

GNSO Council Meeting Date: 18 JAN 2024 | Projects with substantive changes marked with:

PROGRAM	PROJECT CODE	PROJECT	PHASE	DAYS	%COMP	STATUS	HEALTH
Operations	ADR	Portfolio/Program Planning + Action Decision Radar	0 - Planning		-		-
Operations	A_Is	GNSO Council Action Items	1 - Issue Identification		-	-	-
RDDES	RDA_ST	Registration Data Accuracy - Scoping Team	2 - Issue Scoping	910	78%		
RDDES	WPIAG	WHOIS Procedure Implementation Advisory Group	3 - Initiation	0	-		-
IDNs	EPDP_IDN	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	4 - Working Group	973	78%		
Transfers	GNSO_TPR	PDP: Transfer Policy Review	4 - Working Group	1064	65%		
		-none	5 - Council Deliberations	0	-	-	-
gTLD	SubPro_GGP	GGP: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures - Applicant Support	6 - Board Vote	511	-	-	-
gTLD	SubPro	PDP: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP	6 - Board Vote	2919	-	-	-
RDDES	EPDP_P2	EPDP: Standardized System for Access & Disclosure - Phase 2	6 - Board Vote	1781	-	-	-
IGO	IGO_INGO2	PDP: Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs	6 - Board Vote	4081	-	-	-
IGO	EPDP_SCRP_IGO_IRT	IRT: Specific Curative Rights Protections for Intergovernmental Orgs	7 - Implementation	1456	0%		-
IGO	IGO_CRPM_IRT	IRT: Curative Rights Protections for IGO/INGOs	7 - Implementation	3514	0%		-
gTLD	SubPro_IRT	IRT: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP	7 - Implementation	2919	20%		-
RDDES	EPDP_P2A_IRT	IRT: Temporary Specification on gTLD Registration Data - Phase 2A	7 - Implementation	1184	0%		-
RPM	RPM_P1_IRT	IRT: Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs	7 - Implementation	2876	46%		-
RDDES	EPDP_P1_IRT	IRT: Registration Data Policy Implementation	7 - Implementation	2057	88%		-
RDDES	PPSAI_IRT	IRT: Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues	7 - Implementation	4081	50%		-
RDDES	T&T_IRT	IRT: Translation/Transliteration of gTLD Registration Data	7 - Implementation	3725	50%		-
Operations	SSC	Standing Selection Committee	Standing Committee		-	-	-
Operations	CCOICI	Committee for Overseeing & Implementing Continuous Improvement	Standing Committee		-	-	-
Accountability	GEO	Geo Regions Review	Other Projects		-	-	-

STATUS: Planned On-schedule Revised schedule Behind schedule Target will be missed On-hold

HEALTH: On-Target At-Risk In-Trouble

0 - Planning	
Title:	GNSO Council Portfolio/Program Management & Planning
Description & Scope:	<p>This section is reserved for the Program Management Tool (PMT) and Action Decision Radar (ADR) as two tools within the suite of program and project management initiatives of the GNSO Council. These tools are updated monthly and stored on the wiki page. [LINK]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action Decision Radar• Projects List• Portfolio/Program Management Tool
Program:	Operations

1 - Issue Identification	
Title:	GNSO Council Action Items [refer to list on wiki]
Description & Scope:	<p>A pointer to the GNSO Council Action Items list. [LINK]</p>
Program:	Operations

3 – Initiation


Title:	WHOIS Procedure Implementation Advisory Group (WPIAG)
Description & Scope:	The ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Implementation Advisory Group (WHOIS Procedure IAG) is tasked to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations on how to address the comments and input that has been received in response to the public comment forum on the Revised ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law: Process and Next Steps.







Composition:




Chair(s):	TBD
Council Liaison:	TBD
Policy Staff:	C. Tubergen
GDS Staff:	K. Lentz
# Participants:	0 Participants (link)
# Observers:	0
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter (22 Feb 2018)

Project Management:

Token Holder	Issue Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Council	31 Mar 2020	TBD	0	TBD	TBD

Program	Progress	Status	Health
RDDS	0%		–

STATUS:  Planned  On-schedule  Revised schedule  Behind schedule  Target will be missed  On-hold

HEALTH:  On-Target  At-Risk  In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan (link):

Milestone/Task	Date
Project Start	TBD
1) Org/CP Proposal to amend procedure	TBD
2) Council consideration of proposal	TBD
3) Council Review WPIAG draft charter, fit for purpose?	TBD
4) Call for Volunteers for WPIAG?	TBD
5) Council initiate EPDP to amend or terminate policy?	TBD
Prior period % Complete	0%

Status/Health Rationale:

- This effort has been placed “On-Hold” and yet to start as a formal project.

Current Activities:

- ICANN org is working with contracted parties on the data protection agreement from EPDP-P1 implementation prior to further work on the WHOIS Conflicts Procedure.

