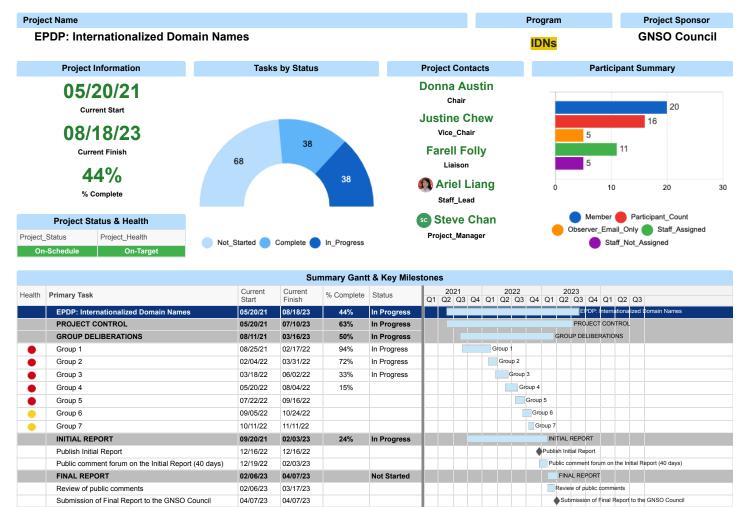
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4 - Working Group

Title: EPDP - Internationalized Domain Names (EPDP_IDN)

Description & Scope:

On 20 May 2021, the GNSO Council passed a resolution to initiate the Expedited Policy Development Process (EPDP) on Internationalized Domain Names and adopt its charter. The EPDP Team is tasked with providing the GNSO Council with policy recommendations on: 1) the definition of gTLDs and the management of variant labels; and 2) how the IDN Implementation Guidelines, which Contracted Parties are required to comply with, should be updated in the future.

Composition:

Chair:	Donna Austin
Vice Chair:	Justine Chew
Council Liaison:	Farell Folly
Policy Staff:	A. Liang, S. Chan, E. Barabas
GDS Staff:	S. Hussain, M. Karakash
# Participants:	36 Participants (<u>link</u>)
# Observers:	10
Tools:	Mailing List / Meeting Schedule / Wiki
Charter:	Charter

Project M	lanag	ement:					
Token Holder		Planned Sta Date	rt	Actual Start Date	# of Days	Planned End Date	Actual End Date
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Milestones/Work plan (link):

Milestone/Task	Date	
Project Start	May-21	>
Scoping Team Report	Jan-20	\
<u>Charter</u> Approved	May-21	/
EPDP Initiation Request Approved	May-21	/
1st Plenary meeting	Aug-21	/
SO/AC & SG/C Input to PDP	Nov-21	> > > > >
Project Plan and Work plan Adoption	Oct-21	~
Issue Deliberations	Mar-23	
Populate draft report w/ findings & potential recs.	Oct-22	
Assemble initial conclusions	Oct-22	
Discuss/approve findings and interim recs.	Nov-22	
Consolidate interim recommendations and findings	Nov-22	
Issue report for public comment	Dec-22	
Review public comment input & prepare final report	Mar-23	
Finalize Report	Apr-23	
Determine consensus levels on recommendations	Apr-23	
Adopt final recommendations and report	Apr-23	
Send final report to GNSO Council	Apr-23	
GNSO Council adoption of consensus recs.	May-23	
Issue public comment for Board consideration	Jun-23	
ICANN Board adoption of consensus recs.	Oct-23	
Prior period % Complete	43%	

Status/Health Rationale:

 This project was initiated on 20 May 2021 and continues with a <u>Status</u> of "On-Schedule" and <u>Health</u> of "On-Target"

Current Activities:

- Conducting the initial deliberations on Group 4 charter questions related to the "same entity" principle at the second-level.
- String Similarity Review Small Group developing practical examples of variant labels in different scripts, to inform EPDP Team's deliberation on variants' impact on String Similarity Review, as well as the Objection process.
- Reviewing draft outcome language for Group 2 charter questions related to the "same entity" principle at the top-level.
- Conducting strawman analysis to understand whether aspects of the New gTLD Program not already explicitly captured in the Charter, will be impacted due to the implementation of variants.

