

## **ICANN85 At-Large: Plenary Topics / Sujets de Plenières / Temas de plenaria**

*This form is to submit details on your topic of interest for the ICANN85 At-Large Plenary session.*

### **Name and Affiliation**

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### **Proposed Session Title / Titre de Session Proposé / Título de la sesión propuesta\***

Progressing the DNS Abuse Mitigation Agenda Within ICANN

### **Under which At-Large Priority Activities 2026 work track area does this topic fall?**

**See list of tracks: [ALAC FY2026 Strategic Priorities & Core Activities](#)**

Strategic Objective 4: Strengthen the stability and security of the Internet's unique identifier systems

Strategic Goal 4.1 Strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders to reinforce the shared responsibility of ensuring secure and stable Internet's unique identifier systems

Strategy 4.1.1 Continue to provide and participate in trusted forums that convene relevant stakeholders

Core Activity - Convene or participate in trusted global forums on DNS Abuse with key stakeholders to strengthen system security and stability through a multistakeholder approach.

Initiative - Convene or participate in opportunities for periodic examination of policies requiring DNS Abuse mitigation with the goal of either refining or expanding on such policies through a multistakeholder approach.

### **Brief Description / Brève description / Breve descripción\***

The At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC) and the At-Large Community continue to believe that more can be done to combat DNS abuse on a number of fronts.

In June 2024, the ALAC convened an ICANN83 collaborative conversation of the ICANN community to try to identify a common short list of priorities among known types of DNS abuse-related activities requiring urgent action.

Given that GNSO policy development processes will be underway to address the first 2 of 3 DNS Abuse priority gaps, Unrestricted API Access and Associated Domain Checks, the ALAC will convene a follow-up conversation to discuss

1. The progress of the ongoing GNSO policy development processes;
2. How the community might establish better coordination in impeding the impact of Domain Generation Algorithms (DGAs);
3. Which other priority gap(s) should be subject to policy development next.

### **Rationale/Desired Outcomes:**

1. An understanding of any issues with the policy development processes on Unrestricted API Access and Associated Domain Check; This includes impact of any early findings in the PDP working group deliberations, any implementation considerations highlighted by ICANN org such as feasibility, legality, costs; as well as public interest and human rights-related questions.
2. A way forward with tackling DGAs: Understanding the nature of DGAs and how to detect them; and if a “DGA Clearinghouse” is the preferred solution, who could be responsible for enabling and operating the same?
3. A preliminary indication of the next set of priority gap(s) to be addressed.

**How would the outcomes of your session assist in the pursuit of the FY2026 ALAC Strategic Priorities [ALAC FY2026 Strategic Priorities & Core Activities](#) or some other longer term direction for the At-Large?\***

This session is the second in the series of collaborative conversations to be convened by the ALAC for the periodic examination of policies requiring DNS Abuse mitigation with the goal of either refining or expanding on such policies through a multistakeholder approach.

This session falls squarely within the ALAC FY2026 Strategic Priorities & Core Activities, and intended to help set a longer term direction for the At-Large in the area of DNS Abuse.

**Which, if any, other community groups do you plan to involve in your session? Please explain your plans for working cooperatively with the group(s), including your contacts, skill sets sought, etc.\***

Panelists will be asked for brief interventions, not long presentations, and we want community-wide participation.

ALAC - Jonathan Zuck

GAC PSWG - Gabriel Andrews & Janos Drienyovszki, Co-Chairs

CSG – TBC

NCSG – TBC

NetBeacon – Explaining their finding particular on Unrestricted API Access and Associated Domain Checks

RySG – TBC

RrSG – TBC

ICANN org - Teresa Swinehart, SVP GDS

ICANN org/OCTO - John Crain, SVP & Chief Technology Officer

**Session Leaders/Facilitators and Panelists/Presenters:**

Session co-leaders: Steinar Grøtterød / Kathleen Scoggin

Moderator: TBD

Panelists: as above

**Are you planning on inviting any ICANN Board members/Executives? If so, please list hereafter in order for Staff to work with Board Operations on invitations.\***

Teresa Swinehart, Senior Vice President of Global Domains and Strategy, ICANN org  
ICANN org/OCTO - John Crain, SVP & Chief Technology Officer

**Additional information or comments:** Updated proposal