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1	● EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names	951d	05/20/21	01/09/25		40%	In Progress	05/20/21	08/18/23																				
2	● PROJECT CONTROL	922d	05/20/21	11/29/24		68%	In Progress	05/20/21	07/10/23																				
3	Project start confirmed	0	05/20/21	05/20/21		100%	Complete	05/20/21	05/20/21																				
4	Adopt/Confirm charter	0	05/20/21	05/20/21	3	100%	Complete	05/20/21	05/20/21																				
5	Confirmation of Team	60d	05/20/21	08/11/21	3	100%	Complete	05/20/21	08/11/21																				
6	Appointment of Team Chair	46d	05/20/21	07/22/21	3	100%	Complete	05/20/21	07/22/21																				
7	Appointment of Liaison to GNSO Council	46d	05/20/21	07/22/21	3	100%	Complete	05/20/21	07/22/21																				
8	Chair / Staff preparations	13d	07/23/21	08/10/21	6	100%	Complete	07/23/21	08/10/21																				
9	● Project Management	876d	07/23/21	11/29/24		62%	In Progress	07/23/21	07/10/23																				
10	Develop and confirm Project Plan	50d	07/23/21	09/30/21	6	100%	Complete	07/23/21	09/30/21																				
11	Obtain project plan approval from GNSO Council	20d	10/01/21	10/28/21	10	100%	Complete	10/01/21	10/28/21																				
12	● Develop monthly Project Packages and deliver to Group & Council	740d	10/29/21	08/29/24	11	52%	In Progress	10/29/21	03/30/23																				
13	● Leadership Sub team	810d	07/23/21	08/29/24		67%	In Progress	07/23/21	03/30/23																				
14	● On-going preparation and planning of group activities	810d	07/23/21	08/29/24	6	67%	In Progress	07/23/21	03/30/23																				
15	● Close project and transition project to implementation	1d	11/29/24	11/29/24	14, 166	0%		07/10/23	07/10/23																				
16	● GROUP DELIBERATIONS	742d	08/11/21	06/13/24		46%	In Progress	08/11/21	03/16/23																				
17	First meeting of Team	1d	08/11/21	08/11/21	8	100%	Complete	08/11/21	08/11/21																				
18	Understand Charter, organize materials and develop initial approach	10d	08/11/21	08/24/21	8	100%	Complete	08/11/21	08/24/21																				
19	Overview & initial discussion of all Policy Topics	10d	08/11/21	08/24/21	8	100%	Complete	08/11/21	08/24/21																				
20	Develop definitions and terminology	28d	08/11/21	09/17/21	8	100%	Complete	08/11/21	09/17/21																				
21	Input from other SO/ACs & GNSO SG/Cs	58d	09/09/21	11/29/21		100%	Complete	09/09/21	12/01/21																				
22	Develop template for input	15d	09/09/21	09/29/21		100%	Complete	09/09/21	09/29/21																				
23	Announce input opportunity	30d	09/30/21	11/10/21	22	100%	Complete	09/30/21	11/10/21																				
24	Collect and collate input in to Review Tool	8d	11/11/21	11/22/21	23	100%	Complete	11/11/21	11/17/21																				
25	Group to review input and determine relevance to policy deliberations on issues within scope	5d	11/23/21	11/29/21	24	100%	Complete	11/18/21	12/01/21																				
26	Group Deliberations - Initial Report Part 1	358d	08/25/21	01/06/23		70%	In Progress																						
27	● Group 1: Definition of All gTLDs Using RZ-LGR	127d	08/25/21	02/17/22		97%	In Progress	08/25/21	11/02/21																				
28	Understand topic and determine need to deliberate	5d	08/25/21	08/31/21	18	100%	Complete	08/25/21	08/31/21																				
29	Deliberate policy considerations and determine approach	5d	08/25/21	08/31/21	18	100%	Complete	08/25/21	08/31/21																				
30	● Deliberate policy issues	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	94%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
31	a1) Evaluating all TLDs using RZ-LGR as the one and only authoritative source allows for a consistent approach for reviewing current and future TLDs. The SubPro PDP, the Staff Paper, and the Study Group on Technical Use of RZ-LGR ("TSG") recommend that compliance with RZ-LGR (RZ-LGR-4, and any future RZ-LGR versions) must be required for the validation of all future gTLDs (including IDN and ASCII labels) and the calculation of their variant labels as a matter of policy, including the determination of whether the disposition of the label should be blocked or allocatable. For existing delegated gTLD labels, does the WG recommend using the RZ-LGR as the sole source to calculate the variant labels and disposition values?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
32	a2) Before the proposed RZ-LGR mechanism, applications for IDN gTLDs have asked the applicant to identify and list any variant labels (based on their own calculations) corresponding to the applied-for string. The self-identified "variant" labels do not have legal standing, as "[d]eclaring variant strings is informative only and will not imply any right or claim to the declared variant strings."The TSG recommends that the self-identified "variant" labels which are also variant labels calculated by RZ-LGR will need to be assigned a variant disposition based on RZ-LGR calculation, as discussed in a1). If some self-identified "variant" TLD labels by the former gTLD applicants are not found consistent with the calculation of the RZ-LGR, but have been used to certain extent (e.g., used to determine string contention sets), how should such labels be addressed in order to conform to the LGR Procedure and RZ-LGR calculations? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter.	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
