

SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION ROUND

ICANN intends to announce a time frame for the opening of a subsequent application round once the Board has directed ICANN org to do so, based on the Board's determination that the following three milestones have been reached during the course of the round administered in accordance with the current applicant guidebook:

1. The list of applied-for strings for the ongoing round has been confirmed:
 - a. The list of contention sets has been published;
 - b. Appeals for String Confusion Objections are final and have been published;
 - c. The window for string change requests has closed; and
2. There are no ongoing GNSO policy development processes that, per their GNSO Council-approved scope, need to conclude before a new round can open; and
3. The ICANN Board has determined that opening a subsequent round does not place undue risk on ICANN, having assessed that, amongst other factors:
 - a. Sufficient resources are available and allocated,
 - b. ICANN org is operationally capable to process a subsequent round of applications,
 - c. All Board-adopted recommendations that have, or could reasonably have, a material impact on the manner in which subsequent application procedures are conducted have been implemented, and
 - d. All relevant Bylaws provisions are satisfied.

Meeting these milestones before opening a subsequent application round will allow the Board to determine that ICANN org is capable of administering a subsequent round and that such a round will be responsibly funded, managed, risk-evaluated, and consistent with ICANN processes and Bylaws. It will also provide future applicants with clarity on eligible strings for the subsequent round.