



Global Domains and Strategy
Policy Research and Stakeholder Programs
Team

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The Team

About the Team

- The **Policy Research and Stakeholder Programs (PRSP)** team is part of ICANN's **Global Domains and Strategy (GDS)** function and enables informed participation in the ICANN multistakeholder model and helps foster secure, stable, and universal operation of multilingual domain names and email addresses for Internet users around the world.
- We product subject matter research and analysis, and support strategic decision-making and implementation of consensus policy recommendations for generic top-level domains which includes the ongoing New generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Operational Design Phase (ODP)

Policy Research & Stakeholder Programs Teams

The Policy Research and Stakeholders Programs team is organized into four main groups:

- Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) & Universal Acceptance (UA) Programs lead by Sarmad Hussain :
 - The IDN-UA Programs team covers the execution of both programs and enables domain names in the languages and scripts of the end-users in a secure and stable manner, both for the root zone and second level registrations, which involves cross-functional coordination.
- Research, Strategy & Data Programs lead by Jared Erwin:
 - The Research, Strategy & Data Program team provides a centralized source for high-quality, repeatable services and processes related to research and data on a wide variety of subjects relating to the DNS ecosystem and occasionally takes on research projects requested by the ICANN community on various topics.

Policy Research & Stakeholder Programs Teams

The Policy Research and Stakeholders Programs team continued:

- Policy Research lead by Lars Hoffmann:
 - The Policy Research team covers all areas of engagement within the policy development and implementation lifecycle; and supports major initiatives such as the New generic Top-Level Domain (gTLD) Subsequent Procedures (SubPro), the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development (EPDP) Phases 1 and 2, and Rights Protection Mechanisms.
- Subsequent Procedures (Subpro):
 - The PRSP team currently has an open position for a **New gTLD Subsequent Procedures, Senior Director**

Pre-ICANN 75 PRSP Briefing

- To increase visibility and accountability on various community-facing projects that we support, the PRSP team produced its first pre-ICANN meeting briefing.
- First edition in preparation for ICANN75 can be found here:
<https://go.icann.org/3eibAXc>
- The PRSP briefing provides status updates and progress reporting on many of the projects we support and lead on such as the Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) Operational Design Phase (ODP), EPDP Phase 1 Implementation, and Universal Acceptance (UA).
- If you have read the Briefing, please provide us with feedback how we can improve it for future iterations.

Policy Research and Stakeholder Program

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- The GNSO's Policy Development Process (PDP) Manual encourages PDP Working Groups “to establish communication in the early stages of the PDP with other departments, outside the policy department, within ICANN that may have an interest, expertise, or information regarding the implementability of an issue.
- As a result, GDS tasks a liaison to develop an understanding of and expertise in community discussions and, where appropriate, provide input to PDP Working Groups.
- ICANN org has developed guidelines for participation for these GDS Liaisons, which follows on the set of guidelines for [Board Members serving as Liaisons to ICANN Community Groups](#).
- The GDS Liaison guidelines describe the expectations, requirements and procedures for GDS team members serving as liaisons to a GNSO policy development process.

- The goal of these guidelines is to both provide GDS Liaisons with the foundational knowledge and tools required to carry out the liaison function effectively as well as provide transparency and clarity to the ICANN community on the expectations for the role.
- Additionally, the GDS Liaison guidelines support the ongoing work related to improvement of the policy development and implementation processes.
- The PRSP team currently has assigned a “GDS Liaison” to both the Transfer PDP WG and EPDP on IDNs WG.

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Looking Ahead to Implementing GNSO Policy Recommendations

Implementation of GNSO Policy Recommendations

- Implementation of community-developed policy recommendations is coordinated within ICANN's GDS function as documented in the [Consensus Policy Implementation Framework \(CPIF\)](#).
- Resourcing has been a major factor in being able to start up implementation efforts.
- PRSP currently anticipates to launch 1 new IRT this year. Additionally, PRSP estimates to launch a second IRT once the EPDP Ph1 implementation winds down.
- **Note: this is in addition to the implementation work that will be required if/when the Board adopts the SubPro Final Report and instructs ICANN to implement those recommendations.**

Implementation of GNSO Policy Recommendations

- **Anticipated Launch of Implementation Work:**

- Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPM):
 - The launch of RPM IRT is planned for Q4 of 2022.
 - The goal is to implement 22 (out of 35) recommendations that are not dependent on the implementation of SubPro recommendations.
- EPDP Phase 2A:
 - Launch of the EPDP Phase 2A IRT is subject to completion of EPDP Phase 1 implementation work.
 - GDS plans to share the EPDP Phase 2A implementation plan, including timetables, with the GNSO Council and IRT once complete.

- **Upcoming Implementation Work:**

- SubPro IRT: The launch of Subpro IRT is subject to Board approval of the SubPro Final Report.
- EPDP Phase 2 (SSAD): Next steps regarding the Whois Disclosure System design are currently being discussed.

Implementation of GNSO Policy Recommendations

- **Paused or Queued Implementation Work:**
 - Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation (PPSAI):
 - Implementation of PPSAI is dependent on the following items;
 - The completion of EPDP Phase 1 implementation;
 - Next steps on EPDP Phase 2 / SSAD / Whois Disclosure System;
 - Completing the above dependencies will allow GDS to determine the time commitment and resources required to implement PPSAI.
 - Translation and Transliteration (T&T):
 - Implementation of T&T is dependent on the operational readiness of RDAP, which is anticipated to take place in the first half of 2023.