GNSO Policy Update Webinar

ICANN84 – Dublin

7 October 2025

Agenda

Opening Remarks

Latin Diacritics PDP Update

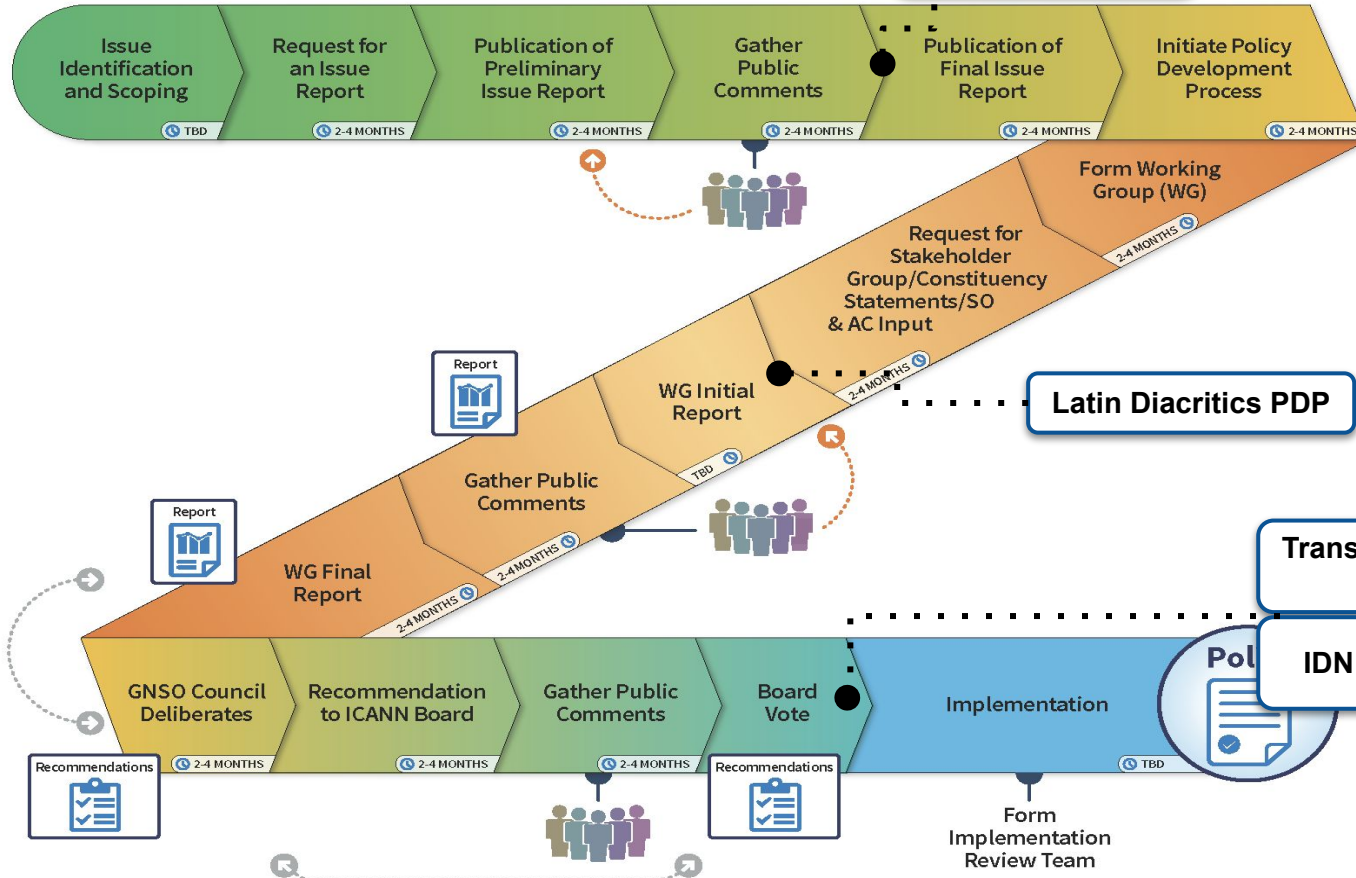**Project List Review**

Closing Remarks

Opening Remarks

Devan Reed

GNSO Policy Development Process
*Standard and summarized policy development process

DNS Abuse

Latin Diacritics PDP

Transfer Policy Review PDP

IDN EPDP (Phase 2)

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
TBD	2-4 MONTHS	2-4 MONTHS	2-4 MONTHS	2-4 MONTHS	2-4 MONTHS

Form Working Group (WG)

2-4 MONTHS

Request for Stakeholder Group/Constituency Statements/SO & AC Input

2-4 MONTHS

WG Initial Report

Report

TBD

Gather Public Comments

2-4 MONTHS

WG Final Report

Report

2-4 MONTHS

GNSO Council Deliberates	Recommendation to ICANN Board	Gather Public Comments	Board Vote	Implementation
2-4 MONTHS	2-4 MONTHS	2-4 MONTHS		TBD

Recommendations

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Form Implementation Review Team

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* Some steps omitted, for brevity and timing notations are estimates.

