

Contracted Parties House Statement
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Registries and Registrars gathered at the Contracted Parties Summit in May 2025 to discuss shared operational issues as well as Contracted Parties' role as technical operators in the multistakeholder model (MSM) that is foundational to ICANN and Internet governance globally.

Our discussions focused on advancing work within ICANN to address specific Contracted Party and Community needs around future work on **DNS Abuse**, coordination and cooperation in advance of the **WSIS+20 Review**, and ways to improve **efficiency in policy making**. In addition, Contracted Parties continue to focus on improving how we communicate the successes of the ICANN model that has facilitated stakeholder engagement and delivered secure operation of the DNS for almost thirty years.

Through our discussions Contracted Parties identified the below priorities and are dedicated to advancing the following work:

Advancing work on specific tools and processes to proactively address and mitigate DNS Abuse with a focus on tightly-scoped policy proposals that can be completed efficiently and deliver clear implementable outcomes focusing on real impacts and tools for registrants. Contracted Parties look forward to discussions on next steps for DNS Abuse work with the Community as part of ICANN83.

Continued support of the multistakeholder model of Internet governance and engagement with our government partners as a resource to support the work in the WSIS+20 Review. As technical operators of the DNS, Contracted Parties recognize the value of the MSM and continue to support it as the most appropriate way to coordinate policy development, interoperability, and cooperation. Continued support by companies, organizations, and governments is critical for the MSM to continue to deliver stable, secure operation of the technical foundation of the Internet.

Improving efficiency in policy making is vital to delivering on ICANN's mission to "coordinate the development and implementation of policies..."¹ Contracted Parties recognize the need to improve those processes to increase the efficiency with which we deliver policy outcomes. Delivering concise, actionable policy recommendations is key to this goal. One way to achieve this is for the Community to focus on targeted, tightly scoped policy proposals with specific, clear, and quickly implementable recommendations. Contracted Parties will incorporate this approach into our engagement in future policy efforts.

¹ICANN Bylaws, Article 1 Mission, Commitments And Core Values,
<https://www.icann.org/en/governance/bylaws#article1>

Contracted Parties also discussed recent policy work which has resulted in requirements or processes that strengthen the DNS infrastructure and serve the global Internet. Through their implementation of such policy initiatives, Contracted Parties have:

Reduced online harms for users caused by DNS Abuse, and provided additional tools to facilitate DNS Abuse reporting. Contractual Requirements for registries and registrars to promptly stop or otherwise disrupt DNS Abuse established a uniform baseline to address DNS Abuse across the industry.

Improved privacy protections for registrants by implementing uniform registration data requirements. The Registration Data Policy governs the collection and processing of registrant personal information to reinforce privacy principles such as data minimization, purposes for use, data subject rights, and legitimate access.

Increased security for registrants and protection against lost or compromised domain name registration account data. The Transfer Policy Review Working Group drafted recommendations aimed at updating and improving interoperability among registries and registrars in the transfer of domain name registrations between registrars and clarifying tools for registrants to avoid unauthorized domain name transfers.

The CPH is committed to continuing to work with the broader ICANN Community on these topics including participating in policy development to provide specific requirements and measurable outcomes and offering resources and information to support capacity development for the Community. We appreciate the contributions of all those who participated in the Contracted Parties Summit and thank the ICANN Board and Staff for their time during these meetings.