#### TLD-OPS Standing Committee ccNSO Update

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### **TLD-OPS**

- Technical incident response community for and by ccTLDs
- Brings together folks who are responsible for the overall security and stability of their ccTLD
- Goal: facilitate further increased level of security and stability of ccTLDs' services and of the Internet as a whole
- Approach: increase (i) reachability of ccTLD incident response contacts and (ii) level of shared knowledge on security alerts
- Open to every ccTLD, irrespective of ccNSO membership
- Oversight by TLD-OPS Standing Committee
  - ccTLD reps and Liaisons (SSAC, IANA, ICANN's security team)



## **TLD-OPS** Mailing List

- Regular automated emails with incident response info
  - Contact persons, phone numbers, and email addresses
  - Info of all subscribed ccTLDs in one email
  - Easily and quickly look up contact through (local) inbox
- Share security alerts, such as
  - Attacks (DDoS, reflection attacks, phishing, etc.)
  - Software vulnerabilities, malware
- Model of personal trust
  - Personal email address and phone number (no role-based accounts)
  - Contributes to further increasing trust within the ccTLD community
  - Approval model via IANA admin contact, bootstraps trust
  - Low entrance barrier, unlike vouching model



### **TLD-OPS Membership Stats**

All	Members	%	Missing	%	Total
Total	173	60%	117	40%	290
ASCII	Members	%	Missing	%	Total
Total	145	<b>59%</b>	<i>99</i>	41%	244
AF	22	45%	27	55%	49
AP	42	51%	41	49%	83
EU	62	95%	3	5%	65
LAC	16	38%	26	62%	42
NA	3	60%	2	40%	5
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IDN	Members	%	Missing	%	Total
Total	28	61%	18	39%	46

Last update: Mar 5, 2016



## **Progress Since ICANN54**

- Added 6 ccTLDs (Egypt, Algeria, Barbados, Gibraltar, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Updated TLD-OPS leaflet
  - Added value for members, governance
  - Based on ICANN54 feedback
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/tld-ops-enhanced-incidentresponse-capabilities-cctlds-14jan16-en.pdf
- Extended TLD-OPS Standing Committee
  - Ali Hadji Mmadi of .km (Comoros, AF)
  - Warren Kumari (SSAC Liaison)
  - John Crain (Liaison to ICANN's security team)
  - Kim Davies (IANA Liaison)
- Working with ICANN Regional VPs to onboard more ccTLDs



# Challenge #1: Sharing

- How to facilitate list members to share security alerts through the TLD-OPS list?
- Part 1: bootstrap
  - Package and share security info relevant for ccTLDs
  - In collaboration with ICANN's security team
  - Later fully rely on ccTLD operators to provide alerts ("peer-to-peer")
- Part 2: operational processes
  - How do we get TLD-OPS into ccTLDs' operational processes?
  - On check lists, for example
  - Unresolved, please let us know if you have any suggestions!



# Challenge #2: Include gTLDs

- Open up TLD-OPS for new and legacy gTLDs?
  - 1.000+ TLDs to be expected (57%\*1.500 nTLDs + 170 ccTLDs)
  - ~65 nTLD back-end operators (1.500 nTLDs \* 38 RSPs/918 nTLDs)



Pros	Cons		
<ul> <li>Strengthens incident response capabilities of all TLDs</li> <li>Further increases security and stability of Internet at large</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increases heterogeneity of TLD- OPS community</li> <li>Increases complexity of governance and administration</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Reach critical mass, making TLD- OPS mandatory for all TLDs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Might increase ICANN involvement</li> </ul>		

- Proposed approach if approved
  - Keep current TLD-OPS Standing Committee structure until ICANN58
  - Request ICANN to allocate time to administer list
  - Request ICANN to actively promote TLD-OPS among gTLDs
  - Start discussion on how to add gTLDs at ICANN56



## **TLD-OPS Standing Committee**

- Vacancy for a ccTLD rep from the Asia-Pacific region
- Propose to stay on until ICANN58
  - Council mandate until ICANN55, set at ICANN53 (Buenos Aires)
- Assessment at ICANN58



## **Objectives until ICANN56**

- Increase the number of ASCII ccTLDs subscribed to the list to 185 by targeting specific ccTLDs with the help of ICANN's Regional VPs
- Get the list to be used more often through our collaboration with ICANN's security team (package and share security alerts)
- Develop a simple procedure for members to update their contact information (320 people on the list)
- Find a ccTLD representative from the Asia-Pacific region by approaching APTLD





#### **TLD-OPS Members**

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http://ccnso.icann.org/resources/tldops-secure-communication.htm

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