

Update on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group



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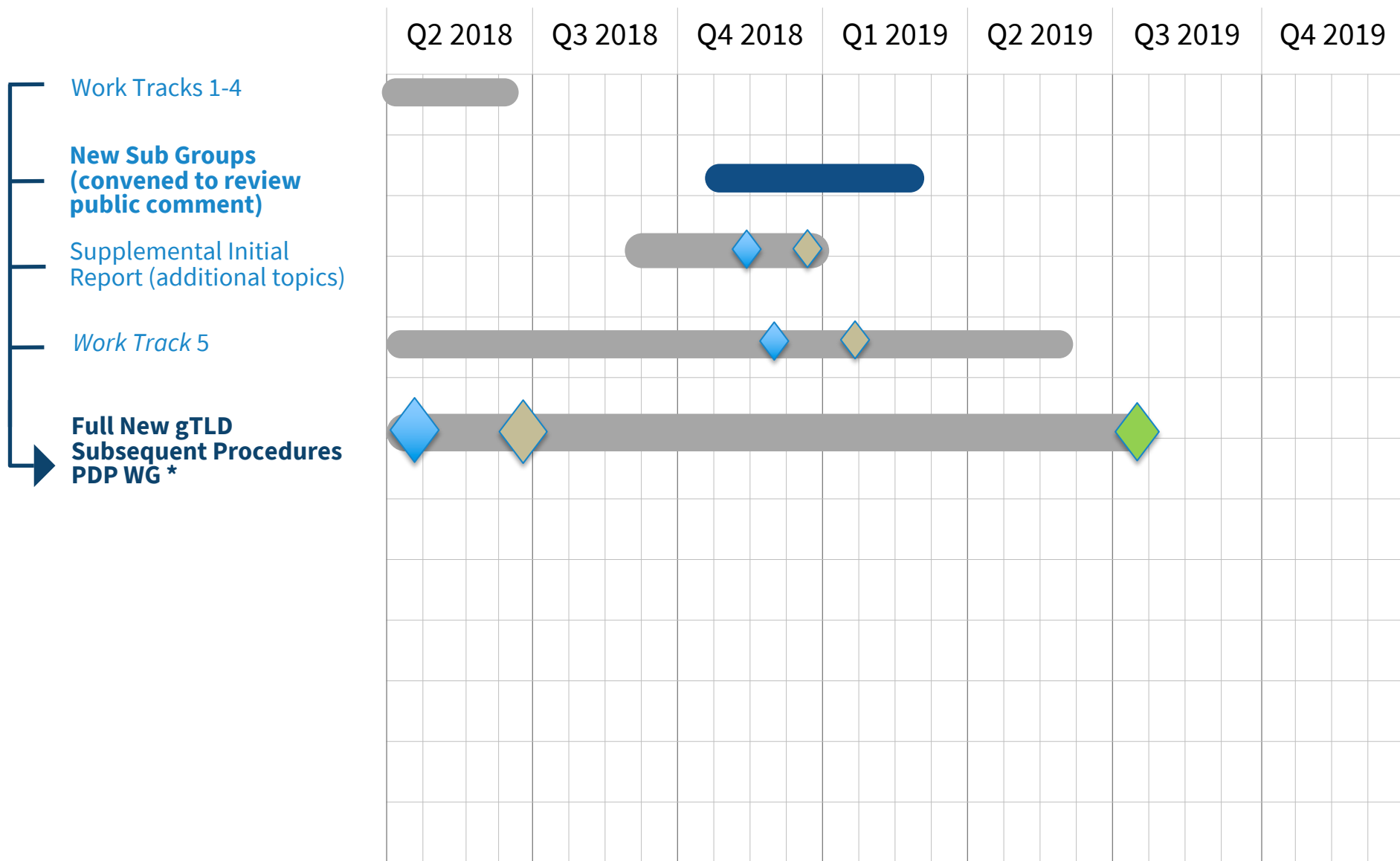
Current Status

- ⦿ An **Initial Report** was published for public comment on 3 July 2018, with the period closing on 26 September.
- ⦿ Comments received have been organized and collated, with **Sub Groups review (A, B, and C) nearly complete**.
- ⦿ The WG also worked on a set of 5 topics that needed additional discussion, which were also published in late October for public comment in the form of a **Supplemental Initial Report**.
- ⦿ The full WG is now reviewing public comments received to this Supplemental Initial Report.
- ⦿ **Work Track 5 (geo names at the top-level)** published its own **Supplemental Initial Report** in December is set to begin review of public comment in late February.

Current Status, Continued

- ⦿ The WG expects to begin substantive deliberations on the various subjects that were published for public comment, starting as early as at ICANN64.
- ⦿ GOAL – seek to reach outcomes/conclusions on topics where there seems like consensus has been reached. Where there is more discussion necessary, focus mainly on **new ideas /arguments**.
- ⦿ The WG Co-Chairs hope all streams of work will convene for a single Final Report.

