

# Preparatory document for the policy session on ccPDP4

## Introduction

The session is intended to seek your feedback on the criteria the ccPDP4 Working Group has developed with respect to the selection of IDNccTLD strings.

To prepare the leadership of the WG has compiled this document with the main Headings and a brief description of the criteria.

During the session you will be asked:

1. Whether you have any questions to the WG (Questions for Clarifications)
2. Your opinion about the Criteria (whether you agree, disagree, or have no opinion)

For a complete overview of the criteria and the related required documentation, and processes and procedures, and the related WG deliberations you are referred to the basic document, which can be found at the workspace of the WG:

<https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=161809378&preview=/161809378/166265181/ccPDP4%20WG%20-%20Consolidation%20version%20%20sections%201-4%20v2%2027%20May%202021.pdf>

## Topics/Criteria

### 1. Principles underpinning the policy

- An IDN ccTLD string MUST be associated with a Territory
- (ASCII) ccTLD and IDN ccTLDs are all country code Top Level Domains
- Preserve security, stability and interoperability of the DNS
- Requests for the delegation of IDN ccTLDs should be an ongoing process
- The number of IDNccTLDs per Territory are determined by Criteria

### 2. Definition of Territory

For purposes of this policy “Territory” or “Territories” are defined as:

- a country, a sub-division, or other area of particular geopolitical interest listed in Section 3 of the ‘International Standard ISO 3166– Part 1: Country Codes’ [ISO 3166-1:2020]

or,

a country, a sub-division, or other area of particular geopolitical interest listed for an exceptionally reserved ISO 3166-1 code element

### 3. An IDN country code Top Level Domain must contain at least one (1) non-ASCII character

### 4. The IDN ccTLD string must be a Meaningful Representation of the name of a Territory

The principle underlying the representation of Territories in two letter (ASCII) code elements is the visual association between the names of Territories (in English or French, or sometimes in another language) and their corresponding code elements [section 5.2 ISO 3166-1:2020].

The principle of association between the IDN country code string and the name of a Territory should be maintained. A selected IDN ccTLD string MUST be a Meaningful Representation of the name of the Territory.

#### **5. A Meaningful Representation of the name of the Territory MUST be in a Designated Language of the Territory.**

The selected IDN ccTLD string Must be a Meaningful Representation of the name of the Territory in a Designated Language of that Territory.

This is the case when the IDNccTLD string is the short form, the full name, or an abbreviation of the name of the Territory in the Designated Language.

#### **6. Definition of Designated Language**

Designated Language is defined as: a language that has a legal status in the Territory or that serves as a language of administration.

- The definition of Designated Language is based on: “Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names”, United Nations Group of Experts on Geographic Names, United Nations, New York, 2002  
[https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/pubs/documents/Glossary\\_of\\_terms\\_rev.pdf](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/pubs/documents/Glossary_of_terms_rev.pdf)

#### **7. Only one (1) IDN ccTLD string per Designated Language**

If there is more than one Designated Language in the Territory, one (1) unique IDN ccTLD for each Designated Language may be selected.

Where a language is expressed in more than one script in a Territory, then it is permissible to have one string per script, although the multiple strings are in the same Designated Language

#### **8. Selected IDN ccTLD string MUST be non-contentious within the Territory**

The non-contentiousness is evidenced by a statement of support/endorsement/non-objection by the Significantly Interested Parties in the Territory.

- The concept Significantly Interested Parties is derived from RFC 1591 and as interpreted by the Framework of Interpretation

#### **9. Technical Criteria**

In addition to the proposed general requirements for all labels (strings), the selected IDN ccTLD string MUST abide to the normative parts of RFC 5890, RFC 5891, RFC 5892 and RFC 5893 (IDNA 2008).

All applicable technical criteria (general Domain name and IDN specific) for IDN ccTLD strings should be documented as part of the implementation plan.