

# New gTLD Applicant Webinar

*05 February 2013*

## Status Update

# Webinar Information

**US Toll-free**  
**1-877-941-8269**

- Recorded session will be available at the end of the webinar

**US Toll**  
**1-480-629-9799**

- Q&A session at the end
  - Phone questions given priority
  - Questions in the Questions & Comments pod will be addressed as time permits

**Access Code**  
**4593432**

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# Webinar Information

- No chat pod
  - If you experience problems with Adobe Connect, tell us in the Questions & Comments pod.
- Questions & Comments pod
  - You only see what you put in.
  - You cannot see what anyone else puts in.
  - We will filter out duplicate questions.
  - Phone questions given priority.

# Agenda



- Sector Maturity Fadi Chehade
- Applicant Commitments Akram Atallah
- Closed Generics Akram Atallah
- Monthly Status Update Christine Willett

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# Sector Maturity

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# Applicant Commitments

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To address GAC's advice from the Toronto Communiqué:

“it is necessary for all of these statements of commitment and objectives to be transformed into binding contractual commitments, subject to compliance oversight by ICANN.”

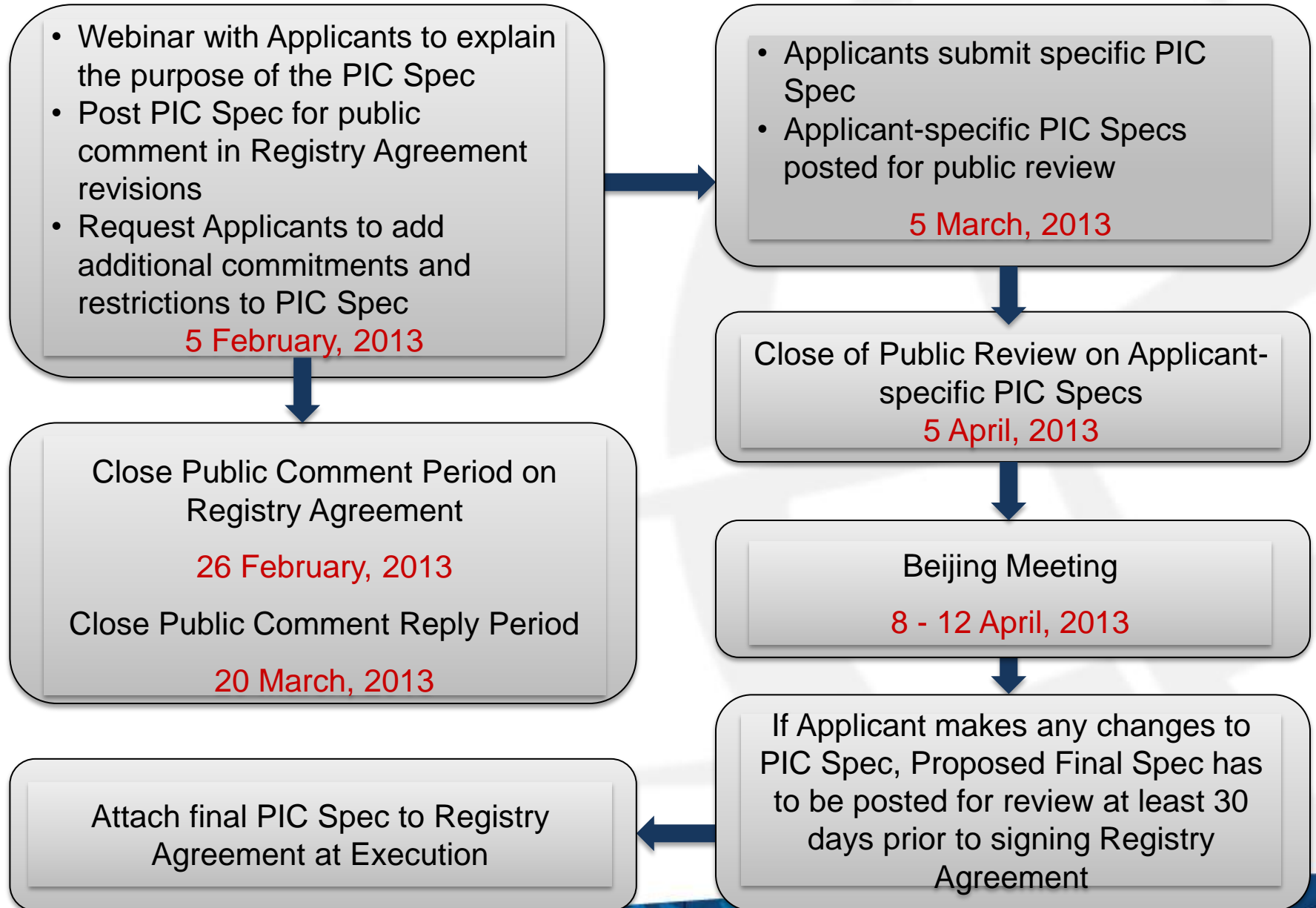
# Proposed Solution

## A New Specification to the Agreement: the Public Interest Commitment (PIC) Spec

1. Obligation to only use registrars under the 2013 RAA
2. Option to designate elements from the application to be included in the agreement
3. Option to spell out commitments to be included in the agreement



# PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITMENT TIMELINE



# Compliance with PIC Spec

- 3rd parties would be able to use dispute resolution process to address any noncompliance to options 2 and 3 in PIC Spec
- Will be incorporated into the approved dispute resolution procedures for Registry Restrictions (RRDRP) and Post-Delegation (trademark/PDDRP) disputes
- Mandatory conciliation phase will be included

# Key Registry Agreement Changes

**1. Public Interest Commitment Specification (2013 RAA and additional commitments)**

**2. Require implementation of recommendations of the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services if approved by the Board following public comment, so long as implementation is commercially reasonable**

**3. Modify assignment clause to increase flexibility for registries and ICANN and to ensure that ICANN will be able to protect the public interest by making sure that new entities proposing to take over the operation of TLDs will have the necessary background, resources and capabilities**

**4. Allow for amendment of Registry Agreement based upon Board Approval reached after public comment**

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# Closed Generics

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# Monthly Status Update

*Christine Willett*

# Program Activity Update

- Registry, Financial and Technical & Operational panel CQs started being issued 15-January
  - 95% of first 300 applications have received CQs
  - Some inconsistent CQs have been released due to panel firm differences
  - CSC working to respond to CQ questions within 3 business days
  - Extended CQ response timeframe of four (4) weeks, increased from two (2) weeks, allows for holiday periods around the world
  - Extending CQ response period further would jeopardize existing program schedule

# Program Status - Initial Evaluation

	Not Started	In Eval / In CQ ----- Pre-CQ Eval	NEW ----- Pending CQ Response	NEW ----- Post CQ Eval	Prelim Panel Results	Key Dates
Background Screening		1,101	79	737		23 March
String Similarity		1,917				1 March
DNS Stability					1,917	23 March
Geographic Names		12	11	1	1,893	23 March
Financial		1,603	272	42		23 March
Technical & Operational		1,615	246	56		23 March
Registry Services		1,248	131	538		23 March

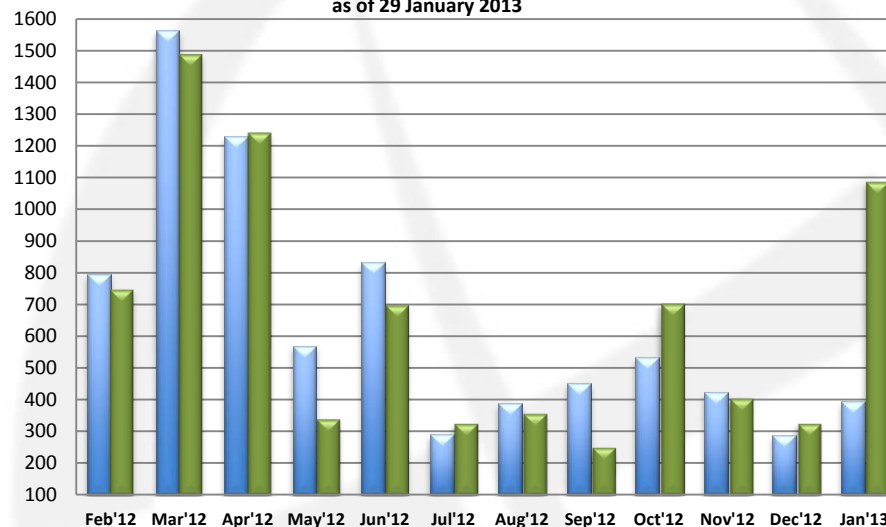
Initial Evaluation **On Target** to meet 23-March 2013 results release date

# Customer Service Center

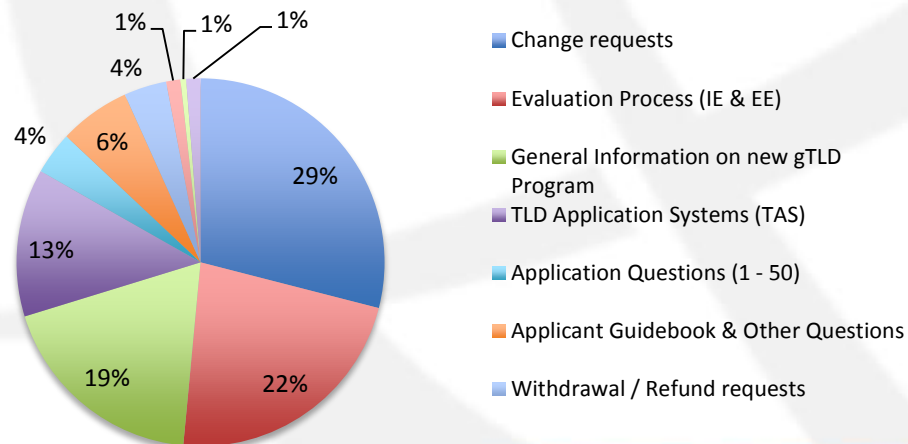
## Application Statistics

- Withdrawals completed: 13
- Objections filed: 0
- Change requests
  - Total Submitted: 525
  - Approved and Posted: 483
  - Pending Applicant Response: 15
  - Pending Approval: 27
- 393 Cases created MTD
- 1088 Cases resolved MTD
- 233 Cases Open

Monthly Summary of Cases - Created vs Resolved  
as of 29 January 2013



Case Breakdown by Category- As of 29 January 2013





# Key Projects Updates

	Status	Key Dates	
<b>Trademark Clearinghouse</b>	On Target	<b>February</b>	Publish TMCH Agreements (previously January) Finalize /Publish Sunrise & Claims SOW (previously January) TMCH Validation System Launch
		<b>April</b>	TMCH Database Launch
<b>URS</b>	On Target	<b>February</b> <b>March</b> <b>Ongoing</b>	Execute agreement & announce selected provider Finalize ancillary URS documents Continue to engage with additional providers to develop readiness
<b>EBERO</b>	On Target	<b>February</b> <b>April</b> <b>May</b>	Finalize Provider(s) selection and contracting Design and Build workshop Readiness test and go live – May-July
<b>Pre-Delegation Testing</b>	On Target	<b>February</b> <b>March</b> <b>April</b>	Finalize test specification Pre-Delegation Test Pilot Pre-Delegation test service ready

# Pre-Delegation Testing

- .SE has been selected as PDT vendor
- Test specifications & templates coming soon
- Pilot planned for mid March – early April
- Applicant participation will be opt in
  - Request for participation in coming weeks
  - Participants will be randomly selected from opt –ins
  - Target population ~ 5 applications with different registry service providers

# Questions

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