

## Draft Problem Statement for the RDS PDP WG – 14 August 2016

The Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS) PDP Working Group has been tasked with defining the policies associated with an improved RDS that will meet the needs of the existing and ever-evolving global Internet. The core problem that will need to be solved in defining this policy is resolving the tension among the varied and competing views of ICANN constituencies on key issues while accounting for rules, regulations, and laws that vary widely from region to region.

Consumers, the domain name industry, governments, intellectual property owners, and individual registrants all have a vested interest in an RDS system which contains accurate and complete registration data, and which is secure, performant, resilient, accessible, and auditable. These stakeholders have similar yet distinct requirements regarding the particular data which should be collected and the conditions under which it can be viewed. Additionally, there are some entities which desire anonymity and their requirements regarding data collection and data access may be at odds with the aforementioned stakeholders. Members of the global population of end-users, whether they are individuals, organizations, companies, or other groups, may fall into either camp depending on circumstances.

In order to support each constituency within the RDS fairly and pragmatically, with their varied priorities as summarized above requires us to review the purposes of the Domain Name System and the purpose of the RDS which supports it. This understanding will enable the Working Group to ensure the policies which enable an effective RDS also define a secure and safe environment for commerce and communication.

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