

# New gTLD Program: Overarching Issues



## Agenda

- Introduction
- Discussion topics
  - 1. Economic Studies
  - 2. Root Zone Scaling
  - 3. Trademark Protection
  - 4. Mitigating Malicious Conduct



#### Overarching Issues

#### Root Scaling

• Is there an impact to the root server system with an expanded number of gTLDs?

# Economic Studies

 What are the benefits and costs associated with the introduction of new gTLDs?

# Trademark Protection

 How to address the legitimate concerns of trademark owners (top and second levels)?

# Malicious Conduct

 How to ensure that new gTLDs don't act as an amplifier for malicious behavior on the Internet?



### Overall Approach

- Seek consultation from those who commented on these issues
- Seek expert assistance to address issues
  - Partner with ICANN community experts
  - Commission other third party experts
- Publish relevant studies and reports
- Share and actively discuss resolution and proposed implementation approaches



## Overarching Issues - Path Forward

- Implement current proposed solutions
- Measuring impact; monitor effectiveness
- Continual improvement



### Measuring Impact

#### **Policy**

- Introduction of New gTLDs timely, orderly & predictable
- Competition in the provision of Registry services
- Additional consumer choice
- Market differentiation
- Geographical and serviceprovider diversity

#### **Affirmation of Commitments**

- Promote competition
- Consumer trust
- Consumer choice
- Effectiveness of:
  - (a) the application and evaluation process
  - (b) safeguards put in place to mitigate issues involved in the introduction or expansion



#### **Root Impact - Solution Crafting**

- Critical Collaborators
  - ✓ RSSAC;
  - ✓ SSAC;
  - ✓ RSST
- Key Documents Published
  - ✓ "L" Root Server Scaling Report
  - Delegation Rate Scenarios
  - ✓ Summary Impact of Root Zone Scaling



## **Root Impact - Status**

- IDN delegations, IPv6 deployment, and DNSSEC signed zones have occurred
- Studies did not identify significant issues with <u>rate-limited</u> addition of New gTLDs
- Annual delegation rate will not exceed 1,000 per year, no matter how many applications are received



## **Root Scaling – Discussion**

Any Questions?



#### **Economic Studies**

- Critical collaborators:
  - ✓ Compass Lexecon
  - Dennis Carlton
  - ✓ Greg Rosston, Michael Katz
  - ✓ CRAI
  - ✓ Independents (Gandi, OECD)
- Key documents discuss:
  - ✓ Benefits and costs of new gTLDs
  - ✓ Price caps



#### **Studies Done (ICANN & Independent)**

- Economic Considerations in the Expansion of Generic Top-Level Domain Names, Phase II Report: Case Studies (Rosston, Katz, Sullivan, Dec 10)
- An Economic Framework for the Analysis of the Expansion of Generic Top-Level Domain Names (Rosston, Katz, Sullivan, Jun 10)
- Report Of Dennis Carlton Regarding ICANN's Proposed Mechanism for Introducing New gTLDs (Carlton, Jun 09)
- Comments on Michael Kende's Assessment of Preliminary Reports on Competition and Pricing (Carlton, Jun 09)
- Preliminary Report of Dennis Carlton Regarding Impact of New gTLDs on Consumer Welfare (Carlton, Mar 09)
- Preliminary Analysis of Dennis Carlton Regarding Price Caps for New gTLD Internet Registries (Carlton, Mar 09)
- Revisiting Vertical Separation of Registries and Registrars" (CRAI, Oct 08)
- "Libralisation of the Internet" (Gandi, Jun 09)
- Generic Top Level Domain Names: Market Development and Allocation Issues" (OECD, Jul 04)

#### **Economic Study – Discussion**

- Is it possible that there be a study defining costs and benefits with accuracy and specificity?
- Is there specific change or improvement you recommend to the current approach?
- What impact measures would you like to see reported?



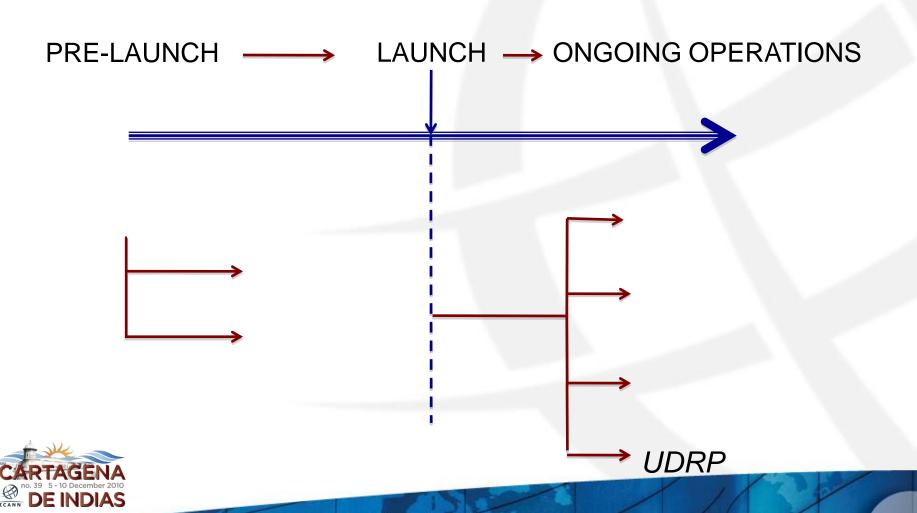
#### **Trademark Protection: Solutions Crafting**

