

# An Administrative Update on EPDP on IDNs

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# EPDP developments at ICANN77

- GNSO Council was appraised of the revised timeline of the EPDP
- The Phase 1 public comment period closed. ALAC has provided its inputs.
- EPDP team to work on integrating public comments into the final report, which is due around November 2023
- Phase 2 is estimated to take until Nov 2025 to complete
- There was some concern on the timeline and whether it would impact the progress towards the next round
- To expedite the completion of work, an intersessional face-to-face meeting is planned for Nov/Dec 2023, most likely in KL or Singapore
- During ICANN77, the EPDP organized 4 working sessions

## Progress on Phase 2

- The EPDP team is currently working on Phase 2, which is about variants at the second level
- Unlike variants at the top level, which requires centralized, ICANN-level policies, the second level policy is registry-centric, and policy can vary between registries
- Registry-level harmonized IDN tables are used to identify variants at the second level (instead of the RZ-LGR)
- Some of the principles at the top level carry over to the second level. For instance, the ‘Same Entity’ principle is still important at the second level, but there may be differences the way it is applied
- Other top-level principles may not apply (eg, the conservative approach)
- A part of the second-level policies may be left to registries to create