

IDN Scoping Team Kick Off Meeting



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Roll Call & Brief Welcome

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Background: Overview

IDN Variant TLD Recommendations

Taking into account the variant TLD Recommendations, develop policy to define and manage IDN variant gTLDs for current gTLDs as well as for future gTLD

Coordination with ccNSO

Coordinate with the ccNSO to seek to ensure a consistent set of policies and procedures governing gTLD and to the extent possible, ccTLD

IDN Implementation Guidelines

Concerns around the process and specific requirements within the Final Proposed Draft v. 4.0 of the IDN Guidelines

IDN Tables

Concerns around the review process and approval criteria of the IDN Tables

Background: Issue Identification

○ IDN Variant TLD Recommendations

- “Same entity” requirements
 - Coordination and collaboration between registries and registrars to find a cost effective solution that maximizes adoption
 - ROID solution faces practical problems
- Amendments to current UDRP/URS/PDDRP/TMCH and implication on existing contracts (i.e., Registry Agreement)
- Other potential impacts:
 - Changes to string requirements
 - Changes to string similarity reviews
 - Cancellation or transfer of a TLD and its related IDN variant TLDs
 - Inclusion of IDN variant TLDs in any reserved names lists
 - Changes to EBERO
 - Handling of string availability searches when IDN variants are involved (i.e. EPP Check)
 - Impact on certain PDPs’ timelines

Background: Issue Identification (Cont.)

- ⦿ **IDN Implementation Guidelines**

- Lack of clarity as to the process for amending the guidelines, which did not follow a policy development process
- Methodology for allocating second-level variant labels to the same registrant

- ⦿ **IDN Tables**

- Lack of consistency and predictability of the review process of IDN Tables during the Registry Systems Testing process to mitigate security concerns

Background: ccNSO Coordination

- ⊙ ccNSO's IDN Preliminary Review Team (IDN PRT) performed foundational work that would help inform the ccNSO in its selection of mechanism and approach to address IDN ccTLDs
- ⊙ PRT advises the ccNSO Council to:
 - Launch ccNSO PDP 4
 - Request change Article 10 ICANN Bylaws to enable the inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO as foreseen in 2013
- ⊙ To coordinate with the GNSO on IDN variant management, PRT proposed a **coordination committee/working party**
 - Membership from ccNSO PDP, GNSO PDP & interested groups
 - Outcome will feed into each of ccNSO/GNSO PDPs

Scope of Work: Overview

The proposed scope of work for the GNSO's IDN Scoping Team is to advise the GNSO Council on the following areas:

- ⦿ **Propose a mechanism** to develop policy to define and manage IDN variant gTLDs for current gTLDs as well as for future gTLD, taking into account the IDN variant TLD recommendations
- ⦿ **Propose a mechanism** to coordinate efforts with the ccNSO to seek to ensure a consistent set of policies and procedures governing gTLD and to the extent possible, ccTLD
- ⦿ **Propose a mechanism** to address concerns around the modification to contract obligations related to IDN Implementation Guidelines, as well as concerns around the IDN Tables review

Scope of Work: Potential Mechanism Options



Option A

Direct all elements to **New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP**



Option B

Direct elements as they relate to new gTLDs to the **New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP**; direct elements as they relate to existing gTLDs to a **new PDP/EPDP**



Option C

Direct all elements to a **new PDP/EPDP**, with an alternative membership structure



Option D

Direct all elements to an **Expert Working Group**



Option E

Direct all elements to **New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP** and **Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP**



Option F...

TBD

Working Method: Open Questions

⦿ **IDN Variant TLD Management Recommendations**

- Are the recommendations in need of review?
- Are the underlying work leading to the development of the recommendations in need of review?
- What are the impacts of the recommendations to contract obligations, ongoing PDPs, and other areas?

⦿ **IDN Implementation Guidelines & IDN Tables**

- Is the current process of updating IDN Implementation Guidelines in need of review?
- Is the current process of reviewing IDN Tables in need of review?
- What should be the proper vehicle to modify contract obligations related to IDN guidelines?

⦿ **ccNSO Coordination**

- How should the GNSO and ccNSO coordinate?
- When should the GNSO and ccNSO coordinate?
- Should they collaborate in preparatory research and analysis?

Working Method: Proposed Reference

- ⦿ **IDN Variant TLD Management Recommendations**
 - Review the [recommendations](#) and [Board resolution](#) (March 2019)
 - Review the underlying work (e.g., existing research, analysis, deliberations, public input)
 - Examine the impacts (e.g., existing PDPs, contract obligations) to determine appropriate expertise needed

- ⦿ **IDN Implementation Guidelines & IDN Tables**
 - Review the process for amending the IDN guidelines (see ICANN CEO's [response](#) to RySG [statement](#))
 - Understand the review process related to IDN Tables & review criteria by which IDN Tables are approved for implementation

- ⦿ **ccNSO Coordination**
 - Review the [Final Report](#) of ccNSO's IDN PRT
 - Monitor the progress in the ccNSO PDP 4, after it begins

Next Steps

- Meeting time and frequency?
- Homework / document for next meeting?
- Decision making method?
- Deliverable to the GNSO Council?

Questions?