

GNSO Report

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ICANN mission

- **Coordinates the allocation and assignment of the three sets of unique identifiers for the Internet**
- **Coordinates policy development reasonably and appropriately related to these technical functions**

WHOIS purpose

- **provide information sufficient to contact a responsible party for a particular gTLD domain name who can resolve, or reliably pass on data to a party who can resolve, issues related to the configuration of the records associated with the domain name within a DNS nameserver.**

Data is collected for a range of reasons including WHOIS

- **The GNSO Council notes that the current WHOIS definition is related to the service that provides public access to some or all of the data collected, and is not a definition of the purpose of the data itself.**

DRAFT Resolution (1)

- **Each Council member that voted in favour of the definition will provide a brief explanation of the reason for supporting the resolution and their understanding of its meaning.**

DRAFT Resolution (2)

- **The ICANN policy staff will provide a summary of the other interpretations of the definition that have been expressed by the community and Governments.**

DRAFT Resolution (3)

- **The Council will undertake a dialogue with the GAC and SSAC on developing a **broadly understandable** definition of the purposes for which the current data required in the Registrar Accreditation Agreement is collected.**

DRAFT Resolution (4)

- **The GNSO Council requests that the WHOIS task force continue with their work as specified in the terms of reference taking into account the recent input that has been provided, and any further clarification as it becomes available from Council.**

DRAFT Resolution (5)

- **The GNSO Council will take the final report from the WHOIS task force that addresses all terms of reference, and the definition of purpose of collecting data derived from the dialogue with the GAC and SSAC, and consider improving the wording of the WHOIS service definition so that it is broadly understandable.**

WHOIS Task Force Timeline

- **Ongoing policy development work**
- **October : Preliminary Report, including policy recommendations**
- **November : End of public comment period**
- **December : Final report presented to GNSO council**
- **Early 2007 : Board consideration**

New gTLDs - timeline

- **Draft Initial report – available now**
- **Initial Report – July 06**
 - **Public comment**
- **Final Report – Oct 06**
- **Board Report – Nov 06**
- **Board vote – Dec 06, Sao Paulo**

Contracts for existing gTLDs

- **Policy would only apply if an existing gTLD operator sought to change their agreement or if a new entity becomes the operator**
- **Draft Preliminary Task Force Report – available now**
- **Seeking further expert advice**
 - E.g competition law, price regulation, definitions of market power/dominance
- **Preliminary Task Force Report – Oct 06**

IDN gTLDs - timeline

- **Draft Issues Report – available now**
- **Formed a GNSO working group to consider this report and liaising with ccNSO with respect to scope of any GNSO work**
- **Issues Report – July 06**
- **Decision to initiate a PDP – July 06**
- **Further information in IDN workshop**

GNSO IDN Framework

- **GNSO working group recommends studying new IDN gTLDs using same framework as used for the new gTLD policy development process**
- **IDNs highlight some of the complexities around introducing new gTLDs**

Next steps for GNSO on IDN

- Update issues report
- Identify scope of policy work within the GNSO
- Clearly identify policy work that will be done elsewhere – e.g within the ccNSO or GAC, or both

Work between ICANN meetings

- **Work on new gTLDs has progressed effectively through two face-to-face meetings in addition to the ICANN meetings**
- **Most of the time in ICANN meetings now spent in liaising with other groups – e.g GAC, ccNSO, Board etc.**

Peter Dengate Thrush

- **The GNSO Council, on behalf of the GNSO, sends heartfelt condolences to Peter Dengate Thrush, to Liz's and Peter's children, Clare, Phoebe, and Henry, to the families of Liz and Peter in their tragic loss and to Liz's many loving friends, for the tragic loss of Liz and other members of their family.**

ICANN Board seat #14

- **The GNSO Council appoints Rita Rodin to the ICANN Board.**