

# IDN Update

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# Agenda

- IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process
- Update on IDN Variant Issues Project



# Fast Track - Eligibility Criteria

- Country or territory must be listed in the International Standard ISO 3166-1
- String must be a minimum of two characters long
- Languages based on the Latin script are not eligible for the Fast Track Process



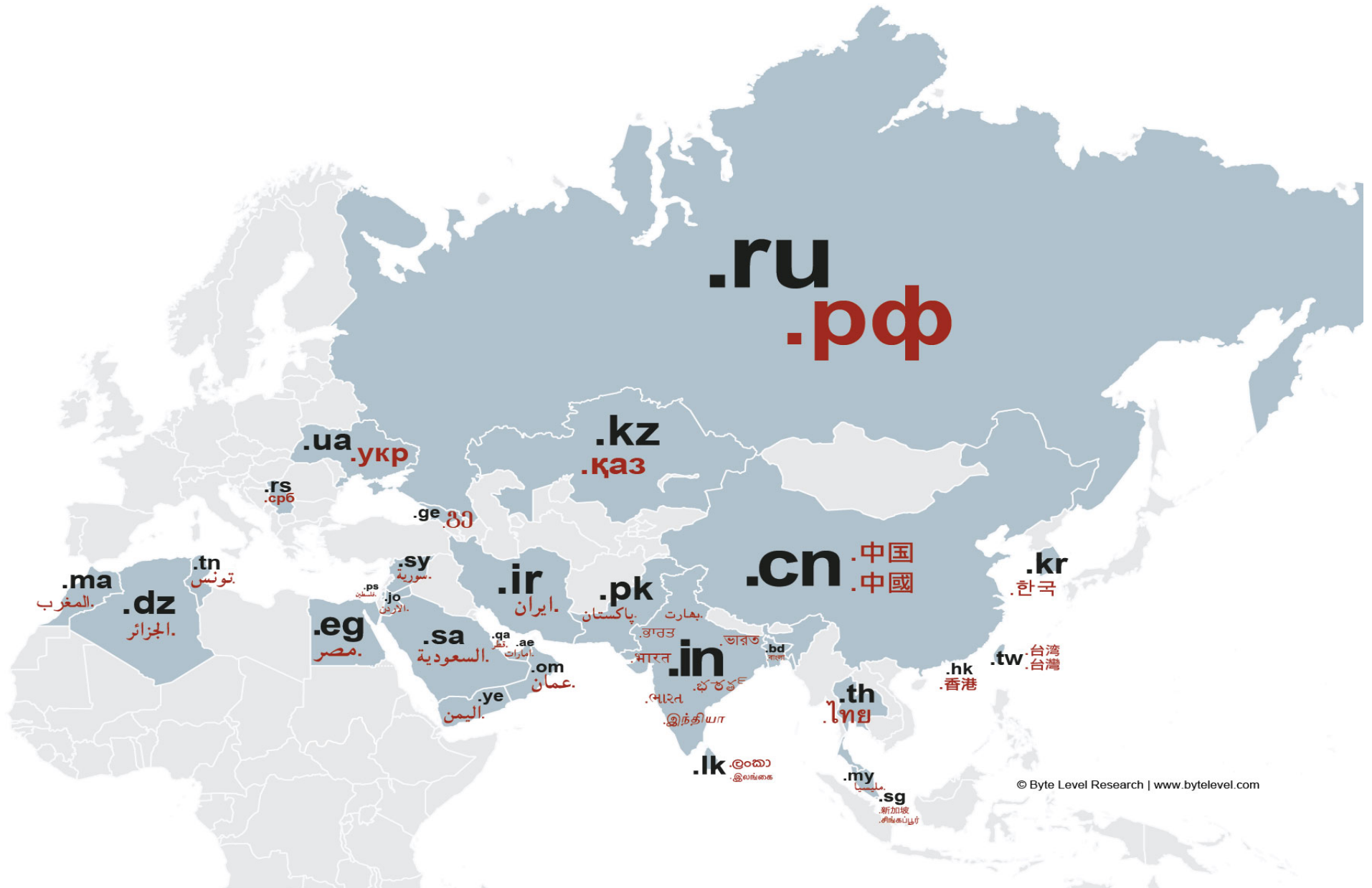
# IDN ccTLD Fast Track Numbers

Launched  
Nov 16  
2009!