Planned Activities:

- Begin initial deliberations on Group 5 charter questions related to the domain name lifecycle.
- Scope potential work related to Charter Question E7 on single-character TLDs for the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean Generation Panels to take on.

Open Issues, Risks & Mitigation Plan:

- The EPDP-Team changed the sequencing of tackling charter questions to ensure that a logical order is being followed and provide efficiencies to deliberations. Deliberations of certain Charter questions also depend on the critical input from external parties, such as the Chinese/Japanese/Korean Generation Panels as well as Arabic and Chinese gTLD registry operators. Leadership intends to revisit the project plan to assess whether the original planning assumptions were reasonable, while factoring in the time needed for seeking external input. Council will be informed if any changes to the timing of milestones are considered necessary.
- At the time the Charter was developed, it was assumed that the SubPro recommendations, particularly those relating to IDNs under Topic 25, would have been approved by the ICANN Board. The IDN EPDP is conducting its work with the expectation that the SubPro recommendations will be approved by the Board at some future date. However, it has been necessary for the EPDP Team to make assumptions about the implementation of those recommendations in order to address the Charter questions. While these assumptions are believed to be sound, the Council should be aware of the possible ripple effect or potential risk to the EPDP Teamwork in the event that the Board does not adopt the related SubPro recommendations.

Completed in prior period(s):

- Received input from eligible Arabic and Chinese TLD registry operators regarding their potential interest in activating allocatable variants of their TLD.
- Completed the first pass of substantive deliberations on Group 3 charter questions
 related to the objection processes, string similarity review, string contention
 resolution, reserved strings, and other policies and procedures, as impacted by variant
 labels; four out of 9 parked pending input from String Similarity Review Small Team.
- Completed and distributed <u>Project Package</u> for June.

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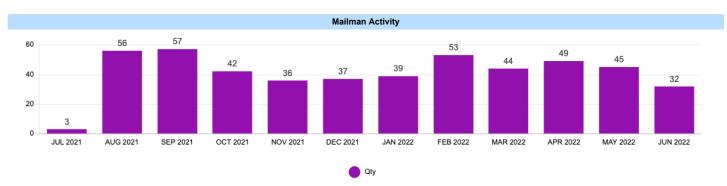
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Group Selected / Nominated By: Group Name At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)					
Justine Chew	Participant	Vice-chair	05/25/21		https://community.icani
TV Gopal	Participant		05/25/21	03/21/22	https://community.icani
Hadia Elminiawi	Participant		07/14/21		https://community.ican
Satish Babu	Member		05/25/21		https://community.ican
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Jennifer Chung	Participant	05/25/21	https://community.icann.o
Jerry Sen	Participant	05/25/21	https://community.icann.c
Wei (Wesley) Wang	Participant	07/13/21	https://community.icann.o
Maxim Alzoba	Member	05/25/21	https://community.icann.c
Joseph Chiu-Kit Yee	Member	07/06/21	https://community.icann.c
Dennis Tan Tanaka	Member	05/25/21	https://community.icann.c
Group Selected / Nominated By: Group Name Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)			
Lyman Chapin	Guest	01/13/22	
Jiankang Yao	Guest	01/13/22	
John R. Levine	Guest	01/13/22	
Ram Mohan	Guest	01/13/22	
Patrik Fältström	Guest	01/13/22	

