

Approaches and overall working method.

For discussion

The PDP retirement was initiated to develop and recommend a policy on retirement of ccTLDs. Based on discussion to date two possible approaches to work on next stage. Please note they are not mutually exclusive. In addition, the WG will need to agree on overall method of staging its work.

A. Defining the Retirement Process

Under this model the retirement of ccTLDs, probably the simplest model to describe and analyze is:

Retirement process

Delegated ccTLDs -----> Un-delegated ccTLDs¹ (retired, unassigned, other status)?

With respect to the retirement process high level questions are:

1. What are phases of retirement process? Initiation, Implementation, Conclusion, other?

2. Initiation of Retirement process. Looking more closely at the Initiation phase i.e phase when retirement process starts, following question, which are also listed in the Issue report, could structure the discussion going forward:

- I. who initiates retirement process?
- II. What are events that cause retirement process?
Final stage of registration on ISO 3166-1? Change of state on ISO 3166-1:
From assigned to un-assigned?
Other change of state? See scenario document:
*"1a From Assigned to Transitionally Reserved
New ISO code assigned at the same time, such as in a pure Name
Change (for example ZR to CD) ie a 1-to-1 replacement
1b From Assigned to Transitionally Reserved
No new ISO Code assigned
2 From Exceptionally Reserved to Transitionally Reserved
3 From Transitionally Reserved to Available
4 From Assigned to Exceptionally Reserved
5 From Exceptionally Reserved to Available

6 From Transitionally Reserved to Exceptionally Reserved
Insofar as there is no ccNSO Policy for Adding to Exceptionally
Reserved (as above)"*

¹ This term is not defined. It is used as an overall, heuristic to describe stage where the delegation has ended. To date at least 3 situations are (not) distinguished: Un-assigned – Retired -not included in the root zone database after the retirement process was concluded.

- III. How is retirement initiated? Letter from PTI/ IFO to ccTLDs? ICANN Board decision? Letter from relevant government?

3. Implementation Phase. Assuming the need for implementation of the retirement process: What are consequences once retirement process is initiated, if any, and for whom?

B. Scenario Approach

The starting point is end of listing of particular state of the two-letter code (country code) on ISO 3166 – 1.

The model to be used is

Retirement process

End/change of listing ISO 3166-1 -----> Un-Delegated² ccTLDs

1. End stages/change of listing ISO 3166-1. To date the following changes end of listing have been identified by the working group:

- 1a From Assigned to Transitionally Reserved
New ISO code assigned at the same time, such as in a pure Name Change (for example ZR to CD) ie a 1-to-1 replacement
- 1b From Assigned to Transitionally Reserved
No new ISO Code assigned
- 2 From Exceptionally Reserved to Transitionally Reserved
- 3 From Transitionally Reserved to Available
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2. Describing/developing retirement process per scenario. Under this model/method for each of these changes the retirement process, if any, needs to be defined. Question to structure the retirement process under this model are:

- I. Is list of relevant changes/ scenario's complete?
- II. Does change/ scenario cause for retirement process?
- III. Who initiates retirement process?
- IV. How is retirement initiated? Letter from PTI/ IFO to ccTLDs? ICANN Board decision? Letter from relevant government?
- V. What are consequences once retirement process is initiated, if any and for whom?

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C. Overall working method/staging of work.

Independent of approach the following working method is proposed:

- Describe and analyze the cases to date. It is proposed that building on the DRD WG report, relevant publicly available documentation the “retirements” of ccTld’s to date are described, issue identified, if any, and analyzed.
- Based on description and analyses, the WG develops and recommends a policy.

In parallel, develop glossary i.e. define terms.