

IDN Implementation Guidelines

The Guidelines are a list of general standards for IDN registration policies and practices that are designed to minimize the risk of cyber squatting and consumer confusion, and respect the interests of local languages and character sets. For more information please visit: <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/implementation-guidelines-2012-02-25-en>.

- Final Proposed Draft v. 4.0 of the IDN Guidelines published. See updates [here](#).
- [Second Public Comment](#) call - 19 October 2017
- [Final Draft for the Second Public Comment](#) (also presented at ICANN 60)
- [Traceability Matrix between public comment version 4.0 and current version 3.0](#)
- [Public Comment](#) call - 3 March 2017
- [Final Draft for Public Comment](#) (also presented at ICANN 58)
- Working draft version released at ICANN 57: [IDN Guidelines 4.0 20161102.pdf](#)
- [Checklist of issues](#) and [slides](#) for the community at ICANN 55.

Mailing list archive

[Glossary of Relevant Terms](#)

Meetings

Date	Minutes	Recording
26 April 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180426.pdf	IDNGWG 20180426.m4a
19 April 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180419.pdf	IDNGWG 20180419.m4a
12 April 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180412.pdf	IDNGWG 20180412.mp3
5 April 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180405.pdf	IDNGWG-20180405.mp3
29 March 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180329.pdf	IDNGWG-20180329.mp3
22 March 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180322.pdf	IDNGWG-20180322.mp3
1 March 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180301.pdf	IDNGWG 20180301.mp3
22 February 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180222.pdf	IDNGWG 20180222.mp3
8 February 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180208.pdf	IDNGWG 20180208.mp3
25 January 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180125.pdf	IDNGWG 20180125.mp3
18 January 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180118.pdf	IDNGWG 20180118.mp3
11 January 2018	IDNGWG Meeting 20180111.pdf	IDNGWG 20180111.mp3
29 October 2017	IDN Guidelines Session ICANN 60.pdf ICANN 60	Audio and Multimedia Session Recording
12 October 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20171012.pdf	IDNGWG 20171012.mp3
5 October 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20171005 v2.pdf Extended Meeting	IDNGWG 20171005.mp3
28 September 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170928.pdf	IDNGWG 20170928.mp3
14 September 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170914.pdf	IDNGWG 20170914.mp3
7 September 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170907.pdf	IDNGWG 20170907.mp3
31 August 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170831.pdf	IDNGWG 20170831.mp3
24 August 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170824.pdf	IDNGWG 20170824.mp3
17 August 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170817.pdf	IDNGWG 20170817.mp3
3 August 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170803.pdf	IDNGWG 20170803.mp3

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13 July 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170713.pdf	IDNGWG 20170713.mp3
6 July 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170706.pdf	IDNGWG 20170706.mp3
29 June 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170629.pdf	IDNGWG 20170629.mp3
15 June 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170615.pdf	IDNGWG 20170615.mp3
8 June 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170608.pdf	IDNGWG 20170608.mp3
1 June 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170601.pdf	IDNGWG 20170601.mp3
25 May 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170525.pdf	IDNGWG 20170525.mp3
18 May 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170518.pdf	IDNGWG 20170518.mp3
12 March 2017	Document, Presentation and Transcript ICANN 58	Recording and Multimedia Session Recording
2 March 2017		IDNGWG 20170302.mp3
23 February 2017		IDNGWG 20170223.mp3
16 February 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170216.pdf	IDNGWG 20170216.mp3
9 February 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170209.pdf	IDNGWG 20170209.mp3
2 February 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170202.pdf	IDNGWG 20170202.mp3
26 January 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170126.pdf	IDNGWG 20170126.mp3
19 January 2017	IDNGWG Meeting 20170119.pdf	IDNGWG 20170119.mp3
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24 November 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20161124.pdf	IDNGWG 20161124.mp3
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27 October 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20161027.pdf	IDNGWG 20161027.mp3
20 October 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20161020.pdf	IDNGWG 20161020.mp3
13 October 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20161013.pdf	IDNGWG 20161013.mp3
06 October 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20161006.pdf	IDNGWG 20161006.mp3
22 September 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160922.pdf	IDNGWG 20160922.mp3
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14 July 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160714.pdf	IDNGWG 20160714.mp3
30 June 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160630 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG 20160630.mp3
16 June 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160616 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG 20160616.mp3
02 June 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160602 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG 20160602.mp3
19 May 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160519 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG 20160519.mp3
05 May 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160505 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG 20160505.mp3
21 Apr 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160421 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG 20160421.mp3

09 Mar 2016 ICANN 55	IDNGWG Meeting 20160309 ver 0.1.pdf	Recordings and Transcript of the Session
24 Feb 2016		IDNGWG20160224.mp3
10 Feb 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160210 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG20160210.mp3
27 Jan 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160127 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG20160127.mp3
13 Jan 2016	IDNGWG Meeting 20160113 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG20160113.mp3
16 Dec 2015	IDNGWG Meeting 20151216 ver 0.2 .pdf	IDNGWG20151216.mp3
02 Dec 2015	IDNGWG Meeting 20151202 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG20151202.mp3
18 Nov 2015	IDNGWG Meeting 20151118 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG20151118.mp3
04 Nov 2015	IDNGWG Meeting 20151104 ver 0.2.pdf	IDNGWG20151104.mp3
21 Oct 2015	IDNGWG Meeting 20151021 ver 0.1.pdf	IDNGWG20151021.mp3

Reference Documents

Category	Document	Relevant Sections
RFCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDNA 2008: RFC5890 RFC5891 RFC5892 RFC5893 (RFC5894 (RFC5895)) • IDNA 2003: RFC3454 RFC3490 RFC3491 RFC3492 • Principles for Unicode Code Point Inclusion in Labels in the DNS • Draft RFC: Representing Label Generation Rulesets using XML (draft-davies-idntables) • Internationalized Domain Names Registration and Administration Guidelines for European Languages Using Cyrillic • Linguistic Guidelines for the Use of the Arabic Language in Internet Domains • Terminology Used in Internationalization in the IETF 	
GNSO Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant Guidebook 	
ccNSO Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Report IDN ccNSO Policy Development Process • IDN ccTLD Fast Track Proces Final Implementation Plan 	
IDN TLD Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Integrated Issues Report • Script Case Studies: Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, Devanagari, Greek, Latin • Examining the User Experience Implications of Active Variant TLDs • Procedure to Develop and Maintain the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone in Respect of IDNA Labels • Other Supporting Documents on IDN TLD Project 	
Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG) Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Report on IDN TLD Variant Policies for the Root Zone • Final Report on Single Character IDN TLDs • Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs 	
SSAC Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSAC Comment on Examining the User Experience Implications of Active Variant TLDs Report • SSAC Advisory on Single-Character Internationalized Domain Name Top-Level Domains 	

Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registry Agreement • 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification 6: Clause 1.4 • ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR OPERATION SPECIFICATION: Clause 3
Unicode Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unicode Technical Report #36 • Unicode Standard Annex #24 • UNICODE IDNA COMPATIBILITY PROCESSING 	
Second Level Policies		

Working group for reviewing the guidelines has been formed with the following members based on "[Call for Community Experts to Review the IDN Implementation Guidelines](#)".

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