

Next Round of NgTLDs / Subsequent Procedures - SubPro Implementation Review Team (IRT)

Update #7 to the At-Large CPWG

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Two Key Announcements

1. **First Public Comment for Parts of the Next AGB**
2. **SPIRT Charter Drafting Team Call for Volunteers**

1. First Public Comment for Parts of the Next AGB

- ICANN org will conduct the first public comment on draft sections of the next Applicant Guidebook for the Next Round of New gTLDs
- Sections covered:
 1. Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines (Topic 8)
 2. Conflicts of Interest Process for Vendors and Subcontractors (Topic 8)
 3. Applicant Freedom of Expression (Topic 10)
 4. Universal Acceptance (Topic 11)
 5. Reserved and Blocked Names (Topic 12)
 6. Geographic Names (Work Track 5 Final Report)
 7. Predictability Framework (Topic 2)
- **When? Target 1 Feb – 19 Mar 2024**
 - No extension of time anticipated to be given as this is NOT the final opportunity to comment on the draft AGB
- ICANN org will likely to have a session at ICANN79 on this

2. SPIRT Charter Drafting Team Call for Volunteers

- GNSO Council call for volunteers to serve on a Drafting Team to develop charter for the **Standing Predictability Implementation Review Team (SPIRT)**
- SPIRT is the body empowered to provide input to GNSO Council, ICANN Board, ICANN org and ICANN community on unforeseen issues arising for the Next Round of New gTLDs **AFTER** the Applicant Guidebook is approved by the Board.
- **This is not call to constitute the SPIRT. It is call for a Drafting Team to develop the charter for SPIRT.**
- The Drafting Team will mostly rely on the Predictability Framework for its work which will include elements such as:
 - Composition of SPIRT
 - Detailing how issues are raised to the SPIRT procedurally
 - Defining operating principles and decision-making
 - Aspect to support proper functioning of the SPIRT
- Expected membership criteria apply – check announcement
- Contact GNSO Secretariat at gnso-secs@icann.org by 5 Feb to join.