

9 July 2017

From: Registry Service Provider (RSP) Discussion Group
To: Leadership of the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group

Cc: The Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)

Dear Avri, dear Jeff,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the RSP Discussion Group (RSP DG). This group is an informal group formed by the Registry Stakeholder Group (RySG) to allow discussion on items linked to the issue of RSPs. The RSP DG is focused on the current operation of gTLDs and the effective working together of ICANN's GDD, the Registry Operators and their chosen RSPs.

In your capacity as Chairs of the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group (SubPro WG), the RSP DG feels it is important for you to be aware of our work, especially given there is possible common ground between the work of the RSP DG on the operation of current gTLDs and the items the SubPro WG is itself looking at in relation to the launch and operation of future round gTLDs.

I am also copying the RrSG as registrars also have potential interest in our work.

The RSP DG has identified 6 work areas which it is tracking. The group met during ICANN59 in Johannesburg and assigned leaders to these work tracks. Our plan is to complete an initial analysis of each work track and to forward a précis of that analysis to you by the end of September in order to feed into the SubPro WG's own work.

The 6 work tracks are as follows:

- A more secure, stable, and resilient RSP operation
- A more streamlined process associated with changing RSPs
- Transition from technical testing to an ongoing monitoring solution
- Improved services by creating the option for a direct communication between ICANN and RSPs
- Reducing the financial and administrative burdens for the Registry Operator associated with changing RSPs
- Enhancing the security and stability of the DNS.

The RySG DG has recently requested more in-depth historical information from ICANN about events that reached the EBERO threshold level. This information has been requested to help the DG to understand the root cause of the events in order to develop solutions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or follow-up comments.

Best regards,

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Chair
RySG RSP Discussion Group