



# CONTRACTED PARTIES SUMMIT

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# Purpose of the Summit

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- The Contracted Parties Summit provides ICANN org contracted parties an opportunity to engage and address issues of mutual interest and importance.
- This event is open to contracted parties, the ICANN Board and org staff.
- The agenda was created in collaboration with volunteers from the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) and Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG), and nearly 50% of sessions were lead by community members.
- This event provides opportunity to have face-to-face meetings with contracted parties outside of ICANN meetings.

# Session Themes

## Preparing for Change

- Changes Coming to RDDS w/ RegData Policy Implementation
- Preparing for RA/RAA Amendments to Add RDAP
- Updates to ICANN Org's Technical Systems
- Finance Updates
- Preview of Renewal Procedures for 2012 Round
- IDN Updates

## Tackling DNS Abuse

- Understanding the Problem: Measuring DNS Abuse & Issues with RBLs
- Mitigating Abuse: Suspension, Deletion, & AGP Limits
- Registry/Registrar Pain Points
- Phishing Deep Dive
- Preventative Approaches to DNS Abuse

## Shaping the Future of the DNS Industry

- Universal Acceptance (UA) Readiness
- .Brand TLDs
- Geopolitical, Legislative, & Regulatory Developments
- Emerging/New Technology & the Impact to the Traditional Name Space
- Get Ready for IANA's RZMS Upgrade
- Registrar Policy Topics

## Opportunities for Industry Improvements

- TechOps Discussions (4 sessions)
- RrSG RRA Amendment Process Discussion w/ Registries
- RSP Migrations - Registry/Registrar Interactions

# Key Takeaways from Sessions

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## **Preparing for RA/RAA Amendments to Add RDAP Update**

- RrSG and RySG will support the voting process.

## **Registration Data Policy**

- Appreciation for the work done to define the policy and for the significant amount of work ahead to operationalize the policy.

## **Registry: Registrar Interactions**

- Registry-Registrar Amendment Process: Productive discussion about what registry operators (ROs) and staff can do to make a more efficient process for the RrSG to review amendments.
- Registries changing their Technical Supplier: Identification of challenges for registrars when registries change supplier; registrar suggestions for a list of items for registries to consider.

## **UASG Tools:**

- Lack of awareness about what resources are available; more outreach can be done.
- UA-readiness survey announced to get baseline understanding of UA-readiness among contracted parties.

# Key Takeaways from Sessions

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## **Geopolitical, Legislative, and Regulatory Developments**

- Positive recognition for the work ICANN does to both educate legislators and to share information with community/CPH.
- Recognition that multi stakeholder governance model is what we want and need to protect it.

## **DNS Abuse:**

- Overall it was agreed that the longer block of DNS abuse topics allowed for productive in depth discussions.
- Deletion and Add Grace Period (AGP) Limits: Good discussions about the AGP Limits policy and if it is creating the wrong outcomes or incentives as it relates to mitigating DNS abuse.
- SGs to put together a 2-pager summarizing noted pain points and various good practices.

**Significant Milestone: DNS abuse letter from RySG and RrSG regarding the abuse amendment**

# Attendance and Survey Stats

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## **Attendance: 477**

- 360 checked in onsite
  - 254 non-ICANN
  - 106 ICANN staff/Board
    - 13 Board, 83 org, 10 support
- 117 virtually registered attendees

**~75 meetings held with contracted parties and ICANN staff**

## **Post-Summit Survey**

- Sent to registered onsite and virtual attendees, excluding staff/Board (371 surveys)
- Received 72 responses

# Post Summit Survey Responses

Answered 72

Skipped 0

Q1 What is your affiliation?

