

# 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 of the [GAC Durban 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 to the GAC Durban Communiqué must be received no later than 23:59:59 UTC on 23-August-2013.

## Respondent:

Applicant Name	DotKids Foundation Limited
Application ID	1-1309-46695
Applied for TLD (string)	KIDS

## Response:

Dear ICANN Board & Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC),

The DotKids Foundation thanks the GAC for issuing further advice regarding NewgTLD applications to the ICANN Board. We appreciate the opportunity to provide a response/feedback and we welcome the ICANN Board’s resolution to accept the GAC Beijing Communiqué safeguard advice applicable to all new gTLDs.

We wish to highlight that the proposal from the DotKids Foundation is the ONLY application for “.kid(s)” that is in compliance and “implemented in a manner that is fully respectful of human rights and fundamental freedoms as enshrined in international and, as appropriate, regional declarations, conventions, treaties and other legal instruments – including, but not limited to, the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”

The DotKids Foundation application for “.kids” is the ONLY application that commits to United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) adherence. The “.kid(s)” gTLD has clear implications on children and their rights. To comply with the GAC advice and to be fully respectful of the appropriate international conventions, the registry for “.kid(s)” must adhere to the UNCRC, which has been ratified by the most number of countries among all human rights treaty in history with 192 countries as State Parties to the Convention as of November 2005.

The DotKids Foundation believes in a “.kids” namespace that is created in the best interests of children around the world. We look to ICANN to be fully respectful of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its related international treaties. Proper governance of “.kids” is crucial to mitigate harm and ensure that the protection of children and their rights are not compromised. Such proper governance requires the participation of the children’s rights community, including

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children themselves, within the governance structure, in order to be in the best interests of the child and not driven by commercial gain, as consistent with the UNCRC.

We applaud the ICANN Board for its acceptance of the GAC advice which includes the emphasis on being fully respectful of human rights conventions (i.e. including the UNCRC), and believe strongly that this be taken into consideration in the acceptance or rejection of relevant new gTLD applications. In the case of “.kid(s)” we look to ICANN to uphold the best interests of kids around the world by accepting only applicants that fully commits to abiding by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Sincerely  
DotKids Foundation