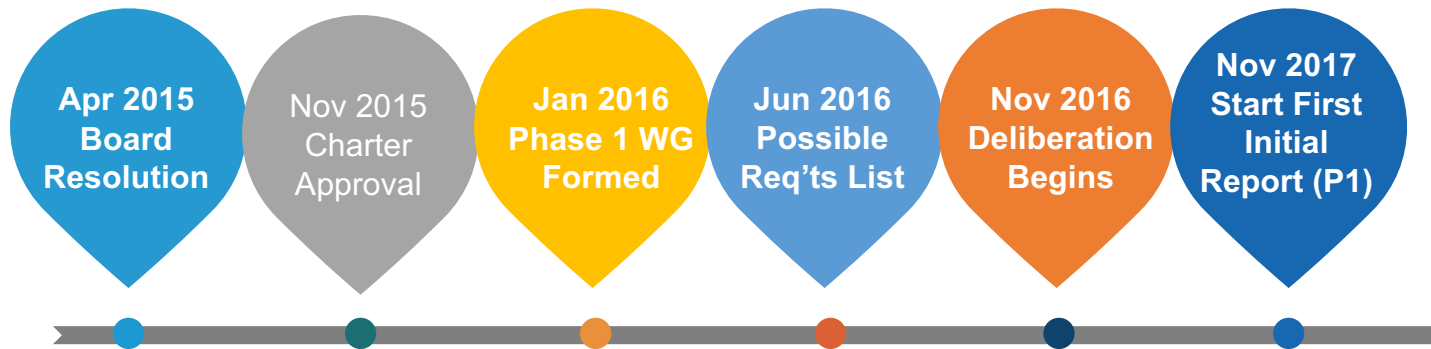# Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS PDP WG Update

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RDS PDP: Project Timeline & Major Milestones

Apr 2015 Board Resolution

Nov 2015 Charter Approval

Jan 2016 Phase 1 WG Formed

Jun 2016 Possible Req'ts List

Nov 2016 Deliberation Begins

Nov 2017 Start First Initial Report (P1)

Next Steps

- Finish deliberating on charter questions 1-5
- Answer Foundational Question
- First Initial Report
- Modify Phase 1 Work Plan
- Deliberate on charter questions 6-11
- Second Initial Report
- Final Report for Phase 1

If a next-gen RDS is needed:

- Phase 2 (Policy Development)
- Phase 3 (Implementation and Coexistence Guidance)

WHAT THIS PROJECT IS ABOUT

In April 2015, the ICANN Board reaffirmed 'its request for a Board-initiated GNSO policy development process to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to generic top-level domain (gTLD) registration data, and consider safeguards for protecting data, using the recommendations in the Expert Working Group (EWG) Final Report as an input to, and, if appropriate, as the foundation for a new gTLD policy'.

Following publication of the PDP Final Issue Report, the GNSO Council adopted the charter for the PDP WG, which commenced its deliberations at the end of January 2016. During the **first phase its work**, the WG has been tasked with providing the GNSO Council with recommendations on the following two questions:

1) What are the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data?
2) Is a new policy framework and next-generation registration directory services (RDS) needed to address these requirements?

What are the current issues under discussion?

- Issues now under discussion: Phase 1 deliberation on Fundamental Requirements for 4 charter questions, focusing initially on a "Minimum Public Data Set"

  - Users/Purposes: Who should have access to gTLD registration data in the "Minimum Public Data Set" and why (for what purposes)?

  - Gated Access: What steps should be taken to control data access to the "Minimum Public Data Set"?

  - Data Elements: What data in the "Minimum Public Data Set" should be collected, stored, and disclosed?

  - Privacy: For the "Minimum Public Data Set" only, what steps are needed to protect data and privacy?

- 26 initial points of rough consensus reached to date are reflected in our working document

