

Update on

**IDN ccTLD
Policy Development Process
Working Group 1**

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IDN ccTLD Fast Track process

- Initiative led by APTLD
- Approved by ICANN Board on 30 October 2009.
- Application process launched on 16 Nov 2009.
- 31 requests for 19 languages received
- 19 strings for 16 economies validated
- 4 IDN TLDs delegated
 - Egypt, UAE, Saudi Arabia (Arabic)
 - Russian Federation (Russian)

IDN ccPDP

- Initiated by ccNSO in April 2009.
- The process is forecast to take between three and seven years.
- The first step:
 - establishment of a Working Group (IDNccPDP WG 1)
 - representatives from across the ICANN community

IDNccPDP WG 1

- Task - identify a feasible policy for the selection and delegation of IDN ccTLDs
- Developed a draft topics paper in Oct '09
 - issues to be considered in developing an overall policy
- Based upon the issues identified by the ccNSO and GAC in 2007 that were outside of the scope of the fast track process

Interim Paper

- Released on 2nd March 2010
- comments invited from community
- Consolidated overview and staff consideration of Chairs draft Interim Paper
 - April 2010

Comments on Draft Interim