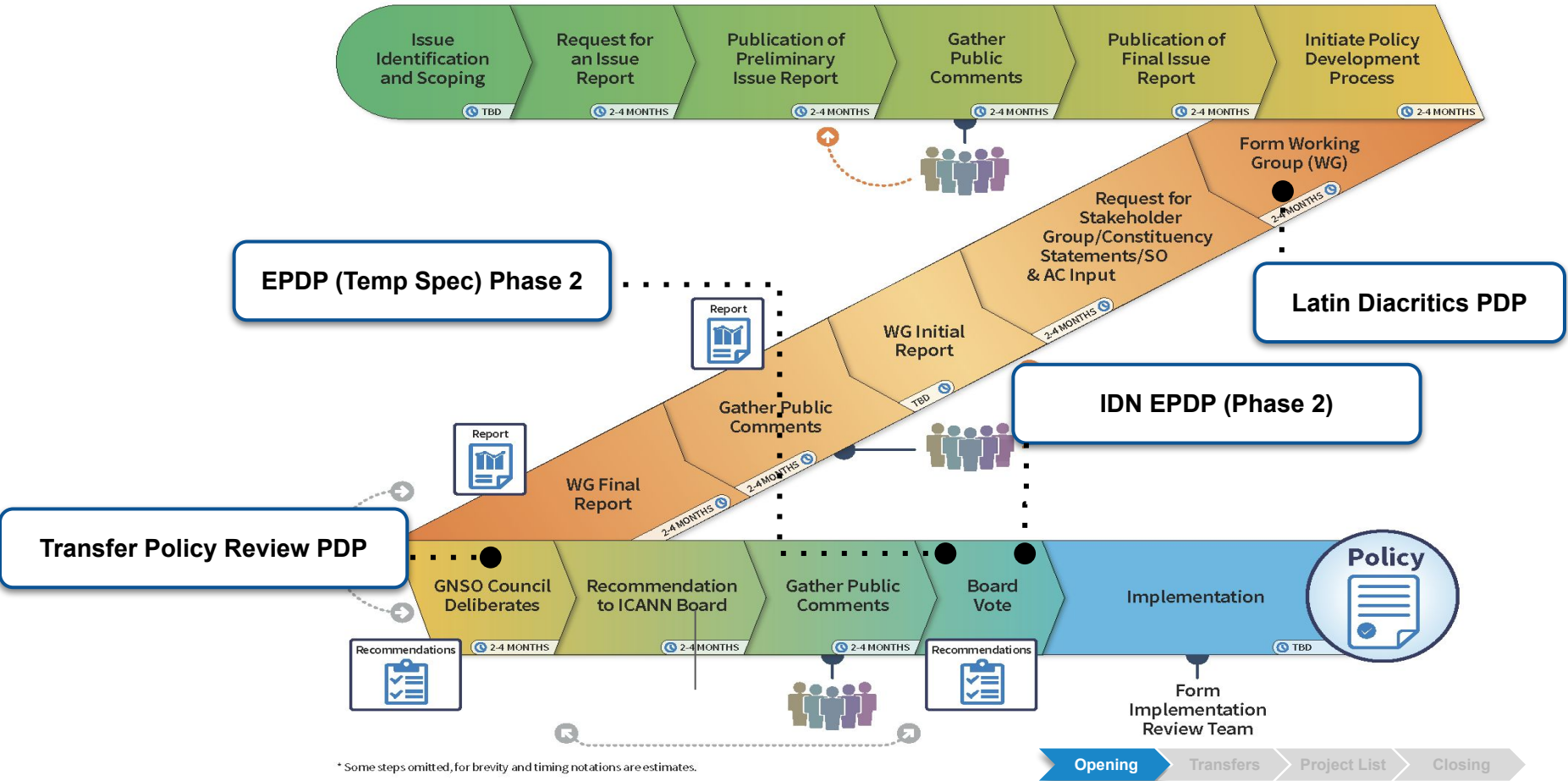# Agenda

❖ Opening Remarks

❖ Transfer Policy Review PDP

❖ Project List Review

❖ Closing Remarks

GNSO Policy Development Process

*Standard and summarized policy development process

ICANN

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

EPDP (Temp Spec) Phase 2

Report

WG Initial Report
TBD

Gather Public Comments
2-4 MONTHS

Latin Diacritics PDP

IDN EPDP (Phase 2)

