



PRSP Pre-ICANN86 Briefing

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The PRSP Team and Our Work

Hello and welcome!

This briefing shares the latest news on work leading up to the ICANN86 Policy Forum.

ICANN's Policy Research and Stakeholder Programs (PRSP) team, part of the Global Domains & Strategy (GDS) function, supports the collaborative work of ICANN's multistakeholder community, the Board of Directors, and multiple functions within the ICANN organization. This includes planning, reporting, and tracking of implementation milestones, as well as hands-on work with community groups to offer subject-matter research and analysis to inform strategic decision-making and implementation of policies, recommendations, and advice. The team's work upholds the core value of seeking and supporting informed participation in the multistakeholder model as reflected in the ICANN Bylaws.

One key recent GDS milestone since the ICANN85 meeting has been the opening of the [New gTLD Program: 2026 Round](#) application window on 30 April 2026.

The PRSP team also supports GDS Liaisons to two current Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Policy Development Processes (PDPs) on [DNS Abuse](#), and one on [Latin Script Diacritics](#). Another aspect of the work includes Policy Status Reports such as the one on [Expired Domains](#), which is part of the GNSO Council's continuing discussion on prioritization.

Section 1 of this briefing describes active policy implementation projects, including the support of six active Implementation Review Teams (IRTs).

Section 2 covers a range of efforts supporting community work on ICANN Reviews and includes updates on the status of implementation work.

For a high-level overview of the planned work and activities of the Supporting Organizations (SOs) and Advisory Committees (ACs) and the policy-related work in progress at ICANN86, please consult the ICANN86 Policy Outlook Report [here](#).

The work of the PRSP team brings together the combined talents, skills, and perspectives of stakeholders from all parts of the world. Together we work through some challenging problems, and we are grateful for the careful thought and constructive inputs we regularly receive from the ICANN community.

We look forward to seeing you at ICANN86, whether you are on site or participating remotely.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to prsp-contact@icann.org with questions or to let us know how we can help.

Karen Lentz, VP, Policy Research and Stakeholder Programs

On behalf of the PRSP Team

1. Overview of Policy Implementation Projects

1.1 Current Policy Implementation Projects

This section describes the projects where policy implementation work is currently active. Status information, which is updated quarterly, can also be found within the Implementing Policy at ICANN [page](#).

1.1.1 GNSO – Registration Data Policy (Expedited Policy Development Process [EPDP], Phase 1)

The [Registration Data Policy](#) became effective as of 21 August 2025.

Implementation of the Registration Data Policy is now focused on one remaining issue: proposed language regarding an appropriate timeline to address Urgent Requests for lawful disclosure of nonpublic registration data. At the direction of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council, Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), and Board, the topic of urgent requests is being addressed in two parallel tracks:

1. Development of an authentication mechanism for law enforcement requests by members of the GAC Public Safety Working Group; and
2. The implementation of policy language for a response timeline for urgent requests by ICANN org, in consultation with the Registration Data Policy IRT, assuming an authentication mechanism is in place.

ICANN org published proposed 24-hour urgent request timeline language for [Public Comment](#) in October 2025. The Public Comments received largely aligned on the proposed timeline and associated policy language.

Following discussions at ICANN85 between the GNSO Council and ICANN Board, the GNSO Council [confirmed](#) that the timeline language aligns with the requirements in the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data (EPDP-Temp Spec) Phase 1 Recommendation 18 and agreed to continue discussion of authentication as part of its work on the System for Standardized Access and Disclosure (SSAD) Supplemental Recommendations.¹

ICANN org [published](#) the [updated Registration Data Policy](#) language in May 2026.