SubPro Timeline



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Publish Initial Report

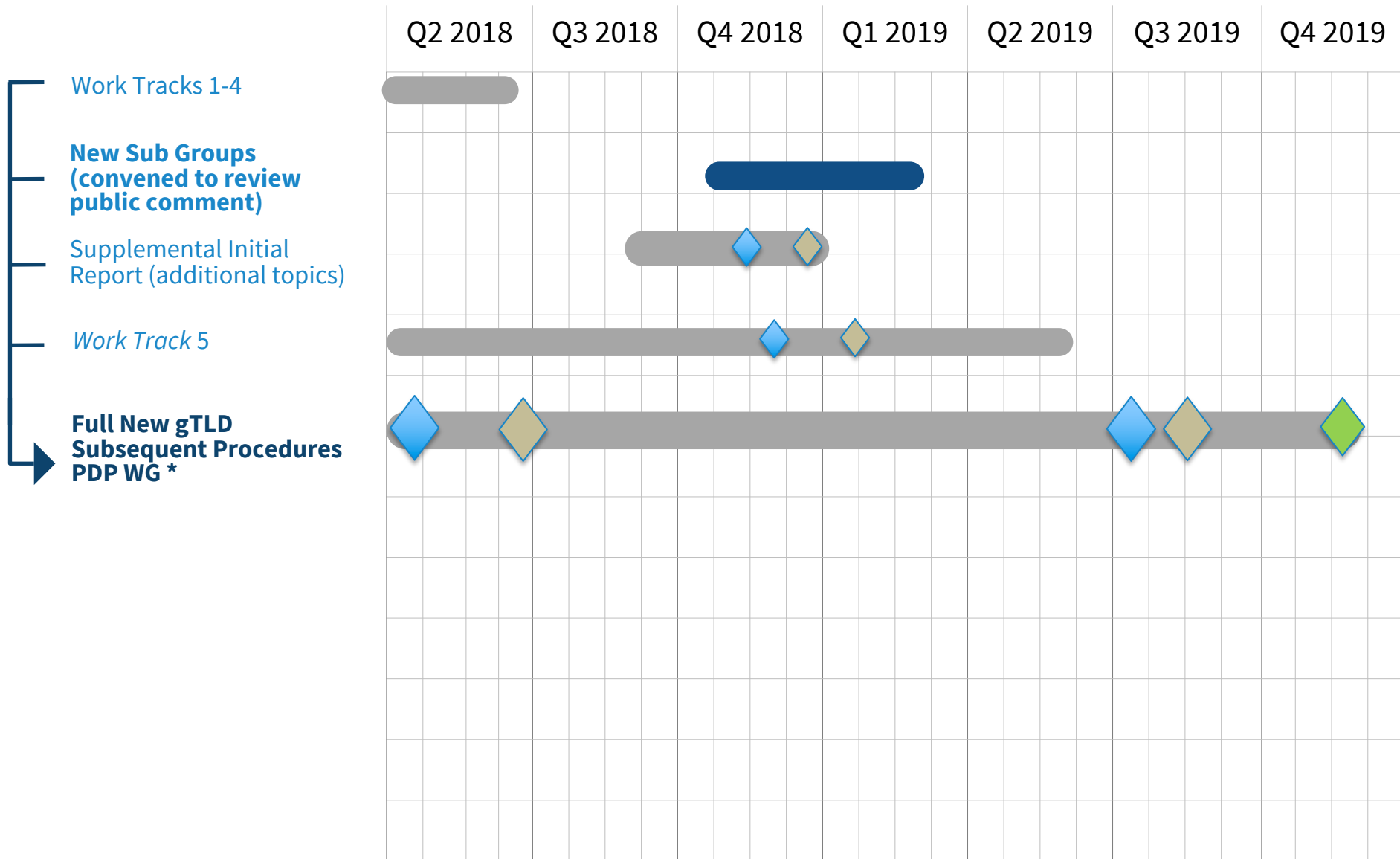


Close of Public Comments



Final Report Delivered to Council

SubPro Timeline – Add'l Public Comment



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Potential Challenges

- ⊙ Where there is not consensus to recommend change, the *default position is the GNSO policy recommendations and/or the 2012 implementation*.
 - With this as a default, there may be disincentive to compromise (and this is not necessarily unique to this PDP).
 - Consensus should be necessary, even to accept default position.
- ⊙ There may be agreement that there is an issue, but consensus cannot be reached on a goal / solution. **Who can recommend change in this case?**

Potential Dependencies:

- ⊙ Recommendations of the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team targeting this PDP – though these still require Board consideration and adoption, the WG has and continues to consider how to ensure they are addressed adequately, especially prerequisites.

Potential Challenges, Continued

Potential Dependencies, continued:

- ⊙ Rights Protection Mechanisms – are these dependencies? If so, in what manner (policy, implementation, and/or program launch, and which RPMs)?
- ⊙ Name Collision Analysis Project – effort appears to be on hold.
- ⊙ IDN Variant TLD Implementation – ICANN/community recommendations seem mostly aligned with SubPro recommendations. For this specific item, can SubPro make recommendations that affect 2012 round registries, since a unified approach is recommended the staff report?

Current understanding of the WG:

- ⊙ *Course correction could be necessary with new developments, even after conclusion of this PDP (e.g., EPDP on specific issue?).*
- ⊙ *However, none of these elements appear to serve as a dependency for the SubPro PDP to **conclude its policy development work.***

What Happens After the PDP delivers its Final Report?

- This PDP is seeking to deliver its Final Report to the GNSO Council in the third quarter of 2019.
- From that point, these are some of the expected next steps (as with the conclusion of any PDP):
 - **GNSO Council** consideration and **adoption** of the **PDP recommendations** in the Final Report
 - Council report to Board / Public Comment
 - **ICANN Board** consideration and **adoption** of the **PDP recommendations** as adopted by GNSO Council
 - ICANN org (as directed by the Board) to begin implementation of the PDP recommendations (which will likely include a **revised Applicant Guidebook**)
- **When can/should implementation work begin? Should the PDP/Council recommend an informal implementation team, like the EPDP?**

PDP Resources

- Active Project Page: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>
- PDP Wiki: <https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw>
- PDP Mailing List Archive: <http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-newgtld-wg/>
- Newsletters: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/news/working-group-newsletters>

Questions & Answers