Summary of comments made during the EP-WG status update:

http://singapore52.icann.org/en/schedule/mon-whois
All Things WHOIS
Monday, 9 February 14:00-15:15

Following an overview presentation from Susan Kawaguchi, the following comments were made by other EP-WG members about the EP-WG status update:

1) The EWG report is one of many inputs that will be fed into a transparent PDP WG process.

2) Ultimately, the GNSO will have to take the PDP WG charter proposed by the Final Issue Report and determine how to deal with interdependencies and parallelism to make this PDP work.

3) This PDP WG is a huge undertaking that could last 4-5 years, so we need to be mindful of the costs and benefits at the outset and not just move forward because of past investment.

4) The ICANN board recognizes that a new system will take time; there is no appetite to create a new system just because time and effort has already been invested.

When the floor was opened for Q&A, community comments made on the EP-WG status update:

5) Phase 1 should look not just at "why" but also "why not."

6) What are the cost implications of replacing Whois with a new system and who will pay for it?

7) Opportunities for parallel policy development in Phases 2-3 must take into consideration capacity to ensure there is adequate resourcing from all stakeholder groups.