33	a3) SubPro PDP recommends that ICANN establish a mechanism that allows specific parties to challenge or appeal certain types of actions or inactions that appear to be inconsistent with the Applicant Guidebook.SubPro PDP recommends that such a limited challenge/appeal mechanism applies to several types of evaluations and formal objections decisions, including the DNS Stability aspect of evaluation/challenge procedures. Previously, both the SSAC and TSG also recommended a challenge process for resolving disagreement with the RZ-LGR calculation on certain strings. If an applied-for TLD label, whose script is supported by the RZ-LGR, is determined to be "invalid", is there a reason NOT to use the evaluation challenge processes recommended by SubPro? If so, rationale must be clearly stated. If SubPro's recommendation on the evaluation challenge process should be used, what are the criteria for filing such a challenge? Should any additional specific implementation guidance be provided, especially pertaining to the challenge to the LGR calculation as it can have a profound, decimating impact on the use of RZ-LGR?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				

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34	●	a4) For future gTLD applications, the SubPro PDP proposes an implementation guidance that if a script is not yet integrated into the RZ-LGR, applicants should be able to apply for a string in that script, and it should be processed up to but not including contracting. Applicants under such circumstances should be warned of the possibility that the applied-for string may never be delegated and they will be responsible for any additional evaluation costs. The burden in this case is on the applicant, who may have to wait for an indeterminate amount of time but is not aware of any other serious concerns. The SubPro PDP developed this implementation guidance by taking into consideration the TSG recommendation that the application should remain on-hold (or other appropriate status) until the relevant script is integrated into the RZ-LGR. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: should the SubPro recommendation be extended to existing TLDs that apply for a variant TLD label whose script is not yet supported by the applicable version of the RZ-LGR? Consider this question in tandem with b4) and by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter. If not, what should be the process for an existing TLD registry who wishes to apply for a variant TLD label whose script is not yet supported by the applicable version of the RZ-LGR?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	95%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
35		a5) SAC060 notes that variant code points in LGR may introduce a "permutation issue", possibly creating a large number of variant domain names, which "presents challenges for the management of variant domains at the registry, the registrar and registrant levels."SAC060 advises that "ICANN should ensure that the number of strings that are activated is as small as possible." The TSG agreed with this SSAC advice. Appendix C of the Staff Paper reviewed the factors causing numerous variant labels and suggested measures to address this issue. Should there be a ceiling value or other mechanism to ensure that the number of delegated top-level variant labels remains small, understanding that variant labels in the second level may compound the situation? Should additional security and stability guidelines be developed to make variant domains manageable at the registry, registrar, and registrant levels?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
36		a6) Since RZ-LGR can be updated over time, the WG needs to consider the implications for existing TLD labels and their variant labels (if any), including any potential changing of status or disposition value. The TSG further recommends that the Generation Panel (GP) must call out the exception where an existing TLD is not validated by their proposed solution during the public comment period and explain the analysis and reasons for not supporting the existing TLD in their script LGR proposal.13This will allow the community and the GP to review such a case to confirm that an exception is indeed warranted. Does the WG agree with TSG's suggested approach? If so, to what extent should the TLD policies and procedures be updated to allow an existing TLD and its variants (if any), which are not validated by a script LGR, to be grandfathered? If not, what is the recommended approach to address changes to the current version of the RZ-LGR that assign different disposition values to existing TLDs? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter.	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
37	●	a7) The SubPro PDP recommends that single character gTLDs may be allowed for limited script/language combinations where a character is an ideograph (or ideogram) and do not introduce confusion risks that rise above commonplace similarities, consistent with SAC052 and Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Workgroup (JIG) report. What mechanism or criteria should be used to identify the scripts/languages appropriate for single-character TLDs? Once those scripts/languages are identified, what mechanism or criteria should be used to identify a specific list of allowable characters which can be used as a single-character TLD within such scripts/languages? Should any specific implementation guidance be provided? Furthermore, should the relevant GP tag these code points in the RZ-LGR for a consistent analysis and to ease their identification and algorithmic calculation?1	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	50%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