Planned Activities:

- GNSO Council to consider the proposal, if and when available, and determine next steps according to the [go-forward plan](#).

Open Issues & Risks:

- This issue remains outstanding since the GNSO Council resolved to take step 1 of the go-forward plan in October of 2020.

Completed in prior period(s):

- The GNSO Council [adopted](#) the [charter](#) for the ICANN Procedure For Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law Implementation Advisory Group (WHOIS Procedure IAG) during its meeting on 22 February 2018.
- Per the Council’s past discussions, noting the current workload and activities that may impact the IAG’s work, staff refrained from circulating the call for volunteers to the GNSO Stakeholder Groups until the EPDP Team completed certain milestones (e.g., delivery of its Final Report).
- During its extraordinary 23 July 2020, the GNSO Council agreed to send out a call for volunteers for a small group of GNSO Councilors, who were tasked with reviewing the Charter and providing the Council with a recommendation for next steps.
- The small team met on 26 August 2020 and agreed on a set of next steps, which were communicated in writing to the Council for its feedback.
- The Council passed a [consent agenda resolution](#) to begin with the first step of the [go-forward plan](#) for “ICANN org, in consultation with contracted parties, to draft a proposal for a modification to the existing Procedure based on its past experience with both the WHOIS Conflicts Procedure and the registrar data retention waiver process.”
- Council [letter](#) to GDS Staff, informing GDS of ICANN org’s action item based on the Council’s consent agenda resolution, requesting ICANN org, in consultation with contracted parties, work to consider possible amendments to the procedure in light of privacy regulations.
- ICANN org provided an [update](#) to the Council that it has been working with Contracted Parties to prepare a proposal for a modification to the existing ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law. ICANN org plans to provide a status update in June 2021.
- ICANN org provided a secondary [update](#) to the Council that it has been working with Contracted Parties to prepare a proposal for a modification to the existing ICANN Procedure for Handling WHOIS Conflicts with Privacy Law. ICANN org plans to provide another status update in November 2021.
- ICANN org provided a follow-on [update](#) to the Council that it will await the conclusion of data protection agreement work related to the EPDP-P1 implementation prior to further work on the WHOIS Conflicts Procedure.

4 - Working Group

Title:	EPDP - Internationalized Domain Names (EPDP_IDN)
Description & Scope:	On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council passed a resolution to initiate the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on Internationalized Domain Names and adopt its charter. The EPDP Team is tasked with providing the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on: 1) the definition of gTLDs and the management of variant labels; and 2) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with, should be updated in the future.

Composition:

Chair:	Donna Austin
Vice Chair:	Justine Chew
Council Liaison:	Manju Chen
Policy Staff:	A. Liang, S. Chan, D. Gluck, S. Lee
GDS Staff:	S. Hussain, M. Karakash
# Participants:	40 Members/Participants (link)
# Observers:	21
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
WG	20 May 2021	20 May 2021	973	15 Oct 2024	TBD

Program	Progress	Status	Health
IDNs	78%	1	

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ■ On-hold

HEALTH: ■ On-Target ■ At-Risk ■ In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan (link):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Start	May-21	✓
Scoping Team Report	Jan-20	✓
Charter Approved	May-21	✓
EPDP Initiation Request Approved	May-21	✓
1st Plenary meeting	Aug-21	✓
SO/AC & SG/C Input to PDP	Nov-21	✓
Project Plan and Work plan Adoption	Oct-21	✓
Phase 1 - Issue Deliberations	Dec-22	✓
Populate draft report w/ findings & potential recs.	Mar-23	✓
Assemble initial conclusions	Mar-23	✓
Discuss/approve findings and interim recs.	Mar-23	✓
Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	Apr-23	✓
Issue Phase 1 report for public comment	Apr-23	✓
Review public comment input & prepare final report	Jul-23	✓
Finalize Report	Oct-23	✓
Determine consensus levels on recommendations	Oct-23	✓
Adopt final recommendations and report	Oct-23	✓
Send Phase 1 final report to GNSO Council	Nov-23	✓
GNSO Council adoption of Phase 1 consensus recs.	Jan-24	■
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Feb-24	■
ICANN Board adoption of Phase 1 consensus recs.	May-24	■
Phase 2 - Issue Deliberations	Mar-24	■
Populate draft report w/ findings & potential recs.	Apr-24	■
Assemble initial conclusions	Apr-24	■
Discuss/approve findings and interim recs.	Apr-24	■
Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	Apr-24	■
Issue Phase 2 report for public comment	Apr-24	■
Review public comment input & prepare final report	Aug-24	■
Finalize Report	Oct-24	■
Determine consensus levels on recommendations	Oct-24	■
Adopt final recommendations and report	Oct-24	■
Send Phase 2 final report to GNSO Council	Oct-24	■
GNSO Council adoption of Phase 2 consensus recs.	Dec-24	■
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Jan-25	■
ICANN Board adoption of Phase 2 consensus recs.	Apr-25	■
Prior period % Complete	76%	■

Status/Health Rationale:

- The project Status was upgraded to “Revised Schedule” on 17 Nov 2022 and Health of “On-Target”.

