



# Guide to ICANN68



## Key issues from the Virtual Policy Forum

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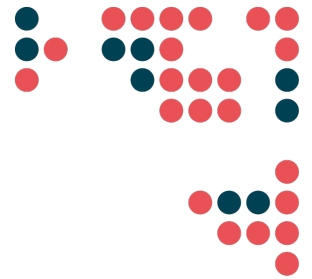
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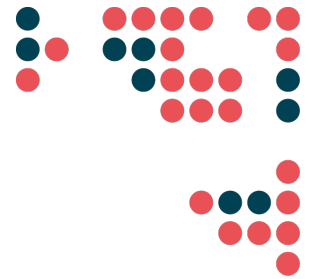
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## Introduction

This guide provides an overview of the upcoming sessions that are most relevant for ccTLD managers in the upcoming ccNSO and GAC meetings.

The omnipresence of the 'Abuse' topic has led us to slightly adapt the familiar format of this guide. As this topic stretches across all supporting organisations and advisory committees, we collected all relevant sessions in one chapter.

In order to attend these sessions you will need to [register](#) for the Virtual meeting on the ICANN website.

ICANN68 will take place remotely, during regular working hours in Kuala Lumpur (MYT/ UTC+8). The meeting times in this guide are reflected in CEST.

## 'DNS Abuse' related sessions

### GAC DNS Abuse Mitigation [with PSWG]

The GAC will discuss recent developments related to DNS Abuse, in particular in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, in connection with a Cross-Community Plenary session planned on this topic during ICANN68. This session will also be an opportunity to review and discuss relevant developments in the prevention and mitigation of DNS Abuse and Security Threats.

- Monday 22 June, 05:30 – 06:30 CEST
- Tuesday 23 June, 10:30 – 11:30 CEST

### Cross-Community Plenary: DNS Abuse and malicious registrations during COVID-19

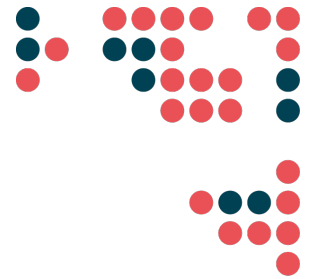
Discussion on DNS abuse and malicious registrations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Monday 22 June, 07:00 – 08:30 CEST

### At-Large Policy Session: DNS Abuse: COVID-19 and end-user issues

This session seeks to address the concerns of individual users worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic, disinformation, public health and surveillance. It aims to answer questions on how to best protect end-users' interests in the time of the pandemic, in cases of advanced data collection, including through online and mobile service providers. It will also address how to protect end-users from online disinformation, prying on increased health concerns around the globe. Some of the issues in focus during this session are: What are the limits of online service providers' rights and obligations when it comes to sharing end user information with governments and private actors? Where does disinformation end and advertising begin? Who should make that assessment? What is reliable health information and what is misleading DNS abuse?

- Monday 22 June, 04:00 – 05:30 CEST



## DNS in times of COVID-19: the ccTLD experience

The first part of this session will deal with operational aspects such as working from home, contingency planning and capacity building. The second part will dive into the registrations made for abusive purposes, trying to quantify the size of the problem, interaction with third parties such as law enforcement agencies or health authorities and how ccTLDs have responded to this issue.

- Wednesday 24 June, 02:30 – 05:00 CEST

## At-Large Policy Session: DNS Abuse: setting an acceptable threshold

The At-Large has made it its mission to combat DNS Abuse and has started a number of conversations on that topic. Many gTLD registrars and registries are wary of the new specific contract provisions and believe the environment to be too fluid to manage via a contract. At the same time, it has become clear that ICANN Contract Compliance lacks the tools to combat systemic abuse when it identifies it. One solution would be to simply negotiate a "threshold" of abuse, described as a percentage of second level registrations being used for DNS Abuse. If that percentage goes over the agreed upon threshold, the contracted party is in breach and ICANN Contract Compliance can begin to take action. With this model, contracted parties would be free to use whatever tools they deemed necessary to keep their percentage of abuse below the threshold.

- Wednesday 24 June, 04:00 – 05:30 CEST

## ccNSO guide

The traditional ccTLD news sessions were held in early June. They are available online: ([first session](#), [second session](#)).

Below is a list of the upcoming sessions.

