

13 April 2018

Cherine Chalaby, Chair, ICANN Board  
Chris Disspain, Vice Chair, ICANN Board

Dear Cherine, Chris,

I write on behalf of the GNSO Council leadership and RDS PDP WG leadership teams to acknowledge and thank you and your Board colleagues Göran Marby (ICANN CEO), Becky Burr, Avri Doria and Matthew Shears for the call initiated by Cherine's letter of 23 March 2018 (<https://www.icann.org/resources/correspondence/1214411-2018-03-23-en>), which took place this week at 20:00 UTC on 10 April 2018.

As a group we recognise the changed circumstances presented by the entry into force of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and appreciate the Board's initiative in beginning a dialogue on the potential implications of these changes for current GNSO policy and policy-making activities. We particularly value the collaborative spirit in which these discussions have begun, and Board members' interest in early engagement with the GNSO Council, as manager of the PDP process, and the Next Generation gTLD RDS to Replace WHOIS PDP Working Group (RDS PDP WG).

We will update the GNSO community on these discussions and consider possible next steps, and will keep you informed of the outcomes of that consultation.

Sincerely,

Heather Forrest, GNSO Chair