Discussion about development of an authentication mechanism is currently in process in the Governmental Advisory Committee's Public Safety Working Group. ICANN org is continuing

¹ The SSAD is a mechanism proposed to centralize requests for nonpublic registration data outlined in Recommendations 1-18 of the [Final Report](#) of the GNSO EPDP on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Phase 2. The SSAD Operational Design Assessment (ODA) was [published](#) on 25 January 2022. On 12 March 2026, the ICANN Board resolved that the SSAD Recommendations in the EPDP Phase 2 Final Report are not in the best interests of the ICANN community or ICANN, and therefore did not adopt these recommendations at that time. Further policy work on this topic was recommended by the Board.

to participate in these conversations with law enforcement, Generic Names Supporting Organization stakeholder groups, and members of civil society to understand the available tools, technologies, and desired features for an authentication mechanism.

Additional Resources and Information

- [EPDP Phase 1 Final Report](#)
- Board Resolutions:
 - EPDP Phase 1: [Board Resolution](#) in May 2019 (29 recommendations)
 - EPDP Phase 2: [Board Resolution](#) in June 2021 (four recommendations)
 - Supplemental Recommendation 12: [Board Resolution](#) in February 2022 (one recommendation)
- [Registration Data Policy IRT workspace](#)
- [Registration Data Policy publication announcement](#)
- [CEO blog post on Registration Data Policy](#)
- [Registration Data Policy - Implementation Resources](#)
- [Announcement on Registration Data Policy becoming effective for Contracted Parties](#)
- [Letter from GNSO to ICANN org on Urgent Requests work](#)
- [Public Comment Proceeding: Timeline for Urgent Requests for Lawful Disclosure of Nonpublic Registration Data](#)
- [Letter from GNSO to ICANN Board on next steps for Urgent Request](#)
- [Updated Registration Data Policy](#) and [ICANN org announcement](#)

1.1.2 GNSO – Rights Protection Mechanisms, Phase 1

Rights Protection Mechanisms (RPMs) are designed to help protect existing trademark rights in the Domain Name System (DNS). The ICANN community proposed and developed several new RPMs as part of the launch of the [New Generic Top-Level Domains \(gTLD\) Program](#) in 2012.

The GNSO Council [initiated](#) a Policy Development Process (PDP) in 2016 to review all existing RPMs in all gTLDs and determine if they fulfill the purposes for which they were created or whether modifications are needed. Phase 1 of the PDP looked at RPMs created for the New gTLD Program.

On 16 January 2022, the Board [adopted](#) the policy recommendations from the Phase 1 PDP and directed a tiered approach for the work based on timing, staffing, and the resources needed for implementation of the recommendations.

ICANN org is now working with the IRT to implement the Phase 1 policy recommendations, which are divided into five separate implementation [groups](#):

1. Recommendations to require updates to existing procedural documents concerning the RPMs – 15 total recommendations; implementation is in progress.

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2. Recommendations to develop educational materials to assist users of the RPMs – four recommendations; implementation is complete.
 3. Recommendation for stakeholders involved in the Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) process to review and update contact data – one recommendation; implementation is complete.
 4. Recommendation to collect data concerning the RPMs – one recommendation; implementation is in progress.
 5. Recommendation to establish a new compliance mechanism for URS participants – one recommendation; implementation is complete.

Since ICANN85 in March 2026, the Implementation Project Team has been working to publish the remaining RPM procedural documents in Group 1 concerning the URS and the one recommendation in Group 4. The current implementation plan targets completion of the Phase 1 recommendations for the end of Q4 2026.

Additional Resources and Information

- [RPM PDP Phase 1 Final Report](#)
- [Phase 1 Implementation Plan](#)
- [RPM IRT Community Workspace Wiki](#)
- [RPM implementation progress Community Workspace Wiki](#)
- [Trademark Clearinghouse](#)
- [Uniform Rapid Suspension \(URS\) homepage](#), which includes the URS educational materials published under Group 2 recommendations, as well as the new URS complaint process for URS Provider non-compliance in line with the implementation of the recommendation in Group 5
- Trademark Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedure ([PDDRP homepage](#)), featuring the revised PDDRP Rules published under Group 1
- [Public Comment proceeding on proposed implementation documents \(TM-PDDRP, URS, TMCH Requirements\) \(2023\)](#)
- [Public Comment proceeding on proposed updates to the TMCH Requirements \(2025\)](#)
- [TMCH Requirements homepage](#), featuring the revised TMCH Requirements published under Group 1

1.1.3 GNSO – Internationalized Domain Names EPDP Phase 1

Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) are domain names formed using characters from many languages and scripts, such as Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, or Devanagari, enabling people around the world to use domain names in local languages and scripts. IDNs are encoded by the [Unicode standard](#) and used as allowed by the [relevant IDN protocols](#).