- 36 unique requests received to date
- 30 IDN ccTLD in Root Zone (20 countries/territories)
- 9 approved and pending delegation



# A world of IDNs



# Fast Track Process Review

- Required by Final Implementation Plan
- First review completed 31 January 2011
- Summary of Comments and Recommendations Published at:

<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/fast-track-review-summary-comments-18feb11-en.pdf>





# Main themes from review

- Community support
- Confusing similarity assessment
- Transparency
- Disputes and objections
- IDN Tables
- Delegation of Variant TLDs



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# Variant Issues Project





# Why this project?

- Long standing request from a number of IDN user communities.
- Board instructed staff to develop an issues report on the subject.

<http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/resolutions-25sep10-en.htm#2.5>



# IDN variant TLDs as of today

- Applicants may declare variant strings for the TLD in its application.
- No variant TLD strings are delegated until variant management solutions are developed and implemented.



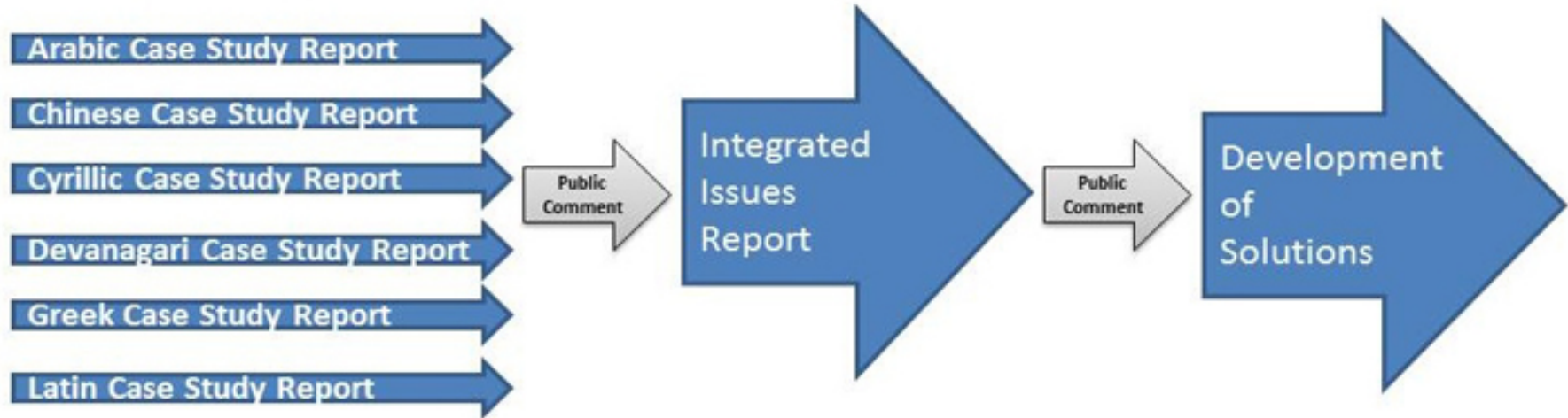
# Scope of the Project

1. Create a glossary of terms vetted with technical and linguistic communities.
2. Identify challenges (requirements) of IDN variant TLDs based on:
  - a) linguistic accuracy
  - b) technical feasibility & accuracy
  - c) usability (including minimize user confusion)
  - d) accessibility and
  - e) security and stability



# IDN Variant Issues Project

## IDN Variant Issues Project Phases



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# Phase 1 - Case Study Reports

- Comprised of community experts in DNS, Registry/Registrar operations, Linguistics, Security, Policy, and IDNA
- Led by a Case Study Team Coordinator
- Teams had regular teleconference calls and face-to-face meetings
- ICANN has provided support for case study teams





# Case Study Reports

- 6 Case Study Teams completed work in early October 2011
- Case Study Team Reports published for public comment (translations on the way)

<http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-4-03oct11-en.htm>



IDN VIP Phase 1 completed

Thank you, Teams !



# Case Study Reports

## Public Comment

*Please Contribute*

*Closing date: 14 November  
2011*

[http://www.icann.org/en/  
public-comment/](http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/)



# Next Phase - Integrated Issues Report

- Development of an Integrated Issues Report, based on the 6 Case Study Reports
- Summarizes and synthesizes the issues identified by the case study teams
- Integrated report due 15 December 2011



# Thank You

