

GNSO Guidance Process: Applicant Support

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN77 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

At ICANN77, the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) working group will hold a working session on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 from 15:30–17:00 EDT to continue drafting its Recommendation(s) Guidance Report. The Report will provide recommendations relating to the identification and prioritization of metrics, including indicators of success, as well as those relating to financing the program when qualified applicants exceed allocated funds.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

A GGP is underway to provide additional guidance to support implementation efforts relating to the Applicant Support Program as recommended in the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Final Report.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

During its meeting on 25 August 2022, the GNSO Council [approved](#) the GGP Initiation Request to perform work on Applicant Support. The working group was subsequently formed and began its work in November 2022. The working group has developed a [work plan and timeline](#), which has been confirmed by the GNSO Council. It has completed most of its tasks and is now focused on producing its preliminary Recommendation(s) Guidance Report for Public Comment.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The Preliminary GNSO Guidance Recommendation(s) Report will be posted for Public Comment after which the working group will review and consider the received Public Comments. It will update the Preliminary GNSO Guidance Recommendation(s) Report if there are any recommendations that require modification to address comments received. Subsequently, the working group will produce a Final Report for consideration by the GNSO Council. If approved by the Council, the recommendations will be submitted to the ICANN Board of Directors.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The working group is comprised of members and observers. The invited groups have appointed their members and alternates but interested parties can participate as observers. They can sign up and receive invitations for the working group meetings and will be able attend meetings in real time, however they will only be able to listen to the conversation. Anyone interested in participating as an observer should contact the GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- [GGP workspace](#)
- [GGP Initiation Request](#)

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