Issue Report that led to this current PDP was published in January 2016 and outlined the two-phased approach that was eventually adopted by the GNSO Council.

Staff Responsible: Mary Wong, Julie Hedlund, Ariel Liang, Berry Cobb (consultant)

Policy Development Process: International Governmental Organization-International Non-Governmental Organization Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The IGO-INGO Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group has completed its work, delivered its Final Report to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, and will not be holding any meetings at ICANN65. The GNSO Council has voted to adopt recommendations 1-4 of the Final Report. However, the GNSO Council elected to refer Recommendation 5 to the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP. On Tuesday, 25 June 2019 from 13:30-14:30 (local time), a small team of GNSO Councilors will meet with a team of Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) members to discuss potential next steps.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP was initiated in June 2014 by the GNSO Council to consider whether existing curative rights mechanisms at the second level of the Domain Name System (DNS), namely the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure, should be modified to address the needs of International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs). IGOs and INGOs have highlighted certain difficulties they face in using these mechanisms to protect their names and acronyms.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Protecting the names and acronyms of IGOs and INGOs at the top-level and second-level of the DNS has been a long-standing issue over the course of the New gTLD Program. The GNSO had previously recommended certain protective measures to the ICANN Board. However, those recommendations did not address whether existing domain name dispute resolution procedures provided adequate protection for IGO and INGO names and acronyms. The GNSO Council tasked this working group to consider whether the UDRP and URS should be amended to resolve the problems faced by IGOs and INGOs (and if so, in what way), or if a separate, narrowly tailored dispute resolution procedure should be developed to apply only to IGOs and INGOs.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The working group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 9 July 2018. The GNSO Council resolved to accept the Final Report on 19 July 2018, though it did not take final action on the report at that time. The Council noted that it would seek to consider the topic of curative rights protections for IGOs in the broader context of the appropriate overall scope of protection for all IGO identifiers.

In the ensuing period of time, the GNSO Council continued to consider how it would proceed with the Final Report. In October 2018, the Council held a question and answer webinar to review the recommendations and to ask itself a series of questions concerning the process the PDP followed and the PDP's outcomes. The Council continued to debate and consider the best path forward through 2018 and early 2019, with a proposal put forth by Council leadership in December 2018.

The Council and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) met prior to and at ICANN64 to discuss the Final Report. The Council and GAC had productive discussions on topics including the procedural options that the Council is considering. The GAC's ICANN64 Kobe Communique noted the GAC's "fruitful exchanges with the GNSO Council regarding the possibility of restarting the PDP on curative protections, under conditions amenable to all interested parties, including IGOs and interested GAC members, with a view to achieving mutually acceptable results [with] a timeline...associated with such a course of action."

Based on discussions and consultation with the GAC, the Council believed that it had thoroughly considered the available options. On 18 April 2019, the Council resolved to approve recommendations 1-4 of the Final Report and refer Recommendation 5 to be considered by the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP as part of its Phase 2 work.

As part of its Consent Agenda, on 16 May 2019, the Council confirmed the transmission of the Recommendations Report (relating to recommendations 1-4) to the ICANN Board. Shortly afterward, the GAC sent [a letter](#) to the GNSO Council, noting that the approval of recommendations 1-4 and referring recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP is inconsistent with GAC Advice.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The GNSO Council and GAC are expected to meet at ICANN65 to discuss next steps.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The working group has concluded its Final Report and submitted it to the GNSO Council for consideration, so at this stage, it is no longer meeting. However, prior to Board consideration of recommendations 1-4, there will be an opportunity to provide input through a Public Comment forum.

MORE INFORMATION

- Working Group Initial Report containing the preliminary recommendations: <https://go.icann.org/2o1UbEZ>
- Public comment of the WG Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2C0tY2u>
- Working Group Final Report: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/igo-ingo-crp-access-final-17jul18-en.pdf>
- Working Group Recommendations Report: <https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/council-recommendations-pdp-igo-ingo-crp-access-final-16may19-en.pdf>
- PDP Webpage: <http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo-crp-access>
- Working Group Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/37rhAg>
- Working Group Charter: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/igo-ingo-crp-access-charter-24jun14-en.pdf>

BACKGROUND

IGOs and INGOs face certain challenges in fully using the UDRP and URS for a number of reasons. IGOs see the Mutual Jurisdiction requirement for both processes as jeopardizing their jurisdictional immunity status. For both IGOs and INGOs, the fact that the UDRP and URS were designed as protective mechanisms for trademark owners means that they cannot use these procedures unless they also own trademarks in their names or acronyms. Both types of organizations are also concerned about the cost involved in using these procedures, which means diverting resources and funds from their primary missions. The GAC has issued advice on the topic which the working group continues to take into account in its deliberations.

Staff Responsible: Mary Wong, Steve Chan

Implementation Status: Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The ICANN Board adopted consensus recommendations from the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) at its January 2019 meeting. While the Implementation Review Team (IRT) is having monthly meetings to plan the implementation, they will not meet at ICANN65.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This section of the Policy Briefing should be read together with the following section entitled “Implementation Status: Protection of International Governmental Organization (IGO)-International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) Identifiers in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) Policy Recommendations.”

