

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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN69 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group is set to meet for two sessions during the ICANN69 Community Days week, on Wednesday, 14 October 2020 at 14:00-15:30 and 16:00-17:00 Hamburg time. The working group also expects to meet at its normally rotating times during the Prep Week (5-8 October 2020) and during the Plenary session week (19-22 October 2020). The working group will begin reviewing public comments received to its draft Final Report and determine whether changes may be needed.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP 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. [Learn More](#)

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The working group started its work on 22 February 2016 and over the course of several years, has convened several subgroups and undertaken extensive deliberations on the long list of topics in this working group's charter. This work has included numerous opportunities for community input, including the publication of its [Initial Report](#) for public comment on 3 July 2018, a [Supplemental Initial Report](#) on October 2018, and an [additional report](#) from the PDP's Work Track 5, devoted solely to the issue of geographic names at the top-level.

The working group reviewed all of the community input received in detail and has spent the majority of 2020 refining its draft final recommendations to be included in its [draft Final Report](#), which was published for public comment on 20 August 2020. This report included draft final recommendations and other outputs, seeking to focus attention on aspects that have changed substantially since the Initial Reports.

To aid in the ICANN community's review and understanding of the draft Final Report, the working group's co-chairs held a [webinar](#) on 14 September 2020 to present on selected topics, provide additional context, and answer the audience's questions.



WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

After the closing of the public comment period for its draft Final Report on 30 September 2020, the working group began turning its attention to evaluating input received and making adjustments as necessary. The working group is expected to deliver its Final Report to the GNSO Council no later than the end of December 2020.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

While this working group is open to all participants, as the working group has already been in operation for a substantial amount of time and is expected to conclude its work in just a few months in 2020, newcomers must catch up on the discussions to date and not reopen previously closed topics unless new information is presented. As such, it may not be practical to join the working group at this stage. Nevertheless, 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). If you are interested in joining, please email gns0-secs@icann.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

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