

ccTLD News Session #1

• Tuesday, 29 September 2020 (11:00-12:00 UTC)

Successful transition of the .vu ccTLD | *Andrew Molivurae (.vu)*

The .vu ccTLD has been in the process of transition for the last 5 or more years and finally it was completed. .vu started with just an incumbent Registry that also run the only Registrar for over 20 years. With the change in the legal framework for ICT in Vanuatu, the responsibility was transferred to the Regulator's office. Today just about six months after the completion of the transition process, more than 25 Registrars were onboarded mostly international ICANN accredited Registrars. The number of local Registrars is about 5 and more are expected to sign up.

There were many challenges faced during the transition period but finally the .vu ccTLD is now under better management that meets best practices.

Study on legislative harmonization concerning Indonesian Domain Name Dispute Resolution Procedure | *Mira Fajriyah (.id)*

Indonesian domain name dispute resolution procedure (PPND) has been introduced since 2013. Now, it has completed 19 cases including cases regarding domain name related to Brand and domain name related to Names. However, there are some harmonization needed to create a more solid regulation which act as a legal ground to this legal practice. This presentation meant to elaborate some part of prevailing regulation both new and formerly enacted concerning normative schism over PPND, courts response and already-known alternative dispute resolution in Indonesia.

Trademark protection mechanisms in .ua ccTLD | *Svitlana Tkachenko (.ua)*

.UA ccTLD offers second and third level domain name registration. Distinctive feature of the second level domain registration is the need to match the domain name and trademark. For many years, this limitation has provided reliable protection for trademark owners. But in 2019 additional protection mechanism was implemented - dispute resolution policy. Implementation experience, difficulties, first results. The impact of lockdown on the arbitration procedure and execution.

The first decade of Russian IDN ccTLD .PФ: our experience and feedback | *Maria Kolesnikova (.ru)*

The first ever IDN TLDs were delegated according to the ICANN Fast Track Process in 2009. Since then ten years has passed. Russian IDN ccTLD .PФ was one of these ones. What challenges and opportunities were faced during the decade, how .PФ was launched, developed and what is its current status on the domain market - all these issues will be covered in the presentation. The .PФ Registry will share its recent experience and feedback in promoting of IDN and EAI technologies, how the Universal Acceptance concept is integrated into these processes and what we have outreached so far.

• Thursday, 1 October 2020 (19-00-20:00 UTC)

The European ccTLDs' response to the EU digital agenda | *Polina Malaja (CENTR)*

The Digital Services Act (DSA) is the most-anticipated reform in the digital sphere of 2020. The European Commission is currently consulting stakeholders and collecting ideas for this priority reform that aims to clarify the responsibilities of digital services in tackling the issue of illegal (and possibly harmful) content online. This legislative proposal is expected to see the light by the end of 2020. However, what does this reform have in the pipeline for the DNS and ccTLDs? Why do ccTLDs need to be informed and pay attention to the debate on the e-Commerce Directive reform and its liability exemptions? Can ccTLDs be considered online intermediaries, which the rules of the DSA will primarily target? What does the DSA mean for the internet ecosystem, and could the DSA have a similar potential extraterritorial impact as the GDPR? This presentation will give an update on the debate on the DSA within the EU and will outline CENTR's activities around this reform. Moreover, Polina will also address the the Directive on security of network and information systems.

Critical infrastructure laws In Australia | *Bruce Tonkin (.au)*

The Australian Government has proposed changes to the Security Of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018 (SOCIA) to expand the types of entities that are considered critical infrastructure, and include a range of new security obligations. This presentation will cover the increasing focus on cyber security in Australia, the proposed changes to the law, and possible implications for the .au ccTLD.

Policy updates and activities at the .ng ccTLD during the covid-19 pandemic | *Edith Udeagu (.ng)*

NiRA, the .ng ccTLD Manager, conducted a survey in 2019: its results showed concerns by .ng registrars regarding the pricing of .ng domain names on the one hand, and the policies on the other hand. To address these concerns, the NiRA Board held extensive discussions on the economic purchasing power of registrants in Nigeria, the perception of Nigerians on home grown products/services, and the online preferences of Nigerians. During the COVID-19 pandemic, NiRA decided to introduce alleviating measures for both registrars and registrants, to encourage businesses to be online.

.ar top level domain Opening - Digital Assistance Program | *Romina Auletta Guirardo (.ar)*

The .ar ccTLD manager wants to share with the community its experiences in the opening process of the .ar top level domain, from a restricted zone for government purposes to general public availability. Moreover, Ms Guirardo will cover another project, launched during the COVID lockdown in Argentina, called "Digital Assistance Program" pointed to assist small business on their first steps online, promoting digital inclusion.