



# GNSO Council Open Meeting Agenda Background Information

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## Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery - PDP WG Charter

### **What is the GNSO Council deciding on today?**

Following the decision to initiate a Policy Development Process (PDP) on Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery (PEDNR), which was taken at the GNSO Council meeting on 7 May 2009, a drafting team was formed to develop a charter for a PEDNR Working Group. This drafting team has now completed its work and has submitted a charter for consideration to the GNSO Council. The GNSO Council will decide today whether or not to adopt the proposed charter (see background information for charter details). Once adopted, a PEDNR Working Group will be created that will consist of constituency representatives as well as interested stakeholders that will be tasked to develop recommendations for GNSO consideration on the issues outlined in its charter.

### **Why is it important?**

This PDP will address to which extent should registrants be able to reclaim their domain names after they expire. At issue is whether the current policies of registrars on the renewal, transfer and deletion of expired domain names are adequate.

### **How can I get involved?**

Following the adoption of the working group charter a call for volunteers will be launched. Please monitor the GNSO announcement web site (<http://gns0.icann.org/announcements/>) or contact the GNSO secretariat ([gns0.secretariat@gns0.icann.org](mailto:gns0.secretariat@gns0.icann.org)) to be added to the mailing list.

A PEDNR Workshop will take place later today, from 14.00 – 16.00, to allow for a first exchange of views with the broader community on the issues that will be part of the Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery PDP (see <http://syd.icann.org/node/3869> for further details).



### **Where can I find more information?**

You can find more information on the PEDNR Wiki that has been created to facilitate collaboration and sharing of information (see [https://st.icann.org/post-expiration-dn-recovery-wg/index.cgi?post\\_expiration\\_domain\\_name\\_recovery\\_wg](https://st.icann.org/post-expiration-dn-recovery-wg/index.cgi?post_expiration_domain_name_recovery_wg)).

### **Background Information**

During the ICANN meeting in Cairo (November 2008), the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) voted to request an Issues Report on the subject of registrants being able to recover domain names after their formal expiration date. ICANN Staff prepared the Issues report on PEDNR and submitted it to the GNSO Council on 5 December 2008 (see <http://gns0.icann.org/issues/post-expiration-recovery/report-05dec08.pdf>). The GNSO Council reviewed and discussed the findings of the Issues Report and decided on 7 May 2009 to initiate a Policy Development Process in which the following issues will be addressed:

- Whether adequate opportunity exists for registrants to redeem their expired domain names;
- Whether adequate expiration-related provisions in typical registration agreements are clear and conspicuous enough;
- Whether adequate notice exists to alert registrants of upcoming expirations;
- Whether additional measures need to be implemented to indicate that once a domain name enters the Auto-Renew Grace Period, it has expired (e.g. hold status, a notice on the site with a link to information on how to renew, or other options to be determined);
- Whether to allow the transfer of a domain name during the RGP.

A drafting team was formed to develop a charter for a PEDNR Working Group and has proposed the following charter:

The Working Group initially shall:

1. Pursue the availability of further information from ICANN compliance staff to understand how current RAA provisions and consensus policies regarding deletion, auto-renewal, and recovery of domain names following expiration are enforced;



2. Review and understand the current domain name life cycle;
3. Review current registrar practices regarding domain name expiration, renewal, and post-expiration recovery.

The Working Group shall then consider the following questions:

1. Whether adequate opportunity exists for registrants to redeem their expired domain names;
2. Whether expiration-related provisions in typical registration agreements are clear and conspicuous enough;
3. Whether adequate notice exists to alert registrants of upcoming expirations;
4. Whether additional measures need to be implemented to indicate that once a domain name enters the Auto-Renew Grace Period, it has expired (e.g., hold status, a notice on the site with a link to information on how to renew, or other options to be determined);
5. Whether to allow the transfer of a domain name during the RGP.

The Working Group is expected to organize an issue update / workshop at the Seoul meeting, in addition to an update to the GNSO Council.

The Working Group should consider recommendations for best practices as well as or instead of recommendations for Consensus Policy.