

Expedited Policy Development Process on Internationalized Domain Names (EPDP on IDNs)

Update since ICANN76

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IDNs EPDP-related Developments

⦿ Recap on IDNs EPDP Workplan

- Approved Project Change Request of Nov 2022 had:
 - Publish Phase 1 Initial Report (Top Level charter questions) for Public Comment by Apr 2023
 - Submit Phase 1 Final Report by Nov 2023
 - Publish Phase 2 Initial Report (Second Level charter questions) for Public Comment by Apr 2025
 - Submit Phase 2 Final Report by Nov 2025

⦿ At ICANN76

- Made progress on Phase 1 outstanding deliberations
- **Phase 1 Initial Report on target for public comment in late Apr 2023**
- **ICANN Board 16 Mar 2023 resolution** on Subsequent Procedures* requires by 15 Jun 2023:
 1. IDNs EPDP project plan identifying all charter questions impacting next AGB
 2. Considerations for consistency between policies for EPDP on IDN Variant TLDs and ccPDP4 on IDN ccTLDs (or rationale for divergence)
- So, Phase 2 needs triage with a view to spilt into:
 1. Phase 2A for charter questions impacting next AGB; and
 2. Phase 2B for remaining SL charter questions.

*See: <https://www.icann.org/en/board-activities-and-meetings/materials/approved-resolutions-regular-meeting-of-the-icann-board-16-03-2023-en#section2.a>

IDNs EPDP Tentative Timetable until ICANN77

- ⦿ Mar 2023 (post-ICANN76)
 - Completed Phase 1 outstanding deliberations
 - Completed rationale for divergence between policies for EPDP on IDN Variant TLDs and ccPDP4 on IDN ccTLDs
 - Phase 2 Triage (into 2A & 2B) in progress

- ⦿ Apr 2023
 - **Complete Phase 1 Draft Initial Report for public comment (priority)**
 - Begin workplan development for Phase 2

- ⦿ May 2023
 - Begin work on Phase 2 charter questions **

- ⦿ Jun 2023
 - Review inputs from Phase 1 public comment
 - Continue work on Phase 2 charter questions

** Some Phase 2 charter questions made need consideration of data from CPH Tech-Ops