Subsequent Procedures Implementation Review Team

Meeting #26b

Topic 17: Applicant Support

6 February 2024, 14:00-15:30 UTC

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Agenda

1. Welcome + SOI Update

2. IRT Information & Status

3. **Topic 17 | Applicant Support (cont'd)**

4. Upcoming IRT Meetings

5. AOB

IRT Information & Status
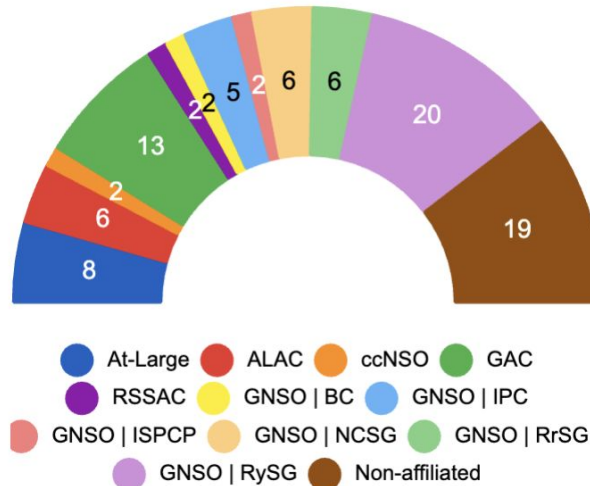
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IRT Stats

IRT Information

91
Members

30
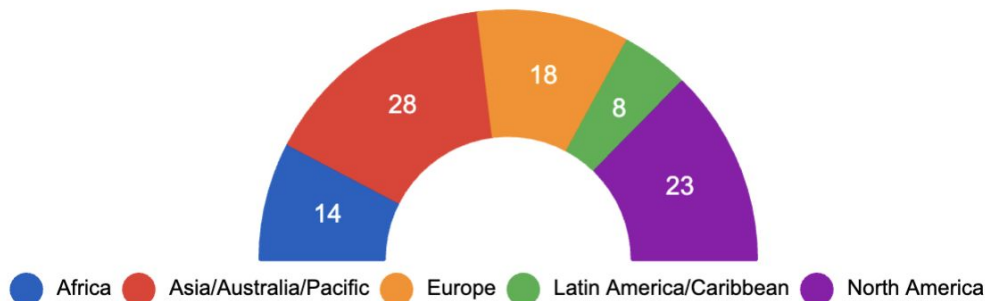# Full IRT meetings held

33%
% Full IRT attendance

3
Sub-Tracks

14
Sub-Track meetings held

Affiliation

Legend:
- At-Large
- ALAC
- ccNSO
- GAC
- RSSAC
- GNSO | BC
- GNSO | IPC
- GNSO | ISPCP
- GNSO | NCSG
- GNSO | RrSG
- GNSO | RySG
- Non-affiliated

Values: 8, 6, 2, 13, 2, 2, 5, 2, 6, 6, 20, 19

% attendance =
# attendees /
# invites sent

Region

Values: 14, 28, 18, 8, 23

Legend:
- Africa
- Asia/Australia/Pacific
- Europe
- Latin America/Caribbean
- North America

Policy Implementation Status
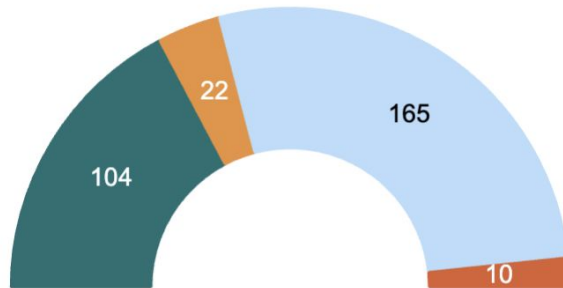
Project Description

The SubPro IRT assists ICANN org in the implementation of the policy outputs in the Final Report in the new gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process.

