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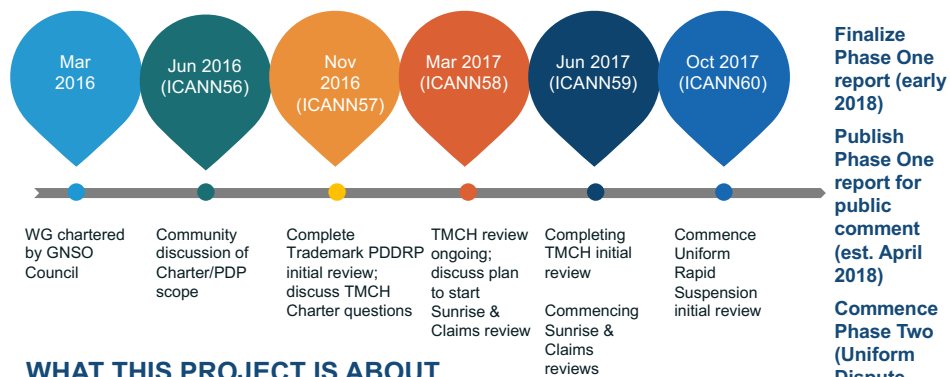
# Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in All gTLDs Policy Development Process (PDP)

Open Working Group meeting

27 June 2017



## OVERVIEW: Project Timeline & Major Milestones



### WHAT THIS PROJECT IS ABOUT

This PDP was chartered by the GNSO Council to review all the Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) that are currently in operation

- Phase One focuses on the RPMs created for the 2012 New gTLD Program
- Phase Two on the 1999 Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (which applies to all gTLDs).

## Overview of the PDP

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- ⊙ PDP Working Group chartered by GNSO Council to review all existing ICANN trademark-related rights protection mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs, in two phases:
  - **Phase One – all RPMs developed for the 2012 New gTLD Program:**
    - *Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH) and associated mandatory RPMs offered through it, i.e. Sunrise Registration Periods and Trademark Claims Notices*
    - *Uniform Rapid Suspension dispute resolution procedure (URS)*
    - *Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP)*
  - **Phase Two – the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP)**
- ⊙ Ultimately, the PDP will examine the “*overarching question as to whether all the RPMs collectively fulfill the purposes for which they were created, or whether additional policy recommendations are needed, including to clarify and unify the policy goals*”.
- ⊙ Objective is also to create a coherent framework for future RPM reviews

## PDP Status Update

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### **PDP is currently in Phase One**

- ⦿ Working Group completed initial review of TM-PDDRP at ICANN57 (Nov 2016)
- ⦿ Working Group currently wrapping up initial review of the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH)

### **Discussions at ICANN59**

- Suggested refinements to PDP Charter questions from the Sunrise Registrations and Trademark Claims Sub Teams
- Suggestions for data collection from the two Sub Teams

### **Next steps**

- ⦿ Third Sub Team (on Additional Marketplace Mechanisms) held first meeting on 14 June, will continue to meet and report back to the full Working Group
- ⦿ Working Group will continue review of Sunrise Registrations and Trademark Claims, followed by Uniform Rapid Suspension
- ⦿ Aim to **complete Phase One by Q1/Q2 2018**
  - No projected date yet for completion of Phase Two and full PDP

## Background Information

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- Information on formation and scoping of the PDP: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/rpm>
- ICANN59 Background Briefing Paper: <https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/policy-briefing-rpm-review-19jun17-en.pdf>
- Working Group Charter: <https://community.icann.org/x/2CWAaw>
- Working Group online wiki space (with meeting transcripts, call recordings, draft documents and background materials, including from all Working Group Sub Teams): <https://community.icann.org/x/wCWAaw>