

# Policy Comment Updates

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At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group (CPWG)

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# Recently Ratified by the ALAC

- [Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level - Supplemental Initial Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process](#)

*The ALAC noted 17.5% of Work Track members identified as At-Large members. Many of those At-Large participants brought Work Track 5 issues to At-Large's policy fora while developing the statement. Overarching ALAC/At-Large positions on WT5 were related to expansion of gTLDs, definition of geographic names, intended use of strings considered as geographic names, preventative protection mechanism, and the 2012 AGB. The ALAC notes that there has yet to be a discussion about whether any new gTLD's are needed. In case of an expansion, first and foremost, (1) strings with geographic connotations should not present harm (eg. risk for confusion) to end-users and (2) end-users, as residents of a given geographic entity, should have a say, through their governments or public authorities, in how its name is used. The ALAC prefers preventative protection mechanisms for country, territory, sub-national place and capital names. In the case of non-capital city names, there is a balanced support within the ALAC for either (1) requiring support or a non-objection letter from the relevant authority only if the applicant intends to use the TLD primarily for purposes associated with the city or (2) requiring support or a non-objection letter in any case. As to the 2012 AGB, ALAC thinks that its final version generally worked well and supports, in general, its treatment of geographic names.*

# Public Comment for Decision

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- ◉ [Initial Report on CSC Effectiveness](#) 25 February 2019

# Current Statements (ALAC Advice, Comment or Correspondence)

Public Comment Name	Public Comment Close	Status	Penholder(s)
<a href="#">ICANN Draft FY20 Operating Plan and Budget and Five-Year Operating Plan Update</a> See: <a href="#">Google Doc (comment-only)</a>	08 February 2019	<b>COMMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair</li> <li>Tijani Ben Jemaa, AFRALO</li> <li><i>Will be discussed on FBSC call</i></li> </ul>
<a href="#">ICANN Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 – 2025</a> See: <a href="#">Google Doc (comment-only)</a>  <u>Marita Moll – Presentation</u>	11 February 2019	<b>COMMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marita Moll, NARALO</li> <li>Bastiaan Goslings, EURALO</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Updated Operating Standards for Specific Reviews</a>	11 February 2019	<b>DRAFTING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gregory Shatan, NARALO</li> <li>Jonathan Zuck, NARALO</li> </ul>
<a href="#">First Consultation on a 2-Year Planning Process</a> See: <a href="#">Google Doc (comment-only)</a>	20 February 2019	<b>COMMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judith Hellerstein, NARALO</li> <li><i>Will be discussed on FBSC call</i></li> </ul>