Current Activities:

- Conducting first and second reading of the draft work product developed for all remaining Phase 2 charter questions.
- Developing Phase 2 Initial Report for Public Comment.
- Council consideration and approval of the Phase 1 Recommendations Report for transmission to the ICANN Board.

Planned Activities:

- Launch Phase 2 Initial Report for Public Comment.

Open Issues & Risks:

- Deliberations of certain charter questions dependent upon input from external parties.

Completed in prior period(s):

- Completed development of draft work product for all Phase 2 charter questions that the EPDP Team completed initial deliberation during the F2F workshop in December 2023.
- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#) (Dec 2023).

4 - Working Group

Title: PDP: Transfer Policy Review (GNSO_TPR)



Description & Scope: On 18 February 2021, The GNSO Council passed a resolution to initiate a two-phased PDP to review the Transfer Policy. The PDP working group is tasked with determining if changes to the policy are needed to improve the ease, security, and efficacy of inter-registrar and inter-registrant transfers.

Composition:

Chair(s):	Roger Carney
Council Liaison:	Osvaldo Novoa
Policy Staff:	C. Tubergen, J. Hedlund, C. Wheeler
GDS Staff:	I. Colas-Adeshina
# Participants:	45 Participants (link)
# Observers:	42
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
WG	18 Feb 2021	18 Feb 2021	1064	9 Apr 2025	TBD

Program	Progress	Status	Health
Transfers	65%	 1	

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ■ On-hold

HEALTH: ■ On-Target ■ At-Risk ■ In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan ([link](#)):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Final Issue Report to Council	Jan-21	✓
Project Start	Feb-21	✓
Charter Approved (revised Feb 2023)	Mar-21	✓
Chair appointment	Apr-21	✓
1st Plenary meeting	May-21	✓
Project Plan and Work plan Adoption	Jul-21	✓
SO/AC & SG/C Input to PDP	Sep-21	✓
Group 1A Issue Deliberations	Oct-22	✓
Populate stable draft papers w/ potential recs.	May-22	✓
Discuss/approve findings and interim recs.	May-22	✓
Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	Jun-22	✓
Issue Group 1A Initial Report for public comment	Jun-22	✓
Review public comment input	Oct-22	✓
Group 1A, 1B, & 2 Issue Deliberations	Jul-24	
Populate stable draft papers w/ potential recs.	Jul-24	
Discuss/approve findings and interim recs.	Jul-24	
Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	Aug-24	
Issue Group 1A, 1B & 2 Initial Report for public comment	Aug-24	
Review public comment input & prepare final report	Dec-24	
Finalize Report	Jan-25	
Determine consensus levels on recommendations	Feb-25	
Adopt final recommendations and report	Feb-25	
Send final report to GNSO Council	Feb-25	
GNSO Council adoption of consensus recs.	Apr-25	
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Jun-25	
ICANN Board adoption of consensus recs.	Sep-25	
Prior period % Complete	64%	

Status/Health Rationale:

- The project schedule continues to be assigned with a Status of “Revised Schedule” and the Health is “On-Target” from its previously approved PCR at the Feb. 2023 GNSO Council meeting.

Current Activities:

- Continue Group 1B deliberations on Change of Registrant, specifically focusing on current policy definitions and evaluation of current CoR process.

Planned Activities:

- Return to Group 2 topics to conclude on outstanding actions regarding proposed recommendation for BTAPPA.
- Planning for two in-person sessions at ICANN79.

Open Issues & Risks:

- Deliberations on ICANN-Approved Transfers completed behind schedule, and now impacting the critical path for the Change of Registrant charter topics. The WG will consider a quicker pace through ICANN79 to make up time.

Completed in prior period(s):

- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#) (Dec 2023).

5 - Council Deliberations	
Title:	GNSO Council Deliberations
Description & Scope:	None, placeholder for this period.

6 – Board Vote

Title:	GGP: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures - Applicant Support (SubPro_GGP)
Description & Scope:	The ICANN org Operational Design Phase (ODP) Team identified a concern related to the Applicant Support topic, where the SubPro Final Report envisioned that a dedicated Implementation Review Team (IRT) would be responsible for performing substantive work; the ODP Team submitted a set of questions to the GNSO Council, asking whether the work required to implement Applicant Support may be beyond the scope envisioned for IRTs. The GNSO Council responded to the ODP Team, communicating that it would explore avenues to perform work as envisaged by the SubPro Final Report. The GNSO Council discussed and agreed that the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) would serve as an appropriate mechanism in order to provide additional guidance to support eventual implementation efforts. The GNSO Council further agreed that the GGP should be limited to the single topic of Applicant support, with an allowance to add additional scope to the GGP subject to Council vote. The GGP Initiation Request was refined following input from Councilors and an updated GGP Initiation Request was shared with the GNSO Council on 24 August 2022. On 25 August the GNSO Council approved the GGP Initiation Request.