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	Plenary Attendance		
Group Represented	Invited Qty	Attended Qty	Attendance
Total	Sum 1191	759	
Primary At-Large Advisory Committee (ALAC)	Sum 214	Sum 177	82.7%
Attendee Name Abdulkarim Oloyede	Sum 38	Sum 34	89.5%
Attendee Name Hadia Elminiawi	Sum 38		97.4%
Attendee Name Justine Chew	Sum 38	Sum 38	100.0%
Attendee Name Lianna Galstyan	Sum 38	Sum 26	68.4%
Attendee Name Satish Babu	Sum 38	Sum 36	94.7%
Attendee Name TV Gopal	Sum 24	Sum 6	25.0%
Primary Commercial Business Users Constituency (BC)	Sum 34	Sum 2	Avg 5.9%
Attendee Name Mark William Datysgeld	Sum 34		5.9%
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Expedited Policy Development Process - IDNs	38	35	92.1%
Attendee Name	Sum	Sum	92.1%
Donna Austin	38	35	
Primary	Sum	Sum	76.3%
GNSO Council	38	29	
Attendee Name Ekue Farell Folly	Sum 38	Sum 29	76.3%
Primary Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)	Sum 113	Sum 76	67.3%
Attendee Name	Sum	Sum	78.4%
Hamza Onoruoiza Salami	37	29	
Attendee Name	Sum	Sum	71.1%
Nigel Hickson	38	27	
Attendee Name	Sum	Sum	52.6%
T. Santhosh	38	20	
Primary	Sum	Sum	95.2%
ICANN Board	62	59	
Attendee Name	Sum	Sum	91.7%
Akinori Maemura	24	22	
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Edmon Chung	38	37	
Primary	Sum	Sum	36.8%
Independent	228	84	
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Christian Dawson	37	10	
Primary	Sum	Sum	22.4%
Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group (NCSG)	76	17	
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Attendee Name Tomslin Samme-Niar	Sum 38	Sum 9	23.7%
Primary	Sum	Sum	87.0%
Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG)	69	60	
Attendee Name Duowei Chen	Sum 16	Sum 11	68.8%
Attendee Name Michael Bauland	Sum 38	Sum 34	89.5%
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Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)	5	5	
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Lyman Chapin	1	1	
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Patrik Fältström	1	1	100.0%
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Ram Mohan	1	1	