The GNSO Council initiated the EPDP on IDNs (EPDP-IDNs) in May 2021 to determine the approach for a consistent definition (variant labels in) all gTLDs and develop policy recommendations, building on the existing New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) PDP Working Group (SubPro PDP WG) recommendations which will eventually allow for the introduction of variant gTLDs at the top-level of the root zone.

The EPDP team divided its work into two phases, with Phase 1 covering topics related to top-level gTLD definition and variant management, and Phase 2 covering topics related to second-level variant management issues.

The EPDP Team submitted its Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council in November 2023, and the GNSO Council approved all 58 policy recommendations.

All Phase 1 recommendations have been adopted by the Board.

In August 2024, ICANN org initiated the IDN IRT as a sub-track to the full SubPro IRT to begin implementation on the EPDP Phase 1 policy recommendations.

Current Status and Next Steps

In collaboration with the EPDP-IDNs IRT sub-track, ICANN org successfully integrated all relevant recommendations into the appropriate sections of the [New gTLD Program: 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook \(AGB\)](#).

The team is currently developing an approach for addressing the remaining Phase 1 recommendations that are not related to the 2026 Round and therefore not intended for inclusion in the AGB.

Additional Resources and Information

- IDN-related outputs under Topic 25 in the [SubPro PDP Final Report](#)
- [Phase 1 Final Report](#) on the Internationalized Domain Names Expedited Policy Development Process
- [Board Resolution](#) and [Scorecard](#) on IDN EPDP Phase 1 Final Report (June 2024)
- [Board Resolution](#) and [Scorecard](#) on pending IDN EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations (September 2024)
- [Board Resolution](#) and [Scorecard](#) on pending IDN EPDP Phase 1 Recommendations (October 2025)
- [IDN IRT Sub-Track Community Workspace Wiki](#)
- [Root Zone Label Generation Rules](#)
- [New gTLD Program: Next Round Policy Implementation Plan](#)

1.1.4 GNSO – Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues

The [Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues \(PPSAI\) IRT](#) was reconvened in June 2024 to support the continued implementation of the Board-approved [PPSAI recommendations](#). Following resolution of a series of [threshold questions](#) posed to the GNSO Council, ICANN org published an [Implementation Plan](#) in January 2026 to guide implementation.

ICANN org and the IRT are currently working to align on foundational assumptions which will inform the draft Consensus Policy. These include discussions on how the requirements flow will function, and on outstanding issues for alignment, largely relating to definitions. Following alignment on these outstanding issues, ICANN org will share a draft Consensus Policy with the IRT for review and discussion, starting with an outline of requirements, followed by definitions.

At ICANN86

The PPSAI IRT will hold a regular session on [Wednesday, 10 June](#). Interested parties are encouraged to follow this session to get an understanding of the IRT's current work. The session is expected to include discussion on requirements for privacy and proxy providers and policy definitions.

Note: Please see [Section 1.2](#) for the full list and details of relevant policy implementation sessions at ICANN86.

Additional Resources and Information

- Historical Reference Documents
 - [Final Report on the Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues Policy Development Process \(PDP Final Report\)](#)
 - [Previous IRT Workspace](#)
 - [Wave 1.5 Report](#)
 - [ICANN org Implementation Analysis of PDP Recommendations](#)
- Current IRT Documents
 - [Call for Volunteers for the new IRT](#), announced on [20 May 2024](#)
 - [PPSAI IRT Community Workspace Wiki](#)
 - [IRT Threshold Questions Responses for the GNSO Council](#)
 - [Definitions Comparison Paper \(FR vs PPAA\)](#)
 - [Disclosure Frameworks Assessment Paper](#)
 - [Alignment Paper](#)
 - [Accreditation Models Paper](#)
 - [IRT Threshold Questions Responses for the GNSO Council](#)
 - [PPSAI Implementation Plan](#)

