



ICANN and the Global Domains Division (GDD) regret to announce that the [GDD Industry Summit](#), which was to be held in Paris, France 3-6 May 2020, will be cancelled. This decision was made as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, considered a public health emergency of international concern by the [World Health Organization](#).

We also consulted with the Contracted Parties House, who requested that this event be cancelled, rather than conducted virtually because the value of the meeting is in the face-to-face interaction. Instead, we will work together to identify and prioritize the most important topics to address via remote participation. More information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly evolving global situation, with new cases emerging daily. Each GDD Industry Summit attracts several hundreds of attendees from more than 50 countries. Bringing attendees from all over the world to one location risks accidental exposure of the virus to attendees, staff, and others who come in contact with an infected individual.

Thank you for your understanding during this unusual time - take care.

Regards,
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