

On the RAA Negotiations

The impetus for the current RAA negotiations was a cross constituency group with its members representing registrars, registries, the business constituency and users. And we heard from the Law Enforcement Agencies and the GAC as well. It was an excellent example of the multi-stakeholder model, making recommendations for the benefit of the whole community.

Yet the language now is of 'the GNSO working group - as if that is everyone who was there, addressing law enforcement agency recommendations - as if that is all that was said. The issues being discussed are confined to 12 of the issues raised by the law enforcement agencies. And while ALAC will be commenting on those issues, the issues raised by the original group went much broader - and should still be on the agenda.

And the only two parties to the current negotiations are ICANN and the registrars. In fact, however, the affected parties are more than just the registrars and ICANN corporate. As the AoC reminds us all, ICANN's mission is for the benefit of global Internet users, improving the RAA for all.