

GNSO RPMs PDP Working Group Project Change Request to GNSO Council



14 September 2020

Change Overview

Project Name: Review of All RPMs PDP Working Group

Requested by:

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Description:

The 9th and most recent (April 2019) work plan/timeline since the inception (March 2016) of this PDP forecast submission of the Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council in **mid-October 2020**. The WG has determined that this is not feasible.

The WG is requesting approval of a revised 10th work plan/timeline that projects submitting the Phase 1 Final Report by **end-November 2020**.

Change Reason

1. Extended Public Comment Period; Extensive Public Comments

- The Initial Report was published for public comment on March 18, 2020 for 40 days, but given the global Covid-19 pandemic, was extended by one week.
- Marked “On-Target” in the GNSO Council Projects List, but deadline for review of public comment input and subsequent milestones, including delivery to the GNSO Council of the Final Report, were marked as red due to:
 - (a) the extension of the public comment period and
 - (b) extensive public comments received which – despite committing to a twice-weekly hour and a half (1.5 hours) call schedule, plus conducting extensive work in sub teams – have required significant time to review and consider.
- These have necessitated a change in the status to “Target Will Be Missed” and the health of the project to “In-Trouble”.

Timeline & Work Plan Change

Note:

- The dates below are “**best case**” target delivery date
- Activities and milestones completed before Sep 2019 are omitted

Activity	8 th Workplan Target (as of 10 Apr 2019)	9 th Workplan Target (10 Jan 2020)	10 th Workplan Target (14 Sep 2020)
Complete review of WG Preliminary Recommendations (Sunrise & Claims, TMCH, URS)	07 Nov 2019	04 Dec 2019	04 Dec 2019
Complete assessment of URS Individual Proposals	Not planned	15 Jan 2019	15 Jan 2019
Complete review of draft Initial Report	Dec 2019	09 Mar 2020	09 Mar 2020
Publish Initial Report	10 Jan 2020	18 Mar 2020	18 Mar 2020
Complete review of public comment	Apr 2020	Jul 2020	8 September 2020
Submit Phase 1 Final Report to Council	Late-Apr 2020	Mid-Oct 2020	End-Nov 2020

Impact of Change

Scope: The Scope of Phase 1 of the RPMs PDP has not changed.

Budget: There will not be a direct impact to the budget; however, zero slack remains in what is still a “best case” scenario.

Timeline: Additional 40-day delay to baseline delivery date in the 9th work plan.

Resourcing: Additional community volunteer time and GNSO Policy staff commitment. The WG’s working method has contributed to volunteer fatigue with only a small subset of active members doing the regular work.

Communications: GNSO Council leadership and full Council were formally notified on 14 September 2020.

Other: The Council may need to consider the impact on potential new work to be launched in 2020. In addition, the Council should consider how to charter Phase 2 of the RPMs PDP to produce better and more timely results.

Proposed Actions

- ❑ Adjust project plan and work plan with a **new “best case” target delivery date of end-November 2020 for submission of the Phase One Final Report.**

- ❑ **The WG Co-Chairs:**
 - (1) commit to **work together (practically, this may mean continuing to allow a decision to be made by two of the three as opposed to all three Co-Chairs)**, with the common goal to complete Phase I on time, understanding that there may be **consequences for the work if this is not done** (e.g., suspension of the PDP, resignation of one or more co-chair(s), suspension of ICANN Staff support); and
 - (2) are **willing to be firm with the WG**, and undertake necessary steps to deliver the Final Report in a timely manner; and
 - (3) will work with ICANN support Staff to **develop a detailed plan** to produce the Final Report, and clearly communicate this process to WG members.

- ❑ Working Group co-chairs will **invite the GNSO Council leadership to address the Working Group at the group’s first ICANN69 session**, to stress the need to complete Phase One according to the agreed timeline.

Estimated Associated Cost, If Applicable

- Direct cost impacts cannot be calculated at this time (being the second formal PCR of its kind).
- If a total burden rate is calculated in the future as part of PDP3.0 efforts, it can perhaps be backward-calculated to account for this seven (7)-month extension.

Thank You and Questions