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Discussion Agenda/Objectives:

- 1. Intro to table and how it works
- 2. Determine which safeguards (ie intensity of focus) should be subject to SubTeam study
- 3. Review, suggest, and assess methods to measure individual safeguard effectiveness
- 4. Prioritize and determine skill sets required to inform any future RFP and selection of external research vendor

Guide:

- 1. Method options: Vendor vs ICANN-led
 - a. Vendor
 - i. Qualitative: survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview
 - ii. Quantitative: statistical analysis
 - b. ICANN
 - i. Review of existing sources + qualitative methods as appropriate
- 2. "Bang for Buck" (bfb) index: meaningfulness of possible results + amount of research legwork + sample size + methodological expertise req'd = BFB (high bfb → hire vendor)

NB: "Qual" methods in chart = cannot be quantitatively correlated to DNS abuse rate

| <u>Safeguard</u> | Qual or Quant | Source and Method | <u>Notes</u> | SubTeam Comments | Decision Points (BfB Index) |
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| DNS Abuse Report | | | Effectiveness = safeguard → DNS abuse Response variable ?: Safeguards effective at what? To prevent what kinds of abuse | | Effectiveness |

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| Vet Registry Operators | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: review PwC reports, Program Implementation report, public comments | • | Cannot measure deterrent effect 0 cases of RA termination per background screen | Carlton: low bfb KL: limited data; talk to applicants on amount of info collected; BA: part of qualitative vendor work? Drew: does one TLD have high abuse and is there something about the Registry operator | bfb |
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| DNSSEC Deployment | Quant | Vendor: Correlate DNSSEC deployment in TLDs with abuse rates (TLD DNSSEC reports) ICANN: descriptive stats | | | KL: all RO's req'd to deploy DNSSEC Calvin: CZDS for number of signed zones Drew: rickeng.br Jaime: 2 nd level | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Prohibition of Wildcarding | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs | • | 0 compliance complaints received on wildcarding Generally perceived as effective | Carlton: SSAC reports; where is this occurring? | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
| Removal of orphan glue records | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs | • | Cannot be quantitatively tied to DNS abuse rate Generally perceived as effective | Carlton: SSAC reports; where is this occurring? | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
| Require Thick WHOIS records | Quant | Vendor: Correlate WHOIS accuracy (ARS) to abuse rate "Perception of Effectiveness" | • | PC: support "accuracy" as measure PC: Accuracy | Carlos: also has PDP and other part of AoC review | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |

| | | survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: hot potato | reporting doesn't account for privacy/proxy services (IPC) | Laureen: need targeted survey of law enforcement Drew: value added on correlation btwn abuse data received Hard to draw useful info given "accuracy" | Carlos: already being addressed in PDP and AoC Jaime: consider dropping |
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| Centralization of Zone File access | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs | | Jaime: monthly reports of credentials of zone files (ZFA password) Some generics have more credentials Ease of use? Drew: cyber security researchers could use | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Documented Registry and Registrar level abuse contacts | Qual | Vendor: : "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs | | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
| Expedited Registry Security Request process | Qual | Vendor: : "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs | Few instances of use | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |

| Create draft framework for high security zone (HSZ) verification | Qual | Vendor: : "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: review public comments, interview SMEs | Formal safeguard doesn't exist, so no "effectiveness" to test Much input received in public comments and ICANN internal correspondence | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
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| Spec 11 and GAC advice | | | Response variable ?: Safeguards effective at what? To prevent what kinds of abuse? | |
| Requirement to use registrars under 2013 RAA | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: hot potato (see notes) | Underlying question: is 2013 RAA effective in terms of safeguard provisions? | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Registry-specific PICs (Q18 Applicant Guidebook) | Qual | Vendor: Textual analysis software (contract with university consulting?) ICANN: Examine relationship between stated commitments in RA and stated commitments on website | Results from preliminary research not meaningful Conduct "blind study": 1 person ID key themes in Q18 response, 1 person ID key themes in website commitments independently. Compare. Q18 came from GAC advice to evaluate applications based on social benefit/costs | BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb (contract to university consulting?) |

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| Prohibition of abusive activities (eg phishing, malware) | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: infer from baseline DNS abuse data (vendor selection in process) | Spec 11 Registry reporting standards not yet finalized | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb (aspect of DNS abuse baseline data currently being sought) |
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| Registry conduct of periodic statistical analysis of security threats | n/a (see notes) | n/a | Spec 11 Registry reporting standards not yet finalized | n/a |
| Requirement to operate TLD in transparent manner | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: description/overview (zero sum) | Is there anything to measure here? | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
| No exclusive registration criteria for generic TLD strings (GAC Category 2 Advice) | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: description/overview (zero sum) | Applications that dropped exclusive registration policies could proceed (184/186 did); others were deferred until next round. | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
| GAC Category 1 Safeguards ¹ | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, | Are registries checking for proper credentials | BfB: high low |

¹ GAC Category 1 Safeguards

Regulated AND Highly Regulated Sectors:

Registrant terms must require compliance with all applicable laws.

Registrants must be notified that compliance is required.

Registrants collecting sensitive financial & health data must secure properly.

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| | | interview ICANN: description/overview + case studies of registry practices | and compliance with all laws? | | BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |
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| Rights Protections Safeguards | | | Have extensive descriptive data on RPMs RPM effectiveness being analyzed elsewhere eg PDP To prevent what kinds of abuse? | CG: applicant/ applicant process and use orientation KL: AoC = effectiveness of safeguards built into program TM protections key set of issues built into the program | |
| Trademark Clearinghouse | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Sunrise Period | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" | Correlate sunrise | | BfB: high low |

Highly Regulated Sectors:

Publish point of contact to facilitate relationships with relevant industry / regulatory bodies.

Registrants must provide current administrative contact information (abuse).

Registrants must possess licenses or credentials for relevant sector.

Registry to consult with authorities re: credential authenticity complaints

Registrants must report updates / changes to credentials.

Special Safeguards

Registration policies must minimize risk of cyber-bullying / harassment.

Registrants mustn't misrepresent or falsely imply government or military affiliation

| | Quant? (see notes) | survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview + correlate pricing to abuse ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | pricing (or pricing in general) to abuse rate? • Pricing widely hypothesized to correlate with abuse rate | BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
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| Trademark Claims service | Quant? Quant? (see notes) | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview + correlate claims to abuse ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | PC: examine correlation between copyright infringing sites and abuse | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS) system | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Post-Delegation Dispute Resolution Procedures | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Trademark Registry Restrictions | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
| Public Interest Commitments | Qual | Vendor: Textual analysis software (contract with university consulting?) | Results from preliminary research | BfB: high low |

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| (PICs) | | ICANN: Examine relationship between stated commitments in RA and stated commitments on website | not meaningful | BRIAN'S 2¢: high bfb |
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| Other Safeguards | | | | |
| Name Collision | Qual | Vendor: "Perception of Effectiveness" survey, questionnaire, focus group, interview ICANN: interview SMEs + descriptive statistical overview | | BfB: high low BRIAN'S 2¢: low bfb |