

## **GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

### ISSUE

Locking of a Domain Name subject to UDRP Proceedings

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: March 2013 - expected publication date of Initial Report and opening of public comment forum

### 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 is planning to publish its Initial Report for public comment by mid March 2013.

### GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



The WG is open to all interested parties. Additional opportunities for input will occur such as outreach from the WG to the different SO/ACs for input as well as the publication of the Initial Report for public comment.

### FINAL ISSUE REPORT

<http://gns0.icann.org/issues/udrp/udrp-final-issue-report-03oct11-en.pdf>

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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