WHOIS Next Steps

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- Purpose to review list of WHOIS issues
- Prioritise the issues
- Develop terms of reference for one or more task forces
3 distinct areas identified

• Limit data mining of contact information
• Review data collected and data displayed
• Improve accuracy
Data mining

• Collect information on current needs
  – Volume of queries, data needed per query
• Review approaches to prevent data mining
• Determine best practice solution
• Feed requirements to IETF for new standard protocol (e.g. CRISP)
Data collection and display

• Collect information on how registrants are informed about the data at time of registration
• Determine best practice to inform registrants
• Conduct analysis of the purposes for data collected, and determine what is necessary (balance contactability and privacy)
• Determine methods for protecting privacy, and determine whether these need to be enhanced
Accuracy

- Collect information on current techniques used by registrars to verify data at the time of collection
- Collect information on techniques used by other online service providers
- Create best practices document
- Determine how to cost effectively prevent the provision of deliberate false information
Next Steps

• The GNSO today will consider the terms of reference and decide whether to commence policy development

• A key first step in this process is the collection of accurate information to form a solid basis for policy development

• We seek help from the ICANN community to provide this information.