
Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs

Session # 7

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Session Objective

GAC Members to discuss input on key topics for potential GAC Advice to the ICANN Board relative to Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs, and to review recent developments including the Operational Design Phase state of play and potential follow-up to the GAC Collective comment¹ filed in June.

Leadership Proposal for GAC Action

1. GAC to monitor and consider contributing to studies and deliberations of either (or both) Operational Design Phase and Implementation Review Team, consistent with GAC positions on issues of importance to the GAC.
2. Continue review of priority topics pertaining to the SubPro PDP WG Final Report, following the GAC collective comment on the final outputs, with the aim to prepare, if needed, potential GAC Consensus Advice and/or any other input for the ICANN Board.

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Recent Developments / Status

At the moment of this briefing, the ICANN Board [approved](#) the initiation of an Operational Design Phase (ODP) relative to the [Sub Pro PDP WG Final Report](#), as outlined in the New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures ODP [Scoping Document](#). It is envisaged that the ODP will initiate in late 2021, with an expected duration - once launched - of approximately 10 months, followed by 3 additional months for the ICANN Board's consideration on the Final Report Outputs.

ICANN72 provides an opportunity for the GAC to review its materials and positions on subsequent rounds of new gTLDs in preparation for submission of potential GAC Advice to the ICANN Board regarding the next round of new gTLDs (implementation not anticipated before 2023-2024).

Additionally, the GAC may wish to monitor and consider contributing to studies and deliberations of either (or both) Operational Design Phase and Implementation Review Team, consistent with GAC positions on issues of importance to the GAC.

Now that the ICANN Board has triggered an Operational Design Phase, next steps with varying timelines include:

- i. ICANN org to conduct ODP and deliver Operational Design Assessment (ODA) to the ICANN Board for consideration
- ii. ICANN Board consideration of the PDP recommendations as adopted by GNSO Council - opportunity for GAC Consensus Advice to the ICANN Board;
- iii. ICANN Board vote;
- iv. ICANN org (as directed by the Board) to begin implementation of the policy recommendations (which will likely include a revised Applicant Guidebook).

Upon completion of these successive steps ICANN org would be expected to start a new round of new applications for gTLDs sometime tentatively around 2023-2024, to be confirmed.

For GAC Members Consideration

Has your government considered topics it wishes to identify for GAC Advice to the ICANN Board relative to Subsequent Rounds of gTLDs?

Key Reference Documents

- [Final Report on the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG](#)
- [GAC Consensus Collective Comment](#) (1 June 2021) on GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Final Outputs for ICANN Board Consideration.
- New gTLDs Subsequent Procedures ODP [Scoping Document](#).

Further Information

- GAC Policy Background Document on Subsequent Rounds of New gTLDs:
<https://gac.icann.org/briefing-materials/public/gac-policy-background-new-gtlds-subsequent-rounds.pdf>

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