

## **GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

### ISSUE

Locking of a Domain Name subject to UDRP Proceedings

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: Publication of Final Report (planned for July 2013).

### SUMMARY

The GNSO Council has initiated a policy development process (PDP) to address the limited issues associated with the locking of a domain name subject to Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) proceedings. Currently there is no requirement to lock names during the period between filing a complaint and the commencement of proceedings, and no definition of ‘status quo’ (a term used in the UDRP), which has resulted in different interpretations and confusion. The Working Group is expected to make recommendations to the GNSO Council to address the issues identified with the locking of a domain name subject to UDRP Proceedings. The WG published its [Initial Report](#) containing eleven preliminary recommendations, which are expected to usefully clarify and standardize how a domain name is locked and unlocked during the course of a UDRP Proceeding for all parties involved for public comment on 15 March 2013. The WG is now in the process of reviewing the comments received and finalizing its report.

### GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



The WG is open to all interested parties. Additional opportunities for input will occur such as a public comment forum on the policy recommendations prior to Board consideration, provided these are adopted by the GNSO Council.

### INITIAL REPORT

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/locking/domain-name-initial-15mar13-en.pdf>

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://gns0.icann.org/en/group-activities/locking-domain-name-wg.htm>