

Project Tracking & Rollup DASHBOARD



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

Project Information

34%
% Complete

05/20/21
Current Start

03/20/26
Current Finish

Tasks by Status

● Not_Started ● Complete ● In_Progress

Project Contacts

Donna Austin
Chair

Justine Chew
Vice_Chair

Farell Folly
Liaison

Ariel Liang
Staff_Lead

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						2021												2022				2023				2024				2025							
Health	Primary Task	Current Start	Current Finish	% Complete	Status	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4				
	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	05/20/21	03/20/26	34%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]																															
	PROJECT CONTROL	05/20/21	02/09/26	45%	In Progress	[Gantt bar]																															
	GROUP DELIBERATIONS	08/11/21	10/30/25	40%	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	99%	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	99%	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	37%	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.

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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 review of ICANN org input on draft Phase 1 recommendations.
- Conducted outreach webinar for the GAC, highlighting draft recommendations and promoting the upcoming public comment.
- Completed and distributed [Project Package](#).

Current Activities & Tasks

- Conduct first and second reading of draft recommendation text for Phase 1 topics that the EPDP Team recently completed deliberation.
- Conduct first and second reading of draft recommendation text that was revised as a result of ICANN org input review.

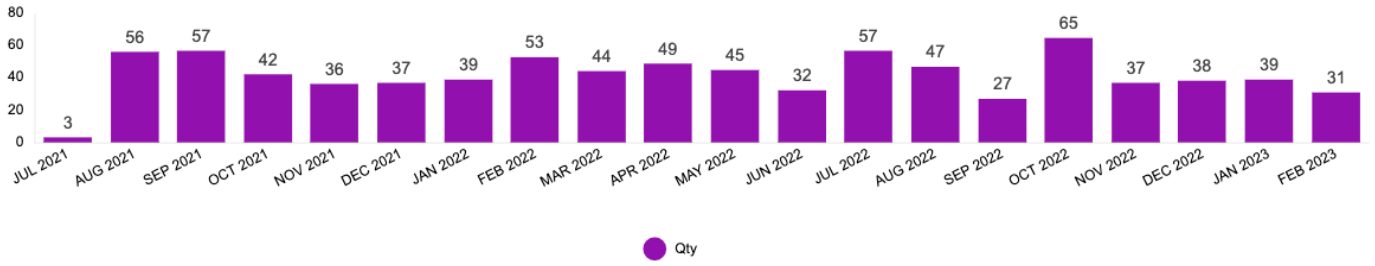
Planned Activities & Tasks

- Consolidate draft Phase 1 recommendations and findings focused on top-level variant management related topics, and approve draft Phase 1 Initial Report.
- Prepare public comment materials for publishing the Phase 1 Initial Report.
- Meet with the SSAC to highlight selected draft recommendations and encourage them to participate in the Phase 1 Initial Report public comment proceeding.
- Consult with relevant parties on dependency issues between Phase 2 deliberation and SubPro implementation, and explore potential mechanisms and approaches to speed up Phase 2 deliberations.
- Conduct data collection among contracted parties to assist EPDP Team's deliberation on second-level variant management related issues in Phase 2.

