Subsequent Procedures Implementation Review Team

Meeting #35

Public Comment Summary Report
Topic 3 | Applications Assessed in Rounds
Topic 23 | Closed Generics

4 April 2024, 14:00-15:00 UTC

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Agenda

1. Welcome & SOI Update

2. IRT Information & Status

3. **Public Comment Summary Report**

4. Ongoing Public Comment Proceedings

5. **Topic 3 | Applications Assessed in Rounds** (cont'd)

6. **Topic 23 | Closed Generics** (cont'd)

7. Upcoming IRT Meetings

8. AOB

IRT Information & Status

Agenda Item #2

IRT Stats

Project Information	IRT Information	Region	Affiliation

Project Information

05/16/23
1st IRT meeting

05/31/25
Expected AGB completion

323
Days since 1st IRT meeting

423
Days to expected AGB completion

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Project Health

IRT Information

96
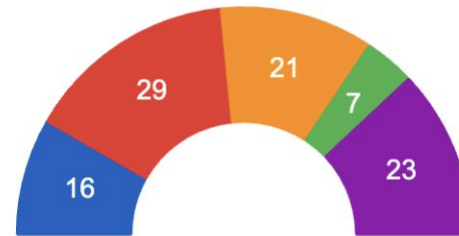# Members

41
Full IRT meetings held
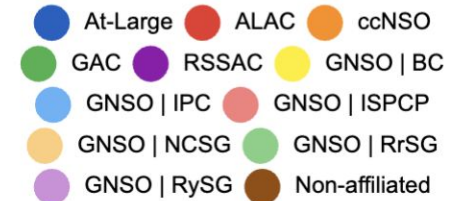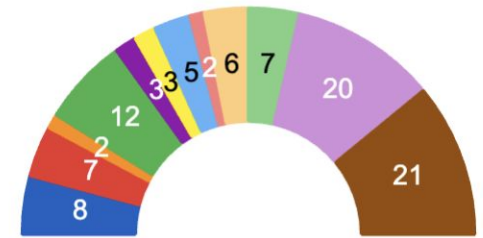
32%
% Full IRT attendance

3
Sub-Tracks

14
Sub-Track meetings held

Region

16, 29, 21, 7, 23

- 🔵 Africa
- 🔴 Asia/Australia/Pacific
- 🟠 Europe
- 🟢 Latin America/Caribbean
- 🟣 North America

Affiliation

3 3 5 2 6 7 20, 12, 2, 7, 8, 21

- 🔵 At-Large
- 🔴 ALAC
- 🟠 ccNSO
- 🟢 GAC
- 🟣 RSSAC
- 🟡 GNSO | BC
- 🔵 GNSO | IPC
- 🔴 GNSO | ISPCP
- 🟤 GNSO | NCSG
- 🟢 GNSO | RrSG
- 🟣 GNSO | RySG
- 🟤 Non-affiliated

Attendance from the 3 IRT meetings at ICANN79 is not included yet.

Outputs & Topics Status

Board Decision on Outputs
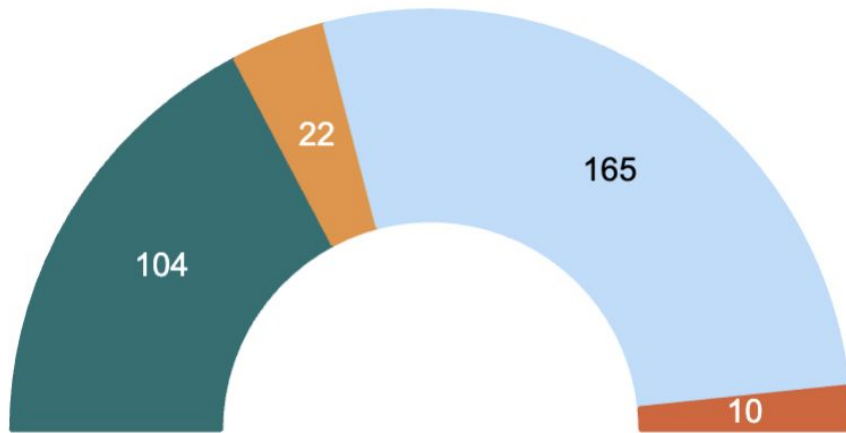
- 104 — Adopted
- 22 — Adopted with Clarifying Statement
- 165 — Acknowledged
- 10 — Not Adopted

Topics Status
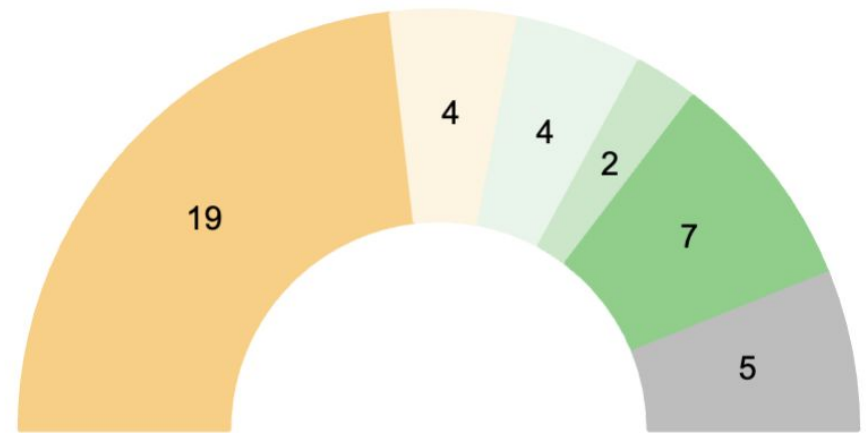
- 19 — Org working on draft language
- 4 — IRT review
- 4 — Draft ready for PC
- 2 — Out for PC
- 7 — Final review
- 5 — N/A

