

# New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group

# What took place at ICANN65?

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## Full WG

- ⊙ Met with GDD and had a productive and lively discussion about GDD's set of assumptions that are intended to serve as the basis for pre-planning activities.
- ⊙ No Plan to further discuss assumptions document.
- ⊙ Discussed application prioritization

## Work Track 5

- ⊙ Reviewed the status of preliminary recommendations and identified the set of open issues that remain to be resolved.
- ⊙ Discussed operational improvements, additional geo terms that are not protected in the 2012 AGB, and modified proposals to treat translations of certain geographic terms.

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# What are the current challenges and issues?

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- ◉ The WG is reviewing the 40+ subjects in detail and each subject has taken up an entire meeting or more. This will lead to challenges with the work plan and inability to cover everything multiple times on call (vs. email).
- ◉ Some WG members are showing up to meetings without an understanding or appreciation of conversations that have already taken place.
- ◉ Some WG members are asserting that their strongly held opinion must be upheld, losing sight of how the MSM model works and consensus is reached.
- ◉ Some WG members seem to lack the authority and incentive to reach compromise.
- ◉ Despite a large number of WG members, participation continues to come from a limited sub-set of participants, who sometimes dominate the conversation.

# How can the Council and community assist?

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- ⦿ Remain available as a resource for consultation/escalation in respect of the issues identified.
- ⦿ Support the co-chairs if any remedial actions are necessary from WG member disruption.
- ⦿ Help navigate some of the interdependent topics (Assumptions Document, Name Collisions Analysis Project, string similarity, IDN variants).
- ⦿ Support efforts to coordinate with GDD on interim operational readiness activities for the New gTLD Program.
- ⦿ Reinforce notion that all substantive discussions will take place at Working Group level.
- ⦿ Reinforce notion that absent consensus on changes, recommendations will be that which happened in 2012.
- ⦿ Clarify dependencies for next round (Relationship between different PDPs).