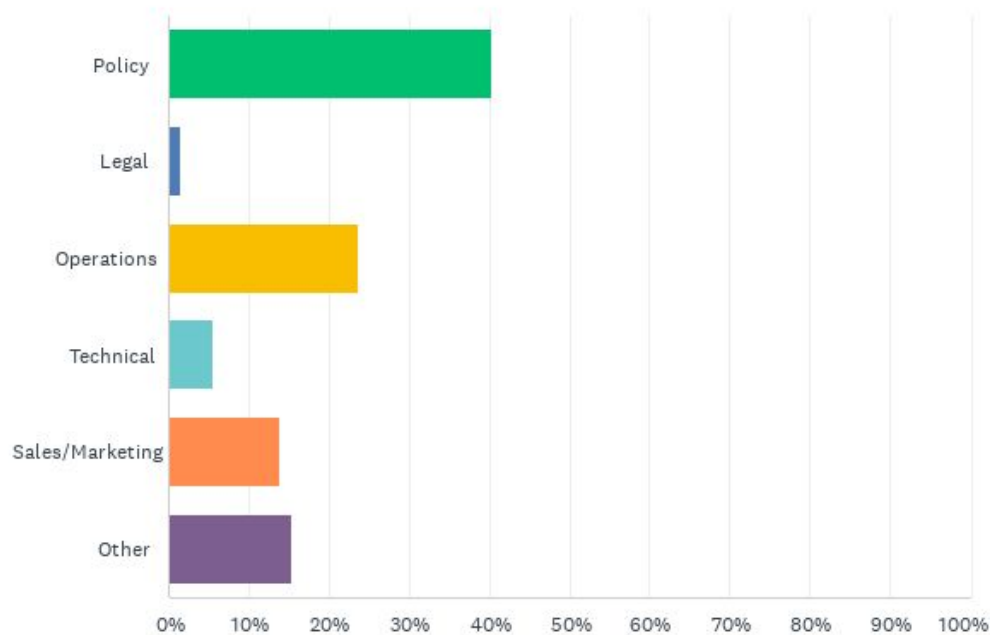


We saw roughly equal attendance from registries and registrars.

# Post Summit Survey Responses

Answered: 72  
Skipped: 0

Q2 My role is primarily:



Roughly 40% of respondents self identified their role as primarily policy, with approximately 20% identifying as operations.

