



# Registration Abuse Policies WG



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# Background

- Registries and registrars seem to lack uniform approaches to deal with domain name registration abuse
- What role ICANN should play in addressing registration abuse?
- What issues, if any, are suitable for GNSO policy development?
- Registration Abuse Policies Pre-PDP Working Group launched in March 2009

# Objective

RAP WG tasked to address issues such as:

- What is the difference between registration abuse and domain name use abuse?
- What is the effectiveness of existing abuse policies?
- Would there be benefits to a more uniform approach by registries and registrars?
- Initial Report published on 12 Feb 2010

# Initial Report

WG developed a list of abuses, developed definition, determined what registration issues exists (if any), scope and policy issues involved

Recommendations included relate to:

- Cybersquatting
- Whois Access
- Malicious Use of Domain Names
- Front-Running
- Fake Renewal Notices
- Domain Kiting
- Deceptive and/or Offensive Domain Names
- Uniformity of Contracts
- Meta Issues

# Next Steps

- RAPWG will review and analyze the comments received during the public comment period
- Update Report accordingly
- Presentation of Final Report to the GNSO Meeting in time for the ICANN meeting in Brussels
- GNSO Council to consider recommendations and decide on next steps

# Further Information & Participation

- Public Comment Forum on the Initial Report (until 28 March): <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#rap-initial-report>
- Registration Abuse Policies Initial Report <http://gnso.icann.org/issues/rap-wg-initial-report-12feb10-en.pdf>
- More detailed presentation of Initial Report recommendations to GNSO Council in Wednesday during Open Meeting
- RAP Initial Report Information Session on Wednesday from 16.00 – 17.30

# QUESTIONS?