

**Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers** 



# New gTLDs

gTLD Registries and Registrars

Toronto





# Open Issues - plan for each

- Trademark Protection
- Geographical Names

 Malicious Conduct Mitigation

Vertical Integration

- Root Zone Scaling
- Economics Study

• IDN (3-Character Requirement and Variant Management Rules)





#### **Process followed**

- Identify concern
- Solicit expert advice
  - Issue identification
  - Potential solutions
- Consider public comment
- Propose solutions
- Public comment





#### **Trademark Protection**

- IRT report & other models
- Hold consultations on IRT and other solutions
- Summarize comment
- Develop draft positions
- Answer policy / non-policy question
- Post proposals in draft Guidebook
- Iterate through public comment





# **Trademark Protection - potential solutions**

- IP Clearinghouse
  - IP Claims
  - Sunrise
- Uniform Rapid Suspension
- Post delegation dispute model
- Less certain
  - Algorithm use
  - Globally protected marks





# **Malicious Conduct Mitigation**

- Identify issues & develop solutions with expert advice:
  - Papers
  - Public comment
  - Consultations in Sydney, New York, London
- Revise evaluation criteria and scoring methodology for comment





# **Expert Advice**

- APWG
- RISG
- FIRST / CERT
- Banking / Finance Associations (BITS / FSR, ABA, FS-ISAC, FSTCC)
- SSAC reports





# Key Issues identified

- A. How do we ensure that bad actors do not run Registries
- B. How do we ensure the accuracy, integrity and validity of registry information from the TLD to the end-user
- C. How do we provide enhanced control framework for TLDs with intrinsic potential for abuse
- D. How do we provide an improved framework for combating abuse





### **Proposed solutions**

- A. Enhanced requirements and background checks

  Disclosure of previous involvement in UDRP process

  Transparency and Responsibility
- B. Demonstrated plan for DNSSEC deployment
- C. Elective TLD security designation program
- D. Requirement for thick WhoisPublish anti-Abuse contact and procedures





## **Root Zone Scaling**

- Coordinate release of draft report (between now and August end)
- Perform analysis of public comment
- Publish final report
- Provide Board and community briefing





### **Economic Study - results**

- Identified risks and potential costs associated with gTLD expansion
- Recommended mitigation actions
- Identified benefits with gTLD expansion
- Specified conclusions regarding price controls





### **Economic Study - actions**

- Address potential costs and risks associated with the introduction of new gTLDs, e.g.,
  - Malicious conduct mitigation
  - Root-scaling study
  - Trademark protections
  - String confusion checks





## **Vertical Integration**

- Retain expert opinion to consider comment (e.g., registry, registrar comments)
- Consultation with economists: focus on comments
- Additional information gathering
- Follow-on report
- Hold public meeting focusing on conclusions
- Publish paper with proposed outcome based on consultations





## IDN: 3-Character Rule / Variant Management

- Form linguistic/technical working team to provide expert advice toward:
  - Determining a set of rules so that gTLD strings of less than three characters can be registered in some cases,
  - Developing definition of variants as used in IDNs,
  - Determining whether blocking or reservation of variant TLDs is necessary to prevent user confusion
  - Ensuring the quality of the user experience when using variant TLDs