

## **New gTLD Program: Forum on Technical Issues in Trademark Clearinghouse Implementation**

A Trademark Clearinghouse forum, focusing on a set of technical implementation issues, will take place on 20-21 August in Brussels, Belgium. The meeting is being hosted by Deloitte, who will serve as the primary Clearinghouse service provider and is currently working with ICANN on the implementation.

The meeting is planned to focus on aspects of the Sunrise and Trademark Claims processes defined in the Applicant Guidebook, which will be required of all new gTLD registry operators.

The Sunrise period is a pre-launch phase providing mark holders the opportunity to register domain names in a TLD before registration is generally available to the public.

The Trademark Claims service generates real-time notice to parties attempting to register a domain name if the domain name matches a trademark record in the Clearinghouse. The Trademark Claims service also results in notice to trademark holders when domain names are registered that match marks in the Clearinghouse.

Topics on the agenda will include:

- Roles and responsibilities in Sunrise and Claims processes
- Project plan and registry fee structure update
- Scenario reviews for different types of startup registration processes

The meeting is open to in-person or remote participation by any interested parties.

### **Scope:**

The scope of the meeting is limited to implementation of aspects of the sunrise and claims processes, with the parties who will be implementing those processes. It is not a general stakeholder meeting and no policy decisions will be made.

### **Session:**

20 August 2012: 1pm – 8pm CET

21 August 2012: 8am - 4pm CET

For participation details, please submit your name to [tmch-rsvp@icann.org](mailto:tmch-rsvp@icann.org), and we will provide you with the necessary information.