The outcome of this process will be an updated Applicant Guidebook.

The SubPro IRT has the form of an 'Open + Representative Model' based on the GNSO's PDP 3.0 model.

The SubPro IRT is part of Work Stream 1 of the Next Round of the New gTLDs Program.

Board Decision on Outputs

- Adopted (104)
- Adopted with Clarifying Statement (22)
- Acknowledged (165)
- Not Adopted (10)

Project Information

05/16/23
1st IRT meeting

05/31/25
Expected AGB completion

262
Days since 1st IRT meeting

484
Days to expected AGB completion

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Project Health

Project Contacts

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Work Stream Lead

Anne Aikman-Scalese
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Council Liaisons

The section '**Board Decision on Outputs**'' was updated to reflect the most recent Scorecard, following the Board Resolutions approved on 26 October 2023.

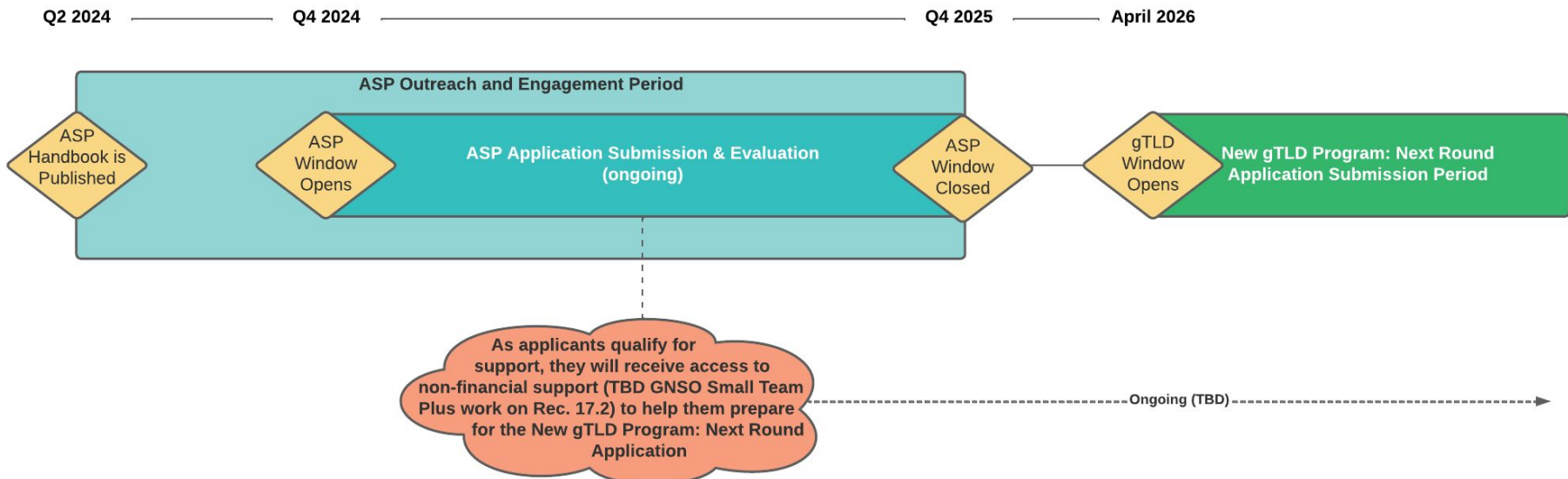# Topic 17 | Applicant Support

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Reminder: Roles & Responsibilities for the IRT ASP Sub-Track vs. Full IRT

- The Sub-Track is intended to be where substantive discussions are held on the materials and issues. Once language for the ASP Handbook is finalized with the Sub-Track, it is brought to the plenary group for review as an FYI, **but that is not intended to be an opportunity to reopen discussion or revisit issues previously discussed or agreed upon in the Sub-Track**.

