

GNSO/GAC meeting

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Agenda

- **Review policy process**
- **Policy for New gTLDs**
- **Policy for Existing gTLDs contracts**
- **Policy for gTLDs with IDN strings**

Policy Development Process (PDP)

- Request issues report
- Issues Report
- Initiate PDP with terms of reference
 - Public comment
- Preliminary Task Force Report or Initial Report
 - Public comment
- Final Report for Council vote
- Board Report
 - GAC advice to Board
- Board vote

Phases

- **In some cases we have broken work on large policy issues into phases, and issued interim reports for public comments**
- **Drafts of the documents are often published**

GAC Advice

- **Advice on interaction between ICANN's policies and**
 - **various national laws**
 - **international agreements**
 - **public policy issues**

GAC principles

- **Progress on public policy principles as it relates to gTLDs or WHOIS?**
- **Possibility of a dialogue prior to publication of any draft?**

New gTLDs - timeline

- **Draft Initial report – available now**
- **Initial Report – July 06**
 - **Public comment**
- **Final Report – Oct 06**
- **Board Report – Nov 06**
- **Board vote – Dec 06, Sao Paulo**

New gTLD work

- **Selection of entity to operate a new gTLD**
 - Technical criteria etc
- **New gTLD clearly differentiated from other TLDs with respect to its purpose**
- **Allocation when more than one entity wants to operate the same string**

Advice

- **Should there be limitations on strings for new gTLDs?**
 - E.g no country names
- **Should there be limitations on strings at the second level within a new gTLDs?**
 - names of territories, distinct economies, and other geographic and geopolitical names

GAC interaction

- **How best to get input from:**
 - **Experts in their individual capacity**
 - **Individual Government agencies**
 - **Individual Governments**
 - **GAC working group**
 - **GAC committee**
- **Between now and October 2006**
- **Openness of dialogue helps us understand the issues**

Contracts for existing gTLDs

- **Policy would only apply if an existing gTLD operator sought to change their agreement or if a new entity becomes the operator**
- **Draft Preliminary Task Force Report – available now**
- **Seeking further expert advice**
 - E.g competition law, price regulation, definitions of market power/dominance
- **Preliminary Task Force Report – Oct 06**

Areas of work

- **Examining areas where consistency would be useful**
 - **Registry agreement renewal**
 - **Limitations to comply with new ICANN policies**
 - **Price controls for registry services**
 - **ICANN fee structure**
 - **Limitations on using registry data**
 - **Investments required for infrastructure**

IDN gTLDs - timeline

- **Draft Issues Report – available now**
- **Formed a GNSO working group to consider this report and liaising with ccNSO with respect to scope of any GNSO work**
- **Issues Report – July 06**
- **Decision to initiate a PDP – July 06**
- **Further information in IDN workshop**