

Dear Domain Name Industry Stakeholder:

It is my pleasure to invite you to save the date for our sixth <u>GDD Industry Summit</u>, to be held **3-6 May 2020 in Paris**, **France** at the <u>Paris Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel &</u> <u>Conference Center</u>. This event will be followed by <u>Registration Operations Workshop</u> (6 May), <u>DNS Symposium</u> (7-8 May), and <u>DNS OARC</u> (9-10 May).

This GDD Industry Summit will provide ICANN-accredited parties and the businesses that support them with an opportunity to network and discuss operational issues, best practices, lessons learned, and emerging and ongoing challenges. As in past Summits, the sessions will encourage attendees to have candid, solutions-oriented conversations in a more focused environment than the triannual ICANN Public Meetings permit. Attendees will also have the opportunity to become better acquainted and schedule consultations with ICANN Global Domains Division staff.

Specific session topics at the GDD Industry Summit will be organized by volunteers of the Summit Planning Group. If you have topic suggestions or would like to join the planning committee, please contact globalsupport@icann.org.

We will send instructions for reserving a hotel room (to receive the pre-negotiated "group" rate) and registration information in the coming weeks. You may also wish to monitor our site (https://www.icann.org/gddsummit) as updates will be posted there regularly.

In 2021, the Summit will return to North America. We are currently exploring venues in the Los Angeles, California area. We will provide updates as they become available.

We look forward to seeing you in France in May 2020 and invite you to review the 2019 Post Summit Participant Survey.

Best regards,

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