1.1.5 GNSO – International Governmental Organization (IGO) and International Non-Governmental Organization Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms and Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs

On 30 April 2023, the ICANN Board adopted four recommendations that the GNSO Council approved from the [IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP](#), and five recommendations that the GNSO Council approved from the [EPDP on Specific Curative Rights Protections for IGOs](#). ICANN org initiated the implementation project for these recommendations in Q3 of 2024.

Given the specialized context of the approved policy recommendations, ICANN org approached community members who possess the necessary expertise in the rules governing arbitration proceedings in the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP), Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) and online arbitration processes to form an IRT to support the implementation process. The IRT has met regularly since March 2025 and is currently finalizing updates to the URS and UDRP rules and policies, which ICANN intends to publish for Public Comment in Q2 2026.

At ICANN86

The IGO-INGO Curative Rights IRT will hold an open working session on [Tuesday, 9 June](#). The session is expected to feature further discussion of proposed updates to the URS and UDRP policies and rules.

Note: Please see [Section 1.2](#) for the full list and details of relevant policy implementation sessions at ICANN86.

Additional Resources and Information

- [Final Report on the IGO-INGO Access to Curative Rights Protection Mechanisms Policy Development Process](#) (July 2018)
- [Final Report of the Expedited Policy Development Process on Specific Curative Rights Protections for International Governmental Organizations \(IGOs\)](#) (April 2022)
- [IGO-INGO Curative Rights Implementation Community Workspace Wiki](#)

1.2 Relevant Sessions at ICANN86

Prep Week Session:

Review of Reviews: Contribute to the Draft Report

Thursday, 21 May 2026

17:00 - 18:00 CEST (15:00 - 16:00 UTC)

<https://icann86.sched.com/event/2Lm0P/review-of-reviews-contribute-to-the-draft-report>

ICANN Meeting Sessions:

Review of Reviews

Monday, 8 June 2026

11:45 - 13:15 CEST (09:45 - 11:15 UTC)

<https://icann86.sched.com/event/2NQO6/review-of-reviews>

Review of Reviews Cross Community Group workshop

Monday, 8 June 2026

16:30 - 18:00 CEST (14:30 - 16:00 UTC)

<https://icann86.sched.com/event/2NQPY/review-of-reviews-cross-community-group-workshop>

GAC Discussion on ICANN Reviews of Reviews and Operating Principles Working Group Update

Tuesday, 9 June 2026

10:00 - 11:15 CEST (08:00 - 09:15 UTC)

<https://icann86.sched.com/event/2NQMY/gac-discussion-on-icann-reviews-of-reviews-and-operating-principles-working-group-update>

GDS: IGO-INGO Curative Rights IRT Working Session

Tuesday, 9 June 2026

11:45 - 13:15 CEST (09:45 - 11:15 UTC)

<https://icann86.sched.com/event/2NQPw/gds-igo-ingo-curative-rights-irt-work-session>

GDS: PPSAI IRT Working Session:

Wednesday, 10 June 2026

16:30 - 18:00 (CEST) (14:30 - 16:00 UTC)

<https://icann86.sched.com/event/2NQPQ/gds-ppsai-irt-working-session>

1.3 Planned Policy Implementation Projects

A number of policy recommendations pending implementation are described in this section. The PRSP team is currently working on integrating these activities into chartered projects, taking into account the sequencing and allocation of available staff resources, and any necessary dependencies. This section is divided into projects with recommendations that have already been adopted by the Board ([Section 1.3.1](#)), and projects with recommendations still pending Board adoption ([Section 1.3.2](#)).

1.3.1 Projects with Recommendations Adopted by the Board

1.3.1.1 GNSO – EPDP Phase 2A on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data

The EPDP team on the Temporary Specification divided its work into two phases, Phase 1 and Phase 2, and the [EPDP Phase 2 Final Report](#) was published on 24 September 2020.

