

At-Large IDN VIP Proposed Project Plan - Next Steps - March 2012

Hi Everyone,

First of all, thanks for all those who were able to join for a very constructive meeting to prepare our response on the IDN VIP Proposed Project Plan.

The next steps as discussed would be:

- redraft of the response to circulate to IDN WG
- schedule of VIP Team webinar for ALAC
- schedule IDN WG meeting (conference call) before the webinar
- schedule IDN WG meeting (conference call) after webinar to finalize response

Regarding the redraft of the document, will reorganize based on the following structure:

1.

a. Overarching statements on urgency of the issue, with examples (e.g. 20% of users are today accessing the ".China" IDN Variant TLD, non-English users interests, etc.) focused on demographics/community needs (and include references to substantiate community consensus)

b. Touching on accountability/transparency (charter obligations of icann and ATRT)

c. core recommendation from ALAC

- proceed based on community consensus approach (by language/script community) towards implementation of IDN Variant TLDs in the root

2. Concerns on proposed approach

- timing/schedule (and lack thereof)

- intent of an all encompassing/universal/standardized approach (deviating from community consensus)

- staggered approach (to allow language/script communities that are already aware to start in parallel and go at their own pace, as well as for language/script communities not already participating to enter at a later date)

3. Substantive discussion of content (IDN VIP next steps specific)

- in the format of:

- findings:

- recommendations:

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