



# Joint Meeting: GNSO Council and SSAC

13 October 2020

# Agenda

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- Introductions & Agenda Bashing
- DNS Abuse
- Next steps for EPDP
- Private-use TLDs
- New gTLD Subsequent Procedures
- Meta discussions on SSAC Advice
- AoB

## DNS Abuse

- 1) Briefings by the SSAC to the GNSO Council of its work on DNS abuse.
- 2) An open discussion with the GNSO Council on what it thinks the gaps in addressing DNS abuse are and what community actions are needed?

# DNS Abuse: SSAC Briefing on Current Work

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- SSAC will not provide a formal definition of “abuse” but will provide a framework for different parties to utilize in abuse handling and prioritization
- Initial efforts are close to completion with a document that outlines potential efforts to standardize community strategies and processes surrounding abuse identification and mitigation
- The SSAC Report will cover the following topics:
  - Primary Point of Responsibility for Abuse Resolution
  - Evidentiary Standards
  - Escalation Paths
  - Reasonable Time Frames for Action
  - Availability and Quality of Contact Information

# DNS Abuse: Open Discussion

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- What gaps in addressing DNS abuse does the GNSO Council believe currently exist?
- What community actions would the GNSO like to see take place to assist in addressing DNS Abuse?

## Next Steps for EPDP

- 1) What is the GNSO Council's thinking for issues not addressed by EPDP Phase 1 and 2 (e.g., on legal vs. natural persons and accuracy of registration data)?

# SAC113: SSAC Advisory on Private-Use TLDs

- 1) Briefing by the SSAC to the GNSO Council on SAC113: SSAC Advisory on Private-Use TLDs
- 2) Opportunity for the GNSO Council to ask questions or seek clarification.

# Private-Use TLDs

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- Previous SSAC advice in SAC062 is to use a sub-domain of a public domain name for internal, or private use, and that is still the best practice
- However, many enterprises and device vendors make ad hoc use of TLDs that are not present in the root zone when they intend the name for private use only
- DNS has no explicit provision for internally-scoped names
- The SSAC recommends that the ICANN Board ensure a string is identified using criteria provided.
- SAC113 does not recommend a specific string for reservation



# Private-Use TLDs

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- SSAC proposes the string must meet the following criteria:
  - Valid DNS label
  - Not already delegated in the root zone
  - Not confusingly similar to another TLD in existence
  - Relatively short, memorable, and meaningful
- The SSAC believes that the reservation of a private string will help in the following ways:
  - Reduce the ad hoc usage
  - Provide greater predictability for network administrators and equipment vendors
  - Over time, reduce erroneous queries to root servers

## New gTLD Subsequent Procedures

- 1) SSAC's question: Given that SubPro PDP chose to not address some issues considered germane to all TLDs (e.g., DNS abuse), what is the Council's thinking in addressing these areas prior to opening another round?
- 2) How does the NCAP work fit in?
- 3) What is the best way for SSAC to provide input to GNSO processes, given the short public comment timelines?

## Meta discussions on SSAC Advice

- 1) Discuss current feedback processes of SSAC advice that are referred to the GNSO, and discuss possible improvements

# Meta discussions on SSAC Advice

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- Sometimes SSAC Advice to the ICANN Board is referred to the GNSO for consideration in its policy development processes (PDPs)
- When this occurs it is not clear how or when the advice is transmitted to the GNSO Council and/or relevant PDP leadership
- There have been great improvements in facilitating conversation between ICANN org, ICANN Board, and the SSAC on its advice via the Action Request Register (ARR)
- The SSAC is thinking there may be similar opportunities to work with GNSO PDPs on creating conversation opportunities regarding its advice when advice is referred to the GNSO
- Would this help PDPs understand some of the many inputs into PDP working groups?

# AOB

Questions?