38		a9) A given label in an Internationalized Domain Label (IDL) set may be in one of the following non-exhaustive status: delegated, withheld-same-entirety, blocked, allocated, rejected. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and develop a consistent definition of variant label status in the IDL set.	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
39		a10) Individual labels in an IDL set may go through the following possible status transformations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> from "withheld-same-entirety" to "allocated": Allocation only to the same entity as another label in the IDL set. This change happens if a variant was not initially requested for allocation and later is. Allocating withheld labels would be the application process for a variant TLD. from "blocked" to "withheld-same-entirety": A later LGR may broaden the available labels in the IDL set. Such possible labels automatically become withheld-same-entirety. from "allocated" to "delegated": Happens when name servers are added. (Not new.) from "delegated" to "allocated": If a domain is removed from the DNS, the allocation can remain in place anyway. Rare in the root zone, but not new. from "rejected" to "withheld-same-entirety": Every Rejected label is automatically Withheld-same-entirety as well. If the Rejected status comes off, the label can be handled as any other Withheld-same-entirety label. Note that an allocated or withheld-same-entirety label cannot become blocked unless a new version of the LGR makes this possible. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: what is the procedure to change the label status for individual variant labels?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
40		Develop draft work product	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	29	100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21																				
41		Conduct First Reading + verbal and email response	5d	02/04/22	02/10/22	40	100%	Complete	10/20/21	10/26/21																				
42		Conduct Second Reading + verbal response + adoption or discard	5d	02/11/22	02/17/22	41	100%	Complete	10/27/21	11/02/21																				
43		Confirm draft as stable	0	02/17/22	02/17/22	42	100%	Complete	11/02/21	11/02/21																				
44	●	Group 2: Same Entity at Top-Level	40d	02/04/22	03/31/22		87%	In Progress	11/03/21	12/28/21																				
45		Understand topic and determine need to deliberate	5d	02/04/22	02/10/22	40	100%	Complete	11/03/21	11/09/21																				
46		Deliberate policy considerations and determine approach	5d	02/04/22	02/10/22	40	100%	Complete	11/03/21	11/09/21																				
47	●	Deliberate policy issues	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	92%	In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21																				
48		b1) Both the SubPro PDP and the Staff Paper recommend that variant TLDs that ICANN delegates must have the "same entity" as the sponsoring organization and the "Registry Operator" be used as the definition of the "same entity" at the top-level. Should this recommendation be extended to existing TLDs?	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	100%	Complete	11/10/21	12/14/21																				
49		b2) Both the SubPro PDP and the Staff Paper recommend that variant TLDs be operated by the same back-end registry service provider, the organization providing one or more registry services (e.g., DNS, DNSSEC, RDDS, EPP) for a registry operator. Should this recommendation be extended to existing TLDs and their variant TLD labels?	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	100%	Complete	11/10/21	12/14/21																				

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50	b3) Beyond having the same Registry Operator and same back-end registry service provider, as referenced in b1) and b2), is there a need for additional constraints for the same entity requirement for the top-level? If so, the rationale must be clearly stated.	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	100%	Complete	11/10/21	12/14/21																				
51	d1) The same entity principle for variant TLDs --having the same registry operator and the same back-end registry service provider for gTLD and its variant labels at the top-level --needs to be effectuated legally and operationally. From a legal standpoint there will be a binding document(s) between ICANN and the registry operator (e.g., Registry Agreement), which should memorialize the relationship between each allocated TLD and its variant labels, as well as the obligations to maintain such condition during the life of the contract(s). From an operational standpoint, an application process, testing of registry services, fee structure, and other aspects need to be defined and developed. The EPDP should discuss and develop the proper legal and operational framework in order to strike a balance between conservatism, innovation, adoption and other aspects of the implementation. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: d1a) A TLD is subject to a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In case of IDN variant TLDs, ICANN would execute the Registry Agreement with the same entity but potentially diverge in future Registry Agreement amendments, addendums, and renewals. Should each TLD label be the subject of a separate Registry Agreement with ICANN? If not, should each TLD label along with its variant labels be subject to one Registry Agreement with the same entity? Rationale for such definition must be clearly stated along with the answer, including goals and motivations. d1b) What should be the process by which an existing registry operator could apply for, or be allocated, a variant for its existing gTLD? What should be the process by which an applicant applying for a new IDN gTLD could seek and obtain any allocatable variant(s)? What should be the associated fee(s), including the application fees and annual registration fees for variant TLDs? Should any specific implementation guidance be provided?	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	80%	In Progress																						
