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

**WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN70 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?**

The Review of All Rights Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN70 as it has completed its work on Phase 1. In November 2020 the Working Group submitted its Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council for consideration and the GNSO Council adopted the Final Report in January 2021.

**WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?**

This PDP has two phases. Phase 1 reviewed all the RPMs applicable to 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 the 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. **Learn More**

**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 published its Phase 1 Initial Report on 18 March 2020 for **Public Comment**. From late May to September 2020, the working group reviewed the public comments received from 55 contributors in order to finalize its Phase 1 recommendations. The working group also developed its final recommendations by taking into account the outcome of other policy efforts, such as the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT) and the Wave 1 Report of the Expedited PDP (EPDP) on a Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Recommendation #27.

On 24 November 2020, the Working Group submitted its **Phase 1 Final Report**, which contains a total of 35 final recommendations, to the GNSO Council for its consideration. The working group classified its recommendations into

Request for an Issue Report | Publication of Preliminary Issue Report | Gather Public Comments | Publication of Final Issue Report | Initiate Policy Development Process | Form Working Group (WG) | Request for SG/C Statements & SO/AC Input | WG Initial Report

POLICY | Implementation | Board Vote | Gather Public Comments | **Recommendation to ICANN Board** | GNSO Council Deliberates | WG Final Report | Gather Public Comments

three categories: 1) recommendations for new policies and procedures; 2) recommendations to modify existing operational practice; and 3) recommendations to maintain status quo. The working group also put forward an overarching data collection final recommendation, aiming at addressing data-related gaps. Of the recommendations, 34 received full consensus support, and one recommendation received consensus support from the working group.

Prior to its vote, the GNSO Council held a **webinar** to discuss the details of all these recommendations. On 21 January 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously **approved** the Phase 1 Final Report. On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council agreed to send the **Recommendations Report** to the ICANN Board of Directors for its review of all Phase 1 final recommendations, which the GNSO Council recommends be adopted by the ICANN Board.

**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**
Per Bylaws requirements, ICANN staff is expected to publish the Phase 1 Final Report and its recommendations for public comment prior to the Board consideration. This step will provide an opportunity for various stakeholders to comment on the adoption of the proposed recommendations prior to any action by the Board.

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**
As part of the ICANN Board's consideration of the Phase 1 final recommendations, a public comment forum will be open. Anyone interested is invited to provide their input to help inform the Board's consideration of the recommendations. Please check the Public Comment Opportunities **webpage** for more information.

**MORE INFORMATION**
- **PDP webpage**

- **PDP workspace**

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