Report

WG Final Report
2-4 MONTHS

Transfer Policy Review PDP

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

Recommendations

Recommendations

Form Implementation Review Team

Policy

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

Opening Transfers Project List Closing

Quiz Question 1

Transfer Policy PDP

Presenter: Roger Carney (Chair)

Group 2 Recommendations

Transfer Emergency Action Contact (TEAC), Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP), Full Portfolio Transfers

Introduction to Group 2 Recommendations

Transfer Emergency Action Contact (TEAC)

According to Section I.A.4.6 of the Transfer Policy, Registrars are required to designate a Transfer Emergency Action Contact (TEAC) to facilitate urgent communications relating to inter-Registrar transfers with the goal of quickly establishing a real-time conversation between Registrars in case of an emergency.

Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP)

In any dispute relating to inter-Registrar domain name transfers, Registrars are encouraged to first attempt to resolve the problem among the Registrars involved in the dispute. In cases where this is unsuccessful and where a Registrar elects to file a dispute, the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP) details the requirements and process to do so.

ICANN-Approved Transfers

Section I.B of the Transfer Policy provides requirements related to an ICANN-approved bulk transfer of a Registrar's gTLD domain names, or a portion thereof, to another Registrar.

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 29, 30, 31, 32: Transfer Emergency Action Contact (TEAC) Timing and Communication

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

29. Update required timeframe for TEAC initial response, from 4 hours to 24 hours / 1 calendar day
30. Initial communication to TEAC within 30 days of unauthorized domain loss, or else written explanation
31. Gaining Registrar must update Losing Registrar at least every 72 hours, with specific actions taken
32. Initial communication to TEAC must be/include email (which "starts the clock")

IMPACT

LOW ⬅

MEDIUM ⬅

HIGH

- 29: Reduces operational burden on Rrs while still requiring timely response
- 30: Sets a new outer bound for communications, mostly status quo
- 31: New requirement, may involve Rr planning/system changes
- 32: New requirement, may involve Rr planning/system changes

RATIONALE

- Concerns about current 4-hour timeframe and significant consequences of missing the deadline
- 30-day timeframe aligns with 30-day transfer restriction
- Regular updates introduces transparency and accountability, while maintaining flexibility
- Requiring the initial TEAC exchange by email ensures that there is a clear, simple paper trail

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 33: Request to GNSO for further work on Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy and Potential New Dispute Mechanism

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

33.   Recommend the GNSO to request an Issues Report to explore expanding the TDRP to registrant filers and creating a new standalone dispute resolution mechanism for registrants to challenge improper transfers.

IMPACT

LOW ⬅

MEDIUM

HIGH ⬅

- Lack of changes to the TDRP (low)
- Potential future policy work (high)

RATIONALE

- Concern that many issues with unauthorized inter-Registrar transfers fall outside the limited scope of the TDRP, and registrants are left with unfavorable options if registrar is unresponsive or unwilling to file a TDRP complaint.

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations: ICANN-Approved Transfers

During this next section of Group 2 Recs, we will be using some explanatory icons to aid understanding.

There are three types of bulk transfers:

1. A registrar is <u>transferring ALL of its gTLD domains</u> to another registrar, because it will no longer operate as a registrar (on a voluntary or involuntary basis). This is akin to a farmer selling their entire farm to a buyer.
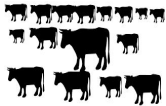
2. A registrar is <u>transferring all of its names in a certain gTLD(s)</u> because it will no longer offer those TLDs but will continue operating as a registrar with other approved TLDs, i.e., an RRA is voluntary or involuntarily terminated. This is akin to a farmer deciding to sell all of their cattle to an interested buyer (with no intent in raising cattle anymore), but the farmer will keep growing crops and raising other animals. *Note: there are no specific recommendations for this scenario, but is included for illustrative purposes only.*

3. A registrar is <u>transferring a portion of its domain name portfolio</u> to another registrar, but will continue offering all of the same TLDs. This is akin to a farmer selling one its cows, but still has cattle and continues to acquire new cattle.