On 21 October 2020, the GNSO Council adopted [instructions](#) for the EPDP Phase 2A to address the following issues:

1. Differentiation between legal and natural person registration data, and
2. Feasibility of unique contacts to have a uniform, anonymized email address.

The EPDP Phase 2A Team published its [Final Report](#) in September 2021. On [27 October 2021](#) the GNSO Council approved all the recommendations by a supermajority vote.

The ICANN Board [adopted](#) the [EPDP Phase 2A recommendations](#) on 10 March 2022. ICANN staff will conduct the implementation of the EPDP Phase 2A recommendations in consultation with an IRT.

Additional Resources and Information

- [Final Report of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Expedited Policy Development Process](#)
- [ICANN.org Policy Implementation Page](#) (EPDP Phase 1 IRT)
- Please continue to consult the [Policy Implementation Status Page](#) for updates.

1.3.1.2 GNSO – Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information

The ICANN Board [adopted](#) the recommendations of the PDP working group in September 2015. Beginning in July 2016, ICANN org has worked with the IRT to produce a [preliminary policy document](#).

Given the connection of the implementation to the evolution of registration data policies and procedures, ICANN org assessed the PDP working group’s recommendations per Recommendation 27 of the [Final Report](#) of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data EPDP. ICANN org will conduct the implementation of the Translation and Transliteration recommendations in consultation with an IRT.

Additional Resources and Information

- [Final Report on the Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Policy Development Process](#)
- [PDP background](#)
- [Policy Implementation Status webpage](#)
- [IRT workspace](#)

1.3.1.3 ccNSO – Third ccNSO Policy Development Process (ccPDP3): Review Mechanism

The ICANN Board [adopted](#) the ccNSO Recommended Policy as set out in the [Proposed Policy for a Review Mechanism Pertaining to IFO decisions which apply to ccTLDs](#) on 8 June 2025.

Preparatory work has begun, though the start of full implementation remains contingent on resourcing availability and prioritization relative to other ongoing work. Next steps will be determined as planning and resourcing discussions progress.

1.3.2 Projects with Recommendations Pending Board Adoption

1.3.2.1 ccNSO Policy Development Process 4 (ccPDP4) (De-) selection of IDN ccTLD Strings

In 2019, the ccNSO Council tasked a Preliminary Review Team (PRT) with reviewing the Country Code Policy Development Process ([ccPDP2](#)) (dated 2013) and evaluating the impact of various related developments. As part of that review, community discussions were held during ICANN64, ICANN65, and ICANN66. As a result of the [PRT review](#), the ccNSO launched the (IDN) ccPDP4 in March 2020. The goal of the ccPDP4 working group was to report on and recommend a policy for the (de-) selection of Internationalized Domain Name

country code top-level domain (IDN ccTLD) strings associated with the names of countries, territories, or other areas of geopolitical interest listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard.

At its March 2024 meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico at ICANN79, the ccNSO Council expressed its support for the proposed policy. Following adoption by the ccNSO Council recommendation, the policy was supported by a vast majority (97%) of the votes cast (representing 56% of the ccNSO membership). The outcome of the ccNSO PDP was submitted to the Board in June 2024. Following the submission, a cross-functional team of subject-matter experts was formed to review the [ccPDP4 Board Report](#). That team is currently evaluating the feasibility of implementing the recommendations and continues to support the Board's ccPDP4 Caucus in its consideration of the proposed policy.

Additional Resources and Information

- [ccPDP4 Board Report](#)
- [Final Report ccNSO PDP4 \(de-\)selection of IDNccTLDs](#)
- [ccPDP4 Charter](#)
- [ccPDP4 Community Workspace Wiki](#)
- [Notice of vote: Proposed ccPDP4-IDN ccTLD policy](#)
- [Annex B of the ICANN Bylaws](#), which describes the ccNSO policy development process

1.3.2.2 GNSO – Internationalized Domain Names EPDP, Phase 2

As noted in [Section 1.1.3](#), in November 2022, the GNSO Council approved an EPDP Team request to divide its work into two phases, with Phase 1 covering topics related to gTLD definition and variant management, and Phase 2 issues pertaining to second-level variant management. The two-phased approach was intended to allow the EPDP Team to focus on the charter questions most likely to impact the implementation of the next round of new gTLDs and avoid potential delays.

