IDN Implementation Guidelines (IDNG) Working Group (WG)

Notes from Meeting on 19 January, 2017

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

> WG members:
> 1. Edmon Chung
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> 3. Jian Zhang
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Meeting Notes

The WG members continued the discussion on the document and the recommendations to be proposed for public comment. Updated document *IDN Guidelines 4.0 20170119* was discussed.

1. **Grandfathering current registrations.** The recommendation was reviewed by the WG. The group discussed whether the term "label" or "domain name" should be used, latter including the TLD. It was suggested that "domain name" be used. It was also discussed whether there should be distinction between "delegated" and "activated". It was shared that the registry agreements refer to the latter, and the two may mean the same thing. It was also noted that this is a subtler distinction and may not be necessary for the high level guidelines. Either term can be used. The WG agreed to look into this further in the registry contracts, ccTLD Fast Track process before it is finalized. WG discussed that it would make the guidelines clearer to understand by making the terminology uniform.

   In the case where the non-conforming labels will cease in the zone file, it was suggested that a period of time be considered instead of a deadline. Also, a specific date may not be enforceable. Further, can a registry operator change such a date it has announced? It was clarified that the announcement is to be made in advance, and there may not be a minimum period in case there is a security risk with some domain name(s).

   It was presented that these changes should be published by the registries and that registrars should be encouraged by the registry operators to reach out to the registrants and inform them. It was discussed if the registrars be required to do so. However, it was suggested that registrars may still do it without a requirement as the registrant is being inconvenienced; requiring it may also add a barrier for IDNs.

   The recommendation will be updated based on the discussion and feedback.

2. **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the WG will be on 26 January, 2017.

Action Items

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1	*Update recommendation on grandfathering current registrations based on the discussion*	KF
2	*Check for the difference between the definition of "activated" and "delegated"*	SH