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Policy Development Process Update

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures

December 2015

Issue

Possible changes or adjustments to the GNSO principles, recommendations, and implementation guidance from the [2007 Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains](#).

Upcoming important dates

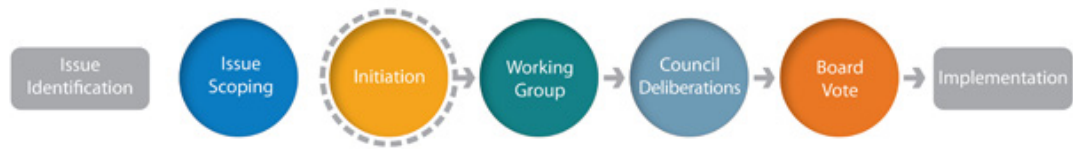
The public comment period for the [Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures](#) closed on 30 October 2015. The GNSO Council considered the [Final Issue Report](#) during its 17 December 2015 meeting, where a PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures was initiated. It is anticipated that the GNSO Council will consider adoption of a charter for the PDP WG during its January 2016 meeting.

Summary

In June of 2014, the GNSO Council created the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group, which was focused on reflecting upon the experiences gained from the 2012 New gTLD round and identifying a recommended set of subjects that should be further analyzed in an Issue Report. It is important to note that there is existing policy from the 2007 Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains, which states that the original policy recommendations as adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board has “been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains,” meaning that those policy recommendations remain in place for subsequent rounds of the New gTLD Program unless the GNSO Council decides to modify via a policy development process. At the ICANN53 meeting, The GNSO Council approved a motion to request that a Preliminary Issue Report be drafted by ICANN staff, basing the report on the [set of deliverables](#) developed by the Discussion Group, to further analyze issues identified and help determine if changes or adjustments are needed for subsequent new gTLD procedures.

ICANN staff completed the Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, which was published for [public comment](#) on 31 August 2015, with the comment period closing on 30 October 2015. ICANN staff reviewed public comments received and adjusted the Issue Report accordingly. The Final Issue Report, along with the summary and analysis of public comment received, were submitted to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 4 December 2015 and a PDP on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures was initiated on 17 December 2015.

Engagement Opportunity Status



With a PDP initiated, the GNSO Council must still adopt a charter for the PDP before Working Group (WG) proceedings can begin. The GAC will be informed of the opportunities for engagement in the process, which could include participation from individual GAC members in PDP proceedings, providing public comments to WG deliverables, or providing input via communiqués.

Additional Information

- Archived project page for the completed Discussion Group effort
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/inactive/2015/non-pdp-new-gtld>
- GNSO Council Resolution requesting Preliminary Issue Report
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201507>
- Preliminary Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
<https://www.icann.org/public-comments/new-gtld-subsequent-prelim-2015-08-31-en>
- Final Issue Report on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures -
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/subsequent-procedures-final-issue-04dec15-en.pdf>
- GNSO Council Resolution initiating PDP -
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201512>