SO-AC New gTLD Applicant Support Working Group (JAS-WG)

JAS WG Final Report

The JAS WG Final Report can be found here:

Final_Report_JASWG (Sept 2011)_English
Final_Report_JASWG (Sept 2011)_French
Final_Report_JASWG (Sept 2011)_Spanish

Earlier drafts can be found by clicking here.

Other:


WG members’ comments on draft Final Report

Please click here to get to the wiki pages on which WG members are asked to place their comments on various sections of the Final Report.

Proposed Draft Final Report review schedule:

- The dates below take into account that the Draft Final Report has to be ready and sent to the GNSO by Sept 2 and to ALAC by Sept 20, particularly the upcoming Sept 2 deadline.
- The open issues or comments (column 3) is something Wendy can track.
- Some topics might take more or less time and schedule can adjusted accordingly. Also, depending on how much detail and scope the WG chooses to add to the report, the schedule might need to be adjusted, prioritized.
- WG members are kindly asked to read in advance each section of the Draft Final Report in advance and provide comments, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, particularly if unable to attend.
- Seth Greene, from staff, has the version control.

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| August 2     | 1. Agree in terminology  
2. Agree on Final report structure and review rules  
3. Standards of agreement to be used throughout the Final Report | 1. Terminomogy: WG agreed on several terms. Staff suggested few alternatives via e-mail. Seth creating glossary definitions. If more terms come up, staff will bring to the WG.  
2. Report Structure: Chairs agreed to use the proposed structure including addenda. This is the same used for the first Milestone Report. Review Rules: Chairs agreed to follow the proposed agenda schedule.  
3. Standard of Agreement: Chairs agreed to use the standards of agreement, which are the same used for the first Milestone Report. Staff needs more clarity from the JAS WG on the final consensus. |
| August 5     | 1. Applicant Eligibility Requirements  
2. Clarifications  
3. Financial Need  
4. Ineligibility criteria | Please see the draft Final Report pages 12 to 17. |
| August 9     | • Proposed support to eligible applicants |
| August 12    | • In-kind support |
| August 16    | • Capacity building |
August 19
- Evaluation process (including process flow)

August 23
- Support Application Review Panel

August 26
- Funds and Foundation

August 30
- FAQ and Glossary, address any pending issues
- Final Review and approval

Introduction

During the International ICANN Meeting in Nairobi, ICANN’s Board recognized the importance of an inclusive New gTLD Program and issued a Resolution (#20) requesting ICANN stakeholders...

"...to develop a sustainable approach to providing support to applicants requiring assistance in applying for and operating new gTLDs.”

In direct response to this Board Resolution, the Generic Names Supporting Organizations (GNSO) Council proposed a Joint Working Group composed of members of ICANN’s Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs), to look into ways to develop support for new gTLDs applicants. The Working Group, also known as the JAS WG or WG (referred hereafter as WG), was formed in late April 2010. See below Key Milestones and links to respective documents.

List of members, Statements of Interest and respective affiliations: JAS WG Member_Mar2011.doc

What is Going on NOW?

The JAS WG has its Charter renewed by GNSO and ALAC. The working group has been divided into several subgroups to address different areas of the work. The subgroups each has its working page and they are:

- Subgroup 1 Qualifications (was A B) - How to prioritize criteria for financial need + define mechanisms
- Subgroup 2 Financial Donors (was C G) - Funding and Foundations
- Subgroup 3 In-kind services (was D E F) - How to provide assistance for applicants; coordinating the assistance
- Subgroup 4 ?????? (H) - how to phase - phase fees, waive fees
- Subgroup 5 IDN support (was J)

MP3 Recordings of the WG meetings

Key Milestones to Date

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<td>29 Apr 2010</td>
<td>First conference call. Preparations for Chairs election, Charter drafting, work planning.</td>
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<td>10 May 2010</td>
<td>Adoption of WG Charter by participating SOs and ACs.</td>
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<td>5 May to 9 Jun 2010</td>
<td>Weekly conference calls. Drafting of Recommendation by WT1 and WT2.</td>
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<td>Jun 14 2010</td>
<td>Posted a blog entitled “Call for Input: Support for New gTLD Applicants” <a href="http://blog.icann.org/2010/06/call-for-input-support-for-new-gtld-applicants/">http://blog.icann.org/2010/06/call-for-input-support-for-new-gtld-applicants/</a></td>
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<td>21-25 June 2010</td>
<td>ICANN Brussels Meeting - Community discussions Public Session: “Reducing Barriers to New gTLD Creation in Developing Regions” <a href="http://brussels38.icann.org/node/12503">http://brussels38.icann.org/node/12503</a></td>
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<td>10 Jul 2010</td>
<td>Bi-weekly conference calls for the development of Milestone Report taking into account public comments received and Board Sept 2010 Board Resolution.</td>
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<td>9 Dec 2010</td>
<td>Cartagena ICANN Meeting Session: “Assisting gTLD Applicants from Developing Economies”: <a href="http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15499">http://cartagena39.icann.org/node/15499</a></td>
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<td>Dec 2010 – Feb 2011</td>
<td>Charter renewal process by Chartering Organizations (ALAC and GNSO)</td>
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<td>Jan 2011</td>
<td>Resume conference call. Preparations for new Chairs elections, Charter situation review, work planning – 4 subgroups formed.</td>
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### Mar 2011
- Posting of Summary Analysis of Milestone Report Public Comments in Spanish, French, Chinese, Arabic and Russian.

### Mar 2011
- ICANN Silicon Valley Meeting:
  - Face to Face Meeting during (Thursday, March 17 14:00-15:30; Victorian room)
  - Status update to GNSO and ALAC during

### May 2011
- 7th - Second Milestone Report was received by the ALAC and the GNSO
- 9th - At-Large staff, on behalf of the ALAC, initially forwarded this Report to the Board
- 7th to 13th - Comments on the Report were collected from the At-Large Community. These comments are the basis for the Statement of the ALAC on the Joint Applicant Support Second Milestone Report.
- 14th - The ALAC ratification process for the Second Milestone Report and the ALAC Statement begins.
- 19th to 20th – Board retreat Istanbul.

### Other activities:
- JAS WG discussion to answers to GNSO, RyC questions.
- JAS WG preparing cost questions to submit to staff

### June 2011
- 3rd - ALAC sent invitation to GAC and BOARD to join JAS WG on June 7th to clarify MR2. GNSO chair also notified by Olivier.
- 6th - GAC/Board/JASWG meeting postponed to June 14
- 9th - GNSO meeting on JAS WG MR2
- 14th - GAC/Board/JASWG Conference call

### June 2011
- 19th - 24th Singapore ICANN Meeting - JASWG Session scheduled for June 23, Thursday from 11:00am to 12:30pm (VIP Lounge) Title: "JAS WG proposal for support for New gTLD Applicants from Developing Countries"

### July 2011
- 5th – JAS WG meeting with Kurt Pritz regarding WG’s request for additional staff support. Four additional staff members assigned to help with meeting notes, drafting the Final Report and instructions manual and creating support process flowchart.

### September 2011
- 22nd – GNSO meeting (for this meeting, Final Report must be submitted by 14 September)
- 27th – ALAC meeting (for this meeting, Final Report must be submitted by 15 September)

### October 2011
- 23rd through 28th – ICANN Dakar Meeting, during which JAS WG will hold face-to-face session