



21 August 2018

Sebastien Ducos
Chair of the geoTLD.group

Dear Mr. Ducos,

Thank you for your [letter](#) dated 25 June 2018. The Board is glad to hear about the work that geo TLDs have done to become trusted resources for the local markets. We appreciate the invitation to the Board and the community to visit cities and regions represented in the geoTLD group. Your letter and invitation has been sent to the entire ICANN Board, and was posted to ICANN's correspondence page here: <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/ducos-to-chalaby-25jun18-en.pdf>.

Regarding your ask for the Board to “signal clear intent to see that the New gTLD program is here to stay and will soon reopen its doors,” the Board has committed to opening a next application window as expeditiously as possible in a February 2012 [resolution](#) and re-affirmed its commitment again in a May 2015 [resolution](#). The ICANN community is currently hard at work to complete the Competition, Consumer Trust & Consumer Choice Review and Uniform Rapid Suspension review. The Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process Working Group has also been working diligently to review the 2008 GNSO policy for the introduction of gTLDs and its implementation to determine whether changes or adjustments are needed. The Board will continue to monitor progress of these activities and work with ICANN org on planning and preparations for subsequent procedures.

We appreciate your active involvement in the ICANN community and encourage you all to share your various successes with others in your respective regions. It is the global stakeholders support and participation that keep ICANN accountable, and only through community consensus can we create policy.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cherine Chalaby", written over a thin horizontal line.

Cherine Chalaby
Chair, ICANN Board of Directors