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 34: Fees Associated with Full Portfolio Transfers over 50,000 domain names

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

34.1. Registry MAY charge a fee for a full portfolio transfer of 50,000 or more domain names.

34.2. Registry MUST waive the fee in cases of involuntary full portfolio transfer (ex. ICANN is terminating Rr due to noncompliance)

IMPACT

LOW ⬅

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Retention of status quo (50,000 is current threshold)
- Involuntary transfers involving greater than 50,000 domain names are very rare.

RATIONALE

- Implementing a full portfolio transfer requires coordination and administration, so the group recognized the ability to charge a fee was warranted.
- For involuntary full portfolio transfers, it is difficult for ICANN to procure a willing gaining registrar when a fee is involved.

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 35, 36, 37, 38: Full Portfolio Transfer Fees and Notices

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

35: Retain the current minimum 50,000 names for fee trigger and the current price ceiling of USD $50,000 (if multiple ROs, collective fee MUST NOT exceed USD $50,000, and MUST be apportioned)

36: If RO opts to waive its portion of the collective fee, remaining ROs MUST NOT adjust their fees higher

37: Upon transfer completion, RO(s) MUST provide notice to ICANN and include the number of domains

38: Upon receipt of all RO notices, ICANN MUST provide affected ROs with the reported numbers and corresponding percentages of domains involved in the bulk transfer

IMPACT

LOW

MEDIUM ⬅

HIGH

- New coordination requirements for Registrars, Registries, and ICANN org
- Having threshold of 50,000 domain names across all TLDs (rather than per TLD), increases the amount of full portfolio transfers where fees are involved

RATIONALE

- Retaining a price ceiling promotes transparency and prevents unintentionally high fees
- Equitable fee apportionment ensures any voluntary fee waiver does not result in gaming
- Introduction of Affiliates into the minimum domain threshold allows Registry Affiliates who meet the threshold to charge a fee

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 39: Gaining Registrar Responsibility for Payment of Fees for Full Portfolio Transfer

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

39: Gaining Registrar MUST be responsible for paying any relevant Registry fees related to any voluntary full portfolio transfer that it initiated and approved.

IMPACT

LOW ⬅

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Maintains and clarifies status quo

RATIONALE

- The Gaining Registrar should be responsible for paying the fee to the Registry Operator as (i) the Gaining Registrar is voluntarily inheriting new customers, and (ii) the Losing Registrar may be going out of business and, accordingly, may be unable to pay the fee

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 40, 41: Inclusion of Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition (BTAPPA)

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

40: Update Transfer Policy to include the Bulk Transfer After Partial Portfolio Acquisition (BTAPPA)

41: Expand BTAPPA to allow for transfer when customers of Registrar (such as reseller) elects to transfer its portfolio of names to another registrar

IMPACT

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Represents significant expansion of BTAPPA service

RATIONALE

- Creates consistency and predictability across all Registries
- There are situations where resellers may need to move all of their names due to privacy concerns with a particular jurisdiction, and there is not currently a way to do this without significant manual effort.

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 42, 43, 44, 45: Requirements of BTAPPA

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW	
	42: Registrar (or reseller) MUST notify affected registrants approximately one month before transfer is to occur.
	43: Expiration dates are not affected by BTAPPA; accordingly, no ICANN fees.
	44: Registry MUST reject BTAPPA request if there is reasonable evidence BTAPPA is requested to avoid paying fees. Registry MAY reject request if request occurs within six months of another BTAPPA request.
	45: Registrar's Registration Agreement must permit BTAPPA.

IMPACT

LOW ⬅

MEDIUM ⬅

HIGH

- 42: New notice requirement for Registrars
- 43, 44: Confirms status quo of current BTAPPA
- 45: May require changes to some Registrar's Registration Agreements

RATIONALE

- Advance notice will allow registrants to transfer their name elsewhere or opt out where applicable
- Because this is a transfer initiated by the registrar rather than the registrant, there is no change to the expiration date.
- Allows Registry to reject BTAPPA request under certain circumstances
- Ensure additional notice to registrants via registration agreements.

