

GNSO Public Forum

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Agenda

- **Bylaw advice**
- **Policy for New gTLDs**
- **IDN update**
- **Policy for improving WHOIS**
- **Policy for Existing gTLDs contracts**
- **GNSO review**

Transparency

- **Bylaw improvement**
- **ICANN should post gTLD agreements with material changes for public comment on the ICANN website for at least 21 days (and if practical, longer) prior to any final approval of the agreement**

Term limits

- **Bylaw advice**
- **A council member can serve no more than two consecutive terms (regardless of duration)**

Policy Development Process (PDP)

- Request issues report
- Issues Report
- Initiate PDP with terms of reference
 - Public comment
- Preliminary Task Force Report or Initial Report
 - Public comment
- Final Report for Council vote
- Board Report
 - GAC advice to Board
- Board vote

New gTLD

- **Status: Draft final report**
- **Set of draft recommendations**
- **Taking further input from the GAC on public policy issues**
- **String issues – complex**
 - **Objection process**
 - **Dispute resolution process**
- **Need to develop guidance associated with recommendations**
- **Will take further public comment and updates to constituency statements**
- **Aim for Council to approve final report in Lisbon**

IDNs

- **Status: new gTLD policy also applies to new gTLDs that make use of the IDN standards**
- **Decision on whether to allow IDNs at a technical level out-of-scope**
- **Key policy issues include string restrictions**
 - **Guidance needs to include IDN examples**
- **Formed a GNSO IDN working group to identify further policy issues**
- **Meeting with the ccNSO IDN working group**
- **Liaise with the GAC on the interactions between geopolitical names, IDNs, and country codes**

IDNs

- **Require a timeline that incorporates:**
 - **IETF work**
 - **ICANN tests**
 - **Board decision to allow IDNs at the root**
 - **GAC advice**
 - **ccNSO policy development**
 - **GNSO new gTLD policy development**

WHOIS

- **Status: Partial completion of draft final report**
- **Considering two options for limiting data for unauthenticated public access**
- **Further work required for accessing data**
 - **Types of authentication**
- **Further work required to improve accuracy**
- **Taking further input from the GAC on public policy issues**
- **Aim for a complete draft report by Lisbon meeting**

Existing gTLD contracts

- **Status: Partial completion of draft final report**
- **Considering range of options against each term of reference**
- **Issues associated with the applicability of some of the options given the terms of current agreements**
- **Issues associated with some of the topics**
 - E.g pricing policy
- **Further economic analysis would be useful**
- **Aim for a complete draft final report by Lisbon meeting**

GNSO Review

- **GNSO constituencies will provide formal feedback on the LSE report for consideration by the ICANN Board**
- **We await decisions from the ICANN Board on next steps**

Thank you

- **Ken Stubbs (1999)**
- **June Seo**
- **Lucy Nichols**
- **Maureen Cubberly**
- **Bret Fausett**