Public Comment Summary Report Review and Next Steps

Agenda Item #3

Overview of Public Comment Summary Report (1 of 3)

Topic	Overview of Responses *("Is the proposed language consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations?")*	Summary of Additional Comments
Predictability Framework (Topic 2)	• **Yes**: 9 • **No**: 1	Some submissions noted that clarifications are needed regarding: Policy Changes and non-Policy Changes, the role of the SPIRT and ICANN org, definition of a "material change" and conflicts of interest among GNSO Councillors. Additionally, one submission noted a need for clarification of information within the flowchart (e.g., defining an asterisk). One submission noted that the language should be amended to make it clear the role of the SPIRT is not to define a solution but instead should help determine where an issue is to be resolved.
Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines (Topic 8)	• **Yes**: 7 • **No**: 2 • **No response**: 1	One submission suggested transparency reporting requirements for secondary evaluators as well as clarification regarding whether the guidelines apply to applicants and registry service providers. Other submissions noted that the proposed language should be amended to solicit feedback, stating that "this can be done by vendors encouraging customers to provide feedback on their experiences with services" and to require vendors to "agree to comply with the Guidelines."
Conflicts of Interest Process for Vendors and Subcontractors (Topic 8)	• **Yes**: 5 • **No**: 0 • **No response**: 5	*There were no additional comments made regarding this topic.*

Overview of Public Comment Summary Report (2 of 3)

Topic	Overview of Responses ("Is the proposed language consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations?")	Summary of Additional Comments
Applicant Freedom of Expression (Topic 10)	• **Yes**: 7 • **No**: 2 • **No response**: 1	One submission noted that it is crucial that [ICANN] ensures that its policies and practices respect the freedom of expression rights of applicants [and that] this includes allowing individuals and organizations to apply for domain names without unjustified censorship or restrictions that unduly limit their ability to express themselves online. Other submissions noted it is difficult to assess the section without further context within the wider AGB and suggested including additional legal rights information from the SubPro Final Report outputs. Another noted that the language should be amended to include other "prohibitions", such as ones specified in the AGB, as another element of an "unsuccessful string application."
Universal Acceptance (Topic 11)	• **Yes**: 9 • **No**: 0 • **No response**: 1	*There were no additional comments made regarding this topic.*
Reserved and Blocked Names (Topic 21)	• **Yes**: 9 • **No**: 0 • **No response**: 1	One submission suggested a clarification to specify that the reserved and blocked names referred to in the text are not able to be applied for in the next and future rounds, but that this does not apply to names already delegated into the root zone.

Topic	Overview of Responses ("Is the proposed language consistent with the relevant SubPro Final Report recommendations?")	Summary of Additional Comments
Geographic Names (Work Track 5 of the SubPro PDP Working Group)	• **Yes**: 8 • **No**: 2	Some submissions noted that it is difficult to assess whether the proposed text for Geographic Names is consistent with the SubPro Final Report outputs due to a need for more clarity regarding Panel and review procedures. Additionally, one submission suggested that more information be provided regarding situations where ICANN is to follow a "legally binding court order" and what happens to an application in such a scenario. Further, the submission suggested that language regarding an end to an application round be clarified in the wider context of the AGB. Other submissions suggested several amendments to the language to ensure consistency and accuracy of the provided information as well as to clarify how multiple applicants for the same geographic name can resolve contention.

Next Steps

- ICANN org Topic Leads will review comments and make updates to language as appropriate
- ICANN org will schedule time for topic leads to review updates with the IRT in the coming weeks
- ICANN org will draft a rationale for any changes/non-changes
- As a reminder, all topics will be placed for public comment again as part of the public comment on the complete draft AGB (May 2025)

Public Comment Summary Report published here:
https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/proposed-language-for-draft-sections-of-the-next-round-applicant-guidebook-01-02-2024

Ongoing Public Comment Proceedings

Agenda Item #4

Public Comment Proceedings

- **String Similarity Review Guidelines** (7 Feb-**10 Apr**):

  https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/string-similarity-review-guidelines-07-02-2024

- **RSP Handbook** (13 Mar-**22 Apr**):

  https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/review-of-the-draft-registry-service-provider-rsp-handbook-new-gtld-program-13-03-2024

- **RST Test Specifications and API** (26 Mar-**6 May**):

  https://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/proceeding/review-of-the-registry-system-testing-20-test-specifications-and-api-26-03-2024

Upcoming IRT Meetings

Agenda Item #7

Provisional Meeting Schedule

#	Date	Time UTC	Topic
36	09-Apr-24	18:00-19:00	33. Dispute Resolution Procedures After Delegation
37	11-Apr-24	14:00-15:00	
38	23-Apr-24	18:00-19:00	
39	25-Apr-24	13:00-14:00	

Dates, times, and agendas will be confirmed closer to the meetings.

AOB

Agenda Item #8