

GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

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

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Public comment period opened for Initial Report–5 May 2015; forum closes on 7 July 2015.

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 has published its Initial Report for public comment: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ppsai-initial-2015-05-05-en>. Following the closure of the public comment period, the WG will review all input received and prepare a Final Report for submission to the GNSO Council (estimated for September 2015).

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

WG Charter: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/drafts/raa-pp-charter-22oct13-en.pdf>

WG Workspace: <https://community.icann.org/x/9iCfAg>

WG Initial Report: <http://gns0.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)

Template for submitting public comments: <https://s.zoomerang.com/s/VTLNGF5>