Composition:

Chair(s):	N/A (Former: Mike Silber)
Council Liaison:	N/A (Former: Paul McGrady)
Policy Staff:	J. Hedlund, S. Chan
GDS Staff:	L. Grundmann
# Participants:	14 Participants (link)
# Observers:	14
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	See Initiation Request

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Board	21 Jul 2022	25 Aug 2022	511	29 Jan 2024	TBD

Program	Progress	Status	Health
gTLD	--%	--	--

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ▨ On-hold

HEALTH: ■ On-Target ■ At-Risk ■ In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan (link):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Start (resolution)	Aug-22	✓
Project Plan, Work plan	Dec-22	✓
Issue Deliberations	Jun-23	✓
Build Draft Report for public comment	Jun-23	✓
Issue report for public comment	Jul-23	✓
Review public comment input	Sep-23	✓
Finalize Report	Nov-23	✓
Send final report to GNSO Council	Dec-23	✓
Issue Recommendations Report for Board consideration	Jan-24	
ICANN Board adoption of consensus recs.	Apr-24	
Prior period % Complete	75%	

- Current Activities:**
- Council consideration and approval of the GGP Recommendations Report for transmission to the ICANN Board.
- Planned Activities:**
- None for this period.
- Completed in prior period(s):**
- GGP Final Report adopted by the GNSO Council at its 21 Dec 2023 meeting.
 - Staff development of the GGP Final Guidance Recommendations Report.

6 – Board Vote

Title:	PDP: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro)
Description & Scope:	This WG was tasked with calling upon the community’s collective experiences from the 2012 New gTLD Program round to determine what, if any changes may need to be made to the existing 2007 Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains policy recommendations. Those policy recommendations will remain in place for subsequent rounds unless modified via a PDP. The work of this WG followed the efforts of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Discussion Group (DG), which identified a set of issues for a future PDP-WG to consider in their deliberations.

Composition:

Chair(s):	N/A (former: Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Jeff Neuman)
Council Liaison(s):	N/A (former: Flip Petillion)
ODP Liaison:	N/A (former: Jeff Neuman)
Policy Staff:	S. Chan, J. Hedlund
GDS Staff:	K. Lentz
# Participants:	N/A
# Observers:	N/A
Tools:	Mailing List/Meeting Schedule/Wiki
Charter:	Charter 21 Jan 2016

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Board	25 Jun 2014	21 Jan 2016	2919	20 Dec 2020	20 Dec 2020

Program	Progress	Status	Health
gTLD	--	--	--

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ■ On-hold

HEALTH: On-Target At-Risk In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan ([link](#)):

Milestone/Task	Date	
WG Charter	Jan-16	✓
Initial report for public comment	Jul-18	✓
Supplemental Initial Report for public comment	Oct-18	✓
Draft Final Report for public comment	Aug-20	✓
Send final report to GNSO Council	Jan-21	✓
GNSO Council adoption of consensus recs.	Feb-21	✓
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Apr-21	✓
Operational Design Phase (resolution)	Dec-22	✓
ICANN Board adoption of the majority of the consensus recommendations	Apr-23	✓
Creation of a timeline to address pending recommendations	Jun-23	✓
ICANN Board adoption of the pending recommendations	Oct-23	✓
GNSO Council approval of Supplemental Recommendations	Apr-24	
ICANN Board adoption of Supplemental Recommendations	Jun-24	
GGP on Applicant Support launched, see below	Dec-22	✓
Subsequent Procedures IRT, see below		✓

Current Activities:

- For the majority of the SubPro recommendations, implementation efforts, led by ICANN org, are underway and will continue according to the communicated work plan.
- In respect of the few recommendations that were not adopted by the ICANN Board, the Small Team Plus is developing Supplemental Recommendation language.

Planned Activities:

- After draft Supplemental Recommendation language is completed, the Small Team Plus will present them to the community during a Prep Week session for ICANN79.
- During ICANN79, the Small Team Plus will hold a consultation session to collect feedback on the draft Supplemental Recommendation language and based on input received, make amendments as appropriate.

Completed in prior period(s):

- None for this period.

