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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN77 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 ICANN77 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. On 16 March, the ICANN Board passed a resolution on a set of recommendations. 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". By the end of ICANN77, the GNSO Council is expected to confirm the remaining actions, next steps, and timeline for completion of these outputs.

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". By ICANN77 the GNSO Council is expected to confirm the remaining actions and next steps and a timeline for completion. The Council was tasked with two other deliverables. They include a work plan and timeline for follow on policy work 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.

Issue Identification and Scoping → Request for an Issue Report → Publication of Preliminary Issue Report → Gather Public Comments → Publication of Final Issue Report → Initiate Policy Development Process → Form Working Group (WG) → Request for SG/C Statements/SO&AC Input → WG Initial Report → Gather Public Comments → WG Final Report → GNSO Council Deliberates → Recommendation to ICANN Board → Gather Public Comments → Operational Design Phase (Pilot) → Board Vote → Implementation → POLICY

ICANN org is calling for volunteers for the IRT to support the implementation of policy recommendations for future rounds of new gTLD applications. See: **https:// www.icann.org/en/announcements/details/icann-calls-for-volunteers-for-the- new-gtld-program-next-round-implementation-review-team-05-04-2023-en**.

Participants from the GNSO, GAC, and ALAC continue to meet as part of the facilitated dialogue to develop a framework for further GNSO policy work on the issue of Closed Generics. Should the GAC-GNSO facilitated dialogue result in an agreed framework, the agreements will be further developed through the appropriate GNSO policy process. By ICANN77, the dialogue aims to have provided a draft framework document to the GNSO, GAC, ALAC, and other groups for their input. Dialogue participants will hold two sessions during ICANN77 to continue their work. These sessions will be open to observers.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
ICANN org plans for the first IRT meeting to take place no later than the week of 14 May 2023.

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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