

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

Update #8 to the At-Large CPWG

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Parts of the Next AGB already out/undergoing PC

- ICANN org's public comment proceeding #1 on draft sections of the next Applicant Guidebook for the Next Round of New gTLDs covered 6 topics:
 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)

- Separate public comment proceedings also conducted / being conducted for 3 topics:
 1. Draft Applicant Support Handbook (Part of Topic 17: ASP)
 2. String Similarity Review Guidelines (Topic 24: String Similarity Evaluations) (together with IDNs-EPDP Phase 1 – String Similarity Review updates)
 3. Draft Registry Service Provider (RSP) Handbook (Topic 6: RSP Pre-Evaluation)

SubPro IRT work on Parts of the Next AGB continues

- **What else has the IRT been working on?**
 1. Registry System Testing (Topic 39)
 2. Base Registry Agreement (approach) (Topic 36)
 3. Application Queuing (Topic 19)
 4. *Considered* Rationale for not implementing IG 25.3 (regarding strings in scripts not incorporated in the RZ-LGR)
 5. Objections (Topic 31)
 6. IDNs (Topic 25)
 7. Root Zone Label Generation Rules
 8. Application Change Requests (Topic 20)
 9. Role of Application Comment (Topic 28)
 10. GAC Consensus Advice & GAC Early Warning (Topic 30)

Planned Public Comment Proceeding #2

- **ICANN org's public comment proceeding #2 in Sep 2024 is expected to cover:**
 1. GAC Consensus Advice & GAC Early Warning (Topic 30)
 2. Role of Application Comment (Topic 28)
 3. Applications Assessed in Rounds (Topic 3)
 4. Application Queuing (Topic 19)
 5. Objections (Topic 31)
 6. Application Change Requests (Topic 20)
 7. Applications Submission Limits (Topic 5)
 8. Applications Submission Period (Topic 16)
 9. Closed Generics (Topic 23)
 10. Registrant Protections (Topic 22)
 11. IDNs (Topic 25)
 12. Terms & Conditions (Topic 18)
 13. Dispute Resolution Procedures After Delegation (Topic 33)
 14. Application Fees (Topic 15)
 15. Applicant Reviews (Topic 27)

Planned Public Comment Proceeding #3

- **ICANN org's public comment proceeding #3 in Dec 2024 is expected to cover:**
 1. Auctions (Topic 35)
 2. Limited Challenge/Appeal Mechanism (Topic 32)
 3. Base Registry Agreement (Topic 36)
 4. Different TLD Types (Topic 4)
 5. Name Collisions (Topic 29)
 6. Metrics and Monitoring (Topic 7)
 7. DNS Stability
 8. Community Applications (Topic 34)
 9. Registry Voluntary Commitments / Public Interest Commitments (Topic 9)

For an expected finalization of the complete next AGB in May 2025.