The Protection of IGO-INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs Policy Development Process (PDP) was completed in November 2013. Although the GNSO Council accepted all the PDP working group recommendations, the ICANN Board to date has approved only those recommendations that are consistent with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) advice received on the subject. These recommendations have been subsequently **implemented** with a Policy Effective date of 1 August 2018. The remaining recommendations are still under Board consideration. These were the subject of a facilitated dialogue between the GAC and the GNSO at ICANN58 as part of a process to reconcile the GAC advice and the GNSO PDP recommendations.

Following that facilitated discussion, the ICANN Board requested that the GNSO Council consider initiating the GNSO policy amendment process in accordance with the GNSO’s procedures. The GNSO Council agreed to launch the policy amendment process and reconvene the original PDP working group. The working group developed a finite, limited list of specific names of 191 Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies as well as a limited, defined set of variants for these names.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The ICANN Bylaws contain provisions that outline specific steps to be taken by the Board in cases where it disagrees with either GAC advice or GNSO PDP recommendations. In this case, the Board elected not to trigger either of these processes when it only adopted those GNSO PDP recommendations that were consistent with GAC advice in April 2014 and requested additional time to consider the remaining, inconsistent recommendations.

The GNSO Council launched the PDP on the Protection of IGO-INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs in November 2012. The aim is to consider what the appropriate form and scope of protections would be at both the top-level and second-level of the Domain Name System (DNS) for the Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and other IGOs and INGOs. All these organizations perform important public interest or humanitarian work. Cybersquatting and related abuse of domain names identical or confusingly similar to their names and acronyms could significantly impact their missions and resources. The GNSO Council approved and the Board adopted part of the PDP outcomes, which included consensus recommendations that a limited list of Red Cross Red Crescent, IOC, IGO, and INGO identifiers be reserved.

For the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, these are “Red Cross,” “Red Crescent,” “Red Crystal,” and “Red Lion and Sun” at the top-level and second-level. For IGOs, only their full organizational names are reserved at the second-level. The appropriate DNS protections for many of the other identifiers associated with the Red Cross Red Crescent and IGOs – e.g., Red Cross Red Crescent National Society names, the names and acronyms of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, and IGO acronyms – have yet to be finalized. The facilitated dialogue that took place between representatives of the GAC and the GNSO at ICANN58 was an attempt to reconcile the remaining inconsistencies between GAC advice and the GNSO PDP recommendations.

The GNSO Council’s vote in May 2017 initiated the policy amendment process only for specific names associated with the Red Cross. Discussion over IGO acronyms is ongoing.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The ICANN Board **adopted** the GNSO’s consensus policy recommendations at its January 2019 meeting. The ICANN organization is planning for the implementation.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Once the implementation plan has been developed, it will be reviewed with the IRT and then published for Public Comment.

MORE INFORMATION

- IRT Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/RJFCaW>
- PDP Webpage: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo>
- Working Group Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/2YJEAg>
- ICANN Board resolution of April 2014 adopting the PDP recommendations consistent with GAC advice and requesting more time for the remaining recommendations: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2014-04-30-en-2.a>
- GAC webpage listing GAC Communiqué advice relating to IGO protections: <https://gacweb.icann.org/display/GACADV/IGO+Names+and+Acronyms>
- Documents, meetings, and mailing list for GAC-GNSO facilitated dialogue: <https://community.icann.org/x/eoPRAw>
- ICANN Board resolution at ICANN58 requesting that the GNSO Council consider amending the adopted PDP recommendations pertaining to Red Cross names: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2017-03-16-en#2.e.i>
- GNSO PDP Manual: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/annex-2-pdp-manual-01sep16-en.pdf>
- GNSO Council resolution initiating the policy amendment process: <https://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#20170503-071>
- ICANN Board resolution for Adoption of GNSO Consensus Policy relating to Certain Red Cross & Rec Crescent Names at the Second Level of the Domain Name System: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-01-27-en#2.d>

Staff Responsible: Dennis Chang

Implementation Status: Protection of International Governmental Organization-International Non-Governmental Organization Identifiers in All Generic Top-Level Domains Policy Recommendations

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) does not plan to meet at ICANN65.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This section of the Policy Briefing should be read together with the previous section entitled “Implementation Status: Protections for Certain Red Cross Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs).”

The Policy Development Process (PDP) on the Protection of International Governmental Organization (IGO)-International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) Identifiers in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) was initiated to develop policy recommendations for the provision of protection for identifiers (e.g., names or acronyms) of certain IGOs and INGOs. These include the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (RCRC), and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The PDP working group completed its work in November 2013 and all of its consensus recommendations were **approved** by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council. In April 2014, the ICANN Board the PDP recommendations that were “not inconsistent” with GAC advice received on the topic, and requested more time to consider the remaining inconsistent recommendations. The adopted recommendations relate to protection at the top and second level for specific RCRC, IOC, and IGO full names (with an Exception Procedure to be designed for the affected organizations), and a 90-day Claims Notification process at the second level for certain INGO full names.