The EPDP Team published its [Initial Report](#) for Public Comment in April 2024. Upon closure of the Public Comment, the EPDP Team reviewed all comments submitted and addressed all concerns raised. The GNSO Council resolved on the IDN EPDP Team's [Phase 2 Final Report](#) in November 2024 during ICANN81.

ICANN org completed its implementation assessment and met with the Board IDN UA Working Group to present its findings. The working group is now considering the analysis and will advise the Board as it reviews and takes action on the recommendations.

Additional Resources and Information

- [EPDP IDNs Phase 2 Final Report](#)
- [EPDP IDNs Phase 2 Initial Report](#)

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- [EPDP Team Charter](#)
 - [EPDP Community Workspace Wiki](#)

1.3.2.3 GNSO – Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process

On 18 February 2021, the GNSO Council initiated a Policy Development Process to review the Transfer Policy. The Transfer Policy aims to provide a straightforward procedure for domain name holders to transfer their domains from one ICANN-accredited registrar to another if they choose to do so. Additionally, the policy establishes standardized requirements for how registrars should handle transfer requests made by domain name holders.

On 5 February 2025, the Transfer Policy Review Working Group submitted its Final Report to the GNSO Council for consideration.

On 13 March 2025, the GNSO Council approved the Final Report and recommended that the ICANN Board adopt all 47 final recommendations from the Transfer Policy Review Working Group's report. Subsequently, the Recommendations Report for the Transfer Policy Review PDP was transmitted to the ICANN Board for consideration and adoption on 10 April 2025. In carrying out its feasibility assessment, ICANN org has found all recommendations to be implementable. ICANN org has presented the ICANN Board with a feasibility assessment, and the [Transfer Policy Final Report](#) is now pending a Board decision on the recommendations.

Additional Resources and Information

- [Transfer Policy Final Report](#)
- [Transfer Policy Charter](#)
- [Transfer Policy PDP WG Wiki Space](#)

2. Reviews Program Updates

The Reviews Program encompasses the management of Specific Reviews and Organizational Reviews, including any work that relates to improving the reviews process.

2.1.1 Specific Reviews Implementation

PRSP coordinates ICANN's implementation of a set of 72 Specific Reviews' recommendations that the Board approved. The tables in this section provide a status overview of these areas of work.

Accountability and Transparency Review ATRT	<p>Periodic review of ICANN's execution of its commitment to maintain and improve robust mechanisms for public input, accountability, and transparency to ensure that the outcomes of its decision-making reflect the public interest and are accountable to the Internet community.</p> <p>There is a set of 15 Board-approved recommendations resulting from the third iteration of the review effort, referred to as ATRT3.</p>							
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<p>Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review</p> <p>CCT</p>	<p>Review of the extent to which the expansion of generic top-level domains (gTLDs) has promoted competition, consumer trust, and consumer choice. It also assesses the effectiveness of the New gTLD Program’s application and evaluation processes, as well as the safeguards put in place to mitigate possible issues arising in the New gTLD Program: 2026 Round.</p> <p>There is a set of 17 Board-approved recommendations resulting from the first iteration of the review effort, referred to as CCT.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">CCT Implementation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Complete</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In progress</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not started</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	CCT Implementation		Complete	5	In progress	12	Not started	0
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<p>Registration Directory Service Review</p> <p>RDS</p>	<p>Periodic review of the effectiveness of gTLD registration data directory services and whether the implementation of these policies meets the legitimate needs of law enforcement, promotes consumer trust, and safeguards registrant data.</p> <p>There is a set of 15 Board-approved recommendations resulting from the second iteration of the review effort, referred to as RDS-WHOIS2.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">RDS-WHOIS2 Implementation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Complete</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In progress</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not started</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	RDS-WHOIS2 Implementation		Complete	15	In progress	0	Not started	0
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[Security, Stability, and Resiliency Review](#)

SSR

Periodic review of ICANN’s execution of its commitment to enhance the operational stability, reliability, resiliency, security, and global interoperability of the systems and processes affected by the Internet’s system of unique identifiers that ICANN coordinates.

