

ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct on SOIs and General Ethics Policy

NCSG Comments

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About NCSG

NCSG represents the interests of non-commercial domain name registrants and end-users in formulating the Domain Name System policy within the Generic Names Supporting Organisation (GNSO). We are proud to have individual and organizational members in over 160 countries, and as a network of academics, Internet end-users, and civil society actors, etc, we represent a broad cross-section of the global Internet community. Since our predecessor's inception in 1999, we have facilitated global academic and civil society engagement in support of ICANN's mission, stimulating an informed citizenry and building their understanding of relevant DNS policy issues.

Our Comment

Question: Does the ICANN Community Participant Code of Conduct Concerning Statements of Interest adequately address the issue of setting clear expectations for community disclosures of interests?

NCSG Response: It is something we badly need and NCSG supports it.

Question: Are there items you believe are missing from the Code or that should be removed from the Code, and why?

NCSG Response: For now, this covers important issues and fills in critical gaps.

Question: Are there other ethical issues you wish to see addressed as part of the broader ICANN Community Ethics Policy?

NCSG Response: We have nothing further to offer at this time, and we look forward to reviewing the suggestions of others, including on enforcement, in this comment proceeding.