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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN78 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN78 as it has completed its work. However, the Implementation Review Team (IRT) established to support the implementation of policy recommendations for the Next Round will hold three sessions at ICANN78: 1) Saturday, 21 October from 10:30–12:00 CEST; 2) Sunday, 22 October from 16:30–17:30 CEST; and 3) Wednesday, 25 October from 16:00–17:30 CEST. Please check the ICANN78 meeting schedule for the confirmed times.

In addition, the GNSO Council's small team is scheduled to meet on Saturday, 21 October from 15:00–16:00 CEST and make progress on remaining pending recommendations and potential modifications to recommendations that were not adopted by the ICANN Board. Again, please check the ICANN78 meeting schedule for the confirmed time.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP working group 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?

On 16 March, the ICANN Board passed a resolution on a set of recommendations calling for, among other things, "a working methodology and Implementation Review Team (IRT) work plan and timeline as agreed upon by ICANN org and the GNSO Council." See: **https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/ materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-16-03-2023-en**. In addition to the approved recommendations, the Board designated 38 outputs as "pending". The Council convened a small team. It has already completed several actions, including working with the ICANN Board to identify which pending recommendations can be resolved during implementation or via a Council clarifying statement. The small team, in conjunction with the Council, also delivered a work plan and timeline for follow-on policy work, if any, stemming from the facilitated dialogue on Closed Generics and a work plan and timeline for the IDNs EPDP charter

questions that are expected to impact the next Applicant Guidebook. The small team is now focused on determining what modifications are needed, if any, for the recommendations that the Board did not **adopt**.

ICANN org has established the IRT to support the implementation of policy recommendations for future rounds of new gTLD applications. See: **https://community.icann.org/display/SPIR/Subsequent+Procedures+ Implementation+Review+Team** The IRT is meeting regularly and will hold three sessions at ICANN78.

Participants from the GNSO, GAC, and ALAC continued to meet after ICANN77 as part of the facilitated dialogue to develop a framework for closed generics. However, the chairs of the GNSO, GAC, and ALAC, in collaboration with the participants of the facilitated dialogue, agreed to conclude work on the framework. In doing so, there was agreement that resolving closed generics should not serve as a dependency for the Next Round, though an interim approach is needed for the next and future rounds, or until policy is developed.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
The IRT began meeting regularly in May 2023 and will continue its efforts to complete its implementation work. In addition, the GNSO Council will continue to collaborate with the ICANN Board to seek resolution for recommendations that were either not adopted or remain pending.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
The New gTLD Program Next Round IRT is open to all interested participants, particularly current or former SubPro WG team members who participated in the team's deliberations and who keenly understand the Final Report's policy recommendations and accompanying rationale. To join the IRT as a participant or observer, please complete this **form**, If you are not able to access the form, please send an email to **nextround_policyimplementation@icann.org**.

MORE INFORMATION
- **PDP webpage**
- **PDP workspace**
- **ODP webpage**

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