6 – Board Vote

Title: EPDP: Standardized System for Access & Disclosure – Phase 2 (EPDP_P2)

Description & Scope:

Following the adoption by the ICANN Board of a temporary specification on gTLD Registration Data to enable contracted parties to continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and with community-developed policies as they relate to WHOIS, while also complying with the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), a one-year policy development process was initiated to confirm whether or not the temporary specification should become a consensus policy. The GNSO Council adopted the Final Report during its Special Council meeting on 4 March 2019 and provided its non-objection to the commencement of Phase 2. The scope for EPDP Phase 2 includes (i) discussion of a system for standardized access/disclosure to nonpublic registration data (SSAD), (ii) issues noted in the [Annex to the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data](#) (“Important Issues for Further Community Action”), and (iii) issues deferred from Phase 1, e.g., legal vs natural persons, redaction of city field, et. al.

Following the review of the SSAD Operational Design Assessment (ODA) and subsequent conversations between the ICANN Board and the GNSO Council, it was decided to proceed with a “proof of concept” approach to help inform a decision on how to proceed with the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report recommendations for an SSAD. During its meeting on 27 February 2023, the ICANN Board [directed](#) ICANN org to proceed with the implementation of the Registration Data Disclosure Service (RDRS).

Composition:

Chair(s):	N/A (former: Janis Karklins)
Council Liaison:	N/A
ODP Liaison:	N/A (former: Janis Karklins)
Policy Staff:	C. Tubergen
GDS Staff:	E. Agopian
# Participants:	N/A
# Observers:	N/A
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter 19 July 2018

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Board	04 Mar 2019	04 Mar 2019	1781	13 Jun 2020	31 Jul 2020

Program	Progress	Status	Health
RDDS	--	--	--

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ■ On-hold

HEALTH: ■ On-Target ■ At-Risk ■ In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan ([link](#)):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Start	Mar-19	✓
Initial report for public comment	Feb-20	✓
Addendum report for public comment	May-20	✓
Send final report to GNSO Council	Jul-20	✓
GNSO Council adoption of consensus recs.	Sep-20	✓
Issue public comment for Board consideration P2 recs	Dec-20	✓
Issue public comment for Board consideration P1 recs	Mar-21	✓
ICANN Board adoption of Priority 2 consensus recs.	Jun-21	✓
Operational Design Phase (resolution)(ODA)	Jan-22	✓
ICANN Board resolution to develop the RDRS	Feb-23	✓
ICANN Board adoption of consensus recs.	Jun-26	■

Current Activities:

- The Council adopted the [charter](#) for the RDRS Standing Committee to help inform the next steps on the SSAD policy recommendations which would be responsible for reviewing the data obtained following RDRS implementation during its September meeting. The GNSO Secretariat is in the process of reaching out to confirm membership for the Standing Committee which is expected to take over from the small team as soon as the RDRS is launched.

Planned Activities:

- Following the implementation of the RDRS , the RDRS Standing Committee will review the data resulting from RDRS and advise the Council on how this information helps inform a decision on how to proceed with the SSAD related recommendations. The Standing Committee will review its first set of data beginning in January 2024.
- The Board will consider the SSAD-related recommendations (recs. 1-18) of the Final Report. Note that the GNSO Council confirmed that pending the implementation and subsequent running of the RDRS for a period of up to two (2) years, the SSAD recommendations should remain paused for consideration by the ICANN Board.

Completed in prior period(s):

- The RDRS officially launched on 28 November 2023.
- The EPDP Phase 2 Small Team continued its regular meetings through December 2023 and is now transitioning into the RDRS Standing Committee.

6 – Board Vote

Title: PDP: Protection of International Organization Names in All gTLDs (IGO_INGO2)

Description & Scope: This WG was tasked to provide the GNSO Council with policy recommendations as to whether there is a need for special protections at the top and second level in all gTLDs for the names and acronyms of International Governmental Organizations (IGOs) and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) receiving protections under treaties and statutes under multiple jurisdictions, specifically including the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement (RCRC) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Composition:

Chair(s):	N/A (Former: Thomas Rickert)
Council Liaison:	N/A
Policy Staff:	M. Wong, S. Chan
GDS Staff:	A. Mangiacotti
# Participants:	N/A
# Observers:	N/A
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter 15 Nov 2012

Project Management:

Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Board	12 Apr 2012	15 Nov 2012	4081	30 Jun 2020	30 Jun 2020

Program	Progress	Status	Health
IGO	--	--	--

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ■ On-hold

HEALTH: On-Target At-Risk In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan ([link](#)):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Charter	Nov-12	✓
Initial Report for public comment	Jun-13	✓
Send final report to GNSO Council	Nov-13	✓
GNSO Council adoption of consensus recs.	Nov-13	✓
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Nov-13	✓
ICANN Board partial adoption of consensus recs.	Apr-14	✓
Effective Date of Protection of IGO and INGO Identifiers in All gTLDs Policy .	Aug-18	✓
ICANN Board adoption of remaining consensus recs.	Jan-24	

Current Activities:

- Implementation of the INGO Claims system.
- Board consideration for how to remove reservation of IGO acronyms and certain specific Red Cross identifiers.
- Board consideration for how to resolve outstanding advice through the consultation process.
- [Implementation Page](#) for remaining items to be implemented.

