

Project Tracking & Rollup DASHBOARD



Project Name EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names **Program** IDNs **Project Sponsor** GNSO Council

Project Information

05/20/21
Current Start

03/20/26
Current Finish

32%
% Complete

Tasks by Status

● Not_Started ● Complete ● In_Progress

Project Contacts

Donna Austin
Chair

Justine Chew
Vice_Chair

Farell Folly
Liaison

AL Ariel Liang
Staff_Lead

SC Steve Chan
Project_Manager

Participant Summary

● Member ● Participant ● Observer - Email Only
● Staff - Assigned ● Staff - Not Assigned

Project Status & Health

Project_Status	Project_Health
Revised Schedule	On-Target

Summary Gantt & Key Milestones

Health	Primary Task	Current Start	Current Finish	% Complete	Status	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025							
						Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	05/20/21	03/20/26	32%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
	PROJECT CONTROL	05/20/21	02/09/26	44%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
	GROUP DELIBERATIONS	08/11/21	10/30/25	38%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
●	Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR	08/25/21	02/17/22	100%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
●	Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level	02/04/22	03/31/22	98%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
●	Group 3: Objection Processes, String Similarity Review, String Contention Resolution, Reserved Strings, and Other Policies and Procedures as Impacted by Variants	03/18/22	01/06/23	80%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
	Data Collection to Facilitate Phase 2 Deliberations	11/07/22	07/07/23	0%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
	Group 4: Same Entity at Second-Level	11/06/23	03/29/24	11%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
	Group 5: Domain Name Lifecycle	04/01/24	08/23/24			[Gantt bar]											
	Group 6: Registration Dispute Resolution Procedures and Trademark Protection Mechanisms	08/26/24	10/25/24			[Gantt bar]											
	Group 7: IDN Implementation Guidelines	10/28/24	01/03/25			[Gantt bar]											
	INITIAL REPORT	09/20/21	06/13/25	34%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]											
	Publish Phase 1 Initial Report	04/21/23	04/21/23			[Gantt bar]											
	Public comment forum on Phase 1 Initial Report (40 days)	04/24/23	06/09/23			[Gantt bar]											
	Publish Phase 2 Initial Report	04/25/25	04/25/25			[Gantt bar]											
	Public comment forum on Phase 2 Initial Report (40 days)	04/28/25	06/13/25			[Gantt bar]											
	FINAL REPORT	06/12/23	11/07/25		Not Started	[Gantt bar]											
	Review of public comments	06/12/23	07/21/23			[Gantt bar]											
	Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council	11/03/23	11/03/23			[Gantt bar]											
	Review of public comments	06/16/25	07/25/25			[Gantt bar]											
	Submission of Phase 2 Final Report to the GNSO Council	11/07/25	11/07/25			[Gantt bar]											

Project Description

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.

- [Mailing List](#)
- [Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Wiki](#)
- [Charter](#)

Open Issues & Risks

- Deliberations of certain Charter questions depend on the critical input from external parties and additional data collection efforts.

Completed in Prior Period

- Completed first pass of deliberation of Phase 1 charter questions.
- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#) for January 2023.

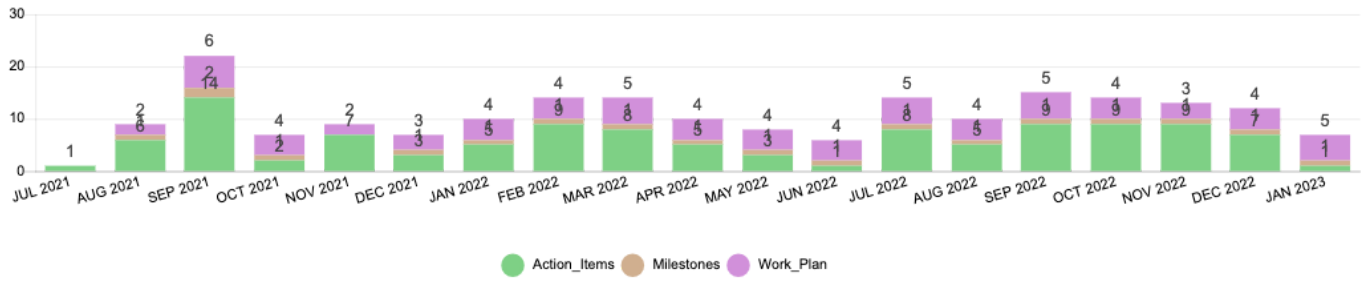
Current Activities & Tasks

- Conduct first and second reading of draft recommendation text for Phase 1 topics that the EPDP Team recently completed deliberation.
- Consider ICANN org input on draft Phase 1 recommendations; refine draft recommendations and develop additional recommendations as appropriate.

