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# GAC WG on Geographic Names

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# GNSO New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG Work Track 5

Focus on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top-level.

The Work Track may make recommendations on policy and/or implementation related to

- 2-letter codes
- 3-letter codes
- short form and full country and territory names
- city/state/region names
- other geographically significant names

# GAC Conditions - Participation Work Track 5

- (a) accepting the invitation subject to the following conditions
- (b) nominating a co-lead
- (c) encouraging GAC members to join the Work Track on an individual basis.

The conditions for participation would be:

- Terms of Reference for Work Track 5 should be agreed by all participating SOs/ACs. In the case of the GAC, the GAC Chair will consult with the full GAC membership to determine if Terms of Reference are acceptable.
- The core principles of cross-community working groups should be included in the terms of reference for Work Track 5. Consistent with this, there should be equal participation of all relevant SOs/ACs, including in assessment of consensus calls, within the Work Track. Final recommendations from the Work Track should be agreed by all participating SOs/ACs before being submitted to the PDP plenary. In the case of the GAC this will require that the GAC adopt a specific position according to its usual procedures.
- GAC will, in accordance with its own procedures, consider nomination of members to the Work Track and encourage all GAC members to participate on an individual basis.
- In the event that there are one or more objections to a final recommendation then the current rules on geographic names contained in the Applicant Guidebook should continue to apply until a broadly-based consensus solution has been found.
- The GAC will continue to exercise its advisory role to the ICANN Board under the Bylaws on issues relating to geographic names, and in doing so will take account of, but will not be bound by, the outcomes of the PDP.

# ccNSO conditions

- Designated Annabeth Lange.
- Will participate under these conditions:
- The group to operate in a similar way as a CCWG.
- Participating SO and AC need to support or non object recommendations before they become part of proposed GNSO consensus policies.
- AGB remains the same if there is no consensus about changes in rules.
- ccNSO letter can be found here:  
[http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/council/attachments/20170901/24eded98/ccNSO\\_GNSO\\_wrtWT5-0001.pdf](http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/council/attachments/20170901/24eded98/ccNSO_GNSO_wrtWT5-0001.pdf) .

# Work Track 5 call for volunteers

- ⦿ Co-leads from ALAC, ccNSO, GAC, and GNSO selected
- ⦿ Call for volunteers published and open through 20 Nov. Open to any interested parties: <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2017-10-22-en>
- ⦿ Working on developing a terms of reference (e.g., scope of discussion, operating procedures, deliverables, and decision-making) for WT5. Will be subject of discussion during ICANN60 session and completed shortly thereafter
- ⦿ **WT5 working session on 1 November from 08:30-12:00:** <http://sched.co/CbGp>. Please join and participate!

# WT 5 -There are two ways to volunteer

- **Members** – anyone interested can volunteer to join the Work Track as a member, regardless of whether they are members of the ICANN community. Members are expected to actively contribute to mailing list conversations as well as meetings – it is anticipated that the Work Track will meet on a weekly basis via teleconference. Members are expected to provide essential input to the process, orally or through written input. Members will be required to provide a Statement of Interests ([SOI](#)).
- **Mailing list observers** – for those who are merely interested in monitoring the Work Track's conversations, there is the possibility to sign up as a mailing list "observer" which offers read-only access to the mailing list. Mailing list observers will not be permitted to post, will not receive invitations to the various meetings or calls of the Work Track and will not have to complete a Statement of Interest. At any point in time, a mailing list observer can join the Work Track as a member simply by informing the GNSO Secretariat.
- Fill in the sign up form <https://goo.gl/forms/Pgl7NMbocc1Qz7pq1>

# GAC participation in WT 5

- Co- lead Olga
- + other GAC members ideally with different perspectives about this issue
- Working together
- Other ideas?