TPR WG - Group 2 Recommendations

Rec # 46, 47: BTAPPA Requirements continued

RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

46:   ROs MAY charge a fee for a change of sponsorship, but ROs MUST provide notice to Registrars of any fees associated with a change of sponsorship upon request and prior to the initiation of the transfer

47:   In a change of sponsorship, Gaining Registrar MUST NOT impose a new inter-registrar transfer restriction preventing affected registrants from transferring their domains to another Registrar

IMPACT

LOW

MEDIUM ⬅

HIGH

- 46: May require RO planning/system changes
- 47: May require Rr planning/system changes

RATIONALE

- Clarifies that ROs must provide notice to Registrars if charging a fee
- Change of sponsorship is not initiated by affected registrants and does not affect their expiration dates, therefore the lock follows a typical inter-registrar transfer should not apply in this instance

Current Status

Project Tracking & Rollup
DASHBOARD

ICANN | GNSO
Generic Names Supporting Organization

Project Name	Program	Project Sponsor
PDP: Transfer Policy Review	Transfers	GNSO Council

Project Information
97%
% Complete
02/18/21
Actual Start
06/19/25
Planned Finish

Project Status & Health
Project_Status | Project_Health
Revised Schedule | On-Target

Tasks by Status
262
3
Not_Started | Complete | In_Progress

Project Contacts
Roger Carney
Chair
n/a
Vice_Chair
Osvaldo Novoa
Liaison
Caitlin Tubergen
Staff_Lead
Christian Wheeler
Project_Manager

Participant Summary
33
19
52
11
15
0 20 40 60
Member | Alternate
Observer - Email Only | Staff - Assigned
Staff - Not Assigned

Summary Gantt & Key Milestones

There will be no meeting at ICANN82 as the TPR PDP Working Group has submitted its Final Report to Council

Question & Answer Segment

Quiz Question 2

Project List Review

Jen Chung

Issue Scoping

# Registration Data Accuracy (Scoping Team)

OWNER OF NEXT STEPS?	GNSO Council
PATH?	TBD
WHERE ARE WE?	Deferral of Scoping Team cont'd; awaiting feedback from GNSO groups on Council questions
POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS?	TBD
WHO IS FOLLOWING?	Greg DiBiase; Damon Ashcroft
TIMEFRAME?	Next steps by April 2025?
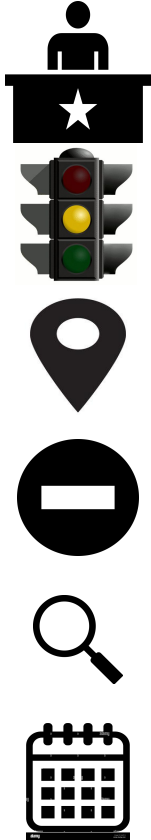
Initiation

Whois Procedure Implementation Advisory Group (WPIAG)

OWNER OF NEXT STEPS?	ICANN org
PATH?	On-hold, pending further engagement from ICANN org
WHERE ARE WE?	Awaiting completion of DPAs
POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS?	None known now that DPA is published
WHO IS FOLLOWING?	Council
TIMEFRAME?	TBD
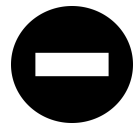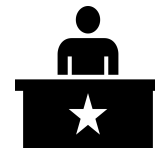
Working Groups

PDP: Diacritics in Latin Scripts of IDNs

OWNER OF NEXT STEPS?	ICANN org
PATH?	Standard PDP with open model membership - planned call for volunteers and call for chair
WHERE ARE WE?	On target
POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS?	None known
WHO IS FOLLOWING?	Council
TIMEFRAME?	TBD - work plan to be published
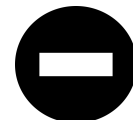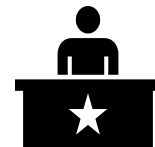
Implementation

Implementation: SubPro

OWNER OF NEXT STEPS?	ICANN org
PATH?	Progressing against schedule
WHERE ARE WE?	Implementation is progressing against schedule
POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS?	Single character han script question
WHO IS FOLLOWING?	Council Liaisons: Anne Aikman-Scalese and Susan Payne
TIMEFRAME?	December 2025
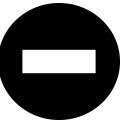
Quiz Question 3

Questions?

GNSO at ICANN82 – Seattle