Update on the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group

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What is the PDP about?

- GNSO recommendations from 2007 resulted in the Applicant Guidebook and the 2012 round of the New gTLD Program.

- The New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP ("SubPro") is focused on considering the 2012 round policy and **determining what changes might need to be made to the original GNSO recommendations from 2007 and/or implementation**.

- The PDP was **chartered** and began its work in early **2016**
  - Charter available here: https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/new-gtlds/subsequent-procedures-charter-21jan16-en.pdf

- The PDP has over 40 separate topics identified in its charter and initially broke into Work Tracks (1-5) to tackle work. Sample of topics:
  - Community Applications
  - Applicant Support
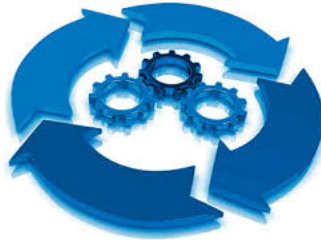 - Geographic Names at the Top Level

How is the PDP Structured?

- The PDP has two overall co-chairs: **Jeff Neuman** and **Cheryl Langdon-Orr**

- The PDP has over 40 separate topics identified in its charter. Previously, the Working group broke into four work tracks to complete initial deliberations – those deliberations formed the basis for published Initial Report.

- Work Track 5: **Geographic Names at the Top-Level** (**Annebeth Lange**, **Javier Rúa-Jovet**, **Martin Sutton**, and **Olga Cavalli**)

- All Work Tracks and Sub Groups will submit their work to the whole Working Group for review and approval, anticipating a single and unified Final Report.

What is the Role of the PDP Leadership?

⦿ Serving as a leader in this PDP, and any other GNSO PDP, is more about ensuring **process is followed**, including scheduling meetings, presiding over those meetings, ensuring PDP members are able to provide their contributions, and to deliver the WG's results to the GNSO Council.
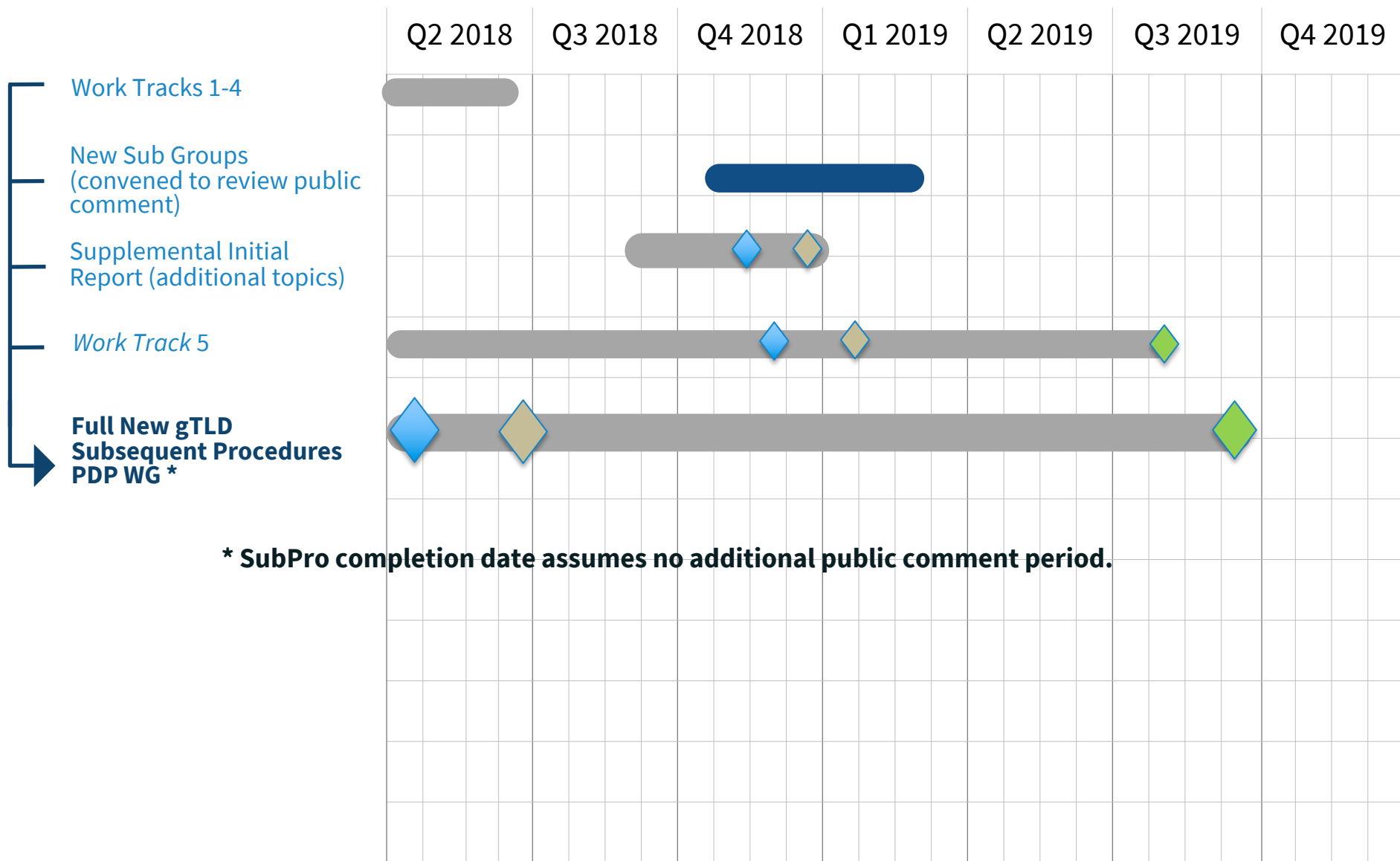
⦿ The overall WG co-chairs come from the GNSO and ALAC, while Work Track 5 has co-leads from each of the ALAC, ccNSO, GAC, and GNSO. However, as noted, the role of leadership is about ensuring **debates take place in an open and transparent fashion and that different viewpoints are able to be shared**, and not serving as advocates for their particular position or that of their organization.

