

GAC Advice Response Form for Applicants



The Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) has issued advice to the ICANN Board of Directors regarding New gTLD applications. Please see Section IV, Annex I, and Annex II of the [GAC Beijing Communiqué](#) for the full list of advice on individual strings, categories of strings, and strings that may warrant further GAC consideration.

Respondents should use this form to ensure their responses are appropriately tracked and routed to the ICANN Board for their consideration. Complete this form and submit it as an attachment to the ICANN Customer Service Center via your [CSC Portal](#) with the Subject, “[Application ID] Response to GAC Advice” (for example “1-111-11111 Response to GAC Advice”). All GAC Advice Responses must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 10-May-2013.

Respondent:

Applicant Name	Núcleo de Informação e Coordenação do Ponto BR - NIC.br
Application ID	1-1119-72288
Applied for TLD (string)	FINAL

Response:

We welcome the GAC Input on the topic of safeguards applicable to all new gTLDs. Although some of the ideas are unfeasible, most measures of improvement to WHOIS accuracy are possible and would bring a higher degree of trust in the Domain Name System. A significant portion of those will be in place in the gTLD we've applied for even without a guidebook requirement of those provisions. We expect though these safeguards to be uniformly applied to all gTLD, both new and pre-existent. Most of the gTLD domains used in the DNS will still be from pre-2013 gTLDs for the years to come, and imposing burdens only on new gTLDs might hinder program objectives such as increasing competition, consumer choice and consumer trust. When such measures are applied through Consensus Policies, all gTLDs are required to follow and have contractual oversight of compliance. We also note that most of these topics are currently being discussed in the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services, so any commitment at this point would possibly require modifications after the GNSO Policy based on the Working Group output is passed. Considering Consensus Policies are enforced on gTLD contracts through the Picket Fence, we decided not to file any Public Interest Commitments to address this advice.