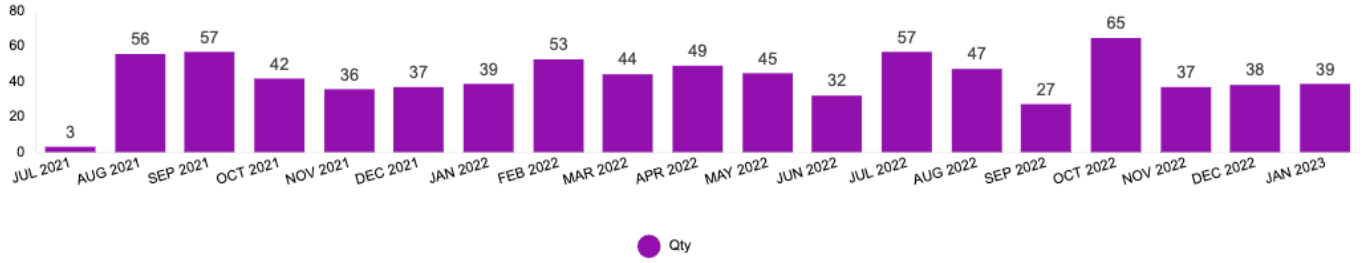
Planned Activities & Tasks

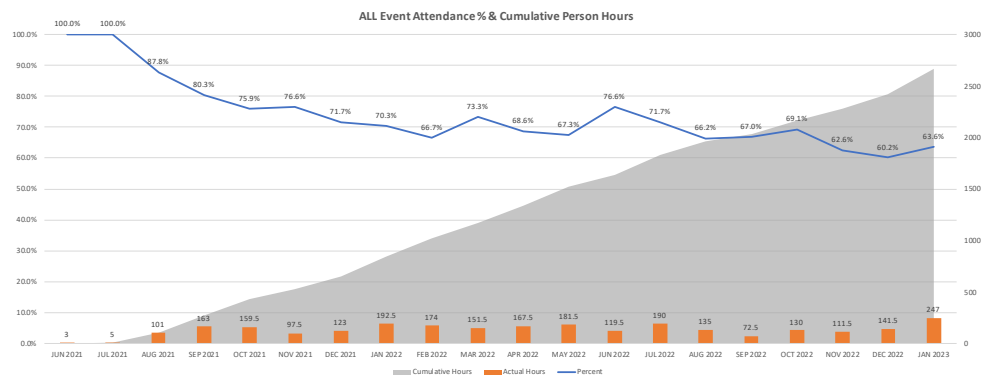
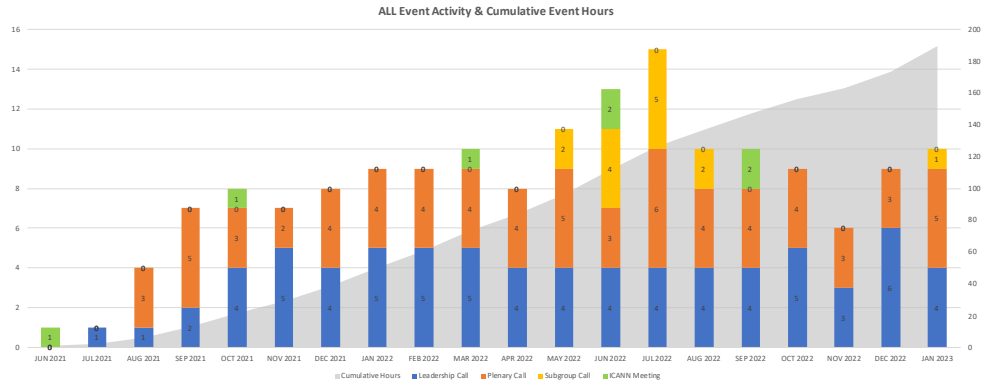
- Conduct outreach webinar for the GAC, highlighting draft recommendations and promoting the upcoming public comment.
- Meet with the SSAC to highlight draft recommendations that may be of interest.
- Prepare public comment materials for the Phase 1 Initial Report, focusing on top-level variant management related recommendations.
- Conduct data collection among contracted parties to assist EPDP Team's deliberation on second-level variant management related issues in Phase 2.