Current Status

- An Initial Report was published for public comment on 3 July 2018, with the period closing on 26 September.

- The WG also worked on a set of 5 topics that needed additional discussion, which were also published in late October for public comment in the form of a Supplemental Initial Report.

- Comments received were organized and collated by three Sub Groups (A, B, and C) and the full WG. Full WG in the process of substantively considering public comment.

- Work Track 5 (geo names at the top-level) published its own Supplemental Initial Report in December, has performed initial review of public comment, and is now also in the process of substantively considering public comment.

- Baseline: WG's Preliminary Recommendations and/or 2012 implementation and Applicant Guidebook.

- Change from that baseline requires consensus.

SubPro Timeline

	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019

Work Tracks 1-4

New Sub Groups (convened to review public comment)

Supplemental Initial Report (additional topics)

Work Track 5

Full New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP WG *

* SubPro completion date assumes no additional public comment period.

KEY

◆ Publish Initial Report

◆ Close of Public Comments

◆ Final Report Delivered to Council

Who Can Participate?

- *Anybody is welcome to participate,* as long as they complete a **Statement of Interest**.

- The overall PDP has ~**200** members and ~**70** observers, with participation from ALAC, ccNSO, GAC, individuals, and all GNSO Stakeholder Groups/Constituencies

- Work Track 5 has **~160** members and **~100** observers

How Does the PDP Operate?

⊙ *Most of the PDP's work takes place during conference calls with members (every week or every other week)*

⊙ However, the PDP convenes for face-to-face sessions at ICANN meetings, discussing issues with the wider community

⊙ The PDP tracks its work in a number of ways, with everything available on the dedicated Wiki space (https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw):

- ○ Recordings, transcripts (for full WG), and notes from <u>all meetings</u>
- ○ Working documents used to capture deliberations
- ○ Data requests, background materials, and other inputs

⊙ Among other things, the Wiki also includes attendance records for all meetings, the PDP's work plan, action items, etc.

How Does the PDP Engage With the Community?

- Early Engagement with the GAC
- Request for past/existing Advice and Statements from SO/AC/SG/Cs
- Newsletters
- Community Comment 1 (on overarching issues)
- Community Comment 2 (the rest of the charter topics, via direct outreach and published for public comment)
- Public Comment on the Initial Report, Supplemental Initial Report, and WT5's Supplemental Initial Report

At ICANN Meetings:
- Face-to-face working sessions
- Cross-community sessions
- Direct engagement with community groups (e.g., ALAC, GAC) on topics of particular interest

PDP 3.0 – Example of Some Practices in Place

○ Re-establishing the relationship with GNSO Council liaisons to the PDP - for the SubPro PDP, there are two (Elsa Saade and Flip Petillion).

- Participation in leadership coordination, planning meetings, reporting to GNSO Council

○ Working against timelines and making sure Council liaisons are informed

○ Informing Council when timelines materially change

What is Coming Next for the PDP?

- Continue to determine impact of public comment received from the Initial Report, Supplemental Initial Report, and WT5 Supplemental Initial Report

- Work towards completion and delivery of **Final Report** to GNSO Council for its consideration.

What Happens After the PDP delivers its Final Report?

- This PDP is seeking to deliver its Final Report to the GNSO Council before the end of 2019.

- From that point, these are some of the required next steps (as with the conclusion of any PDP):

  - **GNSO Council** consideration and **adoption** of the **PDP recommendations** in the Final Report

  - Council recommendations report to Board / Public Comment

  - **ICANN Board** consideration and **adoption** of the **PDP recommendations** as adopted by GNSO Council

  - ICANN org (as directed by the Board) to begin implementation of the PDP recommendations (which include a **revised Applicant Guidebook**)

PDP Resources

○ Active Project Page: https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/new-gtld-subsequent-procedures

○ PDP Wiki: https://community.icann.org/x/RgV1Aw

○ PDP Mailing List Archive: http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/gnso-newgtld-wg/

○ Newsletters: https://gnso.icann.org/en/news/working-group-newsletters

Questions & Answers