This project covers only the implementation status of the recommendations that were adopted by the ICANN Board in April 2014. It is not concerned with the ongoing policy amendment process for the remaining inconsistent recommendations (e.g., IGO acronyms and remaining names of the RCRC) or the deliberations of the ongoing PDP Working Group on IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protections.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Throughout the development of the 2012 New gTLD Program, issues related to whether certain international organizations (e.g., IGOs, the RCRC, and the IOC) should receive special protection for their names at the top and second level in the Domain Name System have been raised. In the PDP launched by the GNSO Council, the scope of organizations was expanded to also consider INGOs (other than the RCRC and IOC). All these organizations perform important public interest or humanitarian work. They have reported that cybersquatting and related abuse of domain names (e.g., domain names that are identical or confusingly similar to the organizations' names and acronyms) could significantly impact their missions and resources.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

On 16 January 2018, the implementation of the Consensus Policy for the Protection of Certain Specific IGO and INGO Identifiers for All gTLDs was published. As of 1 August 2018, implementation has been completed for the portion of the policy that provides protection by reserving full names for certain specific names of IGOs, the IOC, and the RCRC. For INGOs, the implementation period will be 12 months from the release of the INGO Claims Systems Specification which is currently under development by the ICANN organization. In January 2019, the ICANN Board adopted the policy recommendation proposed by the Reconvened PDP Working Group on the Protections of the Specific Red Cross Red Crescent Names in All gTLDs. This IRT has increased its work scope to include that additional implementation work.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

In coordination with the IRT, the Global Domains Division (GDD) is working with the affected parties that require protection to implement the policy by claims notification and the reservation of the specific Red Cross Red Crescent names.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you wish to join the IRT, please contact the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org. As the IRT has already been in operation for a substantial amount of time and has progressed in its deliberations, newcomers are expected to catch up on the discussions to date and to not reopen previously closed topics unless new information is presented.

MORE INFORMATION

- Announcement of the Implementation of the Consensus Policy: <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2018-01-16-en>
- Published Policy: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/igo-ingo-protection-policy-2018-01-16-en>
- Public comment proceeding on the Proposed Implementation of GNSO Consensus Policy Recommendations for the Protection of IGO and INGO Identifier in All gTLDs: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/igo-ingo-protection-2017-05-17-en>
- PDP Webpage: <http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo>
- IRT Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/RJFCaw>

Staff Responsible: Dennis Chang (GDD)

Implementation Status: Registration Data Policy for gTLDs (Expedited Policy Development Process Phase 1 Implementation)

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) will conduct a working session to plan for the stage 2 policy at ICANN65.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

Pursuant to the procedures for the establishment of temporary policies in ICANN's agreements with registry operators and registrars, the ICANN Board adopted the **Temporary Specification for Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registration Data** on 17 May 2018. The Temporary Specification provides modifications to existing requirements in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and Registry Agreement (RA) in order to comply with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). From its effective date of 25 May 2018, the Temporary Specification can only remain in force for up to one year and will expire on 20 May 2019.

On 19 July 2018, the GNSO Council initiated an Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data and chartered the EPDP Team.

On 4 March 2019, the GNSO Council adopted the EPDP Team's Phase 1 Final Report and submitted it to the Board for their consideration. The Board has conducted a Public Comment and passed a resolution on 15 May 2019 to authorize the implementation of most of the EPDP Phase 1 recommendations, except for parts of two recommendations.

Working in advance of the Board resolution, the IRT produced the concept of three stages of the policy implementation.

- Stage 1: Effective 20 May 2019, contracted parties must continue to implement measures consistent with the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, as adopted by the Board on 17 May 2018.

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- Stage 2: This stage will begin after the ICANN organization publishes a Registration Data Policy as a Consensus Policy and formally notifies the contracted parties. During this stage, contracted parties may implement the Interim Policy, the Registration Data Policy, or elements of both as they prepare for the effective date of the Registration Data Policy. The timing of this milestone is to be determined.
- Stage 3: Contracted parties must comply with the Registration Data Policy as of its effective date, which the EPDP Team recommended to be 29 February 2020.

The Stage 1 interim Consensus Policy named **Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs** was published on 17 May 2019.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Temporary Specification provides modifications to existing requirements in the RAA and RA in order to comply with GDPR. The recommendations from the EPDP Team provides community consensus views on the requirements that are now needed to be implemented as a consensus policy.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

On 17 May 2019, ICANN announced the **Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs** which gTLD registries and registrars are required to implement by 20 May 2019. This interim Consensus Policy requires that contracted parties continue to implement measures consistent with the **Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data**, which expired on 20 May 2019. This is considered the Stage 1 interim Consensus Policy.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The ICANN Board accepted 27 of the 29 recommendations included in the EPDP Team's Phase 1 Final Report. Of the two recommendations not adopted in full, the Board identified portions of the recommendations that require further consultation with the GNSO. The IRT is in the process of analyzing all recommendations to define the requirements in detail. When the implementation plan is produced, it will be published for Public Comment.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

One can join the IRT by following the instruction in the “[call for IRT](#)” announcement. The first IRT meeting was held on 29 May 2019. The IRT is expected to meet every other week via teleconference and in person at ICANN Public Meetings.