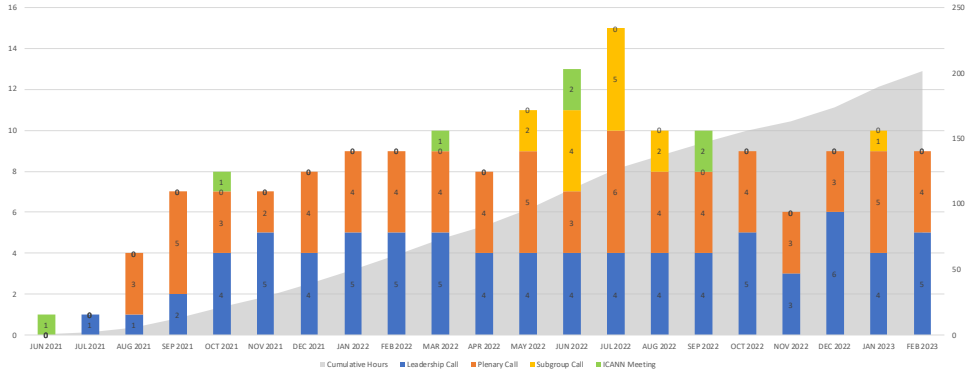
Work-Plan Activity Metrics



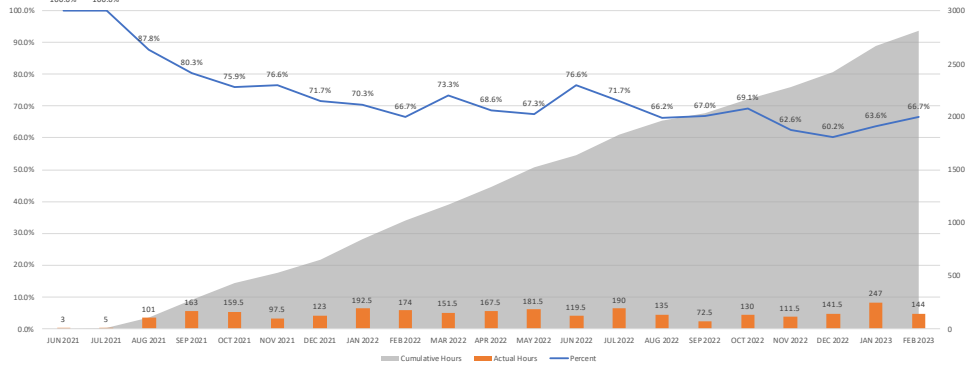
Mailman Activity



ALL Event Activity & Cumulative Event Hours



ALL Event Attendance % & Cumulative Person Hours



Plenary Roster and Attendance Only

Participant	Row Labels	Sum of Invited Qty	Sum of Attended Qty	Percent	Role	SOI	Start Date	Depart Date
AT-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)		82	400	45.4%				
Justine Chew		92	73	79.3%				
TV Gopal		68	67	98.5%	Vice-chair	https://community.icann.org/x/bTefAg	5/25/2021	
Independent		24	6	25.0%		https://community.icann.org/x/8Yf8CQ	5/25/2021	3/21/2022
Abdulmonem Gallia		459	136	29.6%				
Gao Lei		66	5	7.6%		https://community.icann.org/x/2DfPCQ	5/25/2021	
Nabil Benamar		65	1	1.5%		https://community.icann.org/x/4QfPCQ	5/25/2021	
Lisa Liang		65	0	0.0%		https://community.icann.org/x/3wTfCQ	5/25/2021	
ANIL JAIN		67	62	92.5%		https://community.icann.org/x/2wTfCQ	5/25/2021	
Quec Pham		64	49	73.1%		https://community.icann.org/x/1P8CQ	7/30/2021	
Imran Hossen		64	12	18.8%		https://community.icann.org/x/4Q2fAw	8/13/2021	
Wael Nasr		35	7	20.0%		https://community.icann.org/x/U9MGcW	11/4/2021	
Internet Service Providers and Connectivity Providers Constituency (ISPCP)		30	0	0.0%		https://community.icann.org/x/8AEVd	6/9/2022	
Christian Dawson		66	25	37.9%				
Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG)		199	25	37.9%		https://community.icann.org/x/NlvfAg	7/12/2021	
Jennifer Chung		66	116	58.3%				
Jerry Sen		67	47	71.2%		https://community.icann.org/x/6AOfAg	5/25/2021	
Wei (Wesley) Wang		66	66	98.5%		https://community.icann.org/x/Ak8CQ	5/25/2021	
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)		66	3	4.5%		https://community.icann.org/x/0YP8CQ	7/13/2021	
Hamza Othrouiza Salami		66	50	75.8%				
Member		1121	801	71.5%		https://community.icann.org/x/4P8CQ	5/25/2021	
AT-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)		203	179	88.2%				
Satish Babu		68	61	89.7%		https://community.icann.org/x/RLrAw	5/25/2021	
Abdulkarim Oloyede		67	54	80.6%		https://community.icann.org/x/VY02Bg	5/25/2021	
Hadia Elmniaoui		68	64	94.1%		https://community.icann.org/x/wKrDw	7/14/2021	
Commercial Business Users Constituency (BC)		34	2	5.9%				
Mark William Datsygeid		34	2	5.9%		https://community.icann.org/x/fwbQC	5/25/2021	5/12/2022
GNSO Council		141	119	84.4%				
Donna Austin		73	69	94.5%	Chair	https://community.icann.org/x/fvBEAg	8/10/2021	
Ekue Farell Folly		68	50	73.5%	Liaison	https://community.icann.org/x/15tAw	7/27/2021	
Intellectual Property Constituency (IPC)		80	45	56.3%				
Brian King		13	10	76.9%		https://community.icann.org/x/OS4F8Q	5/25/2021	11/8/2021
Jeffrey Neuman		67	35	52.2%		https://community.icann.org/x/gfBwAg	5/25/2021	
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)		95	19	20.0%				
Akinremi Peter Taiwo		67	8	11.9%		https://community.icann.org/x/fqu8B	7/15/2021	
Emmanuel Vitus Agbenonwossi		28	11	39.3%		https://community.icann.org/x/H4zCg	7/13/2022	
Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG)		129	115	89.1%				
Michael Bauland		68	60	88.2%		https://community.icann.org/x/PwvQCg	5/25/2021	
Duowei Chen		16	11	68.8%		https://community.icann.org/x/DOHfCg	9/26/2021	2/13/2022
Zhang Zuan		45	44	97.8%		https://community.icann.org/x/78q6Ag	2/14/2022	
Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG)		201	174	86.6%				
Mosim Alzob		67	53	79.1%		https://community.icann.org/x/8fVfAg	5/25/2021	
