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

• 36 unique requests received to date

• 30 IDN ccTLD in Root Zone (20 countries/territories)

• 9 approved and pending delegation

Launched Nov 16 2009!
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:
Main themes from review

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