52	b4) The policy recommendation advises that variant TLD labels be allocated to the same entity, however a process to apply for a variant TLD does not exist. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: what should an application process look like in terms of timing and sequence for an existing and future Registry Operator with respect to applying or activating their allocatable variant TLD labels? b4a) For the variant labels with status "withheld for the same entity" (i.e. not requested for allocation in the application process), what role do they play?	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	70%	In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21																				
53	b5) Do restrictions that apply to a TLD (e.g., community TLDs, dot brand TLDs) also apply to its variants? Are these labels equally treated as different versions of the same string, or completely independent strings not bound by the samerestrictions?	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	100%	Complete	11/10/21	12/14/21																				
54	Develop draft work product	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46	80%	In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21																				
55	Conduct First Reading + verbal and email response	5d	03/18/22	03/24/22	54	80%	In Progress	12/15/21	12/21/21																				
56	Conduct Second Reading + verbal response + adoption or discard	5d	03/25/22	03/31/22	55	80%	In Progress	12/22/21	12/28/21																				
57	Confirm draft as stable	0	03/31/22	03/31/22	56			12/28/21	12/28/21																				
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		51%	In Progress	12/29/21	02/22/22																				
59	Understand topic and determine need to deliberate	5d	03/18/22	03/24/22	54	100%	Complete	12/29/21	01/04/22																				
60	Deliberate policy considerations and determine approach	5d	03/18/22	03/24/22	54	100%	Complete	12/29/21	01/04/22																				
61	Deliberate policy issues	191d	03/25/22	12/16/22	60	60%	In Progress	01/05/22	02/08/22																				
62	e1) In considering the conclusion(s) with respect to question b4a), what role, if any, do TLD labels "withheld for possible allocation" or "withheld for the same entity" play vis-a-vis: •objection process; and •string similarity review process?	191d	03/25/22	12/16/22	60	70%	In Progress																						
63	e2) Under the rules of the most recent gTLD application round, there are four criteria for objections to a string (see gTLD Applicant Guidebook, version 2012-06-04, section 3.2.1). The SubPro PDP has also affirmed the continuation of these four criteria for objections to a string, while proposing recommendations and implementation guidance to enhance/adjust these criteria. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate to ensure consistency in the implementation of the objection process for the variant label applications of existing and future TLDs.	191d	03/25/22	12/16/22	60	90%	In Progress																						
64	e3) In the Initial Evaluation for new gTLD applications, a proposed applied-for TLD is checked against several criteria as part of the string similarity review process (see gTLD Applicant Guidebook, version 2012-06-04, section 2.2.1.1.1). The SubPro PDP affirmed these standards,while proposing recommendations and implementation guidance to enhance the process. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate to ensure consistency in the implementation of the string similarity reviewprocedure for variant label applications of existing and future gTLDs. e3a) After a requested variant string is rejected as a result of a string similarity review, should the other variant strings in the same variant set remain allocatable? Should individual labels be allowed to have different outcomes/actions (e.g., some labels be blocked and some be allowed to continue with an application process)?	191d	03/25/22	12/16/22	60	70%	In Progress																						
65	e4) Under current procedures, resolution of string contention for applied for gTLD strings may include components such as a settlement between the parties, a community priority evaluation (if a community-based applicant in a contention set elects this option), and an auction. SubProp PDP affirmed these components while proposing recommendations and implementation guidance to enhance the mechanisms for string contention resolution. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate to ensure consistency in the implementation of the string contention resolution mechanism for variant label applications of existing and future new gTLDs.	191d	03/25/22	12/16/22	60																								
66	e5) The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: should the reserved stringsineligible for delegation for existing and future gTLDs be updated to include any possible variant labels? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter.	191d	03/25/22	12/16/22	60	80%	In Progress																						