One can also choose to become an observer of the IRT mailing list on a read-only basis. The names of IRT mailing list observers are published on the [IRT Workspace](#).

MORE INFORMATION

- EPDP Phase 1 Final Report: <https://go.icann.org/2TNA63g>
- ICANN Board resolution of 17 May 2019 adopting 27 of the 29 recommendations included in the EPDP Team’s Phase 1 Final Report: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2019-05-15-en#1.b>
- IRT Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/display/RDPIRT>
- Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/interim-registration-data-policy-en>
- Call for Volunteers: Implementation Review Team for Registration Data Policy Implementation: <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2019-05-20-en>

Staff Responsible: Dennis Chang (GDD)

Implementation Status: Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Policy Recommendations

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) will conduct a working session to plan for the stage 2 policy at ICANN65.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

A privacy service allows domain name registration in the registrant's name, but all other contact details displayed in the publicly-accessible Registration Data Directory Service (RDDS) are those given by the privacy service provider, not by the registrant. A proxy service allows the registered name holder to license the use of the domain to a customer who actually uses the domain, while contact information displayed in the RDDS system is that of the proxy service provider.

The ICANN org is implementing a new PP Accreditation Program, pursuant to policy recommendations that were developed by the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) PPSAI PDP Working Group, adopted by the GNSO Council in January 2016, and adopted by the ICANN Board in August 2016.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) contains a temporary specification that governs registrars' obligations with respect to privacy and proxy services. This temporary specification will expire on 31 January 2021 or when ICANN implements a privacy and proxy accreditation program, whichever occurs first. This extension is based on a [23 May 2019 agreement](#) with the Registrar Stakeholder Group.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The IRT is currently paused, pending completion of the EPDP Phase 2 work on a potential standardized access model for nonpublic gTLD registration Data.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

ICANN org will continue to monitor the EPDP Phase 1 Implementation and Phase 2 policy development work closely. Following the completion of the implementation of the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendations, ICANN org will re-evaluate if it is prudent to resume some implementation work for the PP Accreditation Program or continue the pause until the completion of EPDP Phase 2.

After completion of relevant EPDP work, ICANN org will re-assess draft PP IRT materials in consultation with PP IRT, to determine how to proceed with implementation of the PP Accreditation Program.

The project timeline will be revisited and updated quarterly on the ICANN.org [implementation status webpage](#).

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Broad community input is encouraged during the Public Comment phase, which will be found here: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments>.

MORE INFORMATION

- PPSAI PDP Final Report: <http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-final-07dec15-en.pdf>
- PPSAI PDP Webpage: <http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/ppsa>
- IRT Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/VA2sAw>

BACKGROUND

The IRT began meeting in October 2016 and has reviewed the draft Registrar Accreditation Agreement and other associated program materials in preparation for the Public Comment phase.

In proceeding to finalize the draft accreditation program materials for Public Comment, parallel efforts to monitor the EPDP Team’s work by the ICANN org became increasingly apparent. As noted in discussions since ICANN63, there is currently a significant amount of uncertainty around interpreting the data privacy requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) related to this type of proposed accreditation agreement. In its **02 November 2018** message to the IRT, ICANN org elaborated further on these areas of uncertainty, as well as areas where the IRT could benefit from the work of the EPDP, and continued discussions with the European Data Protection Board. After indicating ICANN org’s decision to pause the IRT on **04 March 2019**, the GNSO Council deferred to ICANN org in a **30 April 2018 message**. ICANN org continues to track the EPDP Team’s work for potential applications in the privacy and proxy context.

Staff Responsible: Cyrus Jamnejad (GDD)

Implementation Status: Thick WHOIS Policy Recommendations

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team does not plan to meet at ICANN65.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

ICANN specifies WHOIS service requirements through Registry Agreements (RAs) and the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) for the generic top-level domain (gTLD) registries. Registries have historically satisfied their WHOIS obligations under two different models, often characterized as “thin” and “thick” WHOIS registries. This description is based on how the two distinct sets of data are maintained.

In a thin registration model, the registry only collects the information associated with the domain name from the registrar. The registry publishes that information and maintains certain status information at the registry level. Registrars maintain data associated with the registrant of the domain and provide it via their own WHOIS services, as required by Section 3.3 of the RAA for those domains they sponsor. In a thick registration model, the registry collects both sets of data (domain name and registrant) from the registrar and publishes that data via WHOIS.

