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Generic Names Supporting Organization

## Policy Briefing ICANN72 Edition

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# Welcome to ICANN72 from the GNSO Chair

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Dear Colleagues:

The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council and GNSO community welcome your participation in the ICANN72 Virtual Annual General Meeting. The GNSO has a full agenda for the Virtual Annual General Meeting, which will focus on policy development efforts and the work of the GNSO Council. Additional meeting time will also be devoted to Stakeholder Group and Constituency meetings, and community updates. As ICANN72 approaches, I would like to highlight a few GNSO initiatives that will be on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting as well as ongoing work that may interest you. Additional information about GNSO projects can be found in the following sections of this briefing.

During ICANN72, sessions will be held to make progress on key policy development initiatives and other GNSO projects. The Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process (PDP) was initiated by the GNSO Council to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. The working group will hold a session at ICANN72 to discuss and seek broader community input on some of the topics within its charter.

The GNSO Internationalized Domain Names (IDN) Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) recently began its work to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on i) the definition of all TLDs and the management of variant labels to facilitate the delegation of variant gTLDs in the root zone, and ii) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines should be updated in the future. During ICANN72, the working group will meet to make progress on its early deliberations.

The Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team will be tasked to consider a number of accuracy-related aspects, such as current enforcement and reporting, measurement of accuracy, and effectiveness. These considerations are expected to help inform the scoping team's deliberations and the development of recommendations to the GNSO Council on whether any changes are recommended to improve accuracy levels, and if so, how and by whom these changes would need to be developed (for example, if changes to existing contractual requirements are recommended, a PDP or contractual negotiations may be necessary to effect a change). During its session at ICANN72, the scoping team is expected to make further progress on the assignments that the GNSO Council provided in its [instructions](#).

The Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2A was tasked to review two issues: (1) the differentiation of legal vs. natural persons' registration data and (2) the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address. Most recently, the EPDP Team delivered its Phase 2A Final Report to the GNSO Council. The Council is in the process of considering the Final Report and its recommendations and is expected to vote on the Final Report during the GNSO Council meeting at ICANN72.

The EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) recently published its Initial Report for public comment. Its work is based on the Council referral of recommendation 5 from the Final Report of the International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group. This group will not be holding a session at ICANN72 but continues to make progress.

In addition, the ICANN Board currently is considering or preparing to consider outputs of several significant GNSO policy development efforts:

- Recommendations from Phase 2 of the EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data
- Recommendations from Phase 1 of the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP
- Affirmations, recommendations, and implementation guidance produced by the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP

Operational Design Assessments conducted during Operational Design Phases (ODPs) are expected to support the Board's consideration of EPDP Phase 2 recommendations and SubPro outputs. The System for Standardized Access/Disclosure ODP was initiated in April 2021, and our liaison to the ODP is keeping the Council informed about the ODP's progress. The SubPro ODP was initiated by the Board in September 2021.

At ICANN72, the GNSO Council will hold its public and administrative meetings on Wednesday, 27 October. The Council will hold a preparation session on Monday, 25 October and a wrap up session on Thursday, 28 October. GNSO meetings will also take place with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), the ICANN Board, and the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO). Note that due to the condensed format of this ICANN meeting, the session with the ccNSO will occur prior to ICANN72.

As part of its ongoing efforts to manage and streamline the different projects that the Council has in its **pipeline**, the Council recently launched a pilot project called the Framework for Continuous Improvement Oversight and Implementation. The objective of this pilot is to test a framework that would allow for the continuous scoping and execution of projects that are focused on GNSO structural, procedural, and process improvements, as distinct from policy related work. As part of the pilot, two subjects are expected to be tackled, namely, a review of the GNSO's Statement of Interest requirements and a review of the existing Working Group Self-Assessment model.

The implementation of PDP 3.0, a GNSO Council initiative aimed at introducing incremental improvements to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the PDP working groups, as well as to empower the GNSO Council to better serve in its role as the manager of policy development processes, continues to mature. As the GNSO Council scopes and initiates new GNSO policy development efforts, it is actively applying PDP 3.0 improvements to the design of this work.

