

14 November 2018

**Termination of the Next-Generation Registration Directory Services (RDS) Policy Development Process Working Group**

To: ICANN Board

Dear Cherine,

We are writing you on behalf of the GNSO Council to inform you and the ICANN Board of the recent decision of the GNSO Council to terminate the Next-Generation Registration Directory (RDS) Policy Development Process (PDP) Working Group (WG).

As you may have been aware, following ICANN61 (March 2018), the RDS PDP WG Leadership decided to put on hold WG meetings indefinitely. This decision was made in light of the uncertain status of GDPR-related work and the possible duplication of efforts as a result of the adoption by the ICANN Board of the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data.

Subsequently, the GNSO Council initiated the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration data. Due to these changing circumstances, on 17 July 2018, the GNSO Council Liaison to the RDS PDP WG, Stephanie Perrin, submitted the required Termination Summary (see <https://gns0.icann.org/sites/default/files/file/field-file-attach/next-gen-rds-12oct18-en.pdf>) to the GNSO Council recommending that the RDS PDP WG be terminated as per section 15 of the PDP Manual. The GNSO Council considered this termination request during its meeting on 24 October 2018 during ICANN63, and unanimously adopted the motion to terminate this PDP.

As this was a Board-initiated PDP, we wanted to inform you of this development, which hopefully did not come as a surprise. We thought you might also be interested in the lessons learned document that the RDS leadership team shared with the GNSO Council to help inform its discussions on PDP 3.0 which are focused on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the GNSO Policy Development Process (see <https://gns0.icann.org/en/correspondence/summary-rds-org-lessons-learned-23oct18-en.pdf>).

Of course, should you have any further questions or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Keith Drazek, GNSO Chair

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