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council initiated a policy development process (PDP) to consider a possible requirement of thick WHOIS for all gTLDs. The PDP working group finalized its report and submitted it to the GNSO Council on 21 October 2013. The GNSO PDP working group recommends all gTLD registries to provide thick WHOIS services with a consistent labeling and display (CL&D). It would improve the stability of and access to WHOIS data, as well as potentially reduce acquisition and processing cost for consumers of WHOIS data. During its meeting on 31 October 2013, the GNSO Council unanimously adopted the recommendation to require thick WHOIS for all gTLD registries. Following the Public Comment forum and the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) notification, the ICANN Board considered and **adopted** the recommendations during its meeting on 7 February 2014.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The CL&D of the Registration Data Directory Service (RDDS) Output for All gTLDs policy has completed implementation by the policy effective date of 1 August 2017.

For the Thick WHOIS Transition Policy for .COM, .NET, and .JOBS, on 14 March 2019, the ICANN Board passed a **resolution** to defer contractual compliance enforcement. ICANN Contractual Compliance will defer enforcing the following milestones until the dates listed below:

- By 30 November 2019: The registry operator must begin accepting thick WHOIS data from registrars for existing registrations in .COM, .NET and .JOBS.
- By 31 May 2020: All registrars must send thick WHOIS data to the registry operator for all new registrations in .COM, .NET and .JOBS.
- By 30 November 2020: All registrars are required to complete the transition to thick WHOIS data for all registrations in .COM, .NET and .JOBS.

MORE INFORMATION

- PDP Webpage: <http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/thick-whois>
- IRT Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/t77hAg>
- Public comment proceeding on CL&D Policy Proposal: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/rdds-output-2015-12-03-en>
- Public comment proceeding on Transition from thin to thick for .COM, .NET, and .JOBS: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/proposed-implementation-gnso-thick-rdds-whois-transition-2016-10-26-en>
- Thick WHOIS Transition Policy for .COM, .NET, and .JOBS: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/thick-whois-transition-policy-2017-02-01-en>
- Registry Registration Data Directory Services CL&D Policy: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/rdds-labeling-policy-2017-02-01-en>

Staff Responsible: Dennis Chang (GDD)

Implementation Status: Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Recommendations

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) does not plan to meet at ICANN65. It is waiting for the implementation of the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP), which is necessary to implement recommendations from the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Policy Development Process Working Group.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The continued internationalization of the Domain Name System (DNS) means registrations from registrants unfamiliar with Latin script are increasing. In October 2012, the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council requested an **Issue Report** to address whether it is desirable to translate or transliterate registration directory service contact information into one common language or script. In December 2013, the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group was formed to provide an answer to this question. The working group was also tasked with determining who would carry the burden if mandatory translation or transliteration of contact information were recommended.

In its **Final Report**, the PDP working group did not recommend mandating the translation or transliteration of contact information data. Instead, it recommended that registrants submit contact data in any language and script supported by their registrar, ideally the registrant's native one. The working group also expressed that data submitted in a script and language native to the registrant is most likely to be accurate and that the costs of translating or transliterating all contact information data would be disproportionate to any potential benefits.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT? WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The ICANN Board **adopted** the recommendations of the PDP working group in September 2015.

In late September 2017, the ICANN organization prepared a **draft policy document** for the IRT's review. This document is based on the entirety of the IRT's input received during the course of the implementation.

The implementation's projected effective date is to be determined. There are a number of technical, logistical, and coordination issues that need to be considered before deciding on a policy effective date. The most important issue is the implementation of RDAP, which is a requirement to implement the working group's recommendations.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The IRT is composed of members of the working group. Newcomers and interested parties are welcome to join as observers. To become an observer, send an email indicating your interest to the GNSO Secretariat at gns0-secs@icann.org. As the IRT has already been in operation for a substantial amount of time and has progressed in its deliberations, newcomers are expected to catch up on the discussions to date and to not reopen previously closed topics unless new information is presented.

MORE INFORMATION

- Working Group Final Report: <https://go.icann.org/2GcQCCP>
- ICANN Board resolution adopting the recommendations contained in the PDP Working Group Final Report: <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-09-28-en#1.b>
- IRT Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/0SeOAw>

Staff Responsible: Brian Aitchison (Global Domains Division - GDD)

Implementation Status: Generic Names Supporting Organization Drafting Team to Further Develop Guidelines for the GNSO's Roles and Obligations as a Decisional Participant in the Empowered Community

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The drafting team will provide a status report to the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council prior to ICANN65. The drafting team will not meet at ICANN65.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

Following the adoption by the GNSO Council of the **revised GNSO Operating Procedures**, the ICANN Board adopted the proposed modifications to the ICANN Bylaws on 13 May 2018. There are additional proposed steps to be taken to ensure the GNSO Council is prepared, as well as to facilitate the GNSO Council to act in relation to its new roles and responsibilities outlined in the post-transition ICANN Bylaws.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT?

In December 2018, a call for volunteers was made to reconstitute the drafting team to develop guidance for the GNSO. The aim is for the GNSO to complete a particular action that falls within its existing processes or procedures, but where additional details or steps related to the GNSO's status as a decision participant in the Empowered Community (EC) are deemed to be helpful. Reconstituted in January 2019, the drafting team is currently meeting bi-weekly.