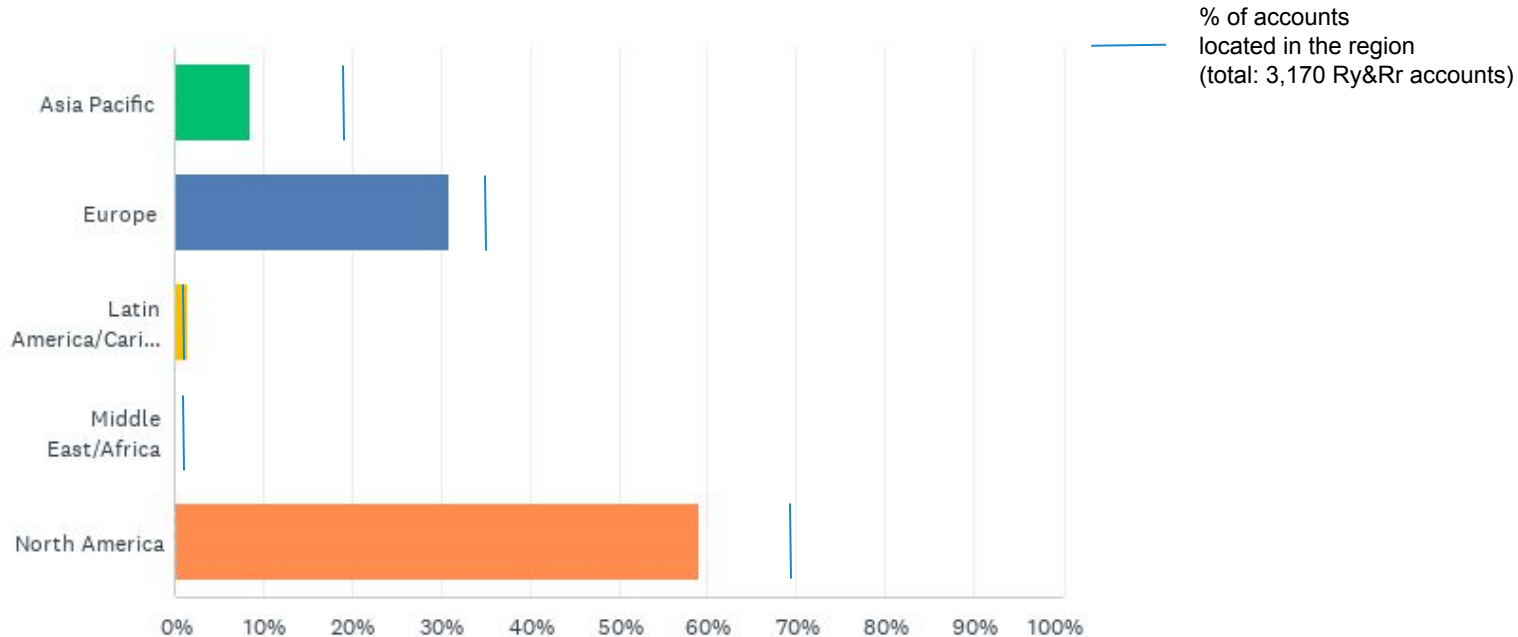


# Post Summit Survey Responses

Answered: 71

Skipped: 1

## Q3 In what region are you based?

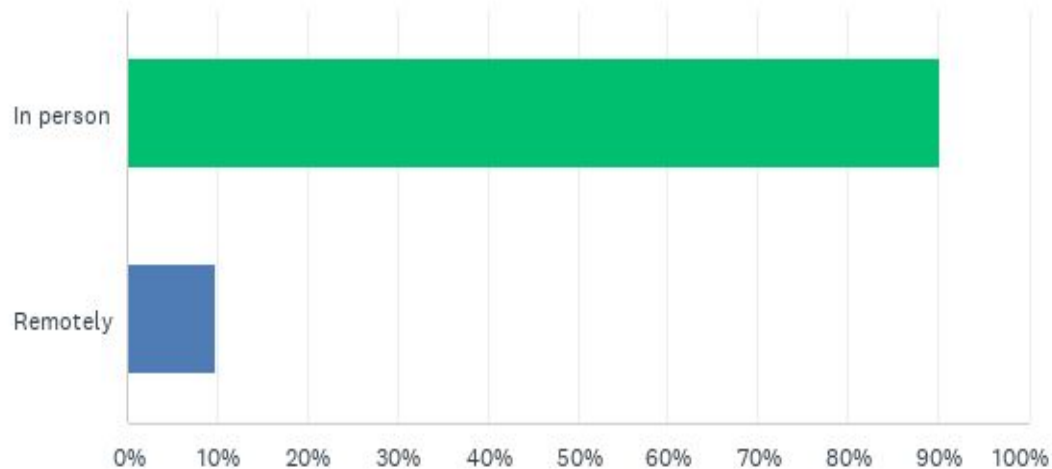


Nearly 60% of respondents were based in North America, 30% in Europe and ~10% in Asia, this is similar to the distribution of contracted parties globally.

# Post Summit Survey Responses

Q4 How did you attend the 2022 Contracted Parties Summit?

