

Dear RT members,

On your 6 July plenary call, I said that I would follow up on an outstanding action item from your DC F2F related to GAC advice and implementation. I have listened again to the recordings from your sessions on this matter and propose the following data sources to answer the question: “Was the application and evaluation process effective at collecting and implementing GAC public policy advice?” To that end, Carlos suggested examining formal GAC advice from the 2012-2013 communiqués, as well as the GAC Advice Implementation Effectiveness report ([link](#)) and trying to determine the answers to three questions:

1. Did any GAC early warnings lead to withdrawn applications?
 - a. It’s difficult to determine which ultimately withdrew as a result of GAC early warnings. We may be able to determine some of this from the applicant survey. Another option would be to look at the new gTLD application status page (<https://gtldresult.icann.org/applicationstatus/viewstatus>) and filter for withdrawn applications that also had GAC EW. This gives us 64 out of 575 total withdrawn applications.
2. Did any formal GAC advice prevent the delegation of gTLDs?
 - a. In the GAC Advice – Comprehensive Report of NGPC Responses to GAC Advice re: the New gTLD Program (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/gac-advice-scorecard-07oct15-en.pdf>), several items may be flagged as applications that either did not ultimately proceed as a result of GAC advice, or resulted in substantial dialogue between the GAC and the Board. This includes the following items on the list: 2, 5, 6, 9, 22, 24, 25, 26, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51.
 - b. The team may also want to consider the GAC Advice Effectiveness Review Report, prepared by the GAC Secretariat: <https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/27492514/Advice%20Effectiveness%20Review.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1454315628000&api=v2>
3. Did any GAC advice or early warnings result in changes to new gTLD applications?
 - a. This is difficult to assess, as there is no clear source. One data source may be the applicant survey, which will query applicants about their experience with GAC advice or EW.
 - b. Another possible source is to consider those applicants who adopted PICs and which also received EW. Filtering for this on the application status page results in 85 applications.

Please let me know if I’ve accurately captured what you’d like to assess with regard to this question.

Thank you,
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