

GNSO Guidance Process: Applicant Support

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN79 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

At ICANN79, the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) Working Group will not hold a working session as it has completed its work with the adoption of its Guidance Recommendations Final Report and Recommendations Report by the GNSO Council.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The goal of a GGP is to provide additional guidance to support implementation efforts relating to the Applicant Support Program as recommended in the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Final Report.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

During its meeting on 25 August 2022, the GNSO Council [approved](#) the GGP Initiation Request to perform work on Applicant Support. The working group was subsequently formed and began its work in November 2022. The working group developed a [work plan and timeline](#), which was confirmed by the GNSO Council. The working group produced its Guidance Recommendation Initial Report for Public Comment on 31 July 2023 for 40 days. The working group reviewed and considered the received Public Comments and submitted its Guidance Recommendation Final Report to the GNSO Council in December for consideration. The GNSO Council adopted the Final Report and the subsequent Recommendations Report on [21 December 2023](#) and [18 January 2024](#), respectively.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

The ICANN Board of Directors will consider the recommendations from the GGP WG's Final Report.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The GGP is now concluded. If approved by the ICANN Board, the recommendations will be implemented by the [SubPro Implementation Review Team](#). The New gTLD Program Next Round IRT is open to all interested participants, particularly current or former SubPro WG team members who participated in the team's deliberations and who keenly understand the Final Report's policy recommendations and accompanying rationale. To join the IRT as a participant or observer, please complete this [form](#). If you are not able to access it, please send an email to nextround_policyimplementation@icann.org.

MORE INFORMATION

- [GGP workspace](#)
- [GGP Initiation Request](#)

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