In Person: 64  
Remote: 7



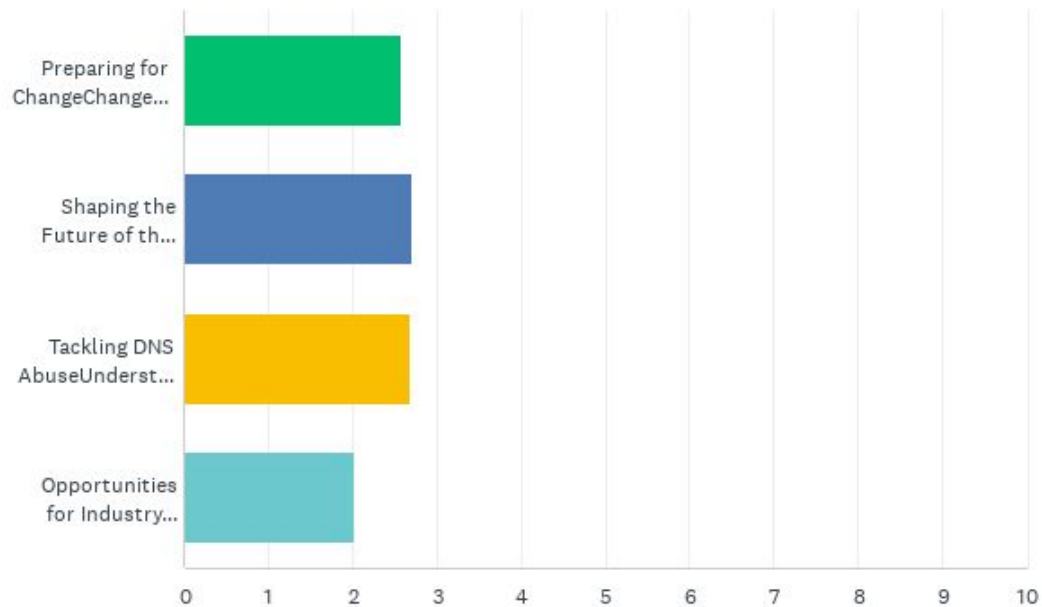
Reminder that the survey was only sent to the 371 non-ICANN registered attendees.

# Post Summit Survey Responses

Q5 Thinking back to the content covered during the Summit, rank which content resonated the most with you:

Answered: 69

Skipped: 3



All 4 of the themes ranked well with respondents in terms of relevant content for the summit.

# Post Summit Survey Responses

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## Q6 What additional topics would you like to see covered at the Contracted Parties Summit?

- Many comments stated that focusing on contracted party/stakeholder-based issues were the right agenda topics to cover at the summit.
- Despite over 3 full hours dedicated to DNS abuse, it was still a topic where more content/time was requested for future summits.
- Other key themes mentioned:
- Sessions with ICANN org Executive Team and the ICANN Board (e.g., Q&A session)
  - More DNS abuse
  - Next Round/SubPro
  - Blockchain names and strategy/Web3 domains
  - Operational issues/procedures for bailing out failing registrars
  - Contractual Compliance/pain points with compliance issues/reseller compliance/abuse issues
  - Updates on GDS staff, current goals, and plans for the next 1-3 years/more time with staff
  - Less presenting/more discussion

# Post Summit Survey Responses

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## Q7 Do you have suggestions for improving future summits?

- There were many comments that stated they enjoyed the summit or had no suggested improvements.
- There was strong enthusiasm for the summit with many feeling they are more relevant and helpful to them than ICANN Public Meetings. There is a desire for ICANN to schedule the next summit and even consider holding them twice per year.
- We also received good feedback on operational aspects such as cameras on speakers, and to add more networking opportunities.
- Other key themes mentioned:
  - Return to May summit cadence, announce exact dates earlier, suggest a second yearly summit tied to AGM.
  - Location ideas: not convenient to airport, too close to Halloween, limited restaurants.
  - Summits are more valuable than ICANN Public Meetings; looking forward to the next one!
  - Summit format is useful for productive conversations.
  - Remote participation: need camera on speakers, speakers need to say name/affiliation each time.
  - Networking ideas: add a breakfast and/or another reception, have more open time for side meetings, more roundtables.

# Key Takeaways About the Summitt

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- Contracted parties voiced and showed enthusiasm for the return to face-to-face meetings.
- Opportunity for the ICANN Board and org to listen and learn about this part of the community and industry. There was an appreciation for the focus on one constituency.
- We have positive momentum that we need to build on.
- Events are hard work! Thank you to the entire ICANN team, the CPH, and the CP Summit Planning team that helped put this on.

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