**Approval of a charter for the Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS (Next-Gen RDS) PDP WG**

WHEREAS

1. Following submission of the [WHOIS Policy Review Team’s Final Report](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/final-report-11may12-en.pdf), the ICANN Board passed a resolution on [8 November, 2012](http://www.icann.org/en/groups/board/documents/prelim-report-08nov12-en.htm), launching an Expert Working Group on gTLD Registration Directory Services (EWG) to (1) help redefine the purpose of gTLD registration data and consider how to safeguard the data, and (2) propose a model for gTLD registration directory services to address accuracy, privacy, and access issues.
2. Upon publication of the [EWG’s Final Report](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/final-report-06jun14-en.pdf) in June, 2014, an informal group of Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Councilors and ICANN Board members collaborated to propose a [Process Framework](http://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/next-generation-rds-framework-26apr15-en.pdf) for structuring a GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP) to successfully address these challenging issues.
3. On [26 May, 2015](https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-04-26-en#1.f), the ICANN Board adopted that Process Framework and reaffirmed its 2012 request for a Board-initiated PDP to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data, and to consider safeguards for protecting data, using the recommendations in the EWG’s Final Report as an input to, and, if appropriate, as the foundation for a new gTLD policy.
4. In accordance with the PDP Rules, a new [Preliminary Issue Report](http://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/rds-prelim-issue-13jul15-en.pdf) was published for [public comment](https://www.icann.org/public-comments/rds-prelim-issue-2015-07-13-en) on 13 July 2015. Following review of the public comments received, the Staff Manager updated the Issue Report accordingly and included a summary of the comments received (see Annex D), which was submitted as the [Final Issue Report](https://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/final-issue-report-next-generation-rds-07oct15-en.pdf) to the GNSO Council for its consideration on 7 October 2015
5. The GNSO Council has reviewed the issues raised in the Final Issue Report as well as the Draft Charter for a PDP Working Group that was included in the Preliminary Issue Report and updated reflecting the input received in the [Final Issue Report](https://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/final-issue-report-next-generation-rds-07oct15-en.pdf) under Annex C (pp.67-77)

RESOLVED,

1. The GNSO Council approves the Draft Charter proposed in the [Final Issue Report](https://whois.icann.org/sites/default/files/files/final-issue-report-next-generation-rds-07oct15-en.pdf) and appoints Susan Kawaguchi as the GNSO Council liaison to the Next-Generation gTLD Registration Directory Service (RDS) to replace WHOIS (Next-Gen RDS) PDP WG;
2. The GNSO Council directs ICANN staff to issue a call for volunteers for the PDP WG after the approval of this motion. The call for volunteers should be circulated as widely as possible in order to ensure broad representation and participation in the Working Group and should be initiated no later than January 4th, 2016 and remain open until the WG convenes for the first time; and
3. Until such time as the WG selects a chair(s) for the WG and that chair(s) is confirmed by the GNSO Council, the GNSO Council liaison to the WG shall serve as the interim chair.