Dennis Tan Tanaka		67	63	94.0%		https://community.icann.org/x/14LfAg	5/25/2021	
Joseph Chiu-Kit Yee		67	58	86.6%		https://community.icann.org/x/5YH8CQ	7/6/2021	
Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)		134	59	44.0%				
T. Santhosh		67	20	29.9%		https://community.icann.org/x/2ZrAw	5/25/2021	
Nigel Hickson		67	39	58.2%		https://community.icann.org/x/94P8CQ	7/12/2021	
ICANN Board		104	89	85.6%				
Edmon Chung		68	60	88.2%	Liaison	https://community.icann.org/x/display/emco	7/27/2021	
Akinori Maemura		36	29	80.6%	Liaison	https://community.icann.org/x/f4HOCg	11/18/2021	9/22/2022
Grand Total		2003	1201	60.0%				

Staff Support Roster

Row Labels	
Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers (ICANN)	
Devan Reed	
Emily Barabas	
Julie Bistand	
Michelle DeSmyter	
Nathalie Peregrine	
Terri Agnew	
Steve Chan	
Ariel Liang	
Michael Karakash	
Sarmad Hussain	
Pitinan Kooarmornpatana	

Health	Task Name	Current Duration	Current Start	Current Finish	Predecessors	% Complete	Status	2021				2022				2023				2024				2025				2026							
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1	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	1262d	05/20/21	03/20/26		34%	In Progress																												
2	PROJECT CONTROL	1233d	05/20/21	02/09/26		45%	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		37%	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	33%	In Progress																												
13	Leadership Sub team	1130d	07/23/21	11/20/25		37%	In Progress																												
14	On-going preparation and planning of group activities	1130d	07/23/21	11/20/25	6	37%	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		40%	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		99%	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		99%	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		99%	In Progress																												
75	Review ICANN Org Input for Phase 1 Draft Recommendations	55d	12/26/22	03/10/23	72	95%	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																												
141	INITIAL REPORT	975d	09/20/21	06/13/25		37%	In Progress																												
142	Phase 1 Initial Report	450d	09/20/21	06/09/23		72%	In Progress																												
143	Populate stable drafts as required	385d	09/20/21	03/10/23	20	85%	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	60%	In Progress																												
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																															
152	Populate stable drafts as required	350d	11/13/23	03/14/25	80																														
153	Discuss/approve findings and interim recommendations	15d	03/17/25	04/04/25	152																														
154	Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	10d	04/07/25	04/18/25	153																														
155	Build Draft Report for public comment	10d	04/07/25	04/18/25	153																														
156	Approve Draft Report for public comment	5d	04/21/25	04/25/25	155																														
157	Publish Phase 2 Initial Report	0	04/25/25	04/25/25	156																														
158	Communicate Phase 2 Initial Report	5d	04/28/25	05/02/25	156																														
159	Public comment forum on Phase 2 Initial Report (40 days)	35d	04/28/25	06/13/25	156																														
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																														