### ccNSO Tech Day

This interactive session will be a technical workshop, with presentations, discussions and hands-on demonstrations. It is open to anyone interested in technical topics related to registry work, security etc.

- Monday 22 June, 09:00 – 11:30 CEST

### Governance Models for ccTLD Managers

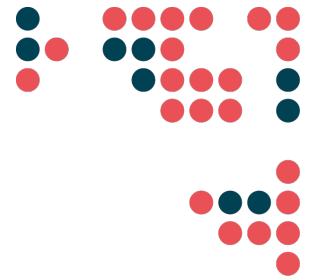
This session will introduce and discuss four ccTLD governance models (for profit, academic, not-for profit and governmental). Pablo Rodrigues (.pr) will present his study on governance models.

- Tuesday 23 June, 09:00 – 11:30 CEST

### ccNSO Internet Governance Liaising Committee (IGLC)

The ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee will meet to discuss and finalize the activities it intends to undertake. The IGLC was established in April 2019 to coordinate, facilitate and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in discussions and processes pertaining to Internet Governance.

- Wednesday 24 June, 10:30 – 11:30 CEST



## ccNSO Strategic & Operational Planning Standing Committee

The goal of the committee is to coordinate and organise the participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN's Strategic and Operational planning processes.

- Thursday 25 June, 09:00 – 10:00 CEST

## GAC guide

Here is a link to the GAC [ICANN67 Communiqué](#).

The ICANN68 GAC Communiqué is to be expected on 26 June.

There are currently 178 Members and 38 Observers in the GAC.

## Data protection

### GAC WHOIS and Data Protection Policies

The GAC will review and discuss the status of the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on gTLD Registration Data following the release of the Phase 2 Initial Report and its subsequent Addendum. The GAC will also discuss the current status of interim arrangements under the Interim Registration Data Policy to provide for reasonable access to non-public gTLD registration data.

- Tuesday 23 June, 05:30 - 06:30 CEST

## Meeting with the ICANN Board

### GAC Preparation for Meeting with the ICANN Board

GAC members will review and refine prepared topics and questions for the ICANN Board to provide answers to during the following joint meeting with the GAC.

- Monday 22 June, 09:00 - 10:00 CEST

### GAC meeting with the ICANN Board

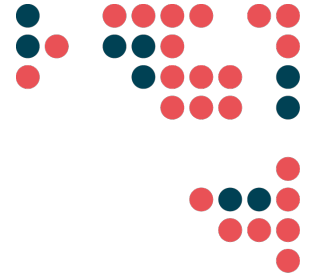
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## Enhancing ICANN Accountability

### GAC Discussions on Work Stream 2 - Accountability Recommendations and Impacts

With the adoption of the Work Stream 2 Accountability (WS2) recommendations by the ICANN Board last November, the ICANN organisation (org) and individual community groups now have the obligation to undertake the implementation of those recommendations. During this session, GAC members will review WS2 recommendations that are of particular interest to GAC members and those that may directly impact GAC operations. As part of those discussions, the GAC may also explore the potential follow-up of the WS2 efforts.

- Wednesday 24 June, 07:30 – 08:30 CEST



## **GAC wrap-up and preparation for ICANN69**

The final session of the GAC ICANN68 Virtual week will offer an opportunity for GAC Members to learn from certain GAC Working Groups about their recent intersessional activities and future plans. Additionally, the GAC Support will outline the timeline for the next round of elections for GAC Leadership which will conclude during ICANN69.

- Thursday 25 June, 10:30 – 11:30 CEST

## **Other sessions of interest**

### **Plenary Session: The DNS and the Internet of Things: Opportunities, Risks, and Challenges**

This session will focus on discussions on the DNS and the Internet of Things, specifically the related opportunities, risks and challenges.

- Tuesday 23 June, 07:00 – 08:00 CEST

### **At-Large Policy Session: Aligning UA and IDNs with the Multilingual Internet: End-user perspectives**

The proposed session will examine the current state of end-user participation in the journey towards a multilingual internet, with a special focus on IDNs and Universal Acceptance (UA). It will also explore the possibilities of leveraging end-users, their organizations and their communities in activities such as outreach, remediation and awareness-building for IDNs and UA.

- Thursday 25 June, 02:30 – 04:00 CEST

### **Plenary Session: ICANN and COVID-19 - Advancing Policy Work in the Current Environment**

- Thursday 25 June, 07:00 – 08:30 CEST