

# Call for papers - Policy Development for The Global Internet: Introduction of *new* gTLDs

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The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is an internationally coordinated, multi-stakeholder organisation responsible for coordinating management of the technical elements of the Internet's domain-name system (DNS) to ensure universal resolvability of names and addresses for users worldwide.

ICANN's Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO) is inviting organisations, groups, and individuals to submit substantive papers to inform the recently launched Policy Development Process on new generic top-level domains (gTLDs). Respondents should address the topics described in detail at <http://www.icann.org/new-tlds> and should provide reasoned background analysis and references for statements expressed.

## **Background - Introduction of new gTLDs**

ICANN is developing a long-term policy to guide the introduction of new gTLDs. (Existing gTLDs include: .com, .biz and .jobs.) Seven new gTLDs were introduced in 2000 as a result of the "proof of concept" application process. Experiences gained in this process were funneled into another round initiated in 2003 resulting in the introduction of several additional gTLDs.

Growth in the number of TLDs should be guided by ICANN's mission to ensure the ongoing stability and security of the DNS while working to promote competition for the benefit of Internet users.

## **Topics for Papers**

Those wishing to participate will find necessary information at <http://www.icann.org/new-tlds>, including detailed descriptions of these general topics for consideration:

1. Should new generic top-level domain names be introduced?
2. What selection criteria for new top-level domains should be established?
3. Which allocation method(s) should be used for introduction of new top-level domains?
4. What policy considerations should guide contractual conditions for new top-level domains?

## **Submission Guidelines:**

Submissions can be sent to [gns0.secretariat@gns0.icann.org](mailto:gns0.secretariat@gns0.icann.org) by 31 January 2006.

More information about ICANN is available at <http://www.icann.org>

### About ICANN:

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