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1	EPDP: Internationalized Domain Names PROJECT CONTROL	_	05/20/21			In Progress	05/20/21	08/18/23	
2	Project start confirmed			07/10/23 05/20/21	100%	In Progress	05/20/21 05/20/21	07/10/23 05/20/21	
4	Adopt/Confirm charter			05/20/21	3 100%	-	05/20/21	05/20/21	
5	Confirmation of Team			08/11/21	3 100%	-	05/20/21	08/11/21	
6	Appointment of Team Chair			07/22/21		Complete	05/20/21	07/22/21	
7	Appointment of Liaison to GNSO Council	46d	05/20/21	07/22/21	3 100%		05/20/21	07/22/21	
8	Chair / Staff preparations	13d	07/23/21	08/10/21	6 100%	Complete	07/23/21	08/10/21	
9	Project Management	512d	07/23/21	07/10/23	51%	In Progress	07/23/21	07/10/23	
10	Develop and confirm Project Plan	50d	07/23/21	09/30/21	6 100%	Complete	07/23/21	09/30/21	
11	Obtain project plan approval from GNSO Council	20d	10/01/21	10/28/21	10 100%	Complete	10/01/21	10/28/21	
12	Develop monthly Project Packages and deliver to Group & Council			03/30/23	11 42%	In Progress	10/29/21	03/30/23	
13	Leadership Sub team			03/30/23	51%	In Progress	07/23/21	03/30/23	
14	On-going preparation and planning of group activities			03/30/23	6 51% 14, 164 0%	In Progress	07/23/21	03/30/23	
16	Close project and transition project to implementation - GROUP DELIBERATIONS			07/10/23	14, 164 0% 50%	In Progress	08/11/21	03/16/23	
17	First meeting of Team		08/11/21		8 100%		08/11/21	08/11/21	
18	Understand Charter, organize materials and develop initial approach		08/11/21		8 100%	-	08/11/21	08/24/21	
19	Overview & initial discussion of all Policy Topics			08/24/21	8 100%	-	08/11/21	08/24/21	
20	Develop definitions and terminology	28d	08/11/21	09/17/21	8 100%	Complete	08/11/21	09/17/21	
21	● Input from other SO/ACs & GNSO SG/Cs	58d	09/09/21	11/29/21	100%	Complete	09/09/21	12/01/21	
26	Group 1	127d	08/25/21	02/17/22	94%	In Progress	08/25/21	11/02/21	
27	Understand topic and determine need to deliberate			08/31/21	18 100%	Complete	08/25/21	08/31/21	
28	Deliberate policy considerations and determine approach			08/31/21	18 100%		08/25/21	08/31/21	
29	Deliberate policy issues				28 88%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21	
30	a1) Evaluating all TLDs using RZ-LGR as the one and only authoritative source allows for a consistent approach for reviewing current and future TLDs. The SubPro PDP, the Staff Paper, and the Study Group on Technical Use of RZ-LGR ("TSG") recommend that compliance with RZ-LGR (RZ-LGR-4, and any future RZ-LGR versions) must be required for the validation of all future gTLDs (including IDN and ASCII labels) and the calculation of their variant labels as a matter of policy, including the determination of whether the disposition of the label should be blocked or allocatable. For existing delegated gTLD labels, does the WG recommend using the RZ-LGR as the sole source to calculate the variant labels and disposition values?			02/03/22	28 100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21	
31	a2) Before the proposed RZ-LGR mechanism, applications for IDN gTLDs have asked the applicant to identify and list any variant labels (based on their own calculations) corresponding to the applied-for string. The self-identified "variant" labels do not have legal standing, as "[d]eclaring variant strings is informative only and will not imply any right or claim to the declared variant strings. "The TSG recommends that the self-identified "variant" labels which are also variant labels calculated by RZ-LGR will need to be assigned a variant disposition based on RZ-LGR calculation, as discussed in a1). If some self-identified "variant" TLD labels by the former gTLD applicants are not found consistent with the calculation of the RZ-LGR, but have been used to certain extent (e.g., used to determine string contention sets), how should such labels be addressed in order to conform to the LGR Procedure and RZ-LGR calculations? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter.			02/03/22			09/01/21	10/19/21	
32	a3) SubPro PDP recommends that ICANN establish a mechanism that allows specific parties to challenge or appeal certain types of actions or inactions that appear to be inconsistent with the Applicant Guidebook.SubPro PDP recommends that such a limited challenge/appeal mechanism applies to several types of evaluations and formal objections decisions, including the DNS Stability aspect of evaluation/challenge procedures. Previously, both the SSAC and TSG also recommended a challenge process for resolving disagreement with the RZ-LGR calculation on certain strings. If an applied-for TLD label, whose script is supported by the RZ-LGR, is determined to be "invalid", is there a reason NOT to use the evaluation challenge processes recommended by SubPro? If so, rationale must be clearly stated. If SubPro's recommendation on the evaluation challenge process should be used, what are the criteria for filing such a challenge? Should any additional specific implementation guidance be provided, especially pertaining to the challenge to the LGR calculation as it can have a profound, decimating impact on the use of RZ-LGR?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21	