The Annual General Meeting marks a time of transition for the GNSO Council with seating the newly appointed Council members, election of the Chair, as well as selection of new Council Vice-Chair(s). For GNSO Council Vice-Chairs Pam Little and Tatiana Tropina, the AGM marks the end of their service on the GNSO leadership team and the GNSO Council. I would like to extend a special thanks to Pam and Tatiana for their incredible contributions to the Council in these roles. Join us as we bring a productive year in the GNSO community and GNSO Council to a close and welcome the next GNSO Council members and leadership team. I look forward to seeing you all on Zoom.

**Philippe Fouquart**  
**GNSO Chair**

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# ICANN72 at a Glance

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The GNSO Policy Support Team has developed this briefing document to help community members prepare for ICANN72. It provides an overview of the status of GNSO PDP working groups and teams, as well as information about other GNSO policy-related activities, including PDP Implementation Review Teams (IRTs). The document includes links for additional background reading that will help you prepare for sessions and support active participation from all attendees.

Newcomers to ICANN and the GNSO may be interested in online learning opportunities that will further help them make the most of the upcoming meeting. We highly recommend taking the Get to Know the GNSO course on [ICANN Learn](#). The course will make it easier to navigate through the structure and content of this Policy Briefing with a better understanding of PDPs. All are encouraged to enroll.

Please note that any reference to meeting times in this document is provisional. Please consult the ICANN meeting schedule for the latest information.

## ICANN72 Meeting Information

[Meeting Page \(including Registration and Schedule\)](#)

[General Remote Participation Information](#)

[GNSO Session Remote Participation Details](#)

[Expected Standard of Behavior](#)

## GNSO Related Information

[GNSO Council Policy Update Webinar](#)

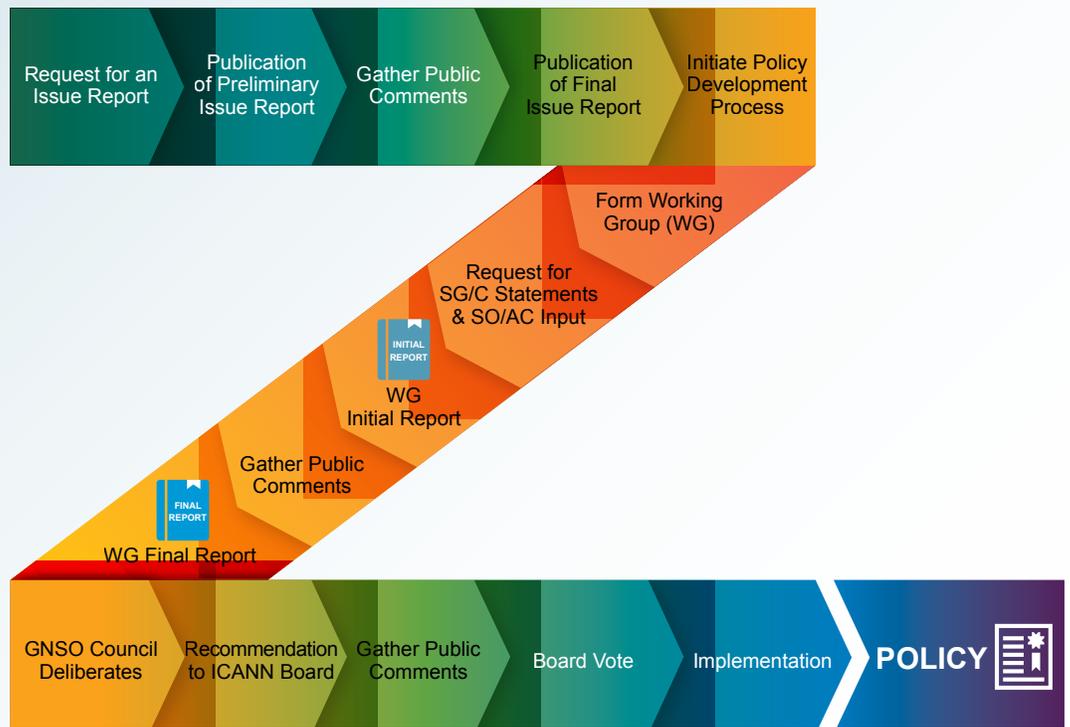
[GNSO One-Stop-Shop for ICANN Meeting](#)

[Project List](#)

If you have any questions about or suggestions for this Policy Briefing or GNSO policy activities, please contact us at [policy-staff@icann.org](mailto:policy-staff@icann.org). We look forward to a productive meeting.

