

Whois TF Update

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Status of the Task Force

- Last year at KL, Task Forces 1 and 2 (data mining and access to data) were merged
- Recently, Task Force 3 (accuracy) also merged with the other two
- Current TF includes all original reps and all original work items
- Met Sunday w/ council; requested that council will create new charter document with a more limited set of objectives

Work Item 1 : Notice

- Requires registrars to provide separate notification to registrants regarding use of contact information in Whois
- Five constituency statements have been received--registries and registrars oppose most of the recommendations, other constituencies generally support them
- Staff is preparing interim report for public comment (PDP requirement)

Work Item 2 : Conflicts with National Law

- Defines a procedure to allow the ICANN staff to consider exceptions to the RAA in cases of conflicts between WHOIS requirements and national privacy law
- Staff raised several concerns regarding these recommendations
 - TF is revising recommendations
- New recommendations may be intended to be policy or framed as advice to staff/board

Work Item 3 : Accuracy

- In Cape Town, TF 3 met and discussed some principles to advance the work
- No work/progress since Cape Town
- Informal agreement to narrow work to correcting information in response to complaints

Work Item 4 : Tiered Access

- Recently had several presentations from several registries/registrars who limit access to Whois data or provide privacy services
- TF 1 and TF2 developed some recommendations, but no specific recommendations developed by the combined TF yet