

DNS Abuse Small Team



GNSO Council Meeting
10 July 2025

Objective:

Evaluate DNS Abuse mitigation efforts and determine whether further policy work is needed.



Tasks:

- *Review 2022 Small Team Recommendations*
- *Assess impact of ICANN contract amendments*
- *Conduct outreach to ICANN Community.*
- *Analyse INFERMAL study findings.*
- *Identify gaps in mitigation efforts.*



Deliverable:

Report to GNSO Council with findings, identified gaps, and recommendations for next steps.

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Agreed on Delivery plan:

- Ongoing review of delivery plan

Gaps/Issues in DNS Abuse Mitigation:

- Listed the gaps named in the reviewed source documents.
- Sent Qs to ICANN Org

Next Steps:

- Small Team discussed list of gaps with ICANN Community

Where are we now?

- Drafting report/recs to Council
- Finalizing list of gaps/issues
- Recommending vote for Issue Report in Aug

Reviewed key sources:

- INFERMAL study
- ICANN Compliance data from 1 year Contract Amendments
- NetBeacon White Paper
- DNS Abuse Small Team Report (Nov2022)

Clustering of Gaps/Issues:

- Clustered the gaps named in the reviewed source documents into overarching themes.

Collecting Feedback:

- Aligning on the categorization/clustering for each gap
- Completeness, accuracy, and clarity of list of gaps/issues

Gaps related to:

- Associated domain check
- Complaint reports
- Compromised vs Maliciously registered domains
- Contractual Gap/Improvement
- Dispute Resolution
- Enforcement challenges
- Friction
- Practices that are prone to abuse
- Industry coordination
- Lack of data/research
- Mitigation information from CP
- Pass down requirements to registrants
- Proactive vs Reactive Measures



Organizing the Gaps - Relying on Groupings From First DNS Abuse Team:

- Preventative Measures (Phase 0)
- Abuse Reporting (Phase 1-2)
- Contractual Obligations & Enforcement (Phase 3-4)
- Community Collaboration
- Data & Transparency





Timeline: Assignment Form says within 6 months but due to the importance of the topic, the Small Team aims to deliver its assignment to allow for **Council to request an Issue Report in August**.



Elements:

- Analysis and scope of the issues
- Opinion of the General Counsel whether the issues are in scope for policy development in the GNSO
- Opinion of ICANN staff of whether the Council should initiate a PDP on the issues
- A proposed charter for the PDP Working Group
- 45 days are allocated to draft the Preliminary Issue Report
- Once complete, it is published for public comment for no less than 30 days