

Nokia's comments on the new gTLD process and Draft Applicant Guidebook version 3

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Nokia has participated to ICANN meetings since year 2000. The first target was to have a specific top-level domain for businesses targeting mobile Internet users. After DotMobi was established Nokia has been following what kind of impacts the ICANN policies have on Nokia's businesses.

We acknowledge that DAG3 has addressed many issues found in the previous DAG versions. We also support the gTLD process in general. However, we would like to point out that following topics still need further clarifications:

1) Position of corporate registrants and TLD applicants

There haven't been companies directly involved in the gTLD process from diverse enough industries. Therefore, ICANN should seek more participation from corporate stakeholders to address the specific needs of corporations as registrants and TLD applicants. We also believe that the lack of corporate participation might be a result of companies not being aware of the whole gTLD process.

2) IPR protection

Nokia supports measures that address malicious domain name abuse in the new gTLDs as well as the existing gTLDs without broadening existing trademark rights or creating new legal rights.

Nokia also supports the continued use of the UDRP as the primary means of addressing cybersquatting and recommends its reform rather than implementation of an entirely new scheme should improvements be warranted.

It is our view that these issues should be addressed now, because the current gTLD round lays the ground rules for future rounds as well.

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