

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

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN73 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN73 as it has completed its work. The GNSO Council adopted its Final Report in February 2021 and sent the PDP outputs to the ICANN Board for review.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP sought to determine if any changes needed 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 submitted its [Final Report](#) to the GNSO Council for consideration on 18 January 2021. It put forward hundreds of Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance (collectively referred to as “outputs”) under 41 topics. Only two outputs did not receive Consensus or Full Consensus support from the working group.

At its meeting on 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council approved by supermajority vote all final Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance that were determined to have received either Full Consensus or Consensus designations by the working group. The adopted outputs and the [Recommendations Report](#) were subsequently sent to the ICANN Board for review.

Between 22 April and 1 June 2021, there was a [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Final Report to seek community input prior to the ICANN Board action on PDP’s outputs. On 29 April 2021, as required by the Bylaws, the ICANN Board [notified](#) the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council’s approval of the PDP outputs that received either Full Consensus or Consensus designations by the working group.

On 12 September 2021, the Board directed the ICANN org to initiate an [Operational Design Phase \(ODP\)](#) for the Final Report outputs. The ODP began on 3 January 2022.



**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

Following the ODP, the ICANN Board is expected to act on the approved policy recommendations in accordance with the Bylaws.

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Please stay tuned for additional information about future opportunities to engage on this topic.

**MORE INFORMATION**

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

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