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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN69 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 be holding two open meetings on Tuesday, 13 October 2020 at 14:00-15:30 and 16:00-17:00 Hamburg time. Please check the ICANN69 meeting schedule for confirmed times. The working group is expected to start reviewing its draft Final Report. All community members are welcome to attend the open sessions.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP is being conducted in two phases. Phase 1 reviews 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 began its Phase 1 work with reviewing the TM-PDDRP, which was completed in late 2016. From October 2018 to October 2019, the working group sequentially completed its initial review of the URS dispute resolution procedure, Sunrise and Trademark Claims services, and the structure and scope of the TMCH.

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

The working group published its Phase 1 Initial Report on 18 March 2020 for **Public Comment**, which was closed on 4 May 2020, a one-week extension from the initially planned closing date in the backdrop of the global COVID-19 pandemic. From late May to September 2020, the working group reviewed the public comments received from fifty-five (55) contributors in order to finalize its Phase 1 recommendations. Two sub teams were formed to conduct concurrent analysis of the extensive comments to the preliminary recommendations, using a **Public Comment review tool** developed by support staff. In parallel, the working group reviewed the public comments for individually submitted proposals that did not rise to the level of becoming preliminary recommendations, as well as general input for its Initial Report.

Following the completion of public comment review, the working group focused on developing its final recommendations by taking into account the input received. In addition, the working group also discussed recommendations developed by the Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT), and analyzed the relevant sections in the Wave 1 Report of the Expedited PDP (EPDP) on a Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Recommendation #27. The results of the working group's review of these efforts are reflected in its draft final recommendations.

Due to the extended public comment period and the additional time needed to deliberate on the extensive input received, the working group submitted a **Project Change Request** to the GNSO Council, requesting approval of a revised timeline to submit its Final Report by the end of November 2020 (a 40-day extension from its previous timeline approved by the Council). During its meeting on 24 September 2020, the GNSO Council approved the working group's Project Change Request.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
At ICANN69, the working group is expected to start reviewing its draft Final Report. The working group aims to deliver its Final Report on Phase 1 recommendations to the GNSO Council for consideration in late-November 2020. If approved by the GNSO Council, the Final Report will be forwarded to the ICANN Board of Directors for approval as an ICANN Consensus Policy.

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 **gnso-secs@icann.org**.

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

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