ICANN 84 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

GAC Meeting with the ccNSO

10:30 12:00 UTC

29 October 2025

AGENDA

- Welcome by GAC & ccNSO Chairs
- Setting the scene: Cryptocurrency Investment Fraud example, Gabriel Andrews (FBI)
- Networking: 3 rounds
- Observations & Mentimeter polling
- Wrap-up

Networking

Engagement session on (Domain) Abuse – explore roles of governments and ccTLDs

Walk (3 min.)
Round 1 (15 min.)
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Round 2 (15 min.)
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Round 3 (15 min.)
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Cryptocurrency Investment Fraud

Gabriel Andrews, GAC Public Safety Working Group

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Born from Covid & empty casinos

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Joint Statement by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, and Special Rapporteur on Cambodia on immediate human rights-based action to tackle forced criminality in Southeast Asia scam centers

19 May 2025

UN experts today expressed alarm over large-scale trafficking in persons for purposes of forced labour and forced criminality in scam compounds across Southeast Asia, where hundreds of thousands of people of various nationalities are trapped and forced to carry out online fraud or assist the criminal operations. The situation is deeply entrenched, as scam operations typically relocate in response to law enforcement pressure rather than shutting down, and there is evidence, that this modus operandi is being exported to other regions globally.

"The situation has reached the level of a humanitarian and human rights crisis, and it is both undignified and intolerable," the experts said. They called on the international community – particularly States in Southeast and East Asia – to take urgent and coordinated action to meaningfully protect victims and step up prevention efforts.

The experts noted that the victims were deceived and fraudulently recruited, including through social media platforms, from all over the world including Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and North and South America. The victims are held in facilities primarily located in Cambodia, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

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BBC

Notorious cyber scam hub linked to Chinese mafia raided

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Jonathan Head

South East Asia correspondent

KK Park is one of several scam compounds along the Thai-Myanmar border

The Myanmar military says it has captured one of the most notorious scam compounds on the border with Thailand, as it reclaims key territory it lost in the ongoing civil war.

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BBC

SpaceX says it has cut Starlink services to Myanmar scam camps

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Jonathan Head, South East Asia correspondent and **Rachel Hagan**

Starlink satellite dishes seen on a scam centre compound's rooftops along the Thai-Myanmar border

Elon Musk's SpaceX says it has cut Starlink satellite communication links to more than 2,500 devices used by scam compounds in Myanmar.

More than 30 compounds are believed to be operating along the Thai-Myanmar border, where people from around the world are trafficked and forced to work on

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POLITICS

DOJ seizes $15 billion in bitcoin from massive 'pig butchering' scam based in Cambodia

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KEY POINTS

- The Department of Justice has seized about $15 billion worth of bitcoin held by a man who oversaw a massive "pig butchering" fraud operation based in Cambodia, prosecutors said.
- The seizure is the largest forfeiture action by the DOJ in history.
- An indictment charging the alleged scammer, Chen Zhi, was unsealed in federal court in Brooklyn, New York.

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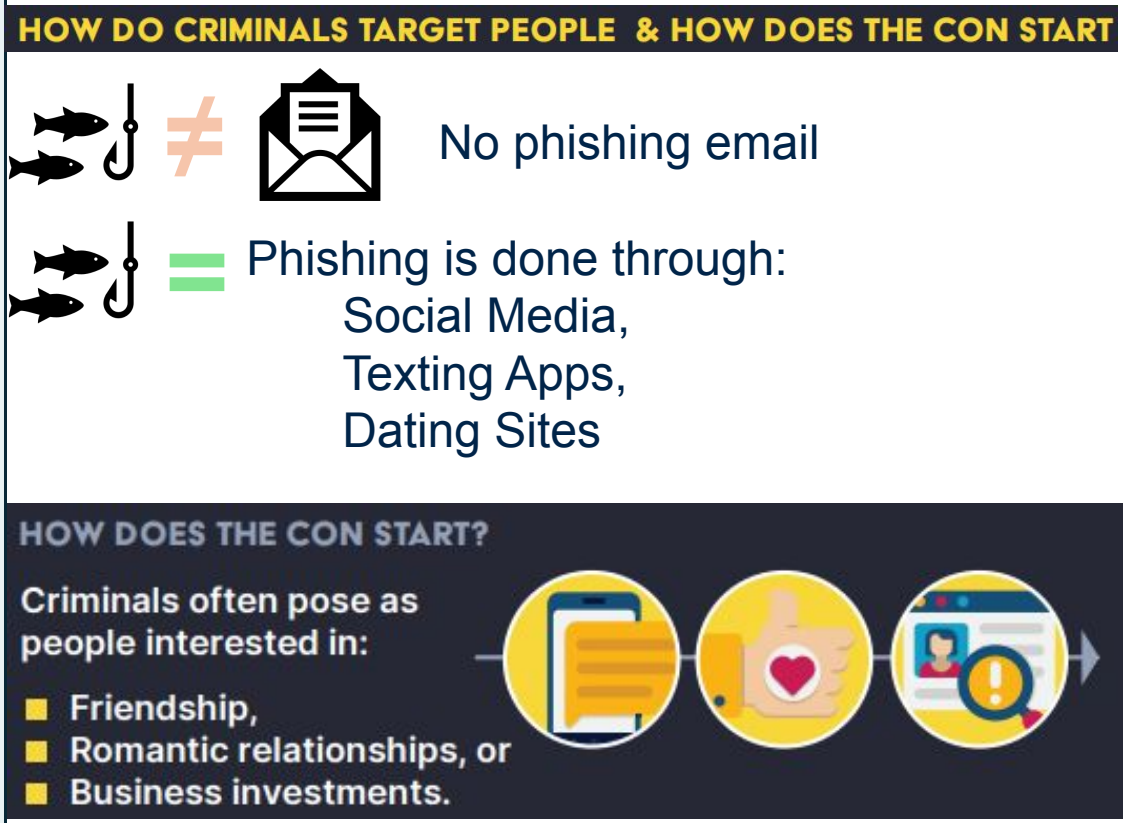

