

Devanagari Team Meeting Notes:

Date: 27 June 2011 meeting at 17.30 Indian Time

On the call: Dr. Govind, Dr. Kulkarni, K.B. Narayanan, Rajiv Kumar, Dr. James Galvin, Jitender Kumar, Nicholas Ostler

Apologies from: Pramod Pandey

1. Agreement on Agenda

2. Items from Singapore meeting

2.1 Definitions discussion (how to proceed)

Set the definitions document aside for now. There are issues still not understood. Team believes that citing examples of the definitions would be helpful. When the issues are defined and more understood, some definitions may need to be altered or new ones will be introduced.

Bal Krishna Bal concurred with the idea to keep the definitions document aside for the moment and start working on the issues instead and possibly get ideas how other case study teams are handling similar situations by posting our issues in the general vip mailing list. In fact, series of interesting discussions are going on in the general vip list which could be of much help in our case as well.

2.2. Questions document

Team did not have a chance to go through the document during the meeting in Singapore. Team members will start reviewing the document.

Naela explained that this document may be reworked to present the issues from the end user perspective. Document will be distributed to the team if changed.

Naela explained that the purpose of the document is to stimulate discussions that will go into the Issues report, it is not to try and find answers to each of the questions.

Team agreed to start looking at the document and discussions around it.

Dr. Kulkarni also agreed to take sometime to look at the questions.

2.3. Issues Report

Mr. K.B. Narayanan suggested that it would perhaps be helpful to create an outline (Main headings) of the study report expected at the end of the period. This would help team understand how to compile the information.

Nicholas Ostler pointed out that the structure that the Arabic team seems to have started based on the email thread that was started by Patrik Fältström on the VIP mailing list under the heading “Suggested meta-questions to think about.”

Dr. Kulkarni cautioned about trying to keep up with all the email going around.

Team and Naela will start working on ideas of what will go into the issues report.

3. Document work already completed

Members for the IDN Variant team met with the Devanagari team on 20 June 2011. The Devanagari team had a change to brief ICANN on Variance issues in the Devanagari script and the work they have already done in this area. Dr. Kulkarni exhibited the variant assessment tool they have developed. Meeting notes from the 20 January meeting are attached.

It was also agreed that as a first step, it would help the ICANN staff to receive the documentation explaining the work that has already been done. Documentation should describe the assumptions and requirements that were the foundations of the solutions already created.

Bal Krishna Bal also noted that it would be a good idea if the documents over which the discussions are held either face-to-face and/or through conference calls are circulated to the Devanagari mailing list prior to any successive weekly meetings. These documents should be documented with embedded comments and remarks that describe the agreements reached or any issues which the team has agreed to get back later. This gives a fair idea about the progress reached and at the same time will help document our discussions.

4. Project plan, timeline, next steps

Team discussed the timeline for this project and the next steps.

Team is planning their next face-to-face meeting for 21&22 July 2011 in Pune, India.

The ICANN team will have two representatives at the meeting at this meeting: Naela Sarras and Andrew Sullivan.

There was a question about the remote participation facilities at this meeting. Dr. Kulkarni is going to follow up on this question.

5. AoB

Bal Krishna Bal suggested that in addition to weekly conference calls, I would also suggest that we start engaging in discussions in the Devanagari mailing list.

Action Items:

1. Naela will also take this idea to the IDN Variant team
2. Naela to review the 20 June 2011 meeting notes from Nicholas Ostler and share with team
3. Suggested meta questions that has been circulated in the email from Patrick Falstrom. Dr. Kulkarni asked that instead of following several emails, and to help meet the deadline, it will help to have each to provide examples on their work
4. Dr. Kulkarni and his team will share the documentation of work already done with the rest of the team
5. Dr. Kulkarni also agreed to take sometime to look at the questions document.
6. Dr. Kulkarni will explore the possibility of remote participation at this meeting.
7. Team members should give an idea about who is going to attend in person and who is going to attend remotely at the next face-to-face meeting in Pune, India on 21&22 July 2011