

GNSO/GAC Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generics

05 December 2022 Meeting Notes

Closed Generic (CG) Dialogue Participants reviewed updates to the first four Participant Commitments and began identifying what needs must be addressed to consider a closed generic TLD.

Participants discussed the following:

- Whether the proposed revision of Participant Commitment 2 sufficiently limits the dialogue's scope to exclude the two edge outcomes (allowing closed generics without restrictions and prohibiting closed generics under any circumstance).
- Whether the language of Participant Commitment 4 stating that "the focus of discussions will be about identifying concerns and crafting solutions to address the concerns" should be updated to reflect "needs" rather than concerns, or updated to shift the focus solely toward crafting solutions.
- In a Jamboard brainstorming session, participants were asked "What NEEDS must be addressed to consider a closed generic TLD (Needs = desire, concerns, questions, fears)?" Participants shared their initial inputs, which touch on the following themes:
 - The needs of end users, registrants, and businesses
 - The importance of simplicity, clarity, predictability, implementability, and usability
 - The identification of use cases that address the public interest goal
 - Concerns about how to address potential harms that may result
 - Concerns about market fairness, competition, consumer protection, and consumer trust
 - Concerns about the transfer or sale of a Closed Generic TLD registry
 - Concerns about ICANN time and resource commitments

Participants generally came to agreement that:

1. Participant Commitments 1 and 3 are acceptable as written.
2. The ALAC's alternate member should be allowed to receive travel funding to attend the in-person/hybrid meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Participants review proposals for Participant Commitments Bullets 2 & 4. Those who have not completed the table associated with Bullet 17 are asked to do so by 9 December.
- Participants review and add inputs to the Jamboard.
- Participants review and add inputs to Asynchronous Work #2.