The drafting team has been developing preliminary guidelines for the GNSO with respect to the following ICANN Bylaw sections:

- Article 18.12 Special IANA Naming Function Reviews (IFRs)
- Annex D, Section 1.3 Approval Action Community Forum
- Annex D, Section 2.2 Petition Process for Specified Actions and Section 2.3 Rejection Action Community Forum

- Annex D, Section 3.1 Nominating Committee Director Removal Process, Section 3.2 Supporting Organization (SO)/Advisory Committee (AC) Director Removal Process, and Section 3.3 Board Recall Process
- Annex D, Section 4.2 Community Independent Review Process (IRP) and Section 4.3 Community Reconsideration Request

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The drafting team shall provide to the GNSO Council the proposed guidelines and possible recommendations for changes to the GNSO Operating Procedures in order to enable the effective GNSO participation as a decisional participant for its consideration. The GNSO Council must approve any such new or proposed modifications to existing procedures following the applicable process.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The ICANN community is encouraged to follow the work of the drafting team. GNSO Stakeholder Groups and Constituencies may provide guidance via their representative members on the drafting team. Please see the list of members at: <https://community.icann.org/x/-JUWBg>.

MORE INFORMATION:

- Drafting Team Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=102143482>
- Background Document: <https://go.icann.org/2SRnZ8g>
- Templates and Guidelines Depository: <https://community.icann.org/x/BYc2Bg>

BACKGROUND

On 27 May 2016, the ICANN Board adopted a set of new ICANN Bylaws that aim to reflect changes needed to implement the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal. Such adoption was contingent on the proposed transition away from United States Government oversight of ICANN. Per the motion adopted by the GNSO Council on 30 June 2016, the GNSO sought volunteers for a Bylaws Implementation drafting team to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations for any necessary updates to the GNSO Operating Procedures or ICANN Bylaws as they relate to the GNSO. In addition, the GNSO Council requested that the drafting team determine what, if any, existing GNSO processes can be used to address any new or additional obligations. If there are none, the drafting team should consider whether an existing process can be modified, or a new process needs to be created. The GNSO Council adopted the revised GNSO Operating Procedures resulting from the drafting team's recommendations, and on 13 May 2018 the ICANN Board adopted the proposed modifications to the ICANN Bylaws. Subsequently, ICANN staff sought guidance from the GNSO Council to ensure their preparedness and facilitate the GNSO Council to act in relation to the new roles and responsibilities outlined in the post-transition ICANN Bylaws. At ICANN63 in October 2018, the GNSO Council agreed to issue a call for volunteers to reconstitute the drafting team. The goal for this drafting team is to develop guidance for the GNSO to complete a particular action that falls within the GNSO's existing processes and procedures relating to participation of the GNSO within the Empowered Community, but where additional details and steps are deemed to be helpful.

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Cross-Community Working Group: New Generic Top-Level Domains Auction Proceeds

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN65 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG) is organizing one working session at ICANN65, during which it expects to discuss finalization of its report for submission to its Chartering Organizations. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 26 June from 8:30-12:00 (local time).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Program established auctions as a last resort to resolve the competition sets between identical or similar terms (strings) for new gTLDs, an issue known as string contention. Ninety percent of contention sets scheduled for auction have been resolved through other means before reaching an auction conducted by Power Auctions, ICANN's authorized auction service provider. However, it was recognized from the outset that significant funds could accrue as a result of several successful auctions. The proceeds derived from such auctions have been reserved and earmarked within ICANN until such time as the ICANN Board authorizes a plan for the appropriate use of the funds. These proceeds are considered as an exceptional, one-time source of revenue.

All ICANN Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) have chartered the CCWG to propose a mechanism to allocate the new gTLD Auction Proceeds. Following approval by the Chartering Organizations, the CCWG will submit its proposals to the ICANN Board for consideration.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The new gTLD Auction Proceeds, derived from these last resort auctions, are distinct and ring-fenced funds. The Auction Proceeds are a single revenue source derived from all new gTLD Auction Proceeds round 1. The proceeds, net of direct auction costs, are fully segregated in separate bank and investment accounts. The proceeds are invested conservatively with any interest accruing to the proceeds. Since June 2014, 17 contention sets have been resolved via ICANN auctions. The total net proceeds to date are \$233.5 million. Details of the proceeds can be found [here](#). It is important to keep in mind that approximately 90 percent of contention sets scheduled for auction are resolved prior to the auction. The total amount of funding resulting from auctions will not be known until all relevant applications have resolved contention.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

On 11 December 2018, the CCWG published its **Initial Report** for Public Comment. The Initial Report sets out the core issues that the CCWG addressed in carrying out its charter since its inception in January 2017. It records the CCWG's discussions regarding options around a mechanism to allocate the new gTLD Auction Proceeds in accordance with ICANN's mission and Bylaws. In addition to preliminary answers to the charter questions, preliminary recommendations, and implementation guidance, the Initial Report also identifies a number of questions on which the CCWG was looking for community input. It should be noted that the responses to the charter questions represent the CCWG's best current thinking but may evolve further after completing the thorough review of the community input received on this Initial Report. Similarly, no formal consensus call has been taken on the preliminary recommendations outlined in the Initial Report. A formal consensus call is expected to take place prior to the finalization of the CCWG's report and recommendations for submission to its Chartering Organizations.