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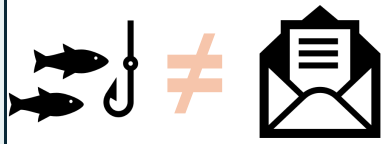
HOW DO CRIMINALS TARGET PEOPLE & HOW DOES THE CON START



No phishing email

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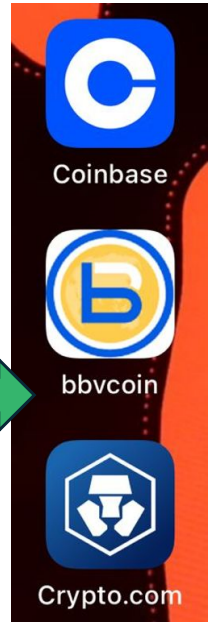
Social Media,
Texting Apps,
Dating Sites



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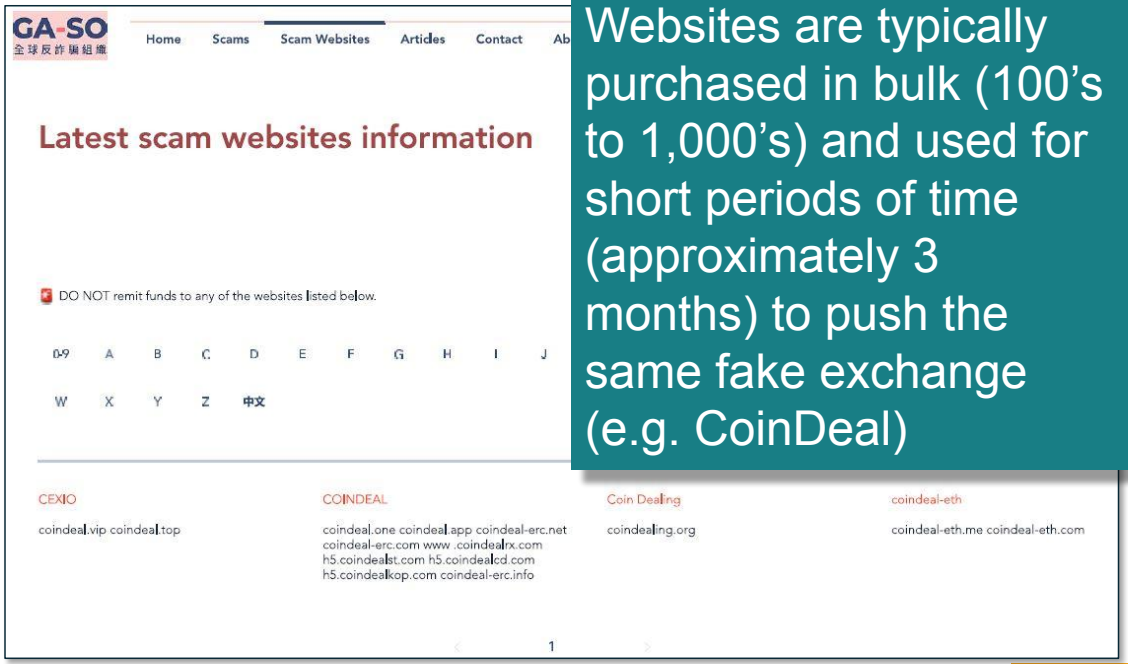