Health	Category	Action Item	Priority	Assigned To	Baseline Finish	Current Finish	Status	Notes
	WP	Meeting #67.5 Joint session with ccPDP4 of the ccNSO	↓	EPDP_IDN	01/31/23	01/31/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff will seek to integrate changes as listed on slide 5. EPDP Team members will be asked to review redlined changes stemming from this input.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to develop draft Implementation Guidance that ICANN is to maintain a list and allow for it to be available to the public. Group will need to understand and explain rationale for creating a public record.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to seek clarity from ICANN org about what "revoked" means	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	03/01/23	Complete	
	AI	Develop Implementation Guidance to manage variants of existing gTLDs via addendum/Spec.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/28/23	02/28/23	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	02/02/23	Complete	
	AI	ICANN org to share scenarios in which a primary label may become undelegated so that this can be included in the rationale.	—	Michael Karakash	03/07/23	03/01/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff support team to circulate definition of critical function (see section six in in Specification 10 here: https://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/agreements/agreement-approved-31jul17-en.html#specification10 (newgtlds.icann.org)). The Critical Functions include: DNS Service; DNSSEC proper resolution; EPP; RDDS; Data Escrow.	—	Policy Support Staff	02/02/23	03/02/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	02/10/23	02/10/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #69 Joint sessions with GAC	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/15/23	02/15/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #70 CANCELLED	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/16/23	02/16/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #71 Close Loop on Outstanding Items	↓	EPDP_IDN	02/23/23	02/23/23	Complete	
	AI	EPDP Team members who missed today's call to catch up with the recording.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23	03/02/23	Complete	
	AI	EPDP Team members to consider if there are areas of the Initial Report that their groups will have concerns about and share with the EPDP Team.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/15/23		In Progress	
	AI	EPDP Team members to provide input on whether ask that public comments are submitted via a form.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/15/23		In Progress	
	AI	ALAC reps to discuss among themselves input on IG 2.xx and consider if the new set of recommendations and IG sufficiently address the ALAC's underlying concerns.	—	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		In Progress	
	AI	WG members to provide input on alternatives in brackets for Rec 1.5 on slide 8: "Recommendation 1.5: A framework for developing best practice guidelines in the management of gTLDs and their variant labels by registries and registrars must be formulated with a view to encourage a [predictable] [optimal] [consistent] user experience."	—	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Regarding new Recommendation 2.16, change "voluntary or involuntary" to "voluntarily or involuntarily."	—	Policy Support Staff	03/16/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Staff to adjust language in Rec 2.22 to make sure it is clear that an existing RO who later applies for variants will keep the existing RA and get a new one for the new variants (two RAs).	—	Policy Support Staff	03/16/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	For Recommendation 2.8, change geoTLDs to geographic name TLDs and include in the list of non-standard application types TLDs to which GAC Safeguards apply.	—	Policy Support Staff	03/16/23	02/28/23	Complete	
	AI	Leadership Team to connect with CJK Chairs to understand what progress has been made and what the anticipated timeline will be for their inputs on single character TLDs.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	04/05/23		In Progress	
	AI	Leadership team to put together draft language to extend recommendation 2.7 text regarding fees.	—	EPDP_IDN Leadership	03/16/23	03/01/23	Complete	
	WP	Meeting #72 Close Loop on Outstanding Items & Public Comment Prep	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/02/23	03/02/23	Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	03/06/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting - ICANN76 - Session 1 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		In Progress	
	WP	Meeting - ICANN76 - Session 2 TBD	↓	EPDP_IDN	03/11/23		In Progress	
	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	