Planned Activities:

- None for this period.

Completed in prior period(s):

- In April 2014 the Board voted to adopt those of the GNSO’s recommendations, approved unanimously by the GNSO Council in November 2013, that are not inconsistent with GAC advice received on the topic. Following work by an Implementation Review Team (IRT), the finalized Consensus Policy on IGO and Red Cross, International Olympic Committee and INGO names was announced in January 2018, with an effective date of August 2018 for most aspects of the Policy.
- For those policy recommendations that are inconsistent with GAC advice (i.e. protection of IGO acronyms and certain specific Red Cross identifiers), the Board passed a number of resolutions in 2013 and 2014 to temporarily reserve the Red Cross National Society names at issue as well as the names and acronyms of IGOs that appear on the list provided by the GAC to ICANN in March 2013. These interim protections are to remain in place until the differences between the GNSO recommendations and the GAC advice are reconciled.
- The Board’s October 2020 [resolution](#) initiating the Board-GAC Consultation Process clarified that the Board will continue to defer final action on the remaining recommendations from this PDP pending the outcome of the consultation process.

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Specific Curative Rights Protections for Intergovernmental Organizations (EPDP_SCRP_IGO_IRT)
Description & Scope:	<p>Following the ICANN Board’s adoption of all the EPDP’s consensus recommendations, ICANN staff was directed to begin implementation of the curative rights protections for IGOs.</p> <p>The GNSO Council initiated this work to consider “whether an appropriate policy solution can be developed that is generally consistent with the first four recommendations from the GNSO’s IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights PDP and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accounts for the possibility that an IGO may enjoy jurisdictional immunity in certain circumstances; • does not affect the right and ability of registrants to file judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction; • preserves registrants’ rights to judicial review of an initial [Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy or Uniform Rapid Suspension decision; and • recognizes that the existence and scope of IGO jurisdictional immunity in any particular situation is a legal issue to be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.” <p>The GNSO Council originally created a Work Track within the RPMs PDP WG, based on the Council referral of recommendation 5 from the IGO-INGO Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP WG Final Report. The Addendum to the RPMs PDP Charter was adopted by the GNSO Council in January of 2020. On 19 August 2021, the GNSO Council initiated the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs to enable the policy development of the IGO Work Track to continue without delay, considering the step to be an entirely procedural action and having no impact on the scope of work.</p>
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAN 2020 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council (Charter Addendum) • AUG 2021 - EPDP Charter adopted • SEP 2021 - Initial Report for public comment • APR 2022 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • JUN 2022 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • NOV 2022 - Public Comment for Board consideration • APR 2023 - ICANN Board adoption of the EPDP’s consensus recommendations
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space (TBD)
Policy Staff: GDS Staff: Council Liaison:	M. Wong, S. Chan D. Chang TBD

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Curative Rights Protections for IGO/INGOs (IGO_CRPM_IRT)
Description & Scope:	<p>Following the ICANN Board’s adoption of the four consensus recommendations that the GNSO Council approved, ICANN staff was directed to begin implementation of the curative rights protections for IGOs.</p> <p>The WG was chartered in June 2014 to provide the GNSO Council with recommendations as to whether to amend the UDRP and URS to allow access to and use of these mechanisms by IGOs and INGOs and, if so in what respects or whether a separate, narrowly-tailored dispute resolution procedure that takes into account the particular needs and specific circumstances of IGOs and INGOs should be developed.</p>
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUN 2014 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council (Charter) • AUG 2015 - Amended charter by GNSO Council (Charter) • JAN 2017 - Initial Report for public comment • JUL 2018 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • MAY 2019 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • AUG 2019 - Public Comment for Board consideration • OCT 2020 - Board deferred consideration of consensus recommendations pending Board-GAC consultation process • APR 2023 - ICANN Board adoption of the four consensus recommendations
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space (TBD)
Policy Staff: GDS Staff: Council Liaison:	M. Wong, S. Chan D. Chang TBD

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro_IRT)
Description & Scope:	<p>The WG was tasked with calling upon the community’s collective experiences from the 2012 New gTLD Program round to determine what, if any changes may need to be made to the existing 2007 Introduction of New Generic Top-Level Domains policy recommendations.</p> <p>Following the ICANN Board’s adoption of a majority of SubPro’s consensus recommendations, ICANN staff was directed to begin implementation in preparation for the next round of new gTLDs.</p>
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAN 2016 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council (Charter) • JUL 2018 - Initial Report for public comment • OCT 2018 - Supplemental Initial Report for public comment • AUG 2020 - Draft Final Report for public comment • JAN 2021 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • FEB 2021 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • APR 2021 - Public Comment for Board consideration • DEC 2022 - Operational Design Assessment (Board resolution) • MAR 2023 - ICANN Board adoption of the majority of the consensus recommendations
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space
Policy Staff:	S. Chan, A. Chen
GDS Staff:	M. Konings, L. Hoffmann
Council Liaison:	Anne Aikman-Scalese, Susan Payne

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Expedited Policy Development Process on gTLD Registration Data – Phase 2A (EPDP_P2A_IRT)
Description & Scope:	<p>Following the Council discussion on 20 August 2020 and a decision on 21 October 2020, Council decided to continue the EPDP on Registration Data for dealing with the remaining priority 2 items. The two remaining issues to be within scope of deliberations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differentiation between Legal vs. natural persons data 2. Feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform anonymized email address <p>This was considered to be a short duration project to properly consider the remaining topics from the EPDP Phase 2 and determine if there were solutions to the issues that could be broadly supported. This IRT was formed to implement the consensus recommendations approved by the ICANN Board.</p>
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCT 2020 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council • JUN 2021 - Initial Report for public comment • SEP 2021 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • OCT 2021 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • MAR 2022 - ICANN Board adoption of consensus recommendations
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space (TBD)
Policy Staff:	C. Tubergen
GDS Staff:	TBD
Council Liaison:	TBD

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs (RPM_P1_IRT)
Description & Scope:	This WG was chartered in March 2016 to review all the RPMs that have been developed by ICANN. The PDP is being conducted in two phases, beginning with the RPMs developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program, with the 1999 Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy to follow in Phase Two. By the end of its work, the WG will be expected to also have considered the overarching issue as to whether or not the RPMs collectively fulfill their purposes or whether additional policy recommendations will be necessary, including to clarify and unify the policy goals. This IRT was formed to implement the consensus recommendations approved by the ICANN Board.
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEB 2016 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council • MAR 2020 - Initial Report for public comment • NOV 2020 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • JAN 2021 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • JAN 2022 - ICANN Board adoption of consensus recommendations
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space
Policy Staff: GDS Staff: Council Liaison:	J. Hedlund, S. Lee A. Mangiacotti Susan Payne

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Registration Data Policy Implementation - Phase 1 (EPDP_P1_IRT)
Description & Scope:	<p>This IRT was formed to support the ICANN staff on the implementation of the GNSO’s consensus policy recommendations for Registration Data Services, as approved by the ICANN Board. The implementation includes 29 recommendations from EPDP Phase 1 and 4 recommendations from EPEP Phase 2 as well as the Supplemental Recommendation 12 that was added to the scope in March 2022.</p> <p>Following the ICANN Board’s adoption of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data to enable contracted parties to continue to comply with existing ICANN contractual requirements and community-developed policies as they relate to registration directory services, the GNSO Council initiated a one-year policy development process to confirm whether or not the Temporary Specification should become a consensus policy, and whether it provided an enduring framework for complying with the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).</p>
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUN 2018 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council • DEC 2018 - Initial Report for public comment • FEB 2019 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • FEB 2019 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • MAY 2019 - ICANN Board adoption of consensus recommendations + scorecard
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space
Policy Staff: GDS Staff: Council Liaison:	C. Tubergen D. Chang Thomas Rickert

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues PDP Recommendations (PPSAI_IRT)
Description & Scope:	The Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA), the contract governing the relationship between ICANN and accredited registrars, has been in place since 2001. The Board initiated negotiations for a new RAA in October 2011, and requested an Issue Report from the GNSO at the same time. The final version of the new RAA was approved by the Board in June 2013, thereby signifying that the RAA negotiations were concluded. Per the Board’s 2011 request, the remaining issues, which were identified as those relating to privacy & proxy services and their accreditation, were examined in a PDP. This IRT was formed to implement the consensus recommendations approved by the ICANN Board.
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCT 2013 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council • MAY 2015 - Initial Report for public comment • DEC 2015 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • JAN 2016 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • AUG 2016 - ICANN Board adoption of consensus recommendations
Project Status Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GNSO Policy Page • Implementation Project Page • Wiki Space
Policy Staff: GDS Staff: Council Liaison:	C. Tubergen D. Chang TBD

7 – Implementation	
Title:	IRT: Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information (T&T_IRT)
Description & Scope:	<p>This IRT is tasked with implementing the final PDP recommendations as approved by the ICANN Board. The PDP addressed two primary issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script; and 2. Who should bear the burden of translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script?
Key Milestones:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JUN 2013 - Project Initiated by GNSO Council • DEC 2014 - Initial Report for public comment • JUN 2015 - Sent Final Report to GNSO Council • JUN 2015 - GNSO Council adoption of consensus recommendations • SEP 2015 - ICANN Board adoption of consensus recommendations
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Open Issues, Risks & Mitigation Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time. 																																								
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Standing Committee

Title:	Council Committee for Overseeing & Implementing Continuous Improvement (CCOICI)
Description & Scope:	Council leadership started conversations with the GNSO Council and GNSO community, via Stakeholder Group and Constituency Chairs, on how to address several items on the Council's Action Decision Radar (ADR) 0-1 month timeframe dealing with process and procedural improvements such as Accountability Work Stream 2, Accountability and Transparency Review Team 3 and PDP 3.0. The GNSO Framework for Continuous Improvement Pilot was initiated in June 2021 to determine whether the framework, as outlined here , could serve as an approach for dealing with this various projects that are focussed on improvements to GNSO processes and procedures.

