GNSO/GAC Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generics
27 March 2023 Meeting Notes

During this meeting, Closed Generic (CG) Dialogue Participants discussed their meeting schedule and work approach in consideration of the [16 March ICANN Board resolution](#), which requests the GNSO Council to deliver a "project plan and timeline for policy work, or an alternate path, on how to handle closed generics for the next round of new gTLDs" by 15 June 2023. Participants then began reviewing the Executive Summary portion of the Preliminary Framework for Closed Generic gTLDs v2 document to confirm group agreement.

Participants discussed the following:
- The Facilitated Dialogue moderator proposed a meeting schedule, considering possible time expenditures to finalize a CG framework, gather community feedback, and enable the GNSO Council to timely deliver its CG project plan and timeline to the Board.
- Some participants noted concerns about the few remaining meetings to resolve their differences and sufficiently address the topics still under discussion.
- Some participants expressed support for the proposed timeline, noting that the group is tasked to develop a high-level framework, while several details and questions under discussion could be addressed during policy development or implementation.
- Concerns were expressed about some topics of discussion not being completely captured in the current framework draft. Several points are currently captured in comments and will be discussed for inclusion in the framework.
- Concerns were also expressed about the role of the GAC and ALAC in the process of reviewing and approving the CG framework. It was clarified that while the Board has requested the GNSO Council deliver a project plan and timeline for policy work, the Facilitated Dialogue and its CG framework remains a joint community effort between the three groups (GNSO/GAC/ALAC).
- Participants discussed GNSO policy process options which could follow the delivery of a CG framework (pending the CG Dialogue group's prior approval of the framework) and whether Board approval of the CG framework is necessary. At this time, Board approval does not appear to be necessary in order to progress the framework to policy work.
- Participants discussed the possibility of hosting a webinar upon completion and delivery of the framework to the community, as an opportunity for the community to learn and ask clarifying questions about the Facilitated Dialogue group's work and outputs.
- In the Executive Summary portion of their Preliminary Framework v2 document, participants reviewed the first three "Agreed Assumptions" about the Public Interest.
- Some participants expressed it is critical that a CG applicant demonstrate the "nexus", rather than the "connection", between themselves, the closed generic term, the public interest, and how the public interest is served.

Participants generally came to agreement that:
- Participants are willing to meet together more often in order to complete their CG framework and deliver it to their community groups for necessary review and feedback.

- Community groups will need approximately one month to review the initial framework and provide feedback to the CG Facilitated Dialogue group.
- Participants will need time to reconvene in order to consider the community feedback received and potentially clarify the framework based on community feedback before a final product is shared with the GNSO Council.

ACTION ITEMS:
- Participants to review the Preliminary Framework for Closed Generic gTLDs v2 document and add comments identifying agreement, disagreement, any further gaps, and solutions.
- Participants to note on the mailing list which days they are definitely unavailable to meet during April and May.
- ICANN staff to update the proposed meeting schedule and timeline for delivery of a framework based on participant feedback. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 April 2023.