# GNSO Policy Development Process Infographic

The GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) governs the way in which the GNSO develops consensus policies relating to generic top-level domains. GNSO PDPs follow the process (see below) during their lifecycle, which consists of different steps, including: issue identification; issue scoping; PDP initiation; working group; GNSO Council deliberation; ICANN Board vote; and policy implementation.



In the following sections of the GNSO Policy Briefing, the respective steps which the PDP working groups and implementation review teams have reached are noted.

For more details about the steps in PDPs, see the following materials:

- [ICANN Bylaws, Annex A](#)
- [Detailed Infographic of GNSO PDP](#)
- [PDP Manual](#)

# Expedited Policy Development Process: Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2 & Phase 2A

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

Both the EPDP Phase 2 Team and Phase 2A Team have completed their work and, accordingly, will not be meeting at ICANN72. The GNSO Council will consider the Final Report of the EPDP Phase 2A Team during its meeting on Wednesday, 27 October at 12:30 PDT.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 17 May 2018, the ICANN Board approved the Temporary Specification for generic top-level domain (gTLD) Registration Data to allow contracted parties to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and, at the same time, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). This Board action triggered the GNSO Council's initiation of a PDP on 19 July 2018. The PDP was conducted in two phases: Phase 1 aimed to confirm, or not, the Temporary Specification by 25 May 2019; Phase 2 discussed, among other elements, a standardized access model to nonpublic registration data. Phase 2A discussed the differentiation of legal and natural persons' registration data and the potential feasibility of unique contacts having a uniform anonymized email address. [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

### Phase 2

The GNSO Council approved the [Phase 2 Final Report](#) during its meeting on 24 September 2020 by a supermajority. The Final Report sets out the EPDP Team's recommendations for a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure (SSAD) to nonpublic gTLD registration data, as well as recommendations and conclusions for the so-called "Priority 2" topics, which include data retention, city field redaction, et al.

As part of its approval, the GNSO Council agreed to request a consultation with the ICANN Board to discuss the financial sustainability of the SSAD and some of the concerns expressed within the different minority statements, including whether a further cost-benefit analysis should be conducted before the ICANN Board considers all SSAD-related recommendations for adoption. During ICANN70, the Board directed ICANN org to initiate an Operational Design Phase (ODP) for the SSAD-related



recommendations, and the ODP is currently ongoing. For more information on the SSAD ODP, please visit the following [page](#).

With respect to the aforementioned Priority 2 topics (recommendations not related to the SSAD), the Board [adopted](#) the four Priority 2 recommendations during its meeting on 21 June 2021.

### Phase 2A

Following the request from some EPDP Team members, the GNSO Council asked the EPDP Team to continue its work on two topics: 1) the differentiation of legal vs. natural persons' registration data and 2) the feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address.

The EPDP Team submitted its [Final Report](#) to the GNSO Council on 3 September 2021. The Final Report contains three recommendations related to the differentiation of legal vs. natural persons, including: (i) the mandatory creation of a new RDDS field(s) that allows, but does not require, registrars to designate between natural vs. legal persons and personal vs. non-personal data; (ii) optional guidance for registrars who choose to differentiate between legal and natural persons; and (iii) a recommendation that if ICANN org develops a GDPR Article 40 Code of Conduct, the above-referenced guidance would need to be considered in its development. The Final Report also contains one recommendation related to the unique contacts topic, and recommends that registrars who choose to publish an intended to be pseudonymized contact consider following the appended guidance from Bird & Bird and relevant data protection authorities.

### WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

For Phase 2, the ICANN Board is expected to consider the SSAD-related recommendations following the conclusion of the ODP.

For Phase 2A, the GNSO Council plans to consider the Phase 2A Final Report during its meeting on 27 October 2021.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

For more information on the SSAD ODP, please visit the following [page](#). The work of the EPDP Team Phase 2A has concluded, but parties interested in learning more are invited to read the EPDP Phase 2A [Final Report](#).