Composition:

Chair:	Manju Chen
Vice-Chair:	n/a
Council Liaison:	n/a
Policy Staff:	J. Hedlund, S. Lee
# Participants:	9 Members (link)
# Observers:	1
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter

Project Management:

Token Holder	Committee Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Council	16 Jun 2021	16 Jun 2021	--	On-going	On-going

Program	Progress	Status	Health
Operations	--%	-	-

STATUS: ■ Planned ● On-schedule ● Revised schedule ▲ Behind schedule ◆ Target will be missed ■ On-hold

HEALTH: ■ On-Target ■ At-Risk ■ In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan (link):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Start	Jun-21	✓
On-going activity	---	
First meeting	Sep-21	✓
Assignment #4 - Working Group Self-Assessment	Feb-22	✓
Assignment #6 - Review of SOI	Sep-22	✓
WS2 Assignments	Dec-22	✓
Assignment #4 & #6 Public Comment	Sep-22	✓
Review of public comments for assignments #4 & #6	Dec-22	✓
Submit WS2 Assignments to Council (adopted)	Feb-23	✓
Submit Assignment #4 to GNSO Council (adopted)	Mar-23	✓
Submit Assignment #6 to GNSO Council (rejected)	Sep-23	✓
Review of CCOICI Pilot	Mar-24	■
Implement Assignment #4	Apr-24	■
Implement Assignment #6	Canceled	✓

Status/Health Rationale:

- The Status and Health of the standing committee is not applicable.

Current Activities:

- CCOICI Assignment #4 - Working Group Self-Assessment (WGSA): GNSO Staff Support to implement the changes as outlined in the [Recommendations Report](#) and convey the survey tool technical requirements as outlined in section F to the relevant ICANN org department.
- Review of the CCOICI Pilot to determine if it is fit for purpose and with the understanding of future planned work regarding continuous improvement. A proposed approach for this review was shared with the Council in advance of its October meeting.

Planned Activities:

- Deploy WGSA for the Transfers Working Group (Q1 2024).
- Convert WGSA to Survey Monkey from Google Forms.
- Release the CCOICI Pilot survey to stakeholders to gather input.

Open Issues & Risks:

- None at this time.

Completed in prior period(s):

- Completed first draft of CCOICI fit for purpose survey.
- CCOICI Chair sent the response to the Community Coordination Group (CCG) on the WS2 CCG questions on 08 December.
- Imported preliminary agreed to fit for purpose survey questions into Survey Monkey.

Other Projects

Title: Geo Regions Review Community-wide Working Group


Description & Scope: This Board-chartered cross community WG considered the need to develop and/or update the definition and applications of ICANN's Geographic Regions.







Composition:




Chair(s):	N/A
Council Liaison:	N/A (former: Cheryl Langdon-Orr (ccNSO/APRALO))
Policy Staff:	M. Wong
# Participants:	N/A
# Observers:	N/A
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter 26 Jun 2009

Project Management:


Token Holder	Planned Start Date	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
Staff	07 Aug 2008	26 Jun 2009	----	30 Jun 2020	On-hold

Program	Progress	Status	Health
Accountability	--		--

STATUS:  Planned  On-schedule  Revised schedule  Behind schedule  Target will be missed  On-hold

HEALTH:  On-Target  At-Risk  In-Trouble

Milestones/Work plan ([link](#)):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Charter	Jun-09	✓
Issue report for public comment	Jun-09	✓
Draft Final report for public comment	Sep-11	✓
Send final report to ICANN Board	Jun-13	✓
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Jul-13	✓
ICANN Board adoption of recommendations	Oct-18	✓
Final Implementation	Jun-24	

Current Activities:

- This project is On-Hold pending ICANN Org proposal of an implementation plan, following Board approval of the WG recommendations in October 2018. Further, this project is likely to be impacted by the timing and implementation of CCWG Accountability WS2 recommendations.

Planned Activities:

- None for this period.

Completed in prior period(s):

- The Board adopted the Final Report during its meeting on 25 October 2018 and “directs the ICANN organization to implement those recommendations in a manner that aligns with the Board's expectations as outlined in the mapping document”. Initially, ICANN Org staff had expected to begin implementation planning as directed by the Board in 2019; however, following the Board adoption of the CCWG WS2 recommendations, it is likely that implementation planning for this project will be integrated into that for WS2.
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