Work-Plan Activity Metrics



Mailman Activity





Plenary Roster and Attendance Only

Row Labels	Sum of Invited Qty	Sum of Attended Qty	Percent	Role	SOI	Start Date	Depart Date
Participant	772	361	46.8%				
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	84	65	77.4%				
Justine Chew	60	59	98.3%	Vice-chair	https://community.icann.org/v/3tYfAg	5/25/2021	
TV Gopal	24	6	25.0%		https://community.icann.org/v/8Yf8CQ	5/25/2021	3/21/2022
Independent	395	127	32.2%				
Abdalmoneim Gallia	58	5	8.6%		https://community.icann.org/v/224JpCQ	5/25/2021	
Gao Lei	57	1	1.8%		https://community.icann.org/v/481P8CQ	5/25/2021	
Nabil Benamar	57	0	0.0%		https://community.icann.org/v/3wTgCQ	5/25/2021	
Lisa Liang	59	57	96.6%		https://community.icann.org/v/2wTgCQ	5/25/2021	
ANIL JAIN	59	45	76.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/1P8CQ	7/30/2021	
Quoc Pham	56	12	21.4%		https://community.icann.org/v/4228Ag	8/3/2021	
Imran Hossen	27	7	25.9%		https://community.icann.org/v/49M8Cw	11/4/2021	
Wael Nasr	22	0	0.0%		https://community.icann.org/v/BAEVDC	6/9/2022	
Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP)	58	20	34.5%				
Christian Dawson	58	20	34.5%		https://community.icann.org/v/NvRvAg	7/13/2021	
Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG)	177	106	59.9%				
Benifer Chung	59	44	74.6%		https://community.icann.org/v/6AOuAg	5/25/2021	
Jerry Sen	60	59	98.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/MX8CQ	5/25/2021	
Wei (Wesley) Wang	58	3	5.2%		https://community.icann.org/v/0YPR8CQ	7/13/2021	
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)	58	43	74.1%				
Nama Onoruoza Salami	58	43	74.1%		https://community.icann.org/v/_4P8CQ	5/25/2021	
Member	994	720	72.4%				
At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	179	159	88.8%				
Satish Babu	60	54	90.0%		https://community.icann.org/v/RLr8Ag	5/25/2021	
Abdulkarim Oloyede	59	47	79.7%		https://community.icann.org/v/Y702Bq	5/25/2021	
Nadia Elmimawi	60	58	96.7%		https://community.icann.org/v/wet8Cw	7/14/2021	
Commercial Business Users Constituency (BC)	34	2	5.9%				
Mark William Datsygeid	34	2	5.9%		https://community.icann.org/v/fwbQC	5/25/2021	5/12/2022
GNSO Council	123	104	84.6%				
Donna Austin	63	60	95.2%	Chair	https://community.icann.org/v/2288Ag	8/10/2021	
Eduel Farrell Folly	60	44	73.3%	Liaison	https://community.icann.org/v/3518Ag	7/27/2021	
Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC)	72	45	62.5%				
Brian King	13	10	76.9%		https://community.icann.org/v/0S4F8CQ	5/25/2021	11/8/2021
Jeffrey Neuman	59	35	59.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/4gBwAg	5/25/2021	
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)	80	17	21.3%				
Akronemi Peter Taiwo	59	8	13.6%		https://community.icann.org/v/5qujBq	7/15/2021	
Emmanuel Vitus Agbenonossi	21	9	42.9%		https://community.icann.org/v/H4zc	7/13/2022	
Registrar Stakeholder Group (RySG)	113	100	88.5%				
Michael Bauland	60	53	88.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/7vovQCQ	5/25/2021	
Duowei Chen	16	11	68.8%		https://community.icann.org/v/428H8CQ	9/26/2021	2/13/2022
Zhang Zuan	37	36	97.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/70eeAg	2/14/2022	
Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG)	179	157	87.7%				
Maxim Alzoba	59	48	81.4%		https://community.icann.org/v/81v8Ag	5/25/2021	
Dennis Tan Tanaka	60	56	93.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/141F8CQ	5/25/2021	
Joseph Chiu-Kitt Tee	60	53	88.3%		https://community.icann.org/v/2288CQ	7/6/2021	
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)	118	54	45.8%				
T. Santhosh	59	20	33.9%		https://community.icann.org/v/72r8Ag	5/25/2021	
Nigel Hickson	59	34	57.6%		https://community.icann.org/v/94P8CQ	7/13/2021	
ICANN Board	96	82	85.4%				
Edmond Chung	60	53	88.3%	Liaison	https://community.icann.org/v/d61vAg8Ag	7/27/2021	
Akinori Maemura	36	29	80.6%	Liaison	https://community.icann.org/v/418H8CQ	11/18/2021	9/22/2022
Grand Total	1766	1081	61.2%				

