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New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP
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**Note: all upcoming meetings are subject to change. For current scheduling information, please see the GNSO Master Calendar and the Working Group scheduling document.

CURRENT STATUS AND NEXT STEPS

Current Status of Overall Working Group and Work Tracks 1-4:

In April, the Working Group met weekly and focused on reviewing draft sections of the Working Group's Initial Report. The full Working Group held four meetings in April focused on specific sections of the report:

- 9 April: Post-Delegation section, which includes the following topics: TLD Rollout, Second-Level Rights Protection Mechanisms, and Contractual Compliance.
- 16 April: Overarching Issues section, which includes the following topics: Cancelling Subsequent Procedures, Predictability, Community Engagement, Clarity of the Application Process, Applications Assessed in Rounds, Different TLD Types, Applications Submission Limits, and Accreditation Programs (e.g., RSP Pre-Approval).
- 24 April: Pre-Launch Activities section, which includes the following topics: Applicant Guidebook, Communications, and Systems.
- 30 April: Application Submission and Processing sections, which include the following topics: Application Fees, Variable Fees, Application Submission Period, Applicant Support, Terms and Conditions, and Application Queuing.

There were no meetings held for Work Tracks 1-4 during the month of April.

Next Steps for Overall Working Group and Work Tracks 1-4:

The Working Group is planning to publish its Initial Report in May covering the overarching issues and topics included in Work Tracks 1-4. The Working Group will continue to meet weekly as it reviews draft sections of the report prior to publication for public comment.

Consensus calls will not be taken on the content of this Initial Report. The Initial Report will provide preliminary recommendations, options, and questions for community input, as well as details on the deliberations that led to these preliminary outcomes. As required by the GNSO

Operating Procedures, consensus calls will however be taken for the Final Report, which the Working Group plans to publish later this year.

Current Status of Work Track 5:

Work Track 5 held two meetings in April in which it continued to make progress on discussions related to geographic names at the top level.

4 April:
- Provided an update about progress made during ICANN61.
- Reviewed the Work Track 5 work plan.
- Discussed a proposed path forward on future treatment of 2-character country codes, 3-character country codes, and the long- and short-form of country and territory names (see slides).
- Considered additional elements of the country and territory names list included in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook.

18 April:
- Completed a second reading of the proposed path forward on future treatment of 2-character letter-letter combination country codes, 3-character country codes, and the long- and short-form of country and territory names (see slides).
- Considered potential future treatment of Additional Geographic Terms included in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook, including capital city names, city names, and sub-national place names.
- Began to discuss potential additional geographic names that were not included in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook.
- Encouraged members to explain what additional terms they felt should or should not receive special treatment in future rounds and the rationale for their positions.

Work Track 5 held a meeting on 2 May, which will be summarized in the following edition of the newsletter.

The "working document" used to track deliberations reflects a summary of key points raised during these sessions and on the mailing list.

Next Steps for Work Track 5:

Following input from Work Track members, the leadership team is trying out a new meeting schedule. In May, it will begin holding weekly 60-minute meetings rather than 90-minute meeting every other week. The Work Track will continue to discuss the future treatment of geographic names contained in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook, as well as terms not included in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

In June 2014, the GNSO Council established a Discussion Group that was intended to evaluate the experiences of the 2012 round gTLD Program and to identify possible areas for future GNSO policy development. The Discussion Group's deliverables served as the basis for the GNSO Council's request for a Preliminary Issue Report in June of 2015.

Following the publication of the Final Issue Report, the GNSO Council adopted the charter for the PDP Working Group, which began its work in February 2016. The Working Group initially concentrated on a set of overarching issues and has since established five separate Work Tracks to consider specific topic areas: Work Track 1 - Overall Process/Support/Outreach, Work Track 2 - Legal/Regulatory, Work Track 3: String Contention/Objections & Disputes, Work Track 4: Internationalized Domain Names/Technical & Operations, Work Track 5: Geographic Names at the Top Level.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Discussion Group identified a number of subjects that may require further analysis and possible formulation of policy language. There are existing policy recommendations adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board, which will remain in place unless the PDP WG determines that changes are needed.

> **To join this effort, please email the GNSO Secretariat: gnso-secs@icann.org**
> **All are welcome!**

MORE INFORMATION
- PDP Working Group Workspace Wiki: https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw
- PDP Working Group Charter: https://community.icann.org/x/KAp1Aw
- PDP Working Group Active Project Page: https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures