Policy Development Process:
Transfer Policy Review

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN80 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?
The working group will conduct one working session at ICANN80; please check the ICANN80 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will continue finalizing its preliminary recommendations for its Initial Report.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council initiated a PDP to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers.

The working group began meeting in May 2021, and while it initially divided its work into three distinct groups/phases, the working group ultimately agreed that the topics within its charter needed to be considered together due to overlapping dependencies. Accordingly, the working group is now focusing on a comprehensive Initial Report, which will cover all topics in its charter, including inter-registrar transfers, change of registrant, the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, ICANN-approved transfers, and others.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?
The Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group, still in the Initial Report phase of a PDP, is finalizing its preliminary recommendations on its Group 2 charter topics, including ICANN-approved transfers.
WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?
The working group is expected to deliver a second Initial Report comprehensively covering all charter topics, including revisions to the recommendations contained in the first Initial Report, in August 2024.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?
Parties interested in the Transfer Policy Review PDP should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective Stakeholder Group, Constituency, Supporting Organization, or Advisory Committee and communicate any input they believe may be useful to the Transfer Policy Review PDP’s deliberations. Interested parties can also follow the working group’s progress by signing up as an observer. A Public Comment period will be held on the second Initial Report. All are welcome to contribute to this Public Comment period.

MORE INFORMATION
- PDP webpage
- PDP workspace

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