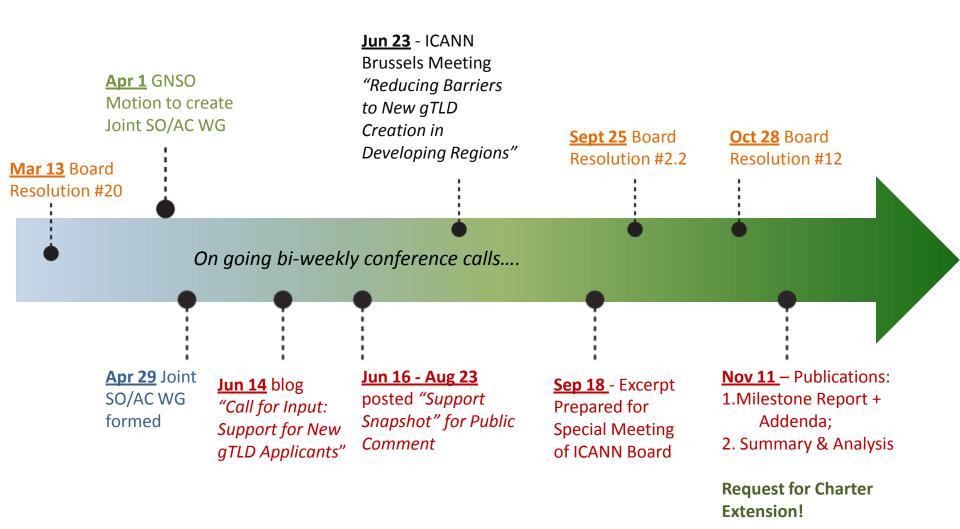
Joint SO/AC Working Group Applicant Support New gTLD Program

Status Update for ICANN Meeting Cartagena

JAS WG Activities Timeline



Who Should Receive Support?

Non-governmental
Organizations (NGOs), civil
society and not-for-profit
organizations

Community based applications such as cultural, linguistic and ethnic

Need Criteria

Applicants located in emerging economies

Applications in languages whose presence on the web is limited

Local entrepreneurs, in those markets where market constraints make normal business operations more difficult

Who Should **NOT** Receive Support?

- Geographic names
- Purely Governmental or Para-statal applicants
- Business models that fail to demonstrate sustainability
- ".brand TLDs" category be defined by a future applicant process (consensus with minority view)

Kind of Support to be Offered

Cost Reduction Support

Sponsorship and other funding support

Modifications to the financial continued operation instrument obligation

Logistical support

Technical support for applicants in operating or qualifying to operate a gTLD

Exception to the rules requiring separation of the Registry and Registrar function

Guiding Principles

- Self-Financing Responsibility
- Sunset Period 5 years?
- Transparency
- Limited Government Support
- Repayment in success cases

Next Steps

- WG Charter renewal to continue work
- Establish criteria for financial need + method to demonstrate that need
- Definition of mechanisms
- Establish relationships with donor(s)
- Establish a framework for managing any auction income beyond costs for future rounds and ongoing assistance
- Methods for coordinating the assistance

Next Steps cont..

- Discuss and establish methods for coordinating any assistance volunteered by providers
- Establish methods for coordinating cooperation among qualified applicants, and assistance volunteered by third parties
- Begin the work of fundraising and establishing links to possible donor agencies
- Review the basis of the US\$100,000 application base fee to determine its full origin and to determine what percentage of that fee could be waived for applicants

Charter Extension

- ALAC already has approved Charter as proposed by the JAS group changes GNSO council makes will need to be voted on by ALAC
- Current item c:
 - c) Establishing a framework (for consideration etcetera,) including a possible recommendation for a separate ICANN originated foundation, for managing any auction income, beyond costs. for future rounds and ongoing assistance
- Possible edit presented by Rafik:
 - c) Establishing a framework for consideration by the chartering organizations and the community at large that deals with methods where by any moneys raised for the purposes of support of new gTLD applicants. This framework could include a possible recommendation for a separate ICANN originated foundation. As the recommendations made by the Support for New gTLD Applicants also include a proposed use for surplus auction income, beyond costs. for future rounds and ongoing assistance, this framework could include a proposal for disposition of these fund, realizing however, that the use of surplus auction funds is a wider community topic and may include other proposals for the use of such funds."

Issue of delay

- Not only has council added: in any event no delays for the new gTLD program should result from the working group's work
- The entire discussion is of the work being done in parallel and that the groups failure to be ready in time affect the availability of aid, not the start of the gTLD program.

Meetings this week

- Saturday GNSO discussions
- Saturday Brief GAC Presentation
- Sunday ALAC discussions
- Tuesday AFRALO discussions
- Thursday (9-10) General meeting

Where to Find More Info...

- Milestone Report:
- Wiki: https://st.icann.org/so-ac-new-gtld-wg/index.cgi
- New gTLD Program:

http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtld-program.htm