

Report of the Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services Meeting (30 April - 2 May 2014)

Location: Los Angeles, CA, USA

Attendees:

EWG Members:

In Person: Jean-Francois Baril (Lead Facilitator), Lanre Ajayi, Scott Hollenbeck, Susan Kawaguchi, Michael Niebel, Michele Neylon, Stephanie Perrin, Rod Rasmussen, Carlton Samuels, Faisal Shah, Fabricio Vayra, Steve Crocker (Board Liaison), Chris Disspain (Board Liaison)

Remote: n/a

ICANN Participants:

In Person: Denise Michel, Margie Milam, Lisa Phifer, Matt Ashtiani, Charla Shambley

Topics Discussed:

- **Final Report:** The group completed significant work towards the finalization of its report. Substantive meetings between the EWG as a whole, in addition to the subteams, were held throughout the duration of the meeting. Topics discussed during these meetings include: users and purposes; improving accountability; improving data quality; improving registrant privacy; possible Registration Directory Service (RDS) models; legal and contractual considerations; costs and impacts; and the mandate of the group. During these discussions, in order to inform their efforts, the group also considered all public comments, Requests for Information (RFIs), survey results, the feedback obtained during April's online workshops, and the feedback collected in Singapore.
- **Next Steps:** The EWG is now working to deliver its Final Report by June 2nd for consideration by the ICANN Board at the ICANN50 Meeting in London. This Final Report will convey the EWG's analysis and recommendations, based on over one year of intensive research, consideration of questions posed by the ICANN Board, dialog with the ICANN community, and exploration of "clean slate" alternatives to WHOIS. The EWG plans to hold webinars in June in order to update the community on the content of its Final Report and next steps. It is the EWG's expectation that the ICANN Board will open a Public Comment period on the Final Report, and that both community feedback and RDS Risk Survey results will be considered by the ICANN Board as it decides how to use this Final Report as input for Policy Development efforts.