

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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN79 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 ICANN79 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 ICANN79. Please check the [ICANN79 meeting schedule](#) for the confirmed times.

In addition, the GNSO Council's SubPro Supplemental Recommendations small team is scheduled to hold a Community Update during Prep Week on Thursday, 22 February, from 16:30–17:30 AST. During ICANN79, a Community Consultation meets on Wednesday, 06 March, and the GNSO Council Small Team Plus meets on Thursday, 07 March. Please check the [ICANN79 meeting schedule](#) for the confirmed times. Collectively, these sessions are intended to socialize draft Supplemental Recommendations and seek input from the community regarding the proposed modifications to recommendations that were not adopted by the ICANN Board. Again, please check the ICANN79 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 2023, 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 GNSO Council convened a small team which worked with the ICANN Board to resolve all pending recommendations. 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/x/pQM5Dg>. The IRT is meeting regularly and will hold three sessions at ICANN79.

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 not adopted.

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 it, please send an email to nextround_policyimplementation@icann.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)
- [ODP webpage](#)

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