

Proposed EP-WG Workplan

Objective

The objective of the [EWG Process Working Group](#) (EP-WG) is to identify the most productive process for conducting one or more GNSO policy development processes (PDPs) to examine and develop any policy recommendations arising out of the [EWG's Final Report](#) on a Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS).

Approach

The EP-WG agreed to extract policy issues from the EWG's Final Report to be fed into a new Preliminary Issue Report. The new Preliminary Issue Report (including a proposed charter for the PDP WG) will be published for public comment. Following consideration of comments on the Preliminary Issue Report and proposed charter, a Final Issue Report will be issued. The Report will identify both existing WHOIS policy and RDS policy issues.

The EP-WG agreed that a single PDP, Issue Report, and PDP WG (possibly with multiple subteams) is preferred. The approach outlined in this workplan describes a single PDP and assumes the EP-WG will continue the board-initiated PDP now in progress. However, if the EP-WG should recommend multiple PDPs – for example, to split out a highly separable, contentious issue – then each new PDP would require a new Issue Report and PDP WG charter.

Deliverables

The EP-WG will meet this objective, using this approach, by producing the following deliverables:

- Overall process diagram detailing steps to develop a new global policy for a next generation RDS, from Preliminary Issue Report through Implementation, and the roles played at each step.
- Detailed process diagram for the PDP WG itself, identifying issues, dependencies, a phased approach for policy development, proposed sequencing and opportunities for parallelism, and checkpoints where PDP WG progress should be reviewed/approved by the GNSO Council.
- Guidance on a proposed PDP WG charter, which will be included in the Preliminary Issue Report.
- List of Inputs to the PDP WG (both available and needed)

Next Steps and Timeline

A possible timeline for completing the EP-WG's deliverables appears below. Staff will use EP-WG deliverables to develop a Preliminary Issue Report and proposed PDP WG charter. Following public comment, the GNSO Council will consider the Final Issue Report and take the next steps to adopt a charter and form a PDP WG as part of the Board initiated policy development process.

October 2014	ICANN51	EP-WG formed, reviews objective, agrees upon approach
Nov-Dec 2014	Monthly Calls	EP-WG agrees upon overall process diagram and list of PDP inputs, develops initial draft of detailed process diagram for PDP WG
Jan 2015	Calls	EP-WG agrees upon detailed PDP WG process and charter guidance
Feb 2015	ICANN52	EP-WG presents its deliverables to the community and may refine them to reflect feedback
Mar 2015	45 days	Staff drafts Preliminary Issue Report, using EP-WG output
May 2015	42 days (21 + 21)	Public Comment Period initiated on Preliminary Issue Report
July 2015		Staff drafts Final Issue Report based on public comments
Aug-Sep 2015	Calls	GNSO Council reviews Final Issue Report GNSO Council considers adoption of charter and formation of PDP WG GNSO Council may request development of additional needed PDP WG inputs (if any) as recommended by EW-PG