
ICANN Specific Reviews - Second Registration Directory Service Review (RDS-WHOIS2)

Recommendations 1.1-1.2 - Implementation Documentation

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RDS-WHOIS2 Final Report <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/resolutions-board-action-rds-whois2-final-recs-25feb20-en.pdf>

Board resolution on RDS-WHOIS2 Final Report <https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2020-02-25-en#1.a>

- Recommendation submitted: September 2019
- Recommendation approved: February 2020
- Implementation completed: N/A

See <https://community.icann.org/display/WHO/Implementation> for more information on RDS-WHOIS 2 implementation.

RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 1.1

To ensure that RDS (WHOIS) is treated as a strategic priority, the ICANN Board should put into place a forward-looking mechanism to monitor possible impacts on the RDS (WHOIS) from legislative and policy developments around the world.

Board Action on RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 1.1

The Board approves this recommendation with clarification that the corresponding activities are already part of ICANN's plans.

RDS-WHOIS2 Recommendation 1.2

To support this mechanism, the ICANN Board should instruct the ICANN org to assign responsibility for monitoring legislative and policy developments around the world and to provide regular updates to the ICANN Board.

Final Implementation Report

The Government and IGO (GE) team monitors and analyzes legislative and regulatory activities to ensure that ICANN has the necessary information and tools to address geopolitical issues, such as issues pertaining to WHOIS. As part of this work, the GE team publishes reports which explore relevant legislative, regulatory and governmental structures, policies and processes. GE also makes submissions to Internet ecosystem processes when appropriate, publishes bi-monthly reports to the GAC on government and IGO engagement activities, and organizes briefings for UN diplomats.

In February of 2019, the Board approved the charter: "ICANN Organization Engagement with Governments and Standards Bodies." This is the formal commitment from the Org to the community on government and IGO engagement. It is a forward-looking commitment to monitor legislative and regulatory proposals or activities that could impact ICANN's ability to fulfill its Mission or act in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation. The principles agreed upon in the charter ensure that RDS (WHOIS) is treated as a strategic priority. ICANN aims to help and

inform legislators, regulators, policy makers and others to understand how the Internet functions while maintaining a technologically neutral position.

The GE team regularly provides geopolitical updates to the Board, and ICANN holds a regular session at ICANN meetings to update the community on geopolitical legislative and regulatory developments, the first of which occurred at ICANN73. Additionally, ICANN org has augmented resources and materials to continue to meet strategic priorities.

Rationale

The corresponding activities for Recommendation 1.1 and 1.2 were already a part of ICANN's plans and priorities and are ongoing. The Government and IGO Engagement Team is designed to both monitor and analyze legislative, regulatory, and policy developments around the world.

Timeline

Expected implementation date: n/a

Final implementation date: n/a

Milestones

- GE publications <https://www.icann.org/en/government-engagement/publications>
- ITI Enhanced Government Engagement webpages
- ICANN Organization Engagement with Governments and Standards Bodies Charter endorsed by Board (2019)
- Additional headcount for GE Team
- Geopolitical update plenary sessions at each ICANN meeting
- Webinars and conference call series for the ICANN community on specific pieces of legislation as requested by the stakeholders
- Webinars and presentations as requested by Government stakeholders about the technical operation of the Internet