Council Small Team: Considering Next Steps Regarding DNS Abuse

WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT ICANN75 RELATED TO THIS TOPIC?

The small team is expected to conduct a working session on Saturday, 17 September 2022 from 13:15–14:30 MYT. During this session, the small team plans to work toward finalizing its report to the GNSO Council. The report is slated to include recommendations for further steps the GNSO Council should consider to address DNS abuse.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The GNSO Council agreed during ICANN72 that it wished to initiate a small team on DNS abuse to help recommend potential next steps for the Council. The small team received an **assignment form**, which recognized the numerous community efforts regarding DNS abuse, but sought to focus the team's attention on the narrow question of whether there are DNS abuse issues that are inadequately mitigated and best addressed specifically via policy development.

WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS PROJECT?

The small team began meeting in February 2022. As its first step, it engaged in outreach to community groups, asking them to articulate what DNS abuse problems exist that, to be properly addressed, specifically require policy development.
The small team received inputs from the At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC), Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), the DNS Abuse Institute, and from several of the GNSO's stakeholder groups and constituencies. The small team also received input from ICANN Compliance on several questions, which helped provide a better understanding of contractual enforcement of DNS abuse-related provisions. Following its consideration of the input received from the various community groups and taking into account the responses from ICANN Compliance, the small team is now working on finalizing its report and recommendations which are to be submitted to the GNSO Council for its consideration.

WHAT ARE THE EXPECTED NEXT STEPS?

Following delivery of the small team's report, the GNSO Council will consider the report and confirm next steps.

MORE INFORMATION

- **Small Team Assignment Form**

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