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Quiz Question #1

Latin Script Diacritics (LD) PDP Update

Michael Bauland (WG Chair)

Latin Diacritics Overview

Goal: Create an exceptions procedure in applications for Latin diacritic gTLDs that could otherwise be "visually confusingly similar" to ASCII gTLDs

ASCII Strings	IDN gTLD with Diacritics
.cafe	.café
.hermes	.hermès
.lancome	.lancôme
.quebec	.québec
.haagendasz	.häagendasz

54 Preliminary Recommendations and Implementation Guidance

LD PDP Progress and Timeline Update

Sep-Oct. 2025

LD PDP WG Charter Question Deliberations

Oct-Nov. 2025

LD PDP WG Draft Initial Report and Confirm Recommendations as Stable

Nov.2025-Jan.2026

Initial Report Public Comment

Aug.2026

Submission of Final Report to the GNSO Council

Project Plan originally approved by the GNSO Council:
- LD PDP WG Initial Report by February 2026
- Initial Report Public Comment Feb-Apr.2026
- Submission of Final Report to the GNSO Council by Nov.2026

ICANN84: LD PDP Working Sessions

LD PDP Working Session 1
Saturday, 25 Oct. 2025 10:30-12:00 IST

WG to deliberate any unresolved issues and develop Initial Report
→ *Stress Test on Various Cases, Including Edge Cases*

LD PDP Working Session 2
Saturday, 25 Oct. 2025 13:15-14:30 IST

WG to deliberate any unresolved issues and develop Initial Report
→ *Stress Test on Various Cases, Including Edge Cases*

The sessions are subject to early termination or cancellation should the WG conclude its work faster than anticipated.

Quiz Question #2

Project List Review

Prudence Malinki

ADR Overview 1 Month–3 Months

		1 Month to 3 Months	
DNS_Abuse	DNSA	**DNS Abuse in gTLDs** • Council to consider the findings of the Issue Report and develop a charter to initiate a possible PDP	OCT 2025
RDDS	RDA_NS	**Registration Data Accuracy - Next Steps** • GNSO Council to consider the next steps on how to execute three of the four small team's recommendations. [This is a preliminary marker until more information is provided.]	OCT 2025
RDDS	PPSAI	**Privacy Proxy Service Accreditation Issues IRT** • Council to consider next steps from small team on how to resolve identified issues from the PPSAI IRT	OCT 2025
Expiration	EDDP_PSR	**Expiration Policy (ERRP/EDDP)** • Council to review the Policy Status Report after public comment and determine if additional policy work is required. ICANN Org provided an update to the PSR and public comment and public comment report.	OCT 2025
Operations	GNSO_C	**GNSO Council Operations** • GNSO Council to select new GNSO Council Chair	OCT 2025
ICANN_Meeting	ICANN_Meeting	**GNSO Council Operations** • ICANN84 (Dublin) & Council to produce response to GAC Advice ICANN84	OCT/NOV 2025
Operations	GNSO_C	**GNSO Council Operations** • Reset ADR & PL for 2025-2026 GNSO Council Year	NOV 2025
Operations	GNSO_C	**GNSO Council Operations** • GNSO Council to select GNSO Representative to Empowered Community	NOV 2025
RPM	RPM_P2	**Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs - Phase 2 (UDRP)** • Council to consider the Charter and/or next steps of a review of the UDRP and confirm a start date for this PDP (previous deferral resolution)	NOV 2025

ADR Overview 3 Months–6 Months

		3 Months to 6 Months	
ICANN_Meeting	ICANN_Meeting	**GNSO Council Operations** • Planning for ICANN85 (Mumbai)	DEC 2025
Operations	SSC	**Standing Selection Committee** • Council to refresh SSC roster and confirm Chair	DEC 2025
Operations	GNSO_C	**GNSO Council Operations** • GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session 2025-2026	DEC 2025 / JAN 2026
Operations	SSC	**Standing Selection Committee** • Appoint GNSO Mentor to Fellowship Program for ICANN87 to ICANN89	JAN 2026

Off of Project List

Whois
Conflicts Procedure

Whois Conflicts Procedure is no longer on the Project List as it is no longer on hold. The Council decided not to proceed with it at this time given that the landscape has significantly changed and the process is no longer needed

If a future data protection law arises that conflicts with RDDS, then Council could take it up at that time

Accuracy
Accuracy Scoping Team

During the last review of the Project List, the accuracy scoping team was still present as Council had deferred a decision on the Scoping Team's recs.

