

# 2017-06-27 / 2017-06-29 ICANN59 Johannesburg - Geographic Names Cross Community Sessions

Extended cross-community sessions were held in Johannesburg to work through the positions presented in [earlier webinars](#) and to propose solutions seeking common ground on a way forward. Sessions were open to the entire community. Transcripts are available for the sessions:

- [Tuesday 27 June from 17:00 to 18:30 local time](#)
- [Thursday 29 June from 15:15 to 18:30 local time](#)

Report from the Consensus Building Institute (CBI), independent session facilitator: [ICANN post-Joburg Report v2017\\_8-15.pdf](#)

Agendas:

## **Session 1 (SLIDES, TRANSCRIPTS):**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Background of Topic
3. Summary of issues and Stakeholder perspectives
4. Presentation of Strawperson (available below)
5. Open Discussion of Strawperson
6. Next Steps

## **Session 2 (SLIDES, TRANSCRIPTS):**

**15.15** Welcome, Agenda and Ground Rules

**15.20** AGB Challenges on Geo Names

- Development of AGB guidance on geo names
- AGB implementation
- Unmet interests regarding the AGB's rules

**15.30** Participant Comments, Questions and Responses to AGB Challenges

**16.30** Cross-Community Leadership of the Process

**16.45 Break**

**17:00** Key Geo Names Issues to Address in the PDP

1. What makes a string a "geographic name"?
2. When can a geographic name:
  - Be applied for;
  - Be delegated to a particular applicant?
3. If there are simultaneous applications for a geographic name, how should this be resolved?
4. How could "geographic use" be distinguished from "generic use"?
5. How can commitments to restrict a TLD to non-geographic use be monitored and enforced?

**17.15** Options for Addressing the Issues

**18:15** Next Steps

**18.30** Session Ends

## **Co-Chairs Geographic Names Strawperson**

The PDP WG co-chairs, Avri Doria and Jeff Neuman, prepared a strawperson to address the issue of terms which may have a geographical context at the Top Level for future TLD releases (Subsequent Procedures). This strawperson provided a sample of a compromise model, intended to fuel discussion during the sessions. That strawperson is available here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m69loOZthxrQdcCj1dIUJLkezQXr9rwGxXrechdFv1Y/edit?usp=sharing> (PDF - as of 15 June 2017)

**Proposals Matrix**

The PDP WG co-chairs created matrix of all of the proposals received during the 25 April [webinar](#), the [GNSO recommendations](#) from 2007, the implementation in the [Applicant Guidebook](#), and their strawperson. The matrix assists with identifying points of divergence and convergence between the various proposals. The matrix is available here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sKx\\_vyFhscBUyaFMwqirj8r1D6g7IFtUSa9-Ink2ZI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sKx_vyFhscBUyaFMwqirj8r1D6g7IFtUSa9-Ink2ZI/edit?usp=sharing) (PDF - as of 15 June 2017)