

GNSO/GAC Facilitated Dialogue on Closed Generics

10 July 2023 Meeting Notes

During this meeting, Closed Generic (CG) Dialogue Participants reconvened to discuss their next steps following publication of the Draft Framework on Closed Generic gTLDs. The group discussed their approach to reviewing community feedback on the Draft Framework, as well as their proposed work timeline, and how to transition from the Chatham House Rule in their discussions moving forward.

Participants discussed the following:

- The group reviewed how community feedback on the Draft Framework will be captured and consolidated; input will be received via the [publicly-archived](mailto:publicly-archived@icann.org) mailing list (closed-generics-feedback@icann.org) then organized into a table format for the group to review each input and consider what action to take (if any) concerning updates to the Final Framework document. This table of community inputs as well as any Final Framework will be published to the [Closed Generics wiki](#).
- Participants next discussed removing the Chatham House Rule moving forward and making their future call recordings available to the public. Participants noted that at this time, previous calls recordings should not be published retroactively as those discussions were conducted under Chatham House Rule. Some participants expressed desire to retain the right to have discussions under the Chatham House Rule on an as-needed basis.
- The group reviewed a proposed approach to reviewing community feedback: keeping its review at a framework level, addressing areas where the community identifies a need for clarification, and only modifying the substance of the Draft Framework where community feedback indicates that a substantive point was missed by this group or where there is broad community sentiment that this group got an issue wrong. This approach would not limit the consideration of any feedback or determine what feedback is relevant.
- It was noted that there is a need to maintain flexibility when making additions to the Framework, with the understanding that the group is focused on moving the overall effort forward and not relitigating matters that were decided during deliberations on the Draft Framework.
- The proposed timeline of the group's future work was discussed, as well as the cadence of their ongoing meetings. This timeline may be published to the wiki space. Participants noted the importance of publishing a Final Framework document (if one is reached) well in advance of ICANN78 in order to provide sufficient time for community consumption and consideration. Some participants also noted the need to clearly communicate the next steps for community groups if and when a Final Framework is published.
- The group discussed creating a new mailing list for their email communications going forward, allowing observers to sign up for read-only access. If a participant would like to reasonably request that a discussion be held under the Chatham House Rule, they may

do so directly with the Facilitated Dialogue moderator, and the current (internal) mailing list may then be reutilized. Summary notes will still be published following any closed discussions.

Participants generally came to agreement on the following:

- Participants in attendance broadly agreed that moving forward, the group's call recordings and mailing list communications should be published and available to the public (live calls will continue to be closed to observers). The group may return to the Chatham House Rule if participants feel it is necessary.
- Participants found broad agreement to the proposed approach for considering community feedback.
- Participants broadly agreed to meet weekly on Mondays following their next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 19.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Since not all participants were able to attend this call, staff will issue a summary of the call to the mailing list, including the proposed timeline, next steps, and broadly-agreed transition from operating under the Chatham House Rule.
- Participants to confirm agreement or note concerns with the discussed approach and timeline on the mailing list before their next call on July 19.
- Staff to create a second (publicly-viewable) mailing list for use following the group's broad agreement on the current mailing list.