
Agenda Item 17: GAC Working Group on Geographic Names and New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Work Track 5

Issues

1. Update from Work Track 5 Co-Leads.
2. Procedural issues, including timelines and GAC engagement with this work.
3. Substantive issues under consideration by Work Track 5.

GAC action required

1. Update from Work Track 5 Co-Leads

The GAC should note the update to be provided by the Co-Leads of Work Track 5:

- Olga Cavalli (GAC)
- Martin Sutton (GNSO)
- Annebeth Lange (ccNSO)
- Javier Rúa-Jovet (ALAC)

Work Track 5 will hold a face-to-face meeting at ICANN 63 on Saturday 20 October 2018.

2. Procedural issues

At the time of preparing this brief, the Work Track was planning to circulate a draft (or sections of a draft, progressively) Initial Report within the Work Track and discuss this at their face-to-face meeting on 20 October.

The GAC has nominated to this Work Track:

- Olga Cavalli (*Argentina*) as one of the four Work Track co-leads.
- Six formally appointed GAC members: *Brazil, Colombia, European Commission, India, Nepal, United States.*

Attendance at WT5 calls from the GAC has averaged 4-5 members.

The GAC may wish to review and confirm or change its current level of engagement with Work Track 5; and how it wishes to coordinate GAC input on the Draft Initial Report in its development and after it is released for public comment.

3. Substantive Issues

At the time of preparing this brief it is not clear what areas of consensus might be agreed by the Work Track for its Initial Report. Some of the key issues have been:

- How to define geographic names, including country and territory names, with regard to ISO Standards.
- Restrictions on 2-character and 3-character country/territory codes/names.
- Names requiring some evidence of local/national government support.

- Whether an applicant intends to use an applied-for name for a particular purpose.
- Treatment of terms not covered in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook.

Iterations of the Draft Initial Report can be found [here](#).

Current Position

The terms of reference for Work Track 5 can be found [here](#).

Further Information

[Work Track 5 workspace](#).

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