A total of 37 community submissions were received in response to the Public Comment forum. Since January 2019, the CCWG has been meeting regularly to review and analyze the public comments received and determine what changes, if any, should be made to the recommendations and responses to the charter questions in the report. There was a **working session at ICANN64** Kobe to make progress on the review of public comments and receive input through participation from the broader community. Materials related to CCWG's consideration of public comments are available in the **CCWG Workspace**.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

In the coming weeks, the CCWG plans to complete review of public comments. It will then finalize changes to the report and recommendations in view of submitting the report for consideration to the CCWG Chartering Organizations. At that stage, the CCWG will determine whether the changes are of such a substantial nature that another Public Comment period is warranted before the Final Report is submitted. The **CCWG work plan** for this final stage of the process can be found in its workspace.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Anyone interested can join this effort at any time as a participant or observer. Please complete the **registration form** or email the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Secretariat at **gnso-secs@icann.org**.

As the CCWG has already been in operation for a substantial amount of time and has progressed in its deliberations, newcomers are expected to catch up on the discussions to date and to not reopen previously closed topics unless new information is presented.

MORE INFORMATION

- CCWG Initial Report: <https://go.icann.org/2GGoknr>
- New gTLD Auction Proceeds CCWG Workspace, including Charter, background documents and information: <https://community.icann.org/x/yJXDAw>
- CCWG Charter Question templates: <https://community.icann.org/display/CWGONGAP/Charter+Question+Templates>
- CCWG Work Plan: <https://community.icann.org/display/CWGONGAP/Work+Plan>
- CCWG Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/yJXDAw>

BACKGROUND

Following a number of sessions on this topic during ICANN53 in Buenos Aires (see <https://buenosaires53.icann.org/en/schedule/mon-soac-high-interest> and <https://buenosaires53.icann.org/en/schedule/wed-cwg-new-gtld-auction>), a **discussion paper** was published in September 2015 to solicit further community input, as well as the proposal to proceed with a CCWG. The feedback received confirmed the support for moving forward with a CCWG. The GNSO Chair at the time, reached out to all the ICANN SOs and ACs to ask for volunteers to participate in a drafting team to develop a charter for a CCWG. All ICANN SOs and ACs, apart from the Country Code Supporting Organization (ccNSO), responded to this request and have put forward volunteers to participate. The drafting team commenced its deliberations on Tuesday, 23 February 2016. A draft charter for community discussion was published in advance of ICANN56 and discussed during the **cross-community session** held at ICANN56. Following ICANN56, the drafting team **reviewed all the input** and updated the proposed charter accordingly. On 13 September 2016, **this proposed charter** was shared with all ICANN SOs and ACs with the request to review it and identify pertinent issues that would prevent adoption of the charter. Then a webinar was held on 13 October 2016 to allow for additional time and information to undertake this review. The final proposed charter was submitted to all ICANN SOs and ACs on 17 October 2016, and each ICANN SO and AC confirmed the adoption of the charter.

A **call for volunteers** was launched and the CCWG was chartered by all ICANN SOs and ACs to propose the mechanism to allocate the new gTLD Auction Proceeds. The Chartering Organizations are the Address Supporting Organization (ASO), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the ccNSO, the GNSO, the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), and the Root Server System Advisory Committee (RSSAC). Following approval by the Chartering Organizations, the CCWG will submit its proposal(s) to the ICANN Board for consideration.

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DAY 1: MONDAY, 24 June 2019		
LOCAL TIME (CET)	MEETING	ROOM
08:30-09:30	GNSO Morning Policy Briefing	Tichka
08:30-09:00	Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) [c]	Orangeraie
09:00-10:15	Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC) [c]	Oliveraie
09:00-10:15	Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns (NPOC) Constituency	Roseiraie
09:00-12:00	New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group	Orangeraie
09:30-15:00	GNSO Working Session	Tichka
10:30-12:00	Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG) Executive Committee (EC) [c]	Roseiraie
12:15-13:15	Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) – Public Interest Commitment Dispute Resolution Procedure (PICDRP) Discussion Group [c]	Orangeraie
13:30-15:00	SubPro PDP Working Group	Orangeraie
13:30-15:00	Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC) EC	Roseiraie
15:15-16:45	Contracted Parties House (CPH) Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Pilot Working Group [c]	Orangeraie
15:15-16:45	Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) with ICANN Compliance	Tichka

