Rights Protection Mechanisms Implementation

Policy Stages

Prepare → Plan → Analyze and Design → Implement → Support and Review

Most Recent Deliverable Completed:

The Impacted Procedural Documents went for public comment from 24 August 2023 - 30 October 2023. The Public Comment Summary and Analysis Report was published on the public comment page on 13 November 2023.

Description and Scope:

On 18 February 2016, the GNSO Council resolved to initiate a two-phased PDP to review all existing Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) in all gTLDs. The Final Report issued by the PDP Working Group is the culmination of over four years of work from Phase 1, assessing the effectiveness of the relevant RPMs established as safeguards in the 2012 New gTLD Program. These RPMs are: the Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure (TM-PDDRP); Sunrise and Trademark Claims services offered through the Trademark Clearinghouse (TMCH); and the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) dispute resolution procedure. Phase 2, when launched, will focus on a review of the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP), which has been an ICANN Consensus Policy since 1999.

On 16 January 2022, the ICANN Board adopted all thirty-five (35) final Phase 1 PDP recommendations as documented in the PDP Working Group's Phase 1 Final Report and directed a tiered approach for the work based on timing, staffing, and resourcing needed for implementation of the recommendations. In adopting the recommendations, the Board noted that implementation of the recommendations could be divided into several categories. These implementation categories are:

1. Recommendations that call for updates to existing operational practices or documentation concerning the RPMs where no substantial resources are required for implementation - a total number of sixteen (16) recommendations;
2. Recommendations to maintain the status quo (i.e. maintaining the Phase 1 RPMs as implemented for the 2012 New gTLD Program) - a total number of nine (9) recommendations;
3. Recommendations that require substantial resourcing, and involvement of multiple stakeholders to implement - a total number of six (6) recommendations; and
4. Recommendations affecting subsequent round(s) of new gTLDs - a total number of four (4) recommendations.

The IRT is assisting ICANN org in implementing the recommendations in the first and third implementation categories identified below. Implementation of the remaining recommendations from the Phase 1 Final Report will be integrated into the implementation work related to the subsequent round of new gTLDs.

Composition

Project Sponsor: Karen Lentz
Project Manager: Lars Hoffmann
Council Liaison: John McElwaine
# Participants: 23 Participants (link)
# Observers: 0
Tools: Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki

Resources

- Board Resolution on Phase 1 PDP Recommendations
- RPM PDP Phase 1 Recommendations Report
- RPM PDP Phase 1 Final Report
- Public Comment Proceeding on the Phase 1 recommendations
- Initial Report
- RPMs PDP Charter
- Current GNSO resource page
- Consensus Policy Implementation Framework (CPIF)
- IRT Principles and Guidelines

Breakdown of Work

Implementation Status

Start Date: 13-December-2022
End Date: December 2024

Review Duration to Date: 10 Months
Total Expected Duration: 2 Years
**Total Progress**

46%

**Phase Progress**

- **Prepare***
  - 100% Complete: GDS monitors policy development progress and engages with Working Group
  - 100% Complete: GDS provides input on GNSO PDP Initial Report.
  - 100% Complete: GDS prepares materials for Board consideration

- **Plan**
  - 100% Complete: Policy and GDS staff arrange for the recruitment of the IRT
  - 100% Complete: GDS staff are handed off the Consensus Policy recommendations for implementation
  - 100% Complete: GDS staff prepare for activities to implement Policy recommendations.
  - 100% Complete: GDS draft and share implementation project plan.

- **Analyze and Design**
  - 80% Complete: Review of Impacted Procedural Documents
  - 20% Complete: Review of educational documents or materials

- **Implement**
  - 0% Complete: Announce Policy Effective Date
  - 0% Complete: Develop education and outreach materials
  - 0% Complete: Conduct outreach to Contracted Parties
  - 0% Complete: Consensus Policy becomes effective

- **Support and Review***
  - Continuous improvement and measure of policy effectiveness
  - Formal review
  - Post-Implementation Policy Status Report

*The Prepare phase reflects work done in the Policy Development Process (PDP)*

**Member Participation and Composition**

- **IRT Member Affiliations**
  - 13 members

- **Hours Worked***
  - Face to Face Meetings: 1 Meetings
  - Calls: 5 Calls
  - Volunteer Meeting & Call Time: 5 Hours
  - Personnel Support Time: 16 Hours

*Hours worked is calculated based on time spent in project meetings*