

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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN76 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 ICANN76 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 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 12 December 2022, ICANN org delivered an [Operational Design Assessment \(ODA\)](#) on the affirmations, recommendations, and implementation guidance produced by the SubPro PDP. The ODA will be an important input as the ICANN Board prepares to decide on SubPro Outputs. A small team of GNSO Councilors reviewed the SubPro ODA and the Council [provided its input](#) to the Board. Timely ICANN Board approval of the SubPro Outputs and the initiation of implementation steps are key priorities for the Council. The Council is also prepared for continued engagement with the Board on this topic, if needed.

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 in the SubPro PDP WG's charter, but the group was unable to agree on recommendations. Following an initial, informal meeting at ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur, the dialogue participants met regularly via Zoom to conduct preliminary tasks, including reaching an agreement on good faith participation commitments to govern the group's deliberations, identifying concrete "use cases", and highlighting specific interests and groups that will be impacted by closed generic gTLDs. The group met for a substantive two-day face-to-face meeting in Washington, D.C. on 26–27 January 2023 and produced a summary of its deliberations. It will continue its discussions virtually. The group may also hold a closed session at ICANN76, if needed.



WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The ICANN Board is expected to act on the approved SubPro 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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