

# GNSO Expedited Policy Development Process on Internationalized Domain Names

Update to CPWG

ALAC Team for EPDP on IDNs



# Overview

- EPDP on IDNs Phase 1
- EPDP on IDNs Phase 2
- Reactivation of ALAC IDN Policy WG

# EPDP on IDNs: Phase 1

- Initial Report published for public comments in Apr 2023
- Final report submitted to GNSO Council in Nov 2023
- GNSO Council approved all 69 recommendations in Nov 2023 exceeding the
- Supermajority threshold, which obligates the ICANN Board to adopt the recommendations unless 2/3rd of the Board votes against it
- Submitted to the ICANN Board in Nov 2023
- On 23rd Jan 2024, ICANN Board has published the report for public comments. The public comment remains open until 12 March 2024 before acting on it

## EPDP on IDNs: Phase 2 (1/2)

- 2-hour weekly meetings have resumed from last week after the holiday break
- Language changes from the Kuala Lumpur meeting of the EPDP have been sent to the EPDP team for any final comments. The deadline for submission of comments is 2 Feb 2024
- All but one of the Charter Questions have achieved rough consensus at the KL meeting. The CQ on IDN Table Harmonization was left to a small group comprised of Registries, Registrars and ICANN Technical Staff to be resolved
- Although the small group met once, they do not have a recommendation yet

## Phase 2 (contd.)

- The Phase 2 Preliminary Report will be completed by Feb, and published for public comments
- Once this is done, the ALAC EPDP team will be presenting key topics from Phase 2 at the CPWG
- Phase 2 is expected to process the inputs received through the public comments process in about 2 months
- Therefore Phase 2 should close around July 2024

# Reactivation of ALAC IDN Policy WG

# ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC)

- In Nov 2023, ccNSO has set up a new committee called the Universal Acceptance Committee (UAC)
- This is a standing group to coordinate IDN/UA work with ccTLDs and their regional organizations
- The mandate is to ensure that:
  - ccTLDs eventually become UA compliant and able to promote the acceptance of IDNs
  - The ccNSO ecosystem is receptive to IDNs and UA
- UASG Staff provides support to UAC
- UASG would like to know if ALAC IDN WG can be rejuvenated and repurposed

# ALAC IDN Policy Working Group

- This group was set up to promote IDNs and to resolve any technical issues related to them
- The group was active until about 2015. The mailing list is still active, but it is not very active
- Also, since the UASG was founded in 2015, the ALAC IDN WG did not have Universal Acceptance as one of its mandates
- Now, with IDNs and UA as a prominent part of the next round, there is rationale rejuvenating this as a standing group
- The current WG is available [here](#)



## ALAC IDN Policy WG (2)

- Since the group is already in existence, there is no heavy-weight process required to rejuvenate it
- The mandate of the WG could be the promotion of IDNs and UA amongst ALSes, Individual Members and the At-Large Community through:
  - Awareness building
  - Capacity building
  - Providing technical advice
  - Supporting specific UASG activities such as the UA Day
  - Supporting the next round's focus on IDNs and UA
- UASG has agreed to provide any technical support that is required

**Thank you!**

**Questions?**