

Contracted Parties House Statement  
Contracted Parties Summit - Manchester, UK  
April 2026

Registries and Registrars gathered at the [Contracted Parties Summit](#) in April 2026 to discuss issues of shared interest. The agenda and outcomes are focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our work, contributing to the work of the ICANN Community, and continually improving the security and stability of the DNS.

Panels and discussions focused on future work on **DNS Abuse**, the **SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team (SRT)**, and **operational issues** with the goal of advancing the efficiency and effectiveness of ICANN policy making processes to support Contracted Party and Community needs within the multistakeholder model.

Contracted Parties (“the CPH”) discussed current work and emerging issues contributing to or impacting the stability and security of DNS infrastructure. We also identified the following priorities and are dedicated to advancing work in the following areas:

**Next steps to develop and expeditiously implement work to proactively address and mitigate DNS Abuse.** Following our support of the initiation of the first PDP on DNS Abuse mitigation and our participation in the effort to develop a framework for registrars to proactively investigate domain names linked to confirmed instances of DNS Abuse, the CPH explored additional areas of work to combat DNS Abuse. We considered what areas would be most impactful for the next phase of policy work and reaffirmed our ongoing commitment to support Community work on DNS Abuse.

**Improving efficiency in policy making.** This includes committing to participate in the SSAD Supplemental Review Team (SRT) with the goal of crafting clear and implementable recommendations that provide the necessary functionality while remaining cost-effective and in the best interest of the DNS.

**Improving our Community engagement through intentional and collaborative relationship building.** The CPH has been actively reaching out to other Supporting Organizations, Advisory Committees, and Stakeholder Groups to facilitate discussion on issues, including DNS Abuse mitigation, to further facilitate existing work and collaboration on future work.

**Monitoring evolving technologies and how they may impact the security and stability of the DNS.** The continued security and stability of the DNS is core to ICANN’s mission and vital to Contracted Parties. The CPH discussed the role and impact of evolving technologies on the DNS such as agentic AI. The CPH is dedicated to continually monitoring new technologies that could impact or intersect with the DNS to ensure continued secure, stable operations.

Registries and Registrars continue to find value in gathering as a CPH to discuss issues of common interest, seeing tangible results and progress following these engagement opportunities. The 2025 CPS issues of focus included support for DNS Abuse Community work, supporting the multistakeholder model through technical community engagement in the WSIS+20 process, and improving efficiency in policy making processes. In the past year the CPH has supported all of this work leading to positive outcomes, including the launch of a narrowly scoped DNS Abuse PDP and Community-wide engagement that resulted in WSIS +20 outcomes that reaffirmed support for the multistakeholder model.

The CPH is committed to ongoing discussion and work on these issues with the broader ICANN Community to continue to offer tools and processes that contribute to a more secure, stable DNS. We appreciate the contributions of all those who participated in the Contracted Parties Summit. We thank the ICANN Board and Staff for their time during these meetings, and offer special thanks to the Global Domains Division team for their tremendous support in the preparation and planning for the Summit.