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DAY 2: TUESDAY, 25 June 2019		
LOCAL TIME (CET)	MEETING	ROOM
08:30-10:15	SubPro PDP Working Group	Orangeriaie
08:30-15:00	Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team Phase 2	Tichka
10:30-11:00	Joint GNSO and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting	Cristal
10:30-12:00	Review of All Rights Protections Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs PDP Working Group	Orangeriaie
10:30-12:00	NPOC EC	Oliveraie
13:30-14:30	Joint GNSO and GAC Discussion on the International Governmental Organization-International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms	Cristal
13:30-15:00	RPMs PDP Working Group	Orangeriaie
15:15-16:45	CPH Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) Discussion Group [c]	Orangeriaie
17:00-18:30	RySG Domain Abuse Activity Reporting (DAAR) Discussion Group [c]	Orangeriaie
18:30-19:30	GNSO Council Informal Prep Session [c]	Tichka

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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 26 June 2019		
LOCAL TIME (CET)	MEETING	ROOM
08:30-10:15	Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG) Open Meeting	Tichka
08:30-12:00	New gTLD Auction Proceeds Cross-Community Working Group (CCWG)	Orangerai
10:30-12:00	Registration Data Policy for gTLDs Implementation Review Team (IRT)	Tichka
10:30-12:00	NCSG Policy Committee	Oliverai
12:15-13:15	CPH EC Luncheon [c]	Orangerai
12:15-13:15	Commercial & Business Users Constituency (BC) [c]	Oliverai
13:00-15:00	GNSO Council Meeting	Tichka
13:30-15:00	CPH Data Controller Roles and Responsibilities Discussion [c]	Orangerai
15:15-16:45	IPC Open Meeting	Tichka
15:15-18:30	RrSG Open Meeting	Orangerai
15:15-18:30	NCSG Open Meeting	Oliverai
17:00-18:30	BC Open Meeting	Tichka
17:00-18:30	ISPCP Open Meeting	Coupola
18:30-19:30	Joint GNSO and Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO) Council Meeting	Tichka

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DAY 4: THURSDAY, 27 June 2019		
LOCAL TIME (CET)	MEETING	ROOM
08:30-12:00	RPMs PDP Working Group	Orangeraie
08:30-15:00	EPDP Team Phase 2	Tichka
12:15-13:15	GNSO Wrap Up Session	Orangeraie
13:30-15:00	RySG EC Annual Meeting & Election Ratification [c]	Orangeraie
15:15-16:45	RySG Open Meeting	Orangeraie

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AC	Advisory Committee
AGB	Applicant Guide Book
ALAC	At-Large Advisory Committee
APAC	Asia and Pacific
ASO	Address Supporting Organization
BC	Business Constituency
BRG	Brand Registry Group
CC2	Community Comment 2
ccNSO	Country Code Names Supporting Organization
CCWG	Cross-Community Working Group
CCWP	Cross-Community Working Party
CL&D	Consistent Labeling & Display of WHOIS Output for All gTLDs
CPH	Contracted Party House
CSG	Commercial Stakeholder Group
CSAM	Child Sexual Abuse Material
DAAR	Domain Abuse Activity Reporting
DNA	Domain Name Association
DNS	Domain Name System
DRP	Dispute Resolution Procedure
DSI	Discussion Summary Index
EC	Empowered Community
EDPB	European Data Protection Board
EPDP	Expedited Policy Development Process
EWG	Expert Working Group
ExCom	Executive Committee
GeoTLD	Geographic Top-Level Domain
GAC	Governmental Advisory Committee
GDD	Global Domains Division
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GNSO	Generic Names Supporting Organization
gTLD	Generic Top-Level Domain
HDI	Healthy Domains Initiative
IANA	Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
ICANN org	ICANN organization
IDN	Internationalized Domain Name
IFR	IANA Naming Function Review
IGO	International Governmental Organizations
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organizations
IOC	International Olympic Committee
IPC	Intellectual Property Constituency

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IRP	Independent Review Process
IRT	Implementation Review Team
ISPCP	Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency
NCPH	Non-Contracted Party House
NCSG	Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group
NCUC	Non-Commercial Users Constituency
NGPC	New gTLD Program Committee
NPOC	Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns Constituency
OEC	Organizational Effectiveness Committee
PDP	Policy Development Process
PICDRP	Public Interest Commitment Dispute Resolution Procedure
PP Accreditation Program	Privacy and Proxy Service Provider Accreditation Program
PPSAI	Privacy Proxy Services Accreditation Issues
PSWG	Public Safety Working Group
RA	Registry Agreement
RAA	Registrar Accreditation Agreement
RCRC	Red Crescent Movement
RDAP	Registration Data Access Protocol
RDDS	Registration Data Directory Service
RDS	Registration Directory Services
RFP	Request for Proposal
RPM	Rights Protection Mechanism
RSEP	Registry Service Evaluation Process
RSP	Registry Service Provider
RSSAC	Root Server System Advisory Committee
RRA	Registry-Registrar Agreement
RrSG	Registrar Stakeholder Group
RySG	Registries Stakeholder Group
SG	Stakeholder Group
SO	Supporting Organization
SSAC	Security and Stability Advisory Committee
SubPro	Subsequent Procedures
TM-PDDRP	Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedures
TMCH	Trademark Clearinghouse
UCTN	Use of Country and Territory Names as TLDs
UDRP	Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy
URS	Uniform Rapid Suspension

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