# RAA Update Margie Milam 13 March 2012



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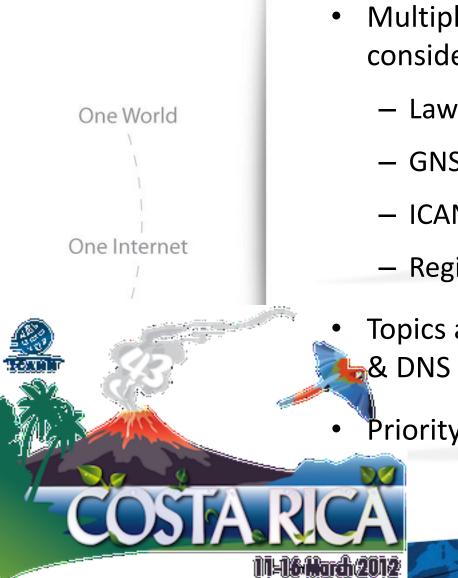
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# Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA)

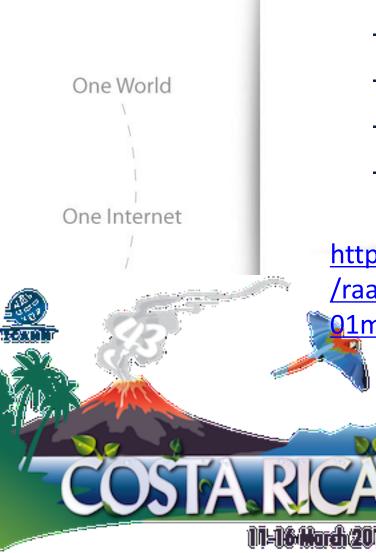
## Status of Negotiations & Policy Work

#### **RAA Amendments to cover:**



- Multiple stakeholders' interests considered
  - Law Enforcement Agencies
  - GNSO recommendations
  - ICANN Board & Staff
  - Registrars
- Topics advancing registrant protection & DNS stability
- **Priority on LEA requests**

#### **General Operating Method**



- RAA negotiations
  - 12+ meetings
  - Weekly phone conferences
  - Progress posted on wiki page
  - Status Report Published:

#### What makes this difficult

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- Negotiating on behalf of many parties
- Full compliance with LEA asks
- Some vagueness to LEA asks
- Can't publish partial agreement
- Some issues require public discussion or some type of bottom-up process
  - Examples:
    - Validation of Whois information
    - Reveal of proxy registration data

#### Next Steps – new agreement

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- Registrars must renew their agreement under a new form of RAA if one is approved based on a consensus among Internet stakeholders demonstrated by:
  - a recommendation, adopted by at least a two-thirds vote of GNSO council
  - a written report that documents the extent of agreement/disagreement of affected groups and the outreach to those groups
  - adoption by the Board

#### Next Steps – when agreement takes effect

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- Registrars have 5 year agreements
- Many registrars signed a revised agreement in 2009, and this comes up for renewal in 2014
- Other registrars at varying times
- Registrars could voluntarily sign an updated agreement prior to 2014
- A new registrar would sign the new agreement
- Policy aspects can be implemented via PDP

#### **GNSO Council's Commencement of PDP**

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- GNSO to conduct the Board mandated PDP on an expedited basis on the "remaining issues"
- Since the negotiations are continuing, PDP to be commenced after negotiations conclude if topics not satisfactorily addressed
- GNSO to consider prioritization of current work, new work
- Overlap of issues with current policy projects
  - WHOIS
  - UDRP
  - Best Practices
  - Uniformity of Contracts

## Staff Recommendations-Issue Report

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 GNSO Council acknowledge receipt of Final Issue Report

- GNSO Council to initiate a PDP upon
  - Report that the RAA negotiations have concluded
  - Report that any of the Proposed
    Amendment Topics are no longer actively
    being negotiated
  - Board instruction to proceed with a PDP on any of the Proposed Amendment Topics

#### For More Information:

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https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/30344497/FInal+Issue+Repor t-RAA+FINAL+3+6+12.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1331143682837

• RAA Status Report:

http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-01mar12-en.htm

• For further developments, visit the Community WIKI on the RAA:

https://community.icann.org/display/RAA/Negotiations+Between+ICANN+and+Registrars+to+Amend+the+Registrar +Accreditation+Agreement

• Costa Rica Session on RAA Update and WHOIS Validation Workshop:

http://costarica43.icann.org/node/29531



## Thank You

