

IDN TLD Progress



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Agenda

- IDN ccTLD Fast Track Status
 - general implementation progress
 - DoR/AF status
 - fee and cost considerations
 - variant TLD management
 - IDNA protocol revision
- gTLD specific considerations
- Timing of launch

General Implementation Status

- **DNS Stability Panel**
 - contractor designated
 - panel members to be hired and briefed
- **Linguistic related processes**
 - support processes as needed (some UN focused)
- **Request system**
 - last development steps
 - legal review & testing process
- **Support material**
 - revision of <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn/fast-track/>
 - establish support function

Relationship with ICANN

- Proposed three solutions:
 - mandatory arrangement similar to AF
 - exchange of Letters
 - checkboxes in online request system
- Current activity:
 - need finalization for Board consideration
 - ICANN meeting in Seoul, Korea.
 - to be included in request system forms and notifications

Fee and Cost Considerations

- Processing fee:
 - @26.000 USD
- Annual recommended fee:
 - 1% of revenue w/ <20.000 domains
 - 2% of revenue w/ 20-50.000 domains
 - 3% of revenue w/ >50.000 domains
- Current activities:
 - detailing numbers per implementation efforts
 - define contributions: expected/not mandatory

Variant TLD management

- Implementation proposals
 - reserve desired variants & block all other
 - delegate desired variants & block all other
- Community disagree on solutions stability
- Current activity:
 - establishment of support team
 - result to be published prior to Korea meeting
 - will not be show-stopper for Fast Track

IDNA Protocol Revision

- Currently: WG Last Call → 24 August
- Next step: IETF Last Call
- Possible final prior to Fast Track launch

- Results in difference in valid characters
 - ICANN will accept IDNA2008/bis PVALID
 - requires manually check in some cases
 - until conversion tool is available
 - usability in applications are limited
 - warning to IDN TLD managers and users

IDN gTLD specific considerations

- Implementation support from community experts
 - variant TLD management
 - number of characters in a gTLD string
- publish proposal prior to Korea meeting
- IDNA protocol
 - conversion tool expected ready by launch
 - less manual process than Fast Track

Timing of launch

- IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process
 - final implementation plan prior Korea meeting
 - launch shortly following Board approval
 - anticipated Q4 2009
- gTLD Process
 - v3.0 Applicant Guidebook prior Korea meeting
 - opening for applications targeted Q1 2010

Thank You

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