

# Registries Stakeholder Group's Takeaways

## ICANN 76 Community Forum

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The gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) shares these observations and takeaways of the ICANN Community Forum, ICANN 76, to provide quick feedback and highlight issues of importance to the Registries. They are intended as input for the Community to further work between the meetings. This is not a formal position nor intended to be a summary of ICANN 76.

### Key takeaways of ICANN 76

The RySG appreciated the **spirit of collaboration** that was clear throughout all levels of this ICANN meeting. We noted this positive atmosphere in our contacts with the Community, from interactions with the ICANN Board through to our interactions with individual SOs, ACs, and Stakeholders.

The RySG has been very vocal on our views regarding the **GNSO Statement of Interest (SOI) requirements** and the importance of full transparency in the ICANN policy making process. We had the opportunity to share and exchange views in our meeting with the GAC. We thank and applaud the other community groups that share this concern and also spoke up during ICANN 76 in support of increased transparency across the Community.

While the Contracted Parties (CPH) continue to engage with ICANN to make progress on the **DNS Abuse contract negotiations**, ICANN 76 was an opportunity to engage with the Community to inform about process and progress of the negotiations. We are very appreciative of the Community's positive response and welcome the numerous positive comments in support of both the origins and the progress of the negotiations, in particular by GAC members and the ICANN Board. We are committed to continuing to ensure that we achieve a clear raising of the contractual floor, enhancing the enforceability of the contractual obligations on the mitigation of DNS Abuse. We look forward to sharing our progress as appropriate and look forward to Community input during the Public Comment period.

## Updates on Community work

**The DNS Abuse Outreach session** continues to be a valuable opportunity for the RySG and the RrSG to provide updates to the Community on ongoing processes and endeavours. Ahead of ICANN 76, the RySG responded to the GNSO Council letters of Jan 6th, 2023 on the DNS Abuse small team report and on Bulk registrations, and we look forward to continuing to work with the Council on such important matters.

The RySG will continue work relating to Compromised vs Malicious registrations and on Spec 11(3)(b) Reporting, but both projects are on deliberate hiatus pending the conclusion of the contract negotiations, to ensure that any outputs relate to the updated contract expectations.

The CPH had a very open and productive **exchange with the Board on how to improve the efficiency and transparency of the policy development process**, specifically the IRT. The CPH will follow up in writing to detail our suggestions.

The **Closed Generics Facilitated Dialogue** met twice during ICANN 76 to progress their work. The RySG understands that the Facilitated Dialogue group is aiming to deliver a Framework for closed generic gTLDs where they serve a public interest goal, and that the intent of the Framework is to find a middle ground that does not completely prohibit closed generics while also not allowing a complete “free for all” for closed generics.

Based on summary updates provided on the Closed Generics wiki page, the RySG understands that the Framework is likely to cover the Application, Evaluation, and Post-Delegation and Contracting aspects of closed generic gTLDs. The RySG welcomes the collaborative spirit and the work of other community members in the Facilitated Dialogue and stands ready to support the next steps to carry forward the Framework.

The RySG noted with appreciation the Board’s decision to set up a clear timeline for the first steps of the **new gTLD Subsequent Procedures implementation**. The RySG has established an internal support team to assist our Council representative who will join the GNSO Small Team that will address the four tasks the ICANN Board set out related to the work on Subsequent Procedures, to work in a constructive way to meet the 15 June deadline.