

## Policy Development Process Update

### Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Issues in relation to the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement and the Development of a Privacy and Proxy Services Accreditation Program by ICANN

November 2015

#### Upcoming Important Dates

The Working Group has completed its review of all public comments received to its Initial Report. It intends to publish its Final Report before the end of the year.

#### Summary

The Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) is the contract that governs the relationship between ICANN and its accredited registrars (a directory of accredited registrars can be found at <http://www.internic.net/regist.html>). Its provisions also may have impacts on registrants and other third parties involved in the domain name system. In June 2013, the ICANN Board approved a new 2013 RAA (the provisions of which can be found at <http://www.icann.org/en/resources/registrars/raa/approved-with-specs-27jun13-en.pdf>). In initiating negotiations for the 2013 RAA between ICANN and the Registrars Stakeholder Group in October 2011, the ICANN Board had also requested an Issue Report from the GNSO that, upon the conclusion of the RAA negotiations, would start a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) to address remaining issues not dealt with in the RAA negotiations that would be suited to a PDP. The GNSO Council approved the charter for this effort at its meeting on 31 October 2013 and a Working Group was formed.

The WG published its Initial Report for public comment on 5 May: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ppsai-initial-2015-05-05-en..> Due to the unusually large volume of comments received (including over 11,000 public comments and almost 150 survey responses), the WG extended its timeline in order to carefully and thoroughly consider all the input received as it prepares its Final Report. Its current aim is to submit its Final Report to the GNSO Council by end-2015.

#### Engagement Opportunity Status



**Additional Information**

- WG Charter <http://gnso.icann.org/en/drafts/raa-pp-charter-22oct13-en.pdf>
- WG Workspace <https://community.icann.org/x/9iCfAg>
- WG Initial Report <http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/raa/ppsai-initial-05may15-en.pdf> (please refer to the Public Comment Forum for links to the Executive Summary, available in all six UN languages)
- Staff Report of public comments <https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-ppsai-initial-11sep15-en.pdf>