

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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 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 ICANN72 as it has completed its work on **Phase 1**. The GNSO Council approved all the Phase 1 recommendations in January 2021 and sent them to the ICANN Board for its review.

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:

- The Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP)
- The Sunrise registrations and Trademark Claims services that are offered through the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH)
- The Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure

Phase 2 will focus on reviewing the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. [Learn More](#)

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

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 three categories:

- Recommendations for new policies and procedures
- Recommendations to modify existing operational practice
- 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 of them received full consensus support, and one recommendation received consensus support from the working group.

On 21 January 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously [approved](#) the Phase 1 Final Report. On 19 March 2021, the GNSO Council sent the [Recommendations Report](#) to the ICANN Board of Directors, which recommended that the Board adopt all the Phase 1 final recommendations. A [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Phase 1 Final Report was opened on 7 April and closed on 21 May 2021, and the [staff report](#) was published on 4 June 2021. On 7 April 2021, the ICANN Board [notified](#) the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council's approval of the Phase 1 Final Report, as required by the Bylaws.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The ICANN Board will consider 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](#)

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