- ICANN59 Cross-Community Session on RDS will be used to solicit community questions and feedback
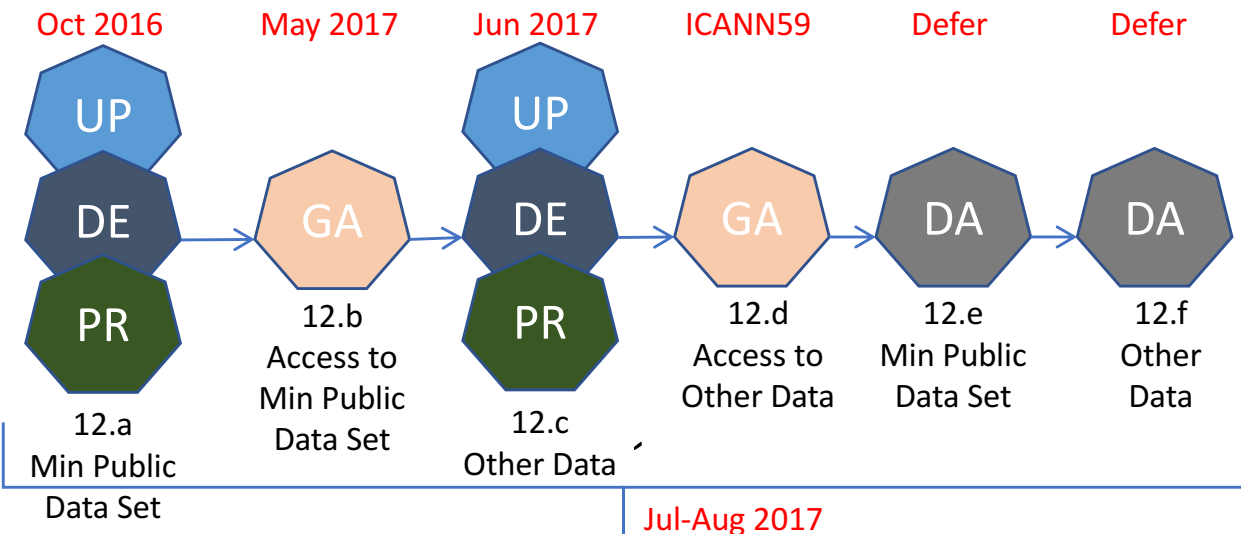
What are the current challenges?

- Current challenges include burnout, complexity, duration, and conflicting views
    - When agreeing upon individual requirements proved difficult, we refocused on "Key Concepts"
    - To find common ground, we narrowed the focus of <u>initial deliberation</u> to "thin data" -- leading to definition of a "Minimum Public Data Set" to be accessible for all gTLDs, without authentication
    - Having nearly concluded our pass on this data, we will now expand our focus to other data elements

- Given importance of answers to WG questions on privacy and data protection, independent legal analysis is being pursued

What are the current challenges? (continued)

- o WG membership has grown significantly since ICANN58 – currently 192 members, 171 observers
  - o Presents both opportunity and challenges

- o WG members have deeply held positions
  - o Difficulty focusing on topic at hand, often revisiting points previously covered

- o WG email has at times become offensive to some, tense and unconstructive, too voluminous to follow
  - o WG leadership is working with Ombudsman to help address concerns raised

Near-Term Work Plan

First Pass (iterative): Key Concepts for each Fundamental Question

| Oct 2016 | May 2017 | Jun 2017 | ICANN59 | Defer | Defer |

UP / **DE** / **PR** → **GA** → **UP** / **DE** / **PR** → **GA** → **DA** → **DA**

12.a
Min Public
Data Set

12.b
Access to
Min Public
Data Set

12.c
Other Data

12.d
Access to
Other Data

12.e
Min Public
Data Set

12.f
Other
Data

Deliberation on Requirements for

UP	Users/Purposes
GA	Gated Access
DA	Data Accuracy
DE	Data Elements
PR	Privacy
FQ	Foundational Question

PHASE

Jul-Aug 2017

**Second Pass (iterative): Solidify and frame
Key Concepts as Requirements
for each of these Fundamental Questions
[UP] [DE] [PR] [GA] [DA]**

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"Is a new Next-Gen
RDS needed or can
the existing WHOIS
system be modified
to satisfy these
requirements?"

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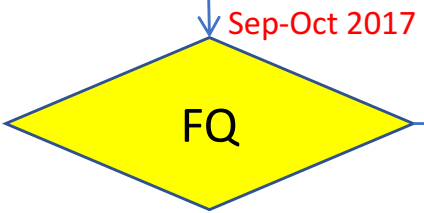
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Start Preparation of
First Initial Report

Rough Informal Consensus

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How can the GNSO Council & ICANN community assist?

o As Key Concepts are identified, we are using polls to confirm rough consensus & identify next steps

  o GNSO SGs/Cs and ACs/SOs can assist by encouraging their members who participate in this PDP to participate regularly and constructively in calls, polls, and email

o In today's Cross-Community session on RDS

  o GNSO SGs/Cs and ACs/SOs can assist by providing questions and feedback on WG-identified key concepts pertaining to RDS Purpose, Data Elements, Privacy, and Access for the "Minimum Public Data Set"

Sessions at ICANN59 and Further Information

o Open RDS PDP WG sessions at ICANN59:
  Cross-Community Session - Monday 26 June (15.15-18.30)
  WG F2F Meeting - Wednesday 28 June (08.30-12.00)

o Background information:
  Background Docs: https://community.icann.org/x/QIxlAw
  Phase 1 Docs: https://community.icann.org/x/p4xlAw

o ICANN59 Policy Briefing Paper:
  https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/policy-briefing-icann59-19jun17-en.pdf

o Working Group Charter:
  https://community.icann.org/x/E4xlAw

o Working Group online wiki space (with meeting transcripts, call recordings, draft documents and background materials):
  https://community.icann.org/x/rjJ-Ag