33	a4) For future gTLD applications, the SubPro PDP proposes an implementation guidance that if a script is not yet integrated into the RZ-LGR, applicants should be able to apply for a string in that script, and it should be processed up to but not including contracting. Applicants under such circumstances should be ward of the possibility that the applied-for string may never be delegated and they will be responsible for any additional evaluation costs. The burden in this case is on the applicant, who may have to walt for an indeterminate amount of time but is not aware of any other serious concerns. The SubPro PDP developed this implementation guidance by taking into consideration the TSG recommendation that the application should remain on-hold (or other appropriate status) until the relevant script is integrated into the RZ-LGR. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: should the SubPro recommendation be extended to existing TLDs that apply for a variant TLD label whose script is not yet supported by the applicable version of the RZ-LGR? Consider the question in tandem with b4) and by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter. If not, what should be the process for an existing TLD registry who wishes to apply for a variant TLD label whose script is not yet supported by the applicable version of the RZ-LGR?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 95%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21	
34	a5) SAC060 notes that variant code points in LGR may introduce a "permutation issue", possibly creating a large number of variant domain names, which "presents challenges for the management of variant domains at the registry, the registrar and registrant levels. "SAC060 advises that "CANN should ensure that the number of strings that are activated is as small as possible." The TSG agreed with this SSAC advice. Appendix C of the Staff Paper reviewed the factors causing numerous variant labels and suggested measures to address this issue. Should there be a ceiling value or other mechanism to ensure that the number of delegated top-level variant labels remains small, understanding that variant labels in the second level may compound the situation? Should additional security and stability guidelines be developed to make variant domains manageable at the registry, registrar, and registrant levels?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21	
35	a6) Since RZ-LGR can be updated over time, the WG needs to consider the implications for existing TLD labels and their variant labels (if any), including any potential changing of status or disposition value. The TSG further recommends that the Generation Panel (GP) must call out the exception where an existing TLD is not validated by their proposed solution during the public comment period and explain the analysis and reasons for not supporting the existing TLD in their script LGR proposal.13This will allow the community and the GP to review such a case to confirm that an exception is indeed warranted. Does the WG agree with TSG's suggested approach? If 8, to, to what extent should the TLD policies and procedures be updated to allow an existing TLD and its variants (if any), which are not validated by a script LGR, to be grandfathered? If not, what is the recommended approach to address changes to the current version of the RZ-LGR that assign different disposition values to existing TLDs? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter.	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21	
36	a?) The SubPro PDP recommends that single character gTLDs may be allowed for limited script/language combinations where a character is an ideograph (or ideogram) and do not introduce confusion risks that rise above commonplace similarities, consistent with SAC052 and Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Workgroup (JIG) report. What mechanism or criteria should be used to identify the scripts/languages appropriate for single-character TLDs? Once those scripts/languages are identified, what mechanism or criteria should be used to identify a specific list of allowable characters which can be used as a single-character TLD within such scripts/languages? Should any specific implementation guidance be provided? Furthermore, should the relevant GP tag these code points in the RZ-LGR for a consistent analysis and to ease their identification and algorithmic calculation?1	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 50%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21	

