Policy Development Process: Transfer Policy Review

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN74 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?
The working group will conduct one working session on Monday, 13 June 2022 at 10:30-12:00 CEST. Please check the ICANN74 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader community input.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council initiated a two-phase policy development process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. As recommended in the Final Issue Report, this PDP is addressing the following topics in sequence:

- Phase 1(a): The Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA), AuthInfo Codes, and NACKing transfers
- Phase 1(b): The change of registrant
- Phase 2: The transfer emergency action contact and reversing inter-registrar transfers, Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, and ICANN-approved transfers (Learn More)

The working group held its first meeting on 14 May 2021 and has made substantial progress on Phase 1(a).

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?
The working group is preparing to publish its Initial Report on the PDP’s Phase 1(a) topics: The Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA), AuthInfo Codes, and NACKing transfers. The Initial Report is expected to be published for public comment shortly after ICANN74.
WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
Following the Public Comment period on the Initial Report, the working group will review the public comments received and consider whether any changes need to be made to its Phase 1(a) recommendations. The working group will begin Phase 1(b) of its work.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Parties interested in the Transfer Policy Review PDP should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective Stakeholder Group, Constituency, Supporting Organization, or Advisory Committee to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the Transfer Policy Review PDP’s deliberations. Interested parties can also follow the working group’s progress by signing up as an observer. Once the Public Comment period opens on the Initial Report, all are welcome to contribute input on the Phase 1(a) preliminary recommendations.

MORE INFORMATION
- PDP webpage
- PDP workspace

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