

# ICANN | GAC

Governmental Advisory Committee



## Law Enforcement Participation in ICANN

GAC Public Safety Working Group (PSWG)

# Why ICANN is important for LEA

## DNS and its Impact on Public Safety:

- Registry Agreement: The contract between ICANN and gTLD registries containing obligations for domain names at the highest level.
- Registrar Accreditation Agreement: The contract between ICANN & gTLD registrars containing obligations for domain name registrations by customers

## WHOIS at the core of key issues of accountability and privacy

2012 ICANN [resolved](#) to redefine the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to registration data, and consider safeguards for protecting data.

✗EWG **replace Whois with “Next Generation Registration Directory Service” (RDS)** that would include **gated access to registration information**

PSWG members are representing **law enforcement interests** in the Working Group (**access and accuracy of registration data** in particular)



# Overview of the PSWG

# PSWG Mandate

- ⊙ **The focus on aspects of ICANN's policies and procedures that implicate the safety of the public. Objectives include (but are not limited to):**
  - 1. Assessing whether and seeking to ensure that the DNS and DN registrations are not used to propagate, enhance, or further, unlawful activity, abuse, consumer fraud, deception, or malfeasance, and/or violations of law;**
  - 2. Supporting the ability of public safety organizations to investigate, prevent, attribute, and disrupt unlawful activity, abuse, consumer fraud, deception or malfeasance, and/or violations of national law that involve the DNS and domain name registrations;**
  - 3. Cooperating with ICANN's advisory committees (including the RSSAC, SSAC), supporting organizations (including the GNSO, ASO, ccNSO), and community, to ensure multi-stakeholder support and cooperation, in advancing public safety policies, recommendations, and advice;**
  - 4. Participating in applicable ICANN working/study groups to promote a shared understanding of the potential effects such groups' work and recommendations will have on public safety;**
  - 5. Continuously assessing whether ICANN has responsive and timely mechanisms to develop and enforce ICANN contractual obligations with gTLD registries and registrars,**

# PSWG Membership

- ⊙ **May become PSWG Members:**
  - **All GAC representatives and observers**
  - **Representatives identified and nominated by GAC members**
  
- ⊙ **PSWG Members are generally representatives of:**
  - **National and/or provincial/state government**
  - **consumer protection,**
  - **Civil and criminal law enforcement,**  
**or other agencies responsible for the welfare and protection**  
**of its citizens**

# GAC Outreach and Capacity development

In collaboration with GE/GSE/SSR/

- Africa: Nairobi January 2017
- Pacific states April 2017
- 2nd Africa Johannesburg June 2017
- Middle East October 2017 Abu Dhabi
- Asia Nepal APRICOT 2018
- Caribbean: San Juna March 2018
- Latin America: Panama June 2018

## Thank you!

- ⦿ Reach out to your GAC Representative or join the GAC, and request a nomination
- ⦿ Email [gac-staff@icann.org](mailto:gac-staff@icann.org)

### Documentation:

- ⦿ Website:  
<https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/GAC+Public+Safety+Working+Group>
- ⦿ ICANN Guide for Law Enforcement:  
<http://tinyurl.com/icann-guide-law-enforcement>