



Terms of Reference: Scope

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Paragraph 1 – proposed text

Work Track 5 will focus on developing proposed recommendations regarding the treatment of geographic names at the top level, including both in ASCII and IDN form, evaluation criteria, potential grounds for [approval¹ and] objection as well as addressing whether such names require consent or non-objection from applicable governmental authorities.

¹ Which may concern the ownership, business model and jurisdiction of the proposed Registry.

Paragraph 2 – proposed text

The Work Track may make recommendations on policy and/or implementation related to 2- and 3- letter codes on the ISO 3166-1 list, [and on other variations of country and territory names as defined in Module 2, section 2.2.1.4.1 in Applicant Guidebook 2012.² In addition, the Work Track may make recommendations to] city/state/region names and other names that are deemed to be geographic in nature. [These may include, but not be limited to, geographic features such as rivers, mountains, valleys, lakes etc.] [including names with an economic or cultural significance, such as Geographical Indications,³ and geographic features such as rivers, mountains, valleys, lakes etc.]

² <https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb/evaluation-procedures-04jun12-en.pdf>

³ http://www.wipo.int/geo_indications/en/

Paragraph 3 and 4 – proposed text

The Work Track will take cognizance of previous work in ICANN regarding geographic terms including those that have taken place previously in the GNSO, the CCWG on the Use of Country and Territory Names, and the previous processes and procedures contained within the final Applicant Guidebook for the 2012 round of New gTLDs.

Broader discussions about jurisdiction of SOs and ACs, of the scope and distinction between gTLDs and ccTLDs, and the allocation of second and third level domains are specifically out of scope for this Work Track.