- Critical Collaborators
  - ✓ IRT (Implementation Recommendations Team)
  - ✓ STI (Special Trademark Issues group)
  - ✓ TDG (Temporary Drafting Group)
- Key Documents
  - ✓ GNSO's STI Recommendations
  - ✓ IRT Final Report
  - Proposed Registry Agreement



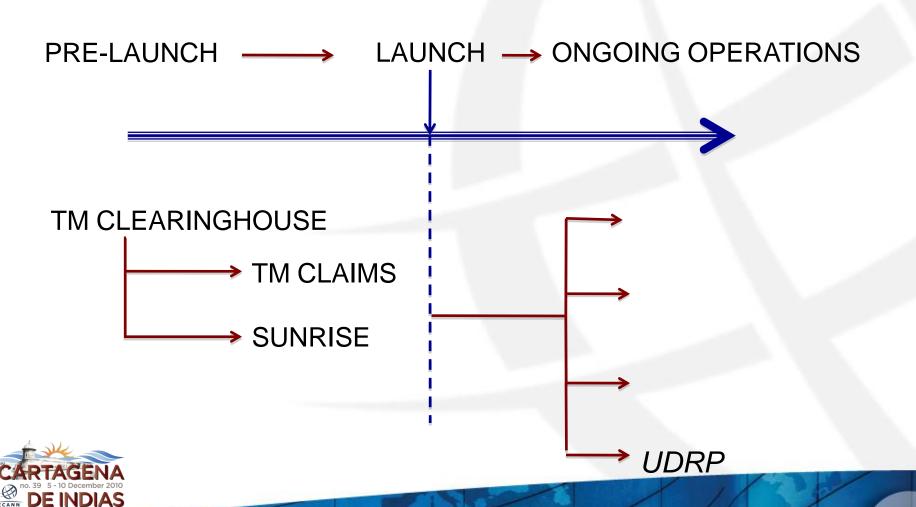
## **Rights Protection Mechanisms**

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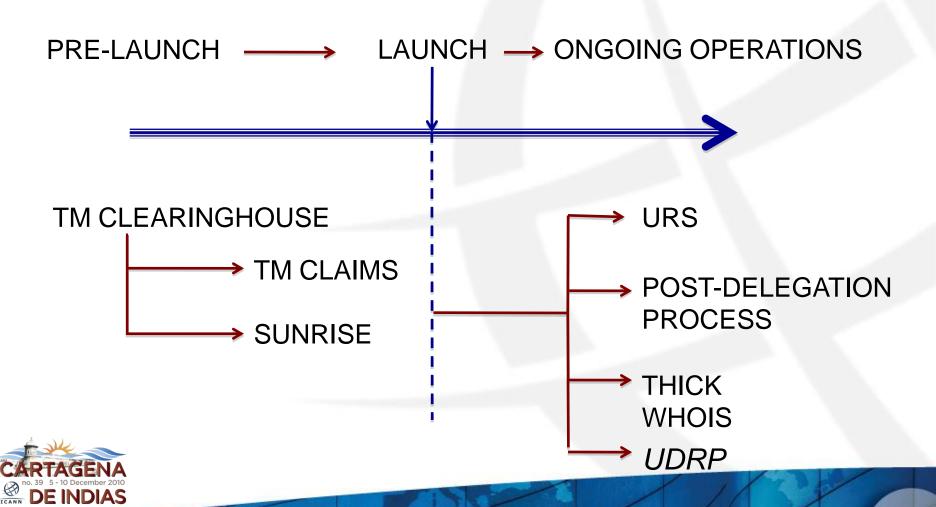
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#### **Other Suggestions**

GPML

Blocking at second-level

Greater registry liability for registrant acts



#### **Trademark Protection - Discussion**

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## Malicious Conduct - Solutions Crafting

- Critical Collaborators:
  - ✓ High Security Zone TLD Advisory Group
  - ✓ ZFA Advisory Group
  - ✓ RISG
- Key Documents:
  - ✓ Zone File Access Concept Paper
  - ✓ HSTLD Report
  - ✓ Guidebook Amendments



### Malicious Conduct Mitigation Measures

- Enhanced requirements and background checks
- Requirement for DNSSEC deployment
- No wildcarding/remove glue records
- Requirement for thick WHOIS
- Anti-abuse contact and documented policy
- Expedited Registry Security Request process
- Elective TLD security verification program
- High Security TLD (HSTLD)
- Zone File Access (ZFA)



# Other suggestions

- Elimination of privacy / proxy services -
- Registrant verification
- Whois accuracy obligations
- Whois searchability

Policy Issues



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# Thank You