### MORE INFORMATION

- [EPDP Phase 2 webpage](#)
- [EPDP Phase 2A webpage](#)
- [EPDP workspace](#)
- [SSAD ODP webpage](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Caitlin Tubergen, Marika Konings, Berry Cobb (consultant)

# Policy Development Process: New Generic Top-Level Domain Subsequent Procedures

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN72 as it has completed its work. The GNSO Council adopted its Final Report in February 2021 and sent the PDP outputs to the ICANN Board for its review.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP sought to determine what, if any, changes needed to be made to the existing policy recommendations from the 2007 [Final Report on the Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains](#). [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The working group submitted its [Final Report](#) to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 18 January 2021. It put forward hundreds of Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance (collectively referred to as “outputs”) under 41 topics. Only two outputs did not receive consensus or full consensus support from the working group.

At its meeting on 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council voted to approve by a supermajority all final Affirmations, Recommendations, and Implementation Guidance that were determined to have received either Full Consensus or Consensus designations by the working group. The adopted outputs and the [Recommendations Report](#) were subsequently sent to the ICANN Board for its review.

Between 22 April and 1 June 2021, there was a [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Final Report to seek community input prior to the ICANN Board action on PDP’s outputs. On 29 April 2021, as required by the Bylaws, the ICANN Board [notified](#) the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council’s approval of the PDP outputs that received either Full Consensus or Consensus designations by the working group. On 12 September 2021, the Board directed ICANN org to initiate an [Operational Design Phase \(ODP\)](#) for the Final Report outputs.



**WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

Following the ODP, the ICANN Board is expected to take action on the approved policy recommendations in accordance with the Bylaws.

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Please stay tuned for additional information about future opportunities to engage on this topic.

**MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)
- [ODP webpage](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Steve Chan, Emily Barabas, Julie Hedlund

# Policy Development Process: Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All Generic Top-Level Domains

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The Review of All Rights Mechanisms (RPMs) in All Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN72 as it has completed its work on **Phase 1**. The GNSO Council approved all the Phase 1 recommendations in January 2021 and sent them to the ICANN Board for its review.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP has two phases. Phase 1 reviewed all the RPMs applicable to gTLDs launched under the 2012 New gTLD Program. These RPMs include:

- The Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP)
- The Sunrise registrations and Trademark Claims services that are offered through the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH)
- The Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure

Phase 2 will focus on reviewing the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999. [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

On 24 November 2020, the working group submitted its [Phase 1 Final Report](#), which contains a total of 35 final recommendations, to the GNSO Council for its consideration. The working group classified its recommendations into three categories:

- Recommendations for new policies and procedures
- Recommendations to modify existing operational practice
- Recommendations to maintain status quo



The working group also put forward an overarching data collection final recommendation, aiming at addressing data-related gaps. Of the recommendations, 34 of them received full consensus support, and one recommendation received consensus support from the working group.

On 21 January 2021, the GNSO Council unanimously [approved](#) the Phase 1 Final Report. On 19 March 2021, the GNSO Council sent the [Recommendations Report](#) to the ICANN Board of Directors, which recommended that the Board adopt all the Phase 1 final recommendations. A [Public Comment](#) proceeding on the Phase 1 Final Report was opened on 7 April and closed on 21 May 2021, and the [staff report](#) was published on 4 June 2021. On 7 April 2021, the ICANN Board [notified](#) the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) of the GNSO Council's approval of the Phase 1 Final Report, as required by the Bylaws.

#### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

The ICANN Board will consider the approved policy recommendations in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Please stay tuned for additional information about future opportunities to engage on this topic.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Mary Wong, Julie Hedlund, Ariel Liang

# Expedited Policy Development Process: Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

In April 2019, the GNSO Council voted to adopt Recommendations 1-4 of the [Final Report](#) of the International Governmental Organization and International Non-Governmental Organization (IGO-INGO) Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process, but elected to refer Recommendation 5 to the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in All gTLDs Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group. In January 2020, the GNSO Council adopted an Addendum to the RPMs charter to integrate consideration of Recommendation 5 and initiate a separate Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO) Work Track. The IGO Work Track held its first meeting in February 2021 and has been meeting weekly, making substantial progress. In August 2021, the GNSO Council took the procedural step of initiating an EPDP to continue the work of the IGO Work Track. The EPDP Team is not holding a session at ICANN72.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council tasked the IGO Work Track, now EPDP Team, to consider whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is generally consistent with Recommendations 1-4 and, while allowing for the possibility that an IGO may have jurisdictional immunity in some circumstances, will nevertheless not affect a registrant's right to seek judicial review of an initial Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) or Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) decision. [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

**IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP** (provided for context)

The original PDP working group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council on 9 July 2018. The GNSO Council resolved to accept the Final Report on 19 July 2018, though it did not take final action on the report at that time, noting that it would seek to consider the topic of curative rights protections for IGOs in the broader context of the appropriate overall scope of protection for all IGO identifiers.

The GNSO Council's deliberations included consultation with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). On 18 April 2019, the Council resolved to approve Recommendations 1-4 of the Final Report and refer Recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Working Group as part of its Phase 2 work.



On 16 May 2019, the GNSO Council transmitted its Recommendations Report (relating to Recommendations 1-4) to the ICANN Board. ICANN org conducted a [Public Comment](#) consultation process for Recommendations 1-4 from 11 July to 20 August 2019. The GAC sent a [letter](#) to the GNSO Council, noting the Council's approval of Recommendations 1-4 and referring Recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP Working Group to ensure it is inconsistent with GAC advice.

#### **EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs**

Following its referral of Recommendation 5 to the Review of All RPMs in All gTLDs PDP, the GNSO Council prepared a draft [Addendum](#) to the RPMs charter and consulted with the GAC and IGO representatives. Subsequently, the GNSO Council adopted the Addendum in January 2020 to initiate a separate IGO Work Track.

In September 2020, the GNSO Council conducted an Expression of Interest process for the IGO Work Track Chair and issued a call for volunteers to the various community groups to appoint members to the work track. Members of the work track met for the first time on 22 February 2021 and have been meeting weekly. The group has made significant progress in reaching preliminary draft recommendations. Following the procedural step noted above to initiate an EPDP to complete the IGO Work Track's work, the EPDP Team published its Initial Report for public comment on 14 September 2021.

### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

The ICANN Board is now considering Recommendations 1-4, taking into account Public Comments received. With regard to Recommendation 5, the EPDP Team will wait for the public comment period to close and take into account input received. The EPDP Team will then seek to finalize its recommendations and deliver its Final Report to the GNSO Council.

### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Parties interested in the IGO Work Track should coordinate with the members assigned by the relevant Stakeholder Group (SG), Constituency, Supporting Organization (SO), or Advisory Committee (AC) to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the IGO Work Track's deliberations. Interested parties are also able to follow its progress by signing up as an observer.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)
- [IGO Work Track workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Mary Wong, Steve Chan

# Policy Development Process: Transfer Policy Review

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The working group will conduct one working session at ICANN72, on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 10:00-12:00 (PDT). Please check the ICANN72 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader community input.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council [initiated](#) a two-phase policy development process (PDP) to review the Transfer Policy. This PDP is tasked to determine if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers. As recommended in the [Final Issue Report](#), this PDP is to address the following topics in sequence:

- The Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA) and AuthInfo Codes (Phase 1A)
- The change of registrant (Phase 1B)
- The transfer emergency action contact and reversing inter-registrar transfers, Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy, NACKing transfers, and ICANN-approved transfers (Phase 2) [Learn More](#)

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The working group held its first meeting on 14 May 2021. In the early stages of its work, the working group developed a work plan, conducted an initial review of the topics within its charter, and obtained early written input from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, and ACs on these topics.

The working group is now focusing on substantive deliberations and making progress toward delivering its Initial Report. The working group first conducted initial deliberations on charter questions related to AuthInfo Codes. It is now focusing on the Gaining and Losing Forms of Authorization (FOA). It will return to the topic of AuthInfo Codes once it has answered questions related to FOA that inform the AuthInfo Code deliberations. As it discusses each topic, the working group is taking into account relevant written input received from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, and ACs.



### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

The working group will firm up draft responses to charter questions and recommendations, which will be compiled into an Initial Report. The Initial Report will be published for public comment.

### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Parties interested in the Transfer Policy Review PDP should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective SG, Constituency, SO, or AC to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the Transfer Policy Review PDP's deliberations. Interested parties are also able to follow the working group's progress by signing up as an observer.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [PDP webpage](#)
- [PDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Emily Barabas, Julie Hedlund, Caitlin Tubergen, Berry Cobb

# Expedited Policy Development Process: Internationalized Domain Names

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The EPDP Team will conduct one working session at ICANN72, on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 16:30-17:30 (PDT). Please check the ICANN72 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During the session, the working group will discuss topics within its charter and seek broader community input.

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council approved the [initiation request](#) for the EPDP on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and adopted its [charter](#) at the same time. The EPDP is expected to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on:

- i) the definition of all TLDs and the management of variant labels to facilitate the delegation of variant gTLDs in the root zone while achieving the security and usability goal of variant labels in a stable manner; and
- ii) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with, should be updated in the future.

The charter includes a total of 48 questions under seven broader topics, ranging from the “same entity” requirement at the top- and second-levels to adjustments to ICANN policies and procedures as they relate to IDNs.

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The EPDP Team held its first meeting on 11 August 2021 and is in its early stages of its work. The EPDP Team has developed a work plan, conducted an initial review of the topics within its charter, and sent a request for early written input from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, and ACs on the topics contained in the EPDP’s charter.

The EPDP Team is focusing on substantive deliberations on the first of its seven main topics, each of which has a number of specific questions for the group to consider. This first main topic, Topic A, focuses on the consistent definition of TLDs and variant TLDs using the Root Zone Label Generation Rules (RZ-LGR). As the EPDP Team discusses each topic, it will be sure to take into account any relevant written input received from the SG, Constituencies, SOs, or ACs.



### **WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?**

The EPDP Team will continue its substantive deliberations, seeking to reach preliminary outcomes for each of the seven main topics. The EPDP Team will work towards draft responses to charter questions and recommendations, which will be compiled into an Initial Report. The Initial Report will be published for public comment.

### **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Parties interested in the EPDP on IDNs should coordinate with the members assigned by the respective SG, Constituency, SO, or AC to stay current and to communicate any input they believe may be useful to the EPDP's deliberations. The "representative + open" membership model for the EPDP also allows interested parties to join as a participant and take part in EPDP deliberations substantively, with the exception of when an official position is needed from the relevant organization or taking part in the consensus call. Interested parties are also able to follow the working group's progress by signing up as an observer.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [EPDP webpage](#)
- [EPDP workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Steve Chan, Emily Barabas, Marika Konings, Ariel Liang

# Policy Implementation Update

Implementation review teams (IRTs) are convened to assist ICANN org in developing the implementation details for the Board-approved policy developed in GNSO PDP working groups. This is to ensure that the implementation conforms to the intent of the policy recommendations (as per IRT Principles & Guidelines).

[Learn More](#)

## Registration Data Policy for gTLDs

### (EPDP PHASE 1 IMPLEMENTATION)

The Implementation Review Team (IRT) will conduct one working session at ICANN72, on Wednesday, 27 October 2021 at 09:00-10:00 PDT. Please check the ICANN72 meeting schedule for the confirmed time.

Three stages of the policy implementation were designed in advance of the Board resolution:

- Stage 1: Effective 20 May 2019, contracted parties must continue to implement measures consistent with the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data, as adopted by the Board on 17 May 2018.
- Stage 2: This stage will begin after the ICANN org publishes a Registration Data Policy as a Consensus Policy and formally notifies the contracted parties. During this stage, contracted parties may implement the Interim Policy, the Registration Data Policy, or elements of both as they prepare for the effective date of the Registration Data Policy. The timing of this milestone is to be determined.
- Stage 3: Contracted parties must comply with the Registration Data Policy as of its effective date, which the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) Team on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data recommended to be 29 February 2020.

The Stage 1 interim Consensus Policy named [Interim Registration Data Policy for gTLDs](#) was published on 17 May 2019.