Staff Support Roster

Row Labels	
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)	
Devan Reed	
Emily Barabas	
Julie Bisland	
Michelle DeSmyter	
Nathalie Peregrine	
Terr Agnew	
Steve Chan	
Ariel Liang	
Michael Karakash	
Saimad Hassan	
Pitinan Kooarmongpatana	

Health	Task Name	Current Duration	Current Start	Current Finish	Predecessors	% Complete	Status	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025				2026							
								Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
1	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	1262d	05/20/21	03/20/26		32%	In Progress																												
2	PROJECT CONTROL	1233d	05/20/21	02/09/26		44%	In Progress																												
3	Project start confirmed	0	05/20/21	05/20/21		100%	Complete																												
4	Adopt/Confirm charter	0	05/20/21	05/20/21	3	100%	Complete																												
5	Confirmation of Team	60d	05/20/21	08/11/21	3	100%	Complete																												
6	Appointment of Team Chair	46d	05/20/21	07/22/21	3	100%	Complete																												
7	Appointment of Liaison to GNSO Council	46d	05/20/21	07/22/21	3	100%	Complete																												
8	Chair / Staff preparations	13d	07/23/21	08/10/21	6	100%	Complete																												
9	Project Management	1187d	07/23/21	02/09/26		36%	In Progress																												
10	Develop and confirm Project Plan	50d	07/23/21	09/30/21	6	100%	Complete																												
11	Obtain project plan approval from GNSO Council	20d	10/01/21	10/28/21	10	100%	Complete																												
12	Develop monthly Project Packages and deliver to Group & Council	1050d	10/29/21	11/06/25	11	32%	In Progress																												
13	Leadership Sub team	1130d	07/23/21	11/20/25		36%	In Progress																												
14	On-going preparation and planning of group activities	1130d	07/23/21	11/20/25	6	36%	In Progress																												
15	Close project and transition project to implementation	1d	02/09/26	02/09/26	14, 179	0%																													
16	GROUP DELIBERATIONS	1102d	08/11/21	10/30/25		38%	In Progress																												
17	First meeting of Team	1d	08/11/21	08/11/21	8	100%	Complete																												
18	Understand Charter, organize materials and develop initial approach	10d	08/11/21	08/24/21	8	100%	Complete																												
19	Overview & initial discussion of all Policy Topics	10d	08/11/21	08/24/21	8	100%	Complete																												
20	Develop definitions and terminology	28d	08/11/21	09/17/21	8	100%	Complete																												
21	+ Input from other SO/ACs & GNSO SG/Cs	58d	09/09/21	11/29/21		100%	Complete																												
26	Phase 1 Deliberations	403d	08/25/21	03/10/23		89%	In Progress																												
27	+ Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR	127d	08/25/21	02/17/22		100%	In Progress																												
44	+ Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level	40d	02/04/22	03/31/22		98%	In Progress																												
58	+ Group 3: Objection Processes, String Similarity Review, String Contention Resolution, Reserved Strings, and Other Policies and Procedures as Impacted by Variants	211d	03/18/22	01/06/23		80%	In Progress																												
75	Review ICANN Org Input for Phase 1 Draft Recommendations	55d	12/26/22	03/10/23	72	90%	In Progress																												
76	Data Collection to Facilitate Phase 2 Deliberations	175d	11/07/22	07/07/23		0%	In Progress																												
77	Phase 2 Deliberations	355d	11/06/23	03/14/25		3%	In Progress																												
78	+ Group 4: Same Entity at Second-Level	105d	11/06/23	03/29/24		11%	In Progress																												
92	+ Group 5: Domain Name Lifecycle	105d	04/01/24	08/23/24																															
106	+ Group 6: Registration Dispute Resolution Procedures and Trademark Protection Mechanisms	45d	08/26/24	10/25/24																															
116	+ Group 7: IDN Implementation Guidelines	50d	10/28/24	01/03/25																															
125	Review ICANN Org Input for Phase 2 Draft Recommendations	50d	01/06/25	03/14/25	124																														
126	Key Group Events	1049d	10/25/21	10/30/25		30%	In Progress																												
127	+ ICANN Meetings/WG Team F2F Meeting	1049d	10/25/21	10/30/25		30%	In Progress																												
141	INITIAL REPORT	975d	09/20/21	06/13/25		34%	In Progress																												
142	Phase 1 Initial Report	450d	09/20/21	06/09/23		66%	In Progress																												
143	Populate stable drafts as required	385d	09/20/21	03/10/23	20	80%	In Progress																												
144	Discuss/approve findings and interim recommendations	15d	03/13/23	03/31/23	143																														
145	Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	10d	04/03/23	04/14/23	144																														
146	Build Draft Report for public comment	10d	04/03/23	04/14/23	144																														
147	Approve Draft Report for public comment	5d	04/17/23	04/21/23	146																														
148	Publish Phase 1 Initial Report	0	04/21/23	04/21/23	147																														
149	Communicate Phase 1 Initial Report	5d	04/24/23	04/28/23	147																														
150	Public comment forum on Phase 1 Initial Report (40 days)	35d	04/24/23	06/09/23	147																														
151	+ Phase 2 Initial Report	415d	11/13/23	06/13/25																															
160	FINAL REPORT	630d	06/12/23	11/07/25			Not Started																												
161	Phase 1 Final Report	105d	06/12/23	11/03/23																															
162	Review of public comments	30d	06/12/23	07/21/23	150																														
163	Continue deliberations of policy topics towards the Phase 1 Final Report	60d	07/24/23	10/13/23	162																														
164	Build Phase 1 Final Report & Final Deliberations	5d	10/16/23	10/20/23	163																														
165	Determine consensus levels on interim recommendations	10d	10/23/23	11/03/23	164																														
166	Adopt final recommendations and report	10d	10/23/23	11/03/23	164																														
167	Submission of Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council	0	11/03/23	11/03/23	166																														
168	+ Phase 2 Final Report	105d	06/16/25	11/07/25																															
175	POST GROUP TASKS	95d	11/10/25	03/20/26			Not Started																												

