

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

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN80 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

The New Generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group will not be meeting at ICANN80 as it has completed its work. However, the Implementation Review Team (IRT) established to support the implementation of policy recommendations for the Next Round will hold sessions at ICANN80. Please check the [ICANN80 meeting schedule](#) for the confirmed times.

In addition, the GNSO Council’s SubPro Supplemental Recommendations small team is not scheduled to meet at ICANN80.

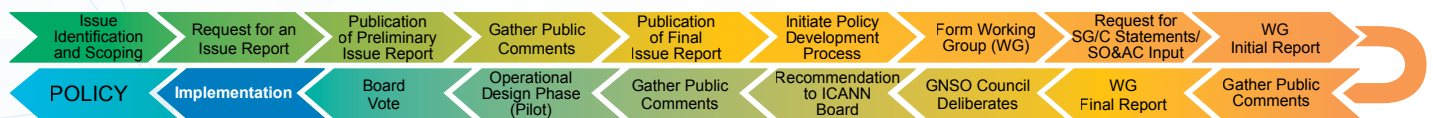
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

This PDP working group sought to determine 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?

On 16 March 2023, the ICANN Board passed a resolution on a set of recommendations calling for, among other things, “a working methodology and Implementation Review Team (IRT) work plan and timeline as agreed upon by ICANN org and the GNSO Council.” See: <https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-16-03-2023-en>. In addition to the approved recommendations, the Board designated 38 outputs as “pending”. The GNSO Council convened a small team which worked with the ICANN Board to resolve all pending recommendations. The small team focused on determining what modifications are needed, if any, for the recommendations that the Board did not [adopt](#).

Accordingly, prior to ICANN79 the small team held a Community Update during Prep Week and a Community Consultation during ICANN79. These sessions were intended to socialize draft Supplemental Recommendations and seek input from the community regarding the proposed modifications to recommendations that were not adopted by the ICANN Board. Receiving no comments or concerns, the small team submitted the recommendations to the GNSO for consideration at its meeting on 18 April, whereby the Council [adopted](#) the recommendations, though it subsequently remanded Topic 24 to the small team for possible revision.



ICANN org has established the IRT to support the implementation of policy recommendations for future rounds of new gTLD applications. See: <https://community.icann.org/x/pQM5Dg>. The IRT is meeting regularly and will hold sessions at ICANN80.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The IRT began meeting regularly in May 2023 and strives to complete its implementation work. In addition, the GNSO Council will continue to collaborate with the ICANN Board's Caucus on New gTLD Subsequent Procedures and ICANN org to seek resolution for recommendations relating to Topic 24: String Similarity Evaluations.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The New gTLD Program Next Round IRT is open to all interested participants, particularly current or former SubPro WG team members who participated in the team's deliberations and who keenly understand the Final Report's policy recommendations and accompanying rationale. To join the IRT as a participant or observer, please complete this [form](#). If you are unable to access it, please send an email to nextround_policyimplementation@icann.org.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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