

# Draft ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee Charter

## Version 1.0

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### 1. Statement of Purpose

The ccNSO DNS Abuse Standing Committee (DASC) is intended to maintain a dedicated forum for ccTLD Managers to discuss the important topic of DNS Abuse and to share information, insights, and practices. It is primarily aimed at ccTLD Managers who participate within the ICANN community but is not limited to ccNSO members. Participation is purely voluntary

In keeping with the nature of the ccNSO the purpose of the Committee is not to formulate any policy or standards, recognising that these are questions solely for ccTLD Managers and out of scope of the ccNSO policy remit. However the overarching purpose is to raise understanding and awareness of the issues pertaining to DNS Abuse, promote open and constructive dialogue, and ultimately to assist ccTLD Managers in their efforts to mitigate the impact of DNS Abuse.

### 2. Scope of Activities

The scope of the Committee shall primarily, but not exclusively, be focussed on the following three areas of activity:

#### *a. Sharing of Information*

Coordinate the ccNSO activities to share information and practices, for instance via dedicated sessions both within and outside ICANN public meetings.

Provide resources and points of reference for ccTLDs to access relevant, reliable, and actionable information on DNS Abuse.

In addition, create and maintain a dedicated mailing list for the committee and relevant employees of ccTLDs to exchange information/incidents and stay informed. Subscription is on a voluntary basis. The committee may decide to add others to the list if they deem this is relevant. This dedicated email list will remain closed.

#### *b. Messaging*

To provide information on ccNSO and ccTLD activities and showcasing work from ccTLD Managers in this area to ccTLD Managers and other stakeholders including the ICANN board and org, and others both within and outside the ICANN ecosystem. Maintain an archive of communications sent and received, and develop materials and collateral which will assist ccTLDs in communicating effectively on this topic area.

It is particularly important to emphasise the diversity (geographic, linguistic, cultural and organisational) of ccTLDs, variety of solutions and practices, and the essential differences in the roles of ccTLDs and registrars.

### ***c. Metrics***

Create an overview of existing metrics. Invite ccTLDs to share metrics (directly, through DAAR or in any other way). Inform the ccTLD community about DAAR. Take other action respecting metrics, including studies, as appropriate and consistent with this charter.

## **3. Membership**

Committee Members. The Committee should represent ccTLDs globally with members appointed by the ccNSO Council from time to time, and with at least one member from each of the ICANN regions (AF, AP, EUR, LAC & NA).

### ***Chair of the Committee***

The members of the Committee will nominate a chair, who will then be appointed by the ccNSO Council. If considered appropriate by the Committee, they may also nominate a vice-chair and a secretary, who will then also be appointed by the ccNSO Council.

### ***Liaisons and Observers***

Once the Committee is established, the chair will invite entities, which the Committee deems relevant in light of its purpose, to appoint a liaison to the Committee. In consultation with the members of the Committee, the chair of the Committee may invite observers from other relevant stakeholders, such as DNS operators and ISPs. However, it is expected that this will be a more long-term evolution of the Committee. The members, liaisons, observers of the Committee will be listed on the DNS Abuse Standing Committee homepage.

### ***Subgroups***

The committee may create a subgroup to execute one of the tasks. In addition to the members, liaisons, and observers of the Committee, the Committee may launch a call for volunteers to the community subscribed on the mailing lists. Subgroup members, observers etc. are appointed by the Chair of the DASC. The support staff will maintain the roster of the subgroup.

### ***Chair, Vice-Chair of Subgroups***

The members of a subgroup will nominate the chair and vice-chair of the subgroup, who will then be appointed by the Chair of the Committee.

### ***Support***

Support is provided by ICANN's ccNSO Support Staff. Meeting notes, recordings etc. will be published on a wiki-page and/or dedicated webpage on the ccNSO Website.

## 4. Miscellaneous

### *Omission in or Unreasonable Impact of the Charter*

In the event this charter does not provide guidance and/or the impact of the charter is unreasonable for conducting the business of the group, the Chair of the Working Group, after consulting the members of the WG, may ask the ccNSO Council for a review of the Working Group Charter, or an alternative course of action.

### *Review of the Charter and activities of the Committee*

A review of this Charter and the activities of the Committee will take place every two years, or earlier when considered necessary. An update of the Charter will only become effective after it has been adopted by the Committee and the ccNSO Council and has been published on the ccNSO website. Before publishing the updated Charter, the ccNSO Secretariat will include the version number and insert the date of adoption.

### *Closure*

If the Committee does not undertake any activities or if there is a lack of participation or interest in the work of the committee the Committee will be closed by the ccNSO Council, either at the request of the chair of the committee or at the suggestion of at least 6 Councillors, five appointed by the ccNSO Members and from each Region and one NomCom Appointee.