The IRT is now working on the implementation plan for Stage 2. The process steps include drafting the complete gTLD Registration Data Policy and agreeing on a timeline that can be shared for Public Comment (including the anticipated implementation time for the contracted parties). The IRT has been focusing efforts on:

- deliberations to resolve conflicting interpretations of some of the recommendations
- evaluation of the requirements set by the policy language for technical feasibility
- projection of the scope and time for the tasks to be implemented
- assessment of the critical path to define a realistic implementation timeline

When the implementation plan is produced, it will be published for Public Comment.

In January 2021, the GNSO Council passed a [motion](#) to provide guidance on the interpretation of EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 7. In accordance with the motion, this has been communicated to the ICANN Board for consideration of next steps. In June 2021, the Board [adopted Recommendations 19-22](#) from the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report. The implementation of these recommendations, referred to as Priority 2 items, were added to the Registration Data Policy Implementation scope of work.

This IRT is open to all. You may join as either a member (with full posting rights to the mailing list and the ability to participate in all meetings) or as an observer (with read-only status for the mailing list). If you are interested in joining, please follow the instructions in the “[call for IRT](#)” announcement. The IRT meets every other week via teleconference and in person at ICANN Public Meetings.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

- [EPDP Phase 1 background](#)
- [Policy Implementation Status webpage](#)
- [IRT workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Dennis Chang

The following Implementation Review Teams (IRTs) do not plan to meet at ICANN72

## Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues

The IRT for the **policy recommendations** developed by the Privacy Proxy Services Accreditation Issues (PPSAI) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group began meeting in October 2016 and has reviewed the draft Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) and other associated program materials in preparation for the Public Comment phase.

On **4 March 2019**, ICANN org wrote to the GNSO Council, suggesting to wait before proceeding to Public Comment and implementation of the PPSAI recommendations until the completion of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. The GNSO Council deferred the decision on this issue to ICANN org in a **message** on 30 April 2018. In its **response** on 5 September 2019, ICANN org confirmed that implementation work would remain paused pending the resolution of EPDP Phase 2.

With both phases of the EPDP complete, ICANN org provided its **draft review** of the impact of the EPDP recommendations on existing policies and procedures, including the PPSAI recommendations, per the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27. Following review by the EPDP Phase 1 IRT, the **report** was shared with the GNSO Council to help determine next steps. In its **7 July letter**, the GNSO Council indicated an expectation that implementation would continue. ICANN org is now considering next steps for the PPSAI implementation within the org’s planning activities, factoring in existing and upcoming activities, as well as direction from the Board.

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## Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information

The ICANN Board **adopted** the recommendations of the PDP working group in September 2015. Since commencing implementation work in July 2016, the IRT and Global Domains and Strategy (GDS) have produced a **preliminary policy document**. Due to complexities emerging from the Implementation Review Team (IRT)’s discussions and work in other areas related to registration data directory services (RDDS)—in particular the **Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process** (EPDP)—the implementation’s projected announcement and effective dates are to be determined.

Given the implementation’s relationship to the evolution of registration data policies and procedures, the PDP working group’s recommendations are being assessed per Recommendation 27 of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 1 Team’s **Final Report** to ensure policy and implementation consistency across the many work streams in this area.

Both phases of the EPDP are now complete, and ICANN org has provided its draft review of the impact of the EPDP recommendations on existing policies and procedures, including the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information recommendations, per the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27. Following review by the EPDP Phase 1 IRT, ICANN org provided the **report** to the GNSO Council. ICANN org is considering next steps regarding the GNSO Council’s consideration of the EPDP Phase 1 Recommendation 27, Wave 1.5 Report per its **letter** dated 7 July 2021. This includes incorporating next steps on the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information recommendations into ICANN org’s planning activities, and factoring in timing and prioritization of work with other existing activities.

This IRT is open to all participants. You may join as either a member (with full posting rights to the mailing list and the ability to participate in all meetings) or as an observer (with read-only status for the mailing list). If you are interested in joining, please contact GNSO Secretariat at [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org).

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**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Isabelle Colas



## Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs

On 16 January 2018, the **implementation** of the Consensus Policy for the Protection of Certain Specific International Governmental Organization (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organization (INGO) Identifiers for All gTLDs was published. As of 1 August 2018, implementation has been completed for the portion of the policy that provides protection by reserving full names for certain specific names of IGOs, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (RCRC). For INGOs, the implementation period will be 12 months from the release of the INGO Claims Systems Specification which is currently under development by the ICANN org.

