

<b>Request for Issue Report</b>	
Name of Requestor:	Bret Fausett
Name of Stakeholder Group / Constituency / Advisory Committee (if applicable) in support of request:	Registry Stakeholder Group
Please provide rationale for policy development	In June of 2014, the GNSO Council created “a new Discussion Group to discuss the experiences gained by the first round of new gTLD applications and identify subjects for future issue reports, if any, that might lead to changes or adjustments for subsequent application procedures.” <sup>1</sup> As the original policy recommendations as adopted by the GNSO Council and ICANN Board has “been designed to produce a systemized and ongoing mechanisms for applicants to propose new top-level domains”, those policy recommendations remain in place for subsequent rounds of the New gTLD Program unless the GNSO Council would decide to modify those policy recommendations via the policy development process. In performing its task, the Discussion Group (DG) identified a number of issues to be considered that may affect existing consensus policy, principles, policy recommendation or implementation guidance and/or generate new ones.
Brief explanation of how issue affects your SG / Constituency / Advisory Committee:	The breadth of issues identified include evaluation criteria, support for applicants from developing countries, contractual requirements, the global public interest, and many other areas. As such, the impact is not isolated to any one SG/C/AC. Instead, it could be said to have the largest direct impact on new applicants, yet, registrars, registrants, existing registries, end-users and Internet and service providers may also be affected.
Suggestions on specific items to be addressed in the Issue Report (if any):	The DG has developed a matrix, which attempts to associate identified issues with a corresponding principle, policy recommendation or implementation guidance. This matrix was used to help develop a draft charter that attempts to provide a set of topics,

<sup>1</sup> <http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#201406>

	each divided into provisional groupings. The DG suggests that the matrix and the draft charter should serve as the minimum basis for an Issue Report.
Please provide a concise definition of the issue presented and the problems raised by the issue, including quantification to the extent feasible:	The scope of the issues identified by the DG extends beyond a singular issue. The draft charter seeks to provide the issues and questions that a possible future PDP WG should consider, while the matrix provides additional detail and context.
What is the economic impact or effect on competition, consumer trust, privacy and other rights:	Issues identified by the DG touch upon the gTLD application fee, annual fees paid to ICANN by contracted parties, and differentiating the application process for different types of applicants, among a number of other areas.
Please provide supporting evidence (if any):	N/A
How does this issue relate to the provisions of the ICANN Bylaws, the Affirmation of Commitments and/or ICANN's Articles of Incorporation:	One of the principle reasons for the development and introduction of the New gTLD Program was a result of Section 1.2.6 of the ICANN Bylaws, stating that "Introducing and promoting competition in the registration of domain names where practicable and beneficial in the public interest" is a Core Value of the organization.
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