Websites are typically purchased in bulk (100's to 1,000's) and used for short periods of time (approximately 3 months) to push the same fake exchange (e.g. CoinDeal)

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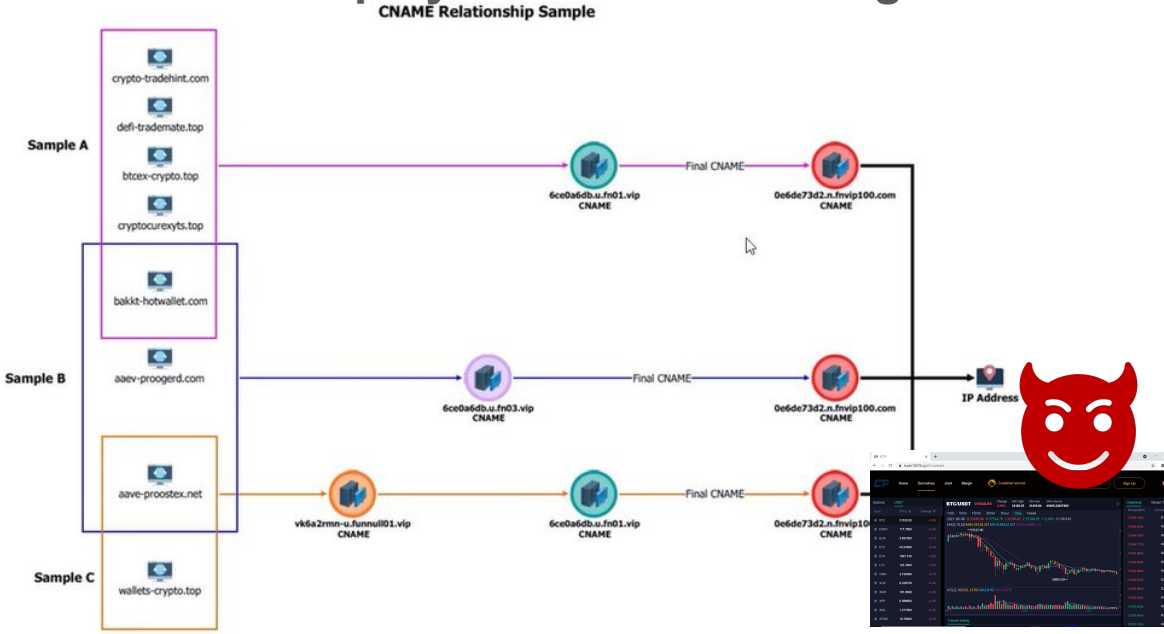
2. Often employ CNAME forwarding



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Discussion Questions:

1. Is this Cryptocurrency Investment Fraud scam familiar to GAC & ccTLD operators?
   - Are you receiving abuse reports on this?
   - Are you seeing bulk registrations + CNAME forwarding?

2. ICANN stakeholders are considering gTLD policy on:
   i. Checking domains *associated* with the domain being reported
   ii. Controls on APIs which enable bulk domain registrations.

Do ccNSO operators have experiences that might inform such policy?

Engagement Session (75 mins)

(Domain) Abuse - Explore Roles of Governments and ccTLDs

1	Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Abuse Detection and Prevention	Hosts: Cristian Hesselman (.nl), Nicholas Caballero Scribe: Bart Boswinkel
2	Challenges of Bulk Domain Registrations	Hosts: Peter Koch (.de), Martina Barbero (EC gvt) Scribe: Julia Charvolen
3	Investigating Abuse Within Domain Portfolios	Hosts: Crystal Peterson (.us), Susan Chalmers (US gvt) Scribe: Rob Hoggarth
4	National Frameworks for Scam and Fraud Prevention	Hosts: Bruce Tonkin (.au), Ian Sheldon (AU gvt) Scribe: Joke Braeken
5	Trusted notifier arrangements	Hosts: Jake Vincet (.uk), Tomonori Miyamoto (JP gvt) Scribe: Claudia Ruiz

Observations and Polling (10 mins)

Engagement Session on (Domain) Abuse - Explore Roles of Governments and ccTLDs

Placeholder mentimeter

- QR code and Instructions
- ccNSO-GAC joint session: Describe today's networking session in one word (wordcloud)
- How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (scale: strongly disagree, strongly agree)
  - I enjoyed the networking
  - I liked the format
  - I learned something useful
  - I valued the dialogue
  - I would like to do this again
- ccNSO-GAC joint sessions: What topics would you like to explore for future breakouts? (open ended)

Thank you