- We encourage plenary IRT members to liaise with their counterparts in the IRT ASP Sub-Track to understand the work done to date, and to discuss any questions or concerns you or your constituencies may have through the IRT ASP Sub-Track members.

- Deadlines are tight for finalizing the ASP Handbook for Public Comment in order to open the ASP on schedule.

- More info on the R&Rs can be found in the ASP Sub-Track wiki here.

Upcoming Dates

Activity	Dates
Public Comment on draft ASP Handbook	12 Feb 2024 - 2 April 2024
ASP Comms, Outreach and Engagement Period	Q2 2024 - Q4 2025*
ASP Application Submission Period	Q4 2024 - Q5 2025*

Q2 2024 ——— Q4 2024 ———————————— Q4 2025 ——— April 2026

ASP Outreach and Engagement Period

ASP Handbook is Published

ASP Window Opens

ASP Application Submission & Evaluation (ongoing)

ASP Window Closed

gTLD Window Opens

New gTLD Program: Next Round Application Submission Period

As applicants qualify for support, they will receive access to non-financial support (TBD GNSO Small Team Plus work on Rec. 17.2) to help them prepare for the New gTLD Program: Next Round Application

Ongoing (TBD)

*with option to extend, see *ASP Handbook*

ASP Handbook - Q&A

ASP Handbook Public Comment

Public Comment

- ◉ The Draft ASP Handbook will undergo Public Comment from **12 February - 02 April 2024**

- ◉ Commenters will be given the chance to respond to a guided submission form. We encourage commenters to be as **clear & precise** as possible about any suggested changes in language.

- ◉ Each question in this form will concern itself with the **corresponding section in the Draft ASP Handbook** (i.e. Question 1 is on Section 1, etc.), and commenters will be asked whether this section accurately reflects the policy recommendations on Topic 17, Applicant Support, based on the recommendations of the [SubPro PDP Final Report](#) and the guidance of the [GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) on Applicant Support](#).

Public Comment

- ◉ Example question below. Note that this format will be the same for **all** questions.

  (*Single Select)* Do you believe that Section 1 ("Introduction") of the ASP Handbook accurately reflects the relevant policy recommendations on Applicant Support?

  - ○ YES

  - ○ YES, but with the following suggested clarification(s) (please provide the suggested language change) (*open-ended response*)

  - ○ NO, ASP handbook does not accurately reflect policy recommendations. (Please provide an explanation of any inconsistencies, and provide alternative language where possible) (*open-ended response*)

Public Comment

- ⊙ ICANN org would like particular input on some key topics of the Draft ASP Handbook, specifically on Section 5, which is about Applicant Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria:

  - ○ Indigenous/tribal peoples criteria (Question 5: Section 5, p. 22)

  - ○ Indicators for organizations and small businesses (Question 5: Section 5, p. 25)

Upcoming IRT Meetings

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Provisional Meeting Schedule

#	Date	Time UTC	Topic	Wiki page
27	08-Feb-24	14:00-15:00	6. Registry Service Provider Pre-Evaluation	https://community.icann.org/x/Z4PxDg
28	13-Feb-24	14:00-15:00	39. Registry System Testing	https://community.icann.org/x/boPxDg
28a	15-Feb-24	20:00-21:00	19. Application Queuing	https://community.icann.org/x/F4CtEQ
29	20-Feb-24	14:00-15:00		https://community.icann.org/x/HoCtEQ
29a	22-Feb-24	14:00-15:00	6. Registry Service Provider Pre-Evaluation	https://community.icann.org/x/4oEvEQ
30	02-Mar-24	14:30-16:00		https://community.icann.org/x/ZYAvEQ
31	04-Mar-24	20:15-21:30		https://community.icann.org/x/boAvEQ
32	06-Mar-24	20:15-21:30		https://community.icann.org/x/doAvEQ

All calendar invites were sent. Dates, times, and agendas will be confirmed closer to the meetings.

AOB

Agenda Item #5