IDN Implementation Guidelines (IDNG) Working Group (WG)

Notes from Meeting on 21 April, 2016

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

WG members:

- 1. Dennis Tan
- 2. Edmon Chung
- 3. Jian Chang
- 4. Kal Feher

Staff:

5. Sarmad Hussain

Meeting Notes

- 1. Output of the IDNGWG. The group discussed the format and process of the output of the WG. The WG will present an initial report which will be shared for public comments. Based on the feedback, the WG will finalize the issues and appropriate recommendations and release that again for public comments. Unless there is a large change, the report will be finalized and passed to the ICANN Board for approval.
- **2. Review of community feedback from ICANN55.** The members went through the community feedback from ICANN 55 (as summarized in the minutes circulated earlier). It was noted that the community supported the six issues circulated and presented. The following were noted as part of the summary:
 - Need of consistency but variance due to the context across TLDs (gTLDs vs. ccTLDs)
 - SSAC's (SAC 60) recommendations on IDN variants and their consistency
 - Work on similarity and confusability across scripts by the community based Generation
 Panels being done for the root zone Label Generation Rules (LGRs)
 - Potential overlap with other WGs on registration data and whether there is an area not covered by others which may be relevant for IDNGWG
 - Additional topic of EPP extensions raised by the community
- 3. Scope of initial WG report. The members discussed the scope of initial report. Those on the call agreed that the first report to be released should list the issues more specifically and have at least an indication of the recommendations or ask questions if multiple cases are possible. This will allow the community to give feedback which the WG can use more effectively. This suggestion will be by circulated to the WG over email to get feedback of members not on the call. Staff will start the initial report- keeping the document concise (with links to relevant background material), splitting the existing topics appropriately and adding the topics identified during ICANN55. The WG can decide which topics to keep as the discussions proceed.
- **4. Timeline of WG report.** Based on the fortnightly call schedule, and possible 6-8 topics, it will take till August to go through each of the topic, if the WG takes one issue per call. Thus the WG should aim to publish the initial report in August. The group would not have the report ready for ICANN 56 but may plan a regular meeting of the WG during it.

Action Items

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1	WG members should note that it is being suggested to include indication of	WG Members
	recommendations or relevant questions in the scope of initial WG report, in addition to the list of issues. WG members to share their feedback on the proposed scope.	not on the call on 20160421
2	Staff to start the initial report for the WG	SH