In January 2019, the ICANN Board **adopted** the policy recommendation proposed by the Reconvened PDP Working Group on the Protections of the Specific Red Cross Red Crescent Names in All gTLDs. After the **Public Comment**, the **consensus policy language** was revised and published in February 2020. The implementation was completed by 1 August 2020, which resulted in changing the **reserved Domain Name System (DNS) Labels** from 700 to over 7,000.

The INGO Claims System implementation is on hold at this point in consideration of potential additional requirements that could be combined to create this new system. ICANN org is consulting with the Implementation Review Team (IRT) on the timing of the restart.

If you are interested in joining the IRT, please contact the GNSO Secretariat at [gnso-secs@icann.org](mailto:gnso-secs@icann.org).

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**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Dennis Chang



# Accuracy Scoping Team

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN72 IN RELATION TO THIS TOPIC?

The scoping team is expected to conduct one working session at ICANN72, on Tuesday 26 October 2021 from 12:30 - 14:00 (PDT). Please check the ICANN72 meeting schedule for the confirmed time. During this session, the scoping team is expected to make further progress on the assignments that the GNSO Council provided in its [instructions](#).

## WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council formally adopted the [formation of and instructions](#) to the Accuracy Scoping Team during its meeting on 22 July 2021. The scoping team has been tasked to consider a number of accuracy related aspects such as current enforcement and reporting, measurement of accuracy, and effectiveness. These considerations are expected to help inform its deliberations and the development of recommendations to the GNSO Council on whether any changes are recommended to improve accuracy levels, and if so, how and by whom these changes would need to be developed (for example, if changes to existing contractual requirements are recommended, a PDP or contractual negotiations may be necessary to effect a change). Each SG, Constituency, SO, and AC has been invited to appoint [representatives](#) to this effort.

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The GNSO Council confirmed a Chair for the scoping team during the Council's meeting on 24 September 2021. The scoping team is expected to commence its deliberations shortly thereafter.

## WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

An early scoping team task will be to develop a detailed work plan and timeline which are to be submitted to the Council for review. The work plan and timeline are expected to address the four assignments that the scoping team has been given that cover: 1) enforcement and reporting, 2) measurement of accuracy, 3) effectiveness, and 4) impact and improvements.

## MORE INFORMATION

- [Scoping Team instructions](#)
- [Scoping Team workspace](#)

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:** Marika Konings, Caitlin Tubergen, Berry Cobb (consultant)

# GNSO Schedule for ICANN72

Please confirm against the [final schedule](#) as changes may occur. For remote participation details, please check this [wiki page](#) created by the GNSO Support Team. Live audio streaming, recording, and transcripts will become available after meetings. Unless specified with the symbol [C], sessions published in this table are open to all. At time of publishing, virtual meeting rooms have not yet been finalized, please see the final schedule for further information.

DATE	MEETING
<b>Monday, 25 October 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)
	Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers (ISPCP) Membership Meeting
	Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) Membership Meeting
	Contracted Party House (CPH) DNS Abuse WG Community Update
	Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) Membership Meeting
	GNSO Council Priorities and Prep Session
	Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and Commercial Stakeholder Group (CSG)
	RySG - Brand Registry Group Regulation, DNS Abuse and the Next Round - dotBrand Perspectives
	RySG GeoTLD Group Annual General Meeting
	Joint Meeting: Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and GNSO Council
<b>Tuesday, 26 October 2021</b>	Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and GNSO Council
	Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group
	NCSG Policy Committee Meeting
	Registration Data Accuracy Scoping Team
	Business Constituency (BC) Membership Meeting
	GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs)

DATE	MEETING
<b>Wednesday, 27 October 2021</b>	Registration Data Policy Implementation Review Team (IRT) Meeting
	GNSO Council Public Meeting Part I
	GNSO Council Public Meeting Part II (Admin)
	Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC) Membership Meeting
<b>Thursday, 28 October 2021</b>	CPH Membership Meeting
	Joint Meeting: ICANN Board and CPH
	CSG Membership Meeting
	NCSG Membership Meeting
	GNSO Wrap UP

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