After the April 22nd ccNSO council meeting, we held our 15th ccPDP4 full group meeting on May 4th and we held 2 Variant Management sub-group meetings on April 27th and May 11th.

The ccPDP4 Working Group on the (de)selection of Internationalized Domain Name ccTLD strings made excellent progress on its review and update of the criteria, procedures and required documentation of the process for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings. The group is even slightly ahead of schedule. The sub-group on Variant Management completed its review of some fundamental documents and now started using a framework on the review of the recommendations moving forward.

During a ccNSO Policy Session at ICANN71, the ccPDP4 Group will provide an update on their progress to date and seek input from the ccTLDs and other community members present on their proposals. The ccNSO Policy Session is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 16 June | 10:30-12:00 UTC.

If you are interested in further details, please refer to the following:

ccPDP4 full-group

1. Final Reading Open Parts – *Section 3: Meaningfulness Criteria and Related Process and Procedures* and *Section 4: Required Support for Proposed String*
>>We adopted the sections mentioned above.

2. **Second Reading** – *Section 5.1: Technical Criteria* and *Section 6.1: General Description of Technical and String Confusion Review*
>>There weren't any comments or concerns regarding Section 5.1. As for Section 6.1, we set up Action Item #1: Amendment of language by staff as well as a revisit in the following meeting.

3. Consolidation of all sections moving forward
>> Created Action Item #2: Overall update and clean-up by staff

4. Policy session @ ICANN 71
>>Collect feedback from the broader community, to see whether they support the criteria. Especially around meaningfulness. Involve the community at an early stage in the process.

5. Next meetings
  18 May 2021 | 13:00 UTC
  01 June 2021 | 13:00 UTC
  Wed, 16 June 2021 – Policy Session at ICANN71 | 10:30 UTC

Variant Management sub-group

1. Presentation of GNSO view on Variant Management Recommendations by Dennis Tan.
  >>Mapping exercise: The following are the 4 main buckets that were taken into account to review the work, and determine what needs to be done:
·   Recommendations SubPro PDP
·   Variant Management Staff paper
·   RZ-LGR Technical Study Group (TSG)
·   Other IDN-related studies (e.g. SSAC052 about single character IDN
     TLDs)
  Mapping table: Please refer to the link below:
  https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jQrzU9NDOlMwNw4zFcndOFEY
  hSIo3EAXAHTVirsMup8/edit#gid=0

2. Introduction Working Method Sub-Group
   >>Bart prepared 2 tables: Staff paper and Technical Utilization paper.
  And each table includes TSG Recommendation, GNSO SubPro
  Recommendation, ccPDP4 VM Subgroup Recommendation, and
  Comment/Observation of the sub-group 4 columns.
  Please refer to the link below:
  https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=161809395&pr
  eview=/161809395/164627503/Overview%20of%20IDN%20(cc)%20TLD%
  20Variant%20recommendations%20v2%2026%20April%202021.pdf

3. Discussion Recommendations - First Reading
  >>Discussion started from item #1 Defining IDN Variant TLDs RZ-LGR must

be the only source for valid TLDs and their variant labels. During the meeting, the discussion focused on the GNSO SubPro's Recommendation excerpt: "the label is blocked or allocatable".

4. Next meetings:
25 May | 14:00 UTC
8 June | 22 UTC