

IDN Implementation Guidelines (IDNG) Working Group (WG)

Notes from the meeting on 22 February 2018

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

WG members:

1. Dennis Tanaka
2. Mats Dufberg
3. Satish Babu

ICANN Org:

4. Pitinan Kooarmornpatana
5. Sarmad Hussain

Meeting Notes

The WG members noted that the following documents to review:

- i. Feedback from second Public Comment
- ii. Feedback from the Board IDN WG
- iii. SSAC Response
- iv. Summary of discussion from the public session at ICANN 60

The WG continued the discussion on community feedback received on the IDN Implementation Guidelines following the second public comment.

1. **RYSG-4.** The WG continued the discussion. It was agreed that instead of asking the value for X, it may better to suggest a value for X. It was also suggested that this can be requested to be put on the agenda for RySG for discussing the number. It was suggested to take the recommendation of RYSG for 18 months and is applicable from the approval of the updated version (including the six-month buffer which registries have for such changes). However, after the 18 months the LGR format is mandatory.

The WG also agreed to include the first paragraph from the explanation provided from the previous public comment response in the current response, to support the argument.

The members agreed to check with RySG if the value of X=18 months can be discussed in RySG meeting before ICANN61 and then finalize the way forward (to post the public comment response before ICANN 61).

2. **RYSG-5.** The WG suggested that the changes in the Guidelines should be recommended to be adopted as soon as registries can manage but are contractually applicable after 18 months, as recommended by RySG.
3. **RYSG-6.** The IDNGWG noted the suggested changes in the definitions by RySG but agreed that if the definitions are being extracted from the relevant RFCs, these should not be changed. To address the feedback from RySG, the WG will add the additional explanatory text suggested by RySG as notes for the relevant term. However, staff will check if these definitions are not extracted from an RFC then RySG suggestions can be adopted by updating the definition text.

4. **NCSG-1.** IDNGWG noted that this is not in scope of the WG and asked staff on how to communicate to ICANN org. Staff will check and confirm the mechanism in the next call or over email.
5. **NCSG-2.** The IDNGWG suggested that 18 month transition period based on RySG feedback be taken forward.
6. **NCSG-3.** The WG noted that the wording has been carefully debated and decided by the members and would like to retain it unless there is a specific reason provided by the community on a particular guideline, which the WG would consider. The current language strikes the right balance between the optional requests and mandatory requirements.
7. **BIWG Feedback.** The IDNGWG also discussed the feedback received by the Board IDN WG. Regarding Guideline 7, BIWG noted that the intended collaboration may not have been sufficient and it may be useful to clarify what is expected from this guideline going forward. IDNGWG noted that EURID had volunteered for this purpose and moreover that it does not consider this to be a standing working group. IDNGWG agreed to invite EURID in their meeting at ICANN61 to discuss the collaboration further. However, the IDNGWG agreed to keep the guideline.
8. **ICANN61.** Staff informed the members that there are three sessions for IDNGWG at ICANN 61: (i) short 7-minute update, (ii) 75-minute public session on the guidelines, and (iii) private session after the public session for the IDNGWG members to discuss the comments and finalize the guidelines.

Action Items

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1	<i>Update response to RYSG4 to include the value of X=18 months and include the explanatory text for requiring the LGR format from the response in the first public comment</i>	SH
2	<i>Check if the six-month delay in implementation is applicable to changes in IDN Guidelines for contracted parties</i>	SH
3	<i>Check with RySG if it has a call before ICANN 61 and if an agenda item on the RYSG4 comment can be included in that call</i>	DT
4	<i>Check how IDNGWG can pass on the NCSG1 comment regarding Section 1.2 to ICANN org</i>	SH
5	<i>Complete the Public Comment response document</i>	SH
6	<i>Develop a draft of presentation for ICANN61 – focusing on public comments and their responses</i>	SH