The Council formed a Small Team who focused on areas of alignment. The Council has voted to approve the recs and recommended not proceeding with the scoping team at this time

Project List Updates

Important Updates to the Current Project List:

RDRS Standing Committee

Public Comment on SC recommendations closed 29 September

SC will meet 4 times at ICANN84 and is working on finalizing its Findings report to Council

PPSAI IRT

IRT and Org sent Threshold Questions to Council and ST provided answers

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Reminder to review prior to ICANN84 where Paul will present to Council

TPR to the Board

Transfer Policy Review has moved to a Board Vote

Awaiting Board vote on this topic

Working Group and Public Comment

Latin Diacritics PDP
Working Group Initial Report

Michael presented on the progress of the LD PDP WG. They are currently progressing 3 months ahead of schedule and plan to publish its Initial Report by the end of the year.

DNS Abuse Mitigation
Public Comment

The Preliminary Issue Report on DNS Abuse Mitigation is currently out for Public Comment, which closes on 18 October.

Following the publication of a Final Issue Report, Council will vote on whether to initiate a PDP on DNS Abuse mitigation

4 - Working Group

Title:	**Diacritics in Latin Scripts of Internationalized Domain Names (IDN_LD)**
Description & Scope:	This PDP will explore the circumstance when an ASCII gTLD and the Latin diacritic version of the gTLD are not variants of each other AND may be found to be visually similar to each other. The issue is theoretically possible for any existing ASCII or Latin IDN gTLD and is essentially infinite for future applied-for ASCII or Latin IDN gTLDs. The Council has initiated a PDP on this topic and once a draft charter is adopted, shall kick off the operations of the PDP.

Composition:

Chair(s):	Michael Bauland, Mark Datysgeld (VC)
Council Liaison:	Prudence Malinki
Policy Staff:	S. Lee, J. Emery, S. Chan
GDS Staff	I. Colas-Adeshina
# Participants:	43 Participants (link)
# Observers:	3
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
WG	13 NOV 2024	13 NOV 2024	309	TBD	TBD

Program	Progress	Status	Health
IDNs	**39%**	🟢	🟩

STATUS: 🟪 Planned 🟢 On-schedule 🔴 Revised schedule 🔺 Behind schedule 🔶 Target will be missed 🟩 On-hold

HEALTH: 🟩 On-Target 🟨 At-Risk 🟥 In-Trouble

2 - Issue Scoping

Title:	DNS Abuse Mitigation (DNS_AM)
Description & Scope:	The impetus for this Issue Report stems from the recognition by the GNSO Council that DNS Abuse as defined in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and the Base Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Registry Agreement (RA) remains a significant challenge to the security, stability, and trust in the DNS. For the purpose of the RAA and the RA, DNS Abuse means malware, botnets, phishing, pharming, and spam (when spam is used as a delivery mechanism for any of the other four types of DNS Abuse). Recent contractual amendments, while impactful and a big milestone for the ICANN community in addressing DNS Abuse, could not address all mitigation gaps. The GNSO Council's request for an Issue Report is grounded in the DNS Abuse Small Team's findings that certain DNS Abuse mitigation gaps may be best remedied through GNSO consensus policies.

Composition:

Chair(s):	TBD
Council Liaison:	TBD
Policy Staff:	F. Hamza, J. Emery, S. Chan
GDS Staff	TBD
# Participants:	0 Participants (link)
# Observers:	0
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	N/A

Project Management:

Token Holder	Issue Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Council	14 AUG 2025	TBD	0	TBD	TBD

Program	Progress	Status	Health
DNS_Abuse	00%	🟢	🟩

STATUS: 🟪 Planned 🟢 On-schedule 🔴 Revised schedule 🔺 Behind schedule 🔶 Target will be missed On-hold

HEALTH: 🟩 On-Target 🟨 At-Risk 🟥 In-Trouble

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS

- Do any Councilors have any questions on the Project List that they would like discuss?

- Are there any updates from GNSO Council Liaisons that they would like to make at this time?

- There will be a more in-depth discussion of the Project list at the January SPS for incoming Councilors

Quiz Question #3

Closing Remarks