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•	a8) What additional aspects of gTLD policies and procedures, which are not considered in the above charter questions, need to be updated to ensure that the validation of existing TLD labels and calculation of variantlabels depend exclusively on the RZ-LGR in a consistent manner?	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 30%	In Progress	09/01/21	10/19/21		
	a9) A given label in an Internationalized Domain Label (IDL) set may be in one of the following non-exhaustive status: delegated, withheld-same-entity, blocked, allocated, rejected. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and develop a consistent definition of variant label status in the IDL set.	112d	09/01/21	02/03/22	28 100%	Complete	09/01/21	10/19/21		
	a10) Individual labels in an IDL set may go through the following possible status transformations: •from "withheld-same-entity" to "allocated": Allocation only to the same entity as another label in the IDL set. This change happens if a variant was not initially requested for allocation and later is. Allocating withheld labels would be the application process for a variant TLD. •from "blocked" to "withheld-same-entity": A later LGR may broaden the availablel abels in the IDL set. Such possible labels automatically become withheld-same-entity. •from "allocated" to "delogated": Happens when name servers are added. (Not new.) •from "delegated" to "allocated": If a domain is removed from the DNS, the allocation can remain in place anyway. Rare in the root zone, but not new. •from "rejected" to "withheld-same-entity": Every Rejected label is automatically Withheld-same-entity as well. If the Rejected status comes off, the label can be handled as any other Withheld-same-entity label. Note that an allocated or withheld-same-entity label cannot become blocked unless a new version of the LGR makes this possible. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: what is the procedure to change the label status for individual variant labels?		09/01/21		28 100%		09/01/21	10/19/21		
	Develop draft work product		09/01/21	02/03/22	28 100%		09/01/21	10/19/21		
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	b1) Both the SubPro PDP and the Staff Paper recommend that variant TLDs that ICANN delegates must have the "same entity" as the sponsoring organization and the "Registry Operator" be used as the definition of the "same entity" at the top-level. Should this recommendation be extended to existing TLDs?	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46 90%	In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21		
	b2) Both the SubPro PDP and the Staff Paper recommend that variant TLDs be operated by the same back-end registry service provider, the organization providing one or more registry services (e.g., DNS, DNSSEC, RDDS, EPP) for a registry operator.	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46 90%	In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21		
	Should this recommendation be extended to existing TLDs and their variant TLD labels? b3) Beyond having the same Registry Operator and same back-end registry service provider, as referenced in b1) and b2), is there a need for additional constraints for the same entity requirement for the top-level? If so, the	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46 90%	In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21		
	rationale must be clearly stated. d1) The same entity principle for variant TLDs —having the same registry operator and the same back-end registry service provider for gTLD and its variant labels at the top-level —needs to be effectuated legally and operationally.	25d	02/11/22	03/17/22	46 70%	In Progress				
	as the obligations to maintain such condition during the life of the contract(s). From an operational standpoint, an application process, testing of registry services, fee structure, and other aspects need to be defined and developed. The EPDP should discuss and developed. The EPDP should discuss and develop the proper legal and operational framework in order to strike a balance between conservatism, innovation, adoption and other aspects of the implementation. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: d1a) A TLD is subject to a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In case of IDN variant TLDs, ICANN would execute the Registry Agreement twith the same entity but potentially diverge in future Registry Agreement amendments, addendums, and renewals. Should each TLD label be the subject of a separate Registry Agreement with ICANN? If not, should each TLD label along with its variant labels be subject to one Registry Agreement with the same entity? Rationale for such definition must be clearly stated along with the answer, including goals and motivations. d1b) What should be the process by which an applicant applying for a new IDQ TLD could seek and obtain any allocatable variant(s)? What should be the associated fee(s), including the application fees and annual registration fees for variant TLDs? Should any specific implementation guidance be provided?	054	00(44/72	0247102	100	Li Daniero	444000	40/44/04		
	b4) The policy recommendation advises that variant TLD labels be allocated to the same entity, however a process to apply for a variant TLD does not exist. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following questions in order to develop a consistent solution: what should an application process look like in terms of timing and sequence for an existing and future Registry Operator with respect to applying or activating their allocatable variant TLD labels? b4a) For the variant labels with status "withheld for the same entity" (i.e. not requested for allocation in the application process), what role do they play?			03/17/22		In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21		
	b5) Do restrictions that apply to a TLD (e.g., community TLDs, dot brand TLDs) also apply to its variants? Are these labels equally treated as different versions of the same string, or completely independent strings not bound by the samerestrictions?			03/17/22		In Progress	11/10/21	12/14/21		
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+	Conduct Second Reading + verbal response + adoption or discard Confirm draft as stable			03/31/22	56		12/22/21	12/28/21		
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+	Deliberate policy issues			05/19/22	60 57%	In Progress	01/05/22	02/08/22		
	e1) In considering the conclusion(s) with respect to question b4a), what role, if any, do TLD labels "withheld for possible allocation" or "withheld for the same entity" play vis-a-vis: • objection process; and an analysis of the same entity play vis-a-vis:	40d	03/25/22	05/19/22	60 50%	In Progress				
	e2) Under the rules of the most recent gTLD application round, there are four criteria for objections to a string (see gTLD Applicant Guidebook, version 2012-06-04, section 3.2.1). The SubPro PDP has also affirmed the continuation of these four criteria for objections to a string, while proposing recommendations and implementation guidance to enhance/adjust these criteria. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate to ensure consistency in the implementation of the objection process for the variant label applications of existing and future TLDs.	40d	03/25/22	05/19/22	60 90%	In Progress				
	e3) In the Initial Evaluation for new gTLD applications, a proposed applied-for TLD is checked against several criteria as part of the string similarity review process (see gTLD Applicant Guidebook, version 2012-06-04, section 2.2.1.1.1). The SubPro PDP affirmed these standards, while proposing recommendations and implementation guidance to enhance the process. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate to ensure consistency in the implementation of the string similarity reviewprocedure for variant label applications of existing and future gTLDs. e3a) After a requested variant string is rejected as a result of a string similarity review, should the other variant strings in the same variant set remain allocatable? Should individual labels be allowed to have different outcomes/actions (e.g., some labels be blocked and some be allowed to continue with an application process)?	40d	03/25/22	05/19/22	60 50%	In Progress				

