

# Policy Development Process: New Generic Top-Level Domain Subsequent Procedures

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN74 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN74 as it has completed its work. The GNSO Council adopted its **Final Report** in February 2021 and sent the PDP outputs and **Recommendations Report** to the ICANN Board for review.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP sought to determine if any changes needed to be made to the existing policy recommendations from the 2007 [Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains](#). ([Learn More](#))

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

Following the [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Final Report to seek community input prior to the ICANN Board action on PDP's outputs, the Board directed ICANN org to initiate an [Operational Design Phase \(ODP\)](#) for the Final Report outputs. The ODP began on 3 January 2022. The Council is staying current via frequent updates from its liaison to the ODP Team.

As the ODP progresses, the GNSO Council is considering whether it may be appropriate to conduct additional policy work, possibly in the form of a GNSO Guidance Process (GGP), to conduct supplemental work on specific Subsequent Procedures topics while the ODP takes place. The topics would fall broadly into two categories: 1) areas where the SubPro Final Report recommendations envisioned substantive work during implementation, and 2) areas where the ODP has determined additional guidance will be needed if and when implementation is commenced.

In addition, on 6 March 2022 the ICANN Board sent a [letter](#) and [framing paper](#) to the GNSO Council proposing a Board-facilitated process for a GAC-GNSO Council dialogue on the topic of Closed Generics. Closed Generics was one of the topics within the Subsequent Procedures PDP WG's charter, but the working group was unable to come to an agreement on recommendations for this topic. The GNSO Council provided an initial [response](#) to the Board that it is willing to pursue next steps on a facilitated dialogue.



**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

Following the ODP, the ICANN Board is expected to act on 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](#)
- [ODP webpage](#)

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