

New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP

April 2018 Newsletter

**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

Overall Working Group and Work Tracks 1-4

Current Status:

In March, the Working Group focused on planning and organizing material for the Working Group's Initial Report. The full Working Group met on [5 March](#) and discussed the timeline and milestones for the PDP, the process for developing content for the Initial Report, and the proposed Initial Report structure. Work Track meetings in early March focused on finalizing discussions on specific subject areas to include in the report:

- [Work Track 2](#) had a meeting on [1 March](#), in which it reviewed progress on topics [TLD Rollout](#) & [Contractual Compliance](#) and discussed potential recommendations, options, and outstanding questions on these topics.
- [Work Track 4](#) had a meeting on [1 March](#), in which members considered potential recommendations on the topic of Registry System Testing as well as areas where there is not yet convergence in the Work Track related to this issue.

Discussions about the PDP's timeline and work plan continued at ICANN61 in Puerto Rico during the [WG's face-to-face session on 10 March](#). At the face-to-face session, the Working Group reviewed the status of work on the overarching issues under consideration in the PDP. Also as part of this session, Work Tracks 1-4 each had a block of time to review with the group a sampling of [preliminary recommendations, options, and outstanding questions](#) within the scope of each Work Track.

At ICANN61, the Working group co-chairs met with the GNSO Council and the leadership team of the Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs PDP Working Group during the [GNSO Working Session](#) on 11 March to discuss the joint timelines of the PDPs and dependencies between the work of the two groups. Members of the leadership team also met with the [GAC](#) and [ALAC](#) to discuss the status of the PDP, provide updates on discussions concerning topics of interest for these groups, and solicit feedback.

Following ICANN61, Work Tracks 1, 3, and 4 did not hold additional meetings, allowing time for the leadership team to work on the Initial Report. Work Track 2 held a meeting on [29](#)

[March](#) to review draft recommendations on [Global Public Interest](#), a topic that required additional input from Work Track members.

Next Steps:

The Working Group is planning to publish its Initial Report later this month covering the overarching issues and topics included in Work Tracks 1-4. In the month of April, the full Working Group will be meeting weekly to prepare the Initial Report for publication. 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.

The full Working Group has meetings scheduled for 9 April, 16 April, 24 April, and 30 April.

In general, Work Tracks will not be meeting during this period. If, in the course of drafting the Initial Report, issues are uncovered that require additional discussion in the Work Track prior to publication of the Initial Report, Work Track leaders may schedule calls during this period.

Work Track 5

Current Status:

Work Track 5 held a session at ICANN61 on [Wednesday 14 March](#). In the session, the Work Track continued with substantive deliberations that have taken place in recent meetings and leveraged the face-to-face format to encourage additional input from the wider community. Discussions during this session focused on the future treatment of the following:

- Alpha-3 codes listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard
- Long-form names listed in the ISO 3166-standard, or a translation of the long-form name in any language
- Short-form names listed in the ISO 3166-standard, or a translation of the short-form name in any language

A transcript of the discussion is available [here](#). The “[working document](#)” used to track deliberations also reflects a summary of key points raised during this session.

Next Steps:

Work Track 5 had a meeting on 4 April, which will be summarized in the next newsletter. WT5 has a meeting on 18 April, in which it will continue to discuss the future treatment of geographic names contained in the 2012 Applicant Guidebook. Later discussions will focus on 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: gns-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://gns-secs@icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures>