

Approval of a Project Change Request from the Internationalized Domain Names Expedited Policy Development Process

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Whereas,

1. On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council [voted](#) to initiate the Internationalized Domain Names Expedited Policy Development Process (IDNs-EPDP);
2. The EPDP Team began meeting in August 2021 and has been making substantial progress on its deliberation of charter questions;
3. The EPDP Team has determined that it will facilitate the implementation planning of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures by bifurcating its work into two phases, with Phase 1 covering topics related to top-level IDN gTLD definition and variant management, and Phase 2 covering issues pertaining to second-level IDN variant management;
4. The EPDP Team has also determined that a timeline extension is required to complete its work due to the diversity and complexity of IDN issues, additional data collection needs, review of ICANN org input for draft recommendations, and public comment-related processes;
5. The EPDP leadership team has submitted a Project Change Request outlining the complete rationale for the substantive changes to the project plan and timeline.

Resolved,

1. The GNSO Council approves this Project Change Request.
2. The GNSO Council instructs policy support staff to update the IDNs-EPDP Team's project plan, timeline, and other materials accordingly, and post them on the EPDP wiki project space.