There is a final set of **25** Board-approved recommendations resulting from the second iteration of the review effort, referred to as SSR2.

SSR2 Implementation	
Complete	23
In progress	2
Not started	0

Across the four reviews, a total of 52 recommendations are complete and 20 are in progress. More information on the status of implementation may be found in the [quarterly reports](#).

2.1.2 Implementation of Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team Recommendations

PRSP is responsible for the implementation of a set of Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team (CCT-RT) recommendations. Activities are as follows:

Rec	Subject	Work in Progress
1	Formalizing and Promoting Data Collection	<p>In Q2 2024, ICANN org developed a proposal to implement Recommendation 1 from the CCT-RT Final Report, which calls for ICANN to “formalize and promote ongoing data collection.” The proposal describes a mechanism for ICANN community groups to access and request data from ICANN org for their work. The proposal draws from the Implementation Plan for the CCT-RT’s recommendations, the Board implementation directive, and available capabilities and resources within ICANN org.</p> <p>The proposal is being socialized internally while corresponding mechanisms are being developed for successful implementation. Outreach to socialize the model within the community is anticipated to begin in Q3 2026.</p>

13	Contracted Parties Survey	<p>These recommendations call on ICANN org to survey the contracted parties for the data necessary to further assess the impact and effectiveness of safeguards.</p> <p>To ensure the most meaningful and useful data is collected, ICANN org consulted with contracted parties from July to December 2023 to gather feedback on survey design.</p> <p>Findings from this consultation were used to develop the contracted parties' voluntary pilot survey questionnaire. The survey was launched in Q3 2025 and data collection was completed in Q4 2025. A summary of the survey data and a report of findings are being developed. Results and participation rates will be reviewed to assess whether the data brings valuable insights to ICANN org and the community, and whether these data collection efforts should be repeated at regular intervals. The anticipated completion date is Q2 2026.</p>
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23		
24B		
8	Domain Name Consumer Surveys	<p>These recommendations call for ICANN to conduct periodic surveys of registrants and end-users in order to better understand consumer choice and trust as it relates to new gTLDs. In Q3 2024, ICANN org launched an RFP to identify a vendor to develop and administer these surveys. In Q1 2025 ICANN org contracted with Echo Research, LLC to conduct this work. Data collection was initiated and completed in Q3 2025. Findings from the surveys are currently under review. Reports will be published on the CCT Metrics Community Workspace Wiki upon completion, currently anticipated in Q2 2026.</p>
11		
13		
26	Determining Costs Required to Protect Trademarks	<p>This recommendation calls on ICANN org to repeat a study at regular intervals to ascertain the impact of the New gTLD Program on the costs related to protecting trademarks in the expanded DNS. ICANN org will implement this recommendation alongside the Domain Name Consumer surveys. The RFP process launched in Q3 2024 to identify a vendor to support these efforts. Data collection was completed in Q3 2025 and findings from the surveys are currently under review. Reports will be published on the CCT Metrics Community Workspace Wiki upon completion, currently anticipated in Q2 2026.</p>

In addition to the above projects, the PRSP team is also continuing implementation efforts on the following CCT recommendations.

