Agenda

• Introduction
• Problem and Genesis of the Draft Community gTLD Change Request Process (the “Process”)
• Purpose of Process
• ICANN History of Implementation
• Process as Implementation
• Process Development and Community Consultation
• Proposed Next Steps
Introduction

• Presentation is not a review of the Process (though it is attached)

• Presentation is:
  – Identifying the problem and genesis of the Process
  – Purpose of the Process
  – The rationale for the Process as implementation
  – Community worked to develop the Process
  – Proposed next steps
Problem and Genesis of the Process

- fTLD requested in September 2016 to amend its Registrant Eligibility Policies for .BANK and .INSURANCE to include new classes of regulated entities
  - For .BANK change was the addition of Section 3.8 to enumerate a new class of pre-approved, eligible registrants, “Bank holding or parent companies that are supervised by a relevant government regulatory.”
  - This followed fTLD’s publicly available Policy Development Process Policy and approval by its Advisory Council and Board of Directors
- ICANN denied the request stating it is not currently in a position to approve requests to amend community restrictions in Specification 12 of the New gTLD Registry Agreement absent a community developed process to consider such requests
Problem and Genesis of the Process

- ICANN requested fTLD and community’s assistance developing a process

- Working group formed in December 2016, consultation on Process with ICANN and RySG from April – June 2017 and submission to ICANN in July 2017
  - Further consultation with ICANN in August and September 2017
Purpose of the Process

• Serves to enable a Registry Operator to amend its Specification 12, Community Registration Policies, to be responsive to its community
  – Inclusive of public comment elements in Process
• Does not serve to undue a Registry Operator’s commitment to its community
• Provides safeguards to applicants that were eliminated from consideration as a result of a Community Priority Evaluation (CPE) or Community Objection Proceeding (COP)
ICANN History of Implementation

- ICANN process for allocation of previously Reserved Names (e.g., two-letter names)
- ICANN Process for a Registry Operator to change its back-end service provider
- ICANN NGPC approval of Registry Agreement Specification 13
- Established process for applicants to amend applications post-filing and prior to award:
  - fTLD was approved in November 2014 to change its defined community for .INSURANCE from U.S. to global
  - Process is similar to implementation details during the application phase
Process As Implementation

- Process is not inconsistent with GSNO Final Report for the introduction of new gTLDs
- Process is not inconsistent with ICANN Board Resolution to adopt GNSO policy recommendations for the introduction of new gTLDs
- Substantive community work already conducted
- GNSO resources already stretched
- Process may impact a limited number (e.g., 2%) of new gTLDs
Process Development and Community Consultation

- November 2016: All community Registry Operators and applicants invited to participate in Working Group (WG)
- October 2016 – September 2017: Engagement with ICANN on problem and Process
- January – July 2017: WG developed Process, numerous consultations with RySG (and no objection from them) and Process proposed to ICANN
Proposed Next Steps

• GNSO support for Process as implementation
• Commence public comment period on Process
• Further engagement with GNSO (as appropriate)
• Community discussion at ICANN meeting in Abu Dhabi (if required)
• ICANN approval of Process by year’s end
• Availability of Process to community Registry Operators in Q1 2018