

Dear Councilors,

The DNS abuse small team met on 9 February to discuss the assignment form ([here](#)) and discuss possible next steps. The Council agreed to create this small team at ICANN72, but it was done without a great deal of elaboration. As such, the small team discussed and quickly agreed that its central question should be to consider what DNS abuse issues are best mitigated via policy development specifically, if any, as a mechanism to help determine the Council's next steps on DNS abuse. The small team also agree that a good first step in helping to answer that question is to reach out to community groups that have expressed a keen interest in DNS abuse and seek their input. You can see the draft communications here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rpmBJZ5EwbztuoNH8r36lCxVo_VD4mEDwloFyEr8aqs/edit?usp=sharing [docs.google.com] [docs.google.com]. The group also quickly agreed that these letters should be sent via Council leadership rather than the small team.

The initial set of outreach targets includes these four: **ALAC, GAC, SSAC, and the DNS Abuse Institute**. There was a suggestion to also reach out to eco's topDNS initiative and the Internet & Jurisdiction's Domains & Jurisdiction Program, but there is a concern that with all of the community work on DNS abuse, the Council is bound to miss a group in its formal outreach. Therefore, it was decided to leave it up to small team members to reach out to additional groups as they deem helpful.

With ICANN73 approaching quickly, we think it would be helpful to get these letters out as quickly as possible, since ICANN73 should present itself as a good forum for groups to consider the Council's questions. For that reason, we're seeking any objections to the draft communications by **23:59 UTC on 4 March**, and assuming Council leadership agrees, they will be sent out shortly afterwards.

Best,
Mark & Paul, small team co-leads