

GNSO/GAC Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generics 16 January 2023 Meeting Notes

Closed Generic (CG) Dialogue Participants discussed alignment with the preliminary framework assumptions of Asynchronous Work #5. Participants then discussed updates to participant commitments and next week's face-to-face meeting.

Participants discussed the following:

- Assumption 1: There were no objections to this framework goal.
- Assumption 2: Participants discussed the distinction between meeting criteria and committing to certain conditions, ultimately deciding to add language to Assumption 6.
- Assumption 3: Participants recommended updating language from "identified target group" to "applicant". Some participants posed concerns that the "criteria for delegation" have not yet been defined and that the determination of public interest may extend beyond this criteria. Alternative language was proposed, and it was clarified that these assumptions are high-level principles which will be discussed in further detail later.
- Assumption 4: There were no objections to this assumption.
- Assumption 5: Participants discussed the scalability of the evaluation process. Factors that may impact the number of applications received include the complexity of the criteria and the consequences of not satisfying the criteria. The group noted concerns about the composition of the evaluating entity and the proposed addition of a comment period, but opted not to include such details in the assumption at this time.
- Assumption 6: There were no objections to the updated language of Assumption 6.
- Assumption 7: Participants discussed combining Assumptions 7 and 8, but opted to keep them separate for now. A question was also raised about ICANN's enforceability of this assumption.
- Assumption 8: Participants expressed different ideas about what the review process would be and when it would be implemented, necessitating further discussion.
- Participants discussed the recent update to Participant Commitments regarding the sharing of group documents. Concerns were expressed about meeting full group approval and the removal of identifying information from working documents.
- An idea was proposed that ICANN org create a shareable document summarizing the group's work thus far instead of participants sharing brainstorming documents ad hoc. Summary documents would be shared prior to the face-to-face meeting, following the face-to-face meeting, and prior to ICANN76.
- Participants discussed whether there was a need for a signatory line on the Participant Commitments document. No participants expressed being unable to sign the document.
- Participants heard logistics of the face-to-face meeting in Washington DC.

Participants generally came to agreement that:

- Assumptions 1-7 are acceptable with the edits agreed upon by the group and the understanding that these are high-level principles to be explored in further detail during later discussions. Assumption 8 has general agreement but will need to be clarified.
- ICANN org should prepare a summary document that the participants may share with their communities regarding the group's work thus far.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Participants to review the draft of Participant Commitments, which has been updated based on the 16 January discussion.
- ICANN org to produce a summary document that participants may share with their respective communities.
- Participants to review the Closed Generics Framework document and asynchronously brainstorm potential questions and answers in preparation for the face-to-face meeting.