Rec	Subject	Work in Progress
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6	Collecting Regional TLD Data	This recommendation calls for ICANN to collect regional TLD-related data. In Q4 2024, ICANN org completed the development of a marketplace framework based on previous regional studies to conduct this work, and contacted data providers to determine how best to collect and analyze the necessary data. Due to resource constraints, competing priorities, and the overall complexity of implementing this recommendation, ICANN org anticipates this work will be completed in Q3 2026.
7	Understanding the Implications of Parked Domains	This recommendation calls for ICANN org to collect data to understand the implication of parked domains. ICANN org is currently drafting a report that examines various definitions of parking and corresponding methodologies for detecting parking. A summary of existing parking data availability, including parking data previously collected by ICANN, and a proposal for ongoing data collection will be included in this report. CCT Recommendation 7 is currently anticipated to complete in Q3 2026.
22	Identifying Security Measures Used When Gathering Sensitive Information	This recommendation requires engagement with stakeholders to discuss best practices to offer appropriate security measures when dealing with sensitive information such as health or financial data. In Q3 and Q4 2023, ICANN org held focus groups with contracted party stakeholders to determine how best to gather this data. Based on findings from those sessions, ICANN org addressed this recommendation by engaging relevant stakeholders in a consultation session on the topics. This recommendation is expected to be completed in Q3 2026.

2.1.3 Review of Reviews Cross Community Group

PRSP supports the Review of Reviews Cross Community Group (Reviews CCG), which was established as a result of the [19 May 2025](#) Board action to initiate work to design a review program fit for the purposes of enhancing ICANN's accountability, transparency, and effectiveness.

On [5 September 2025](#), the Board approved the Reviews CCG [charter](#) prepared by the community. The Reviews CCG, composed of [18 members](#), two [expert advisors](#), and [observers](#), is conducting its work through a phased approach. At ICANN84, the Reviews CCG presented a [draft Purpose of Reviews statement](#) for discussion, and at ICANN85 engaged the community on a [Draft Design Proposal Outline](#). On 18 April 2026, the Reviews CCG released a [Refined Outline of Suggested Reviews System](#) that builds upon the input received during ICANN85, as well as the continued collaborative efforts to develop a refreshed reviews system. The Refined Outline was shared with Nominating Groups (SO/ACs, Board, org) with a request for input on whether it provides a suitable basis for the

development of the Draft Report. The Reviews CCG anticipates having a Draft Report ready for discussion at ICANN86.

Additional Resources and Information

- [Board Resolution on ICANN Reviews Program](#) (19 May 2025)
- [Review of Reviews Cross Community Group Charter](#) (29 August 2025)
- [Board Resolution on Review of Reviews Cross Community Group Charter](#) (5 September 2025)
- [Draft Purpose of Reviews statement](#) (October 2025)
- [Draft Design Proposal Outline \(March 2026\)](#)
- [Refined Outline of Suggested Reviews System](#) (April 2026)
- [Review of Reviews Cross Community Group Community Workspace](#) (Wiki)
- [Information on how become an observer](#)
- [Request for Nominating Groups' Input on Refined Outline - Inputs Received](#)

2.2 Organizational Reviews

2.2.1 Pilot Continuous Improvement Program

The [Third Accountability and Transparency Review \(ATRT3\) Recommendation 3.6](#) calls for Organizational Reviews to be evolved into a Continuous Improvement Program (CIP).

On 19 May 2025, the Board confirmed that the CIP should progress as planned, and continued the deferral of Organizational Reviews through the completion of one CIP cycle (estimated at three years). After completion of one CIP cycle (estimated for Q3 2028), the Board will consider further action on the future of Organizational Reviews.

The [CIP Framework](#) was finalized on 2 July 2025 and published on the CIP community Wiki. With the finalization of the CIP Framework, five SOs and ACs have begun their respective CIP efforts and are in the process of defining tailored criteria and indicators (Assessment and Prioritization Phase), and one Advisory Committee is currently carrying out its prioritized improvement work (Improvements Phase). ICANN org is tracking [implementation progress](#) and will continue supporting the SOs, ACs, and the NomCom in their respective efforts.

Additional Resources and Information

- [Third Accountability and Transparency Review Team \(ATRT3\) Final Report](#)
- [Continuous Improvement Program Project \(CIP\) Wiki](#)
- [Board resolution on ICANN Reviews Program](#) (19 May 2025)
- [CIP-CCG responses to Public Comment feedback](#)
- [CIP Framework](#)
- [CIP Implementation Dashboard](#)



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