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Characteristics Characteri		c2) Currently Registry Operators may activate the IDN variant labels at the second-level when requested by the sponsoring Registrar of the canonical name as described in the IDN Tables and IDN Registration Rules. Both the SubPro PDP and the Staff Paper recommend that at the second-level, the same entity definition can be achieved by ensuring that the registrant is the same. Should this recommendation be extended to the already activated IDN variant labels at the second-level? How	40d	05/27/22	07/21/22	76	30%	In Progress													
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### ABC PUT United and Put Company of the Company o		the same entity. However, some registrars in practice may not reuse contact objects for different registrations by the same registrant, and there is no existing data on the number/percentage of ICANN accredited registrars that reuse contact ROID. Is ROID a reasonable mechanism to determine the same registrant at the second-level for both future and existing labels? If not, what mechanism/functional definition can be used to ensure the second-level variant labels are allocated to the same entity for both current and future TLDs? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter. c3a) If the Working Group determines to use ROID as the mechanism to identify the registrant as the "same entity"																			
## Comment Co		multiple IDN tables are offered, IDN tables should produce a consistent set of second-level variant labels to help achieve the security and usability goals for managing variant labels in a stable manner, promoting a good user experience. As such, the Staff Paper recommends that IDN tables of variant TLDs be mutually coherent, i.e. any two code points (or sequences) that are variants in TLD 't1' cannot be non-variants invariant TLD 't1'1'. This recommendation also implies that any two code points (or sequences) that are variants in IDN Table A for TLD 12, which does not have any variant TLD, cannot be non-variants in another IDNTable B for the same TLD 12. Should the second-levelIDN tables offered under a TLD, including IDN variant TLDs, be required to be mutually coherent? If yes, how should existing registrations which may not meet the "mutually coherent" requirement of second-level IDN tables be addressed? Rationale must be clearly stated. (2a) Notwithstanding that IDN tables need to be mutually coherent, the SubPro PDP and the Staff Paper recommend that the set of allocatable or activated second-level variant labels may not be identical across the activated IDN variant TLDs. Meaning, their behavior/disposition can be different. Under the conditions above, may the set of allocatable or activated second-level variant labels not behave	40d	05/27/22	07/21/22	76															
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Conduct First Reading + verbal and email response		be formatted in the machine readable LGR format specified in RFC 7940, Representing Label Generation Rulesets Using XML. However, each Registry Operator can harmonize the IDN tables today via software development solutions or are already in process of doing so. The WG and the SubPro IRT to coordinate and consider the following question in order to develop a consistent solution: should Registry Operators be required to use the machine readable LGR format as specified in RFC 7940 for their second-level IDN tables? Or should Registry Operators have the flexibility to resolve the harmonization issue so long as it can predictably and consistently produce the same variant labels, albeit with different disposition values, across the same-script IDN tables? Consider this question by taking into account the data to be collected in the "Data and Metric Requirements" section of this charter.																			
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	Al	Leadership and staff to develop a proposal to scope further outreach to the three GPs with respect to additional work.	_	EPDP_IDN Leadership	07/15/22	In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #37 E5, E7	+	EPDP_IDN	05/26/22	05/26/22 Complete	
	Al	Update process flow chart to include additional elements like 1) the new processes envisioned by SubPro 2) additional inputs to the New gTLD Program process (e.g., application comment, GAC EW, etc.) 3. numbering for boxes 4. upcoming charter questions to be discussed and 5. references to preliminary recommendations.	_	Policy Support Staff	07/28/22	In Progress	
	WP	Meeting #38 E7 (Parking Lot)	+	EPDP_IDN	06/02/22	06/02/22 Complete	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	06/07/22	06/07/22 Complete	
	WP	Meeting #39 CANCELLED	+	EPDP_IDN	06/09/22	06/09/22 Complete	
	WP	Meeting ICANN74 A7, A10, C1	+	EPDP_IDN	06/14/22	06/14/22 Complete	
	WP	Meeting #40 A7, A10, C1	+	EPDP_IDN	06/30/22	06/30/22 Complete	
	Al	Staff to develop graphics to demonstrate scenarios for C1.		Policy Support Staff	07/07/22	Not Started	
•	WP	Meeting #41 C1		EPDP_IDN	07/07/22	Not Started	
	Al	Members to respond to Ariel's email about availability to meet with ccPDP4 on 26 July.		EPDP_IDN	07/14/22	In Progress	
	Al	EPDP Team members to review anonymized results of the survey of existing Chinese and Arabic IDN gTLD operators about their interest in activating variants, shared by staff on the mailing list.		EPDP_IDN	07/14/22	In Progress	
	Al	EPDP Team members from RrSG and RySG will ask their groups if there are known examples of use cases 2, 3, 4 that already exist.		EPDP_IDN	07/21/22	In Progress	
	MS	Submit project package to GNSO Council	!	Ariel Liang	07/11/22	In Progress	
	MS	Submit Initial Report for Public Comment	!	EPDP_IDN	12/19/22	Not Started	