**RDS PDP WG Discussion Rules**

In addition to following [GNSO Working Group Guidelines](https://gnso.icann.org/en/council/annex-1-gnso-wg-guidelines-08apr11-en.pdf) and [ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/expected-standards-2016-06-28-en), the following rules are intended to help this WG deliberate effectively, both on-list and during WG calls:

1. Discussion topics must be narrowly defined.
2. Responses must focus on the narrowly defined topics.
3. Ok to note dependency on another topic and state assumptions made, but keep focus on-topic.
4. Members should be as brief as possible.
5. Repetition of points already made should be minimized.
6. Members must identify themselves in message text (for example, prefacing in-line responses with initials) so that others can easily determine who made those statements.
7. Deliberation must follow the terms of the WG charter and will, unless otherwise decided, start with discussion of relevant elements of the EWG Report.
8. Proposed WG agreements to be finalized in WG calls and decided through polling, not on-list.
9. When starting a new topic, create a new email thread - don't reply to existing unrelated thread.
10. When possible, identify charter question in Subject line (e.g., UP, DE, PR, GA).

These rules were drafted by the RDS PDP WG Leadership team after consideration of recent WG mailing list communication and suggestions offered by WG members.