

## **Proposed Session Description:**

### **Cross community session on the RDS PDP - Monday, 27 June, 1700-1830**

#### Overview:

The GNSO Policy Development Process Working Group on next-generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS (Next-Gen RDS) has been tasked with defining the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data and considering safeguards for protecting that data. This WG is expected to establish consensus requirements for registration directory services, using them to determine if and why a next-generation RDS is needed and then establish a new policy framework to support those requirements.

#### Who should attend and why:

Community members that collect, store, provide, or use registration data using the WHOIS system today have a vested interest in the outcome of this PDP. The WG is currently gathering available inputs and possible requirements for gTLD registration directory services. This session provides all interested parties with an opportunity to voice their concerns about WHOIS and needs for gTLD registration data, helping to augment and shape the possible requirements to be deliberated upon by this WG.

#### What to expect from this session:

This session will be led by RDS PDP WG chair Chuck Gomes, supported by vice chairs David Cake, Susan Kawaguchi, and Michele Neylon and by ICANN Policy Staff members Marika Konings and Lisa Phifer. During this session, WG members will draw from their own experiences to share examples and invite attendees to join in a lively conversation about possible requirements which they believe should be supported by a next-generation RDS to replace WHOIS. Inputs gathered during this cross-community session are essential to inform this PDP WG's phase 1 recommendations on whether a next-generation RDS is needed to replace WHOIS and why.

For further information about this PDP, please see <https://community.icann.org/x/rjJ-Ag>. A *backgrounder to help community members prepare for this session will be posted on this page.*

#### Annotated Draft Agenda:

- 1. Introduction to the RDS PDP (5m)**  
*Charter purpose, phases, deliverables, decision points, WG leadership and membership*
- 2. PDP Work Plan and Near-Term Opportunities for Early Input (10m)**  
*Accomplishments (key inputs, outreach #1) and next steps (possible requirements, outreach #2)*
- 3. gTLD Registration Directory Services: Today's Gaps, Tomorrow's Policy Framework (70m)**  
*Interactive session, moderated by Chuck Gomes, where WG members volunteer to give real-life examples of where WHOIS falls short today or possible requirements (including purposes) they would like a new policy framework to address. Possible approach: Randomly choose from WG volunteers willing to participate, limit each WG member to 1 minute, and display all charter questions on a big screen, noting when each charter question is addressed. The goal is to ensure that examples given by WG members and then other session attendees avoid repetition, leave adequate time to hear a broad set of examples, and are distributed across the following charter questions:*

**Users/Purposes:** Who should have access to gTLD registration data and why?  
**Gated Access:** What steps should be taken to control data access for each user/purpose?  
**Data Accuracy:** What steps should be taken to improve data accuracy?  
**Data Elements:** What data should be collected, stored, and disclosed?  
**Privacy:** What steps are needed to protect data and privacy?  
**Cross-cutting questions:** Coexistence, Compliance, System Model, Cost, Benefits, Risks

Conclude with show of hands to take the temperature of the room on the likely answer to this foundational question: Is a next-generation RDS needed to support your gTLD registration data requirements?

#### 4. Next Steps (5m)

WG meeting on 28 June – observers welcome

#### Proposed Session Description:

**RDP PDP WG meeting - Tuesday, 28 June, 0800-1200**

#### Overview:

This is a face-to-face meeting of the GNSO Policy Development Process Working Group on a next-generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS (Next-Gen RDS). This Working Group has been tasked by the GNSO Council to provide it with recommendations on the following questions: What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data and is a new policy framework and next-generation RDS needed to address these requirements? The majority of this WG meeting is expected to focus upon using available inputs to develop a comprehensive and inclusive list of possible requirements for gTLD registration data and directory services.

#### Who should attend and why:

Community members that collect, store, provide, or use registration data using the WHOIS system today have a vested interest in the outcome of this PDP. The WG is currently gathering available inputs and possible requirements for gTLD registration directory services. This session provides an opportunity for WG members, WG observers and guests to help shape possible requirements to be deliberated upon by this WG. The WG will strive to reach consensus on requirements, using them to decide if and why a next-generation RDS is needed to replace WHOIS.

#### What to expect from this session:

This session will be led by RDS PDP WG chair Chuck Gomes, supported by vice chairs David Cake, Susan Kawaguchi, and Michele Neylon and by ICANN Policy Staff members Marika Konings and Lisa Phifer. During this session, the WG will focus on making progress on near-term tasks outlined in the WG's work plan (see <https://community.icann.org/x/olxlAw> and the session agenda).

This meeting will be open to both WG members, WG observers and guests. For further information about this PDP, please see <https://community.icann.org/x/rjJ-Ag>.

#### Annotated Draft Agenda:

##### 1. Introductions (10m)

All WG members will place tent cards in front of them, giving their name and affiliation (if any).

WG members not present at the last F2F WG meeting will also be given an opportunity to briefly

introduce themselves, stating their name, geographic region, and SO/AC/SG/C affiliation (if any). WG members will also have a chance to give any update to their SOI.

**2. PDP Work Plan: Accomplishments and Status (10m)**

*Review work plan to briefly recap WG progress on recent tasks*

- Task 7f: Outreach #1 – Finalize Comment Review Tool (due 28 June)
  - Task 8e: Possible Requirements – Confirm Draft 2 is sufficiently complete (due 7 June)
  - Task 9e: Possible Requirements – Incorporate Outreach #2 into Draft #3 (28 June-TBD)
- <update this list to reflect changes/progress made over coming month>

**3. PDP Work Plan: Overview of Next Steps (5m)**

*Review work plan to introduce tasks currently underway*

- Task 10: Finalize Initial Possible Requirements List
- Task 11: Decide how and when the WG will try to reach consensus
- Task 12a: Deliberate upon first batch of possible fundamental requirements

**4. Brief Q&A for attendees to ask clarifying questions about WG status and plans (?)**

5. **Working Session:** The remainder of the agenda should follow from the most recent WG teleconference meeting, which may be part of one or more of the above-listed Work Plan tasks. For example, this could be broken into 45 minute sessions on possible requirements for each of the first 3 questions, taken in random order. Observers could be invited to make suggestions after WG discussion of each question, or at the end of the working session.

**6. Confirm Action Items, Next Steps, Next Meeting (10m)**