

GNSO Guidance Process: Applicant Support

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN78 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

At ICANN78, the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) Working Group will not hold a working session while it is in the process of reviewing and analyzing public comments on its Guidance Recommendation Initial Report. The Report provides guidance 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?

The goal of a GGP is 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. The working group has completed its tasks and produced its Guidance Recommendation Initial Report for Public Comment on 31 July 2023 for 40 days. The working group has begun reviewing and considering the received Public Comments.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The working group will update the Guidance Recommendation Initial 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 comprises 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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