Health	Category	Action Item	Priority	Assigned To	Baseline Finish	Current Finish	Status	Notes
	WP	Meeting #62 E7	↓	EPDP_IDN	12/15/22	12/15/22	Complete	
	AI	EPDP Team members to submit apologies if they do not plan to attend next week's call.	—	EPDP_IDN	12/21/22	12/21/22	Complete	
	AI	Edmon to come back to the EPDP Team with any areas where the Board Working Group has identified divergence between EPDP and ccPDP4 recommendations.	—	Edmon Chung	02/23/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #63 E3: Risk Assessment	↓	EPDP_IDN	12/22/22	12/22/22	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #64 E3: Risk Assessment	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/05/23	01/05/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership Team to develop draft recommendation and response to Charter Question E3 based on today's discussion (5 January 2023).	—	Policy Support Staff	01/19/23	01/19/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	01/09/23	01/09/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #65 E3a, E4	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/12/23	01/12/23	Complete	
●	AI	Leadership team to develop draft language and recommendations in response to Charter Questions E3a and E4 based on EPDP Team discussion on today's call.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/02/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #66 E2, E7 / B5	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/19/23	01/19/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to draft recommendations on String Confusion Objections and Limited Public Interest Objections consistent with draft agreements presented in slide 4, including text on the outcome of the String Confusion Objection.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/16/23		In Progress	
	AI	Staff to draft recommendations on Legal Rights and Community Objections consistent with agreement to use the option 1 approach.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/16/23		In Progress	
	AI	Staff to draft recommendation to specify the meaning of blocked variants in the context of the hybrid model.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/16/23		In Progress	
	AI	Staff to research existing IDN gTLD registry operators are community or geo TLDs?	—	Policy Support Staff	02/16/23	01/26/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to draft recommendation extending Recommendation 2.8 as it applies to ROs applying for new variants, and also that the documentation requirements that apply for the primary will also apply to variants of GeoTLDs and community applications.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/16/23		In Progress	
	AI	Staff to draft language that the .brand variants must meet the same requirements as the primary and operate as a mark.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/16/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #67 Review ICANN org input for draft recommendations	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/26/23	01/26/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #67.5 Joint session with ccPDP4 of the ccNSO	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/31/23	01/31/23	Complete	
●	WP	Meeting #68 Review ICANN org input for draft recommendations	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/02/23		In Progress	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	02/10/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #69 Joint sessions with GAC	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/15/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #70 Joint sessions with GAC	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/16/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #71 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/23/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting #72 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	03/10/23		Not Started	
	WP	Meeting - ICANN76 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	04/07/23		Not Started	
	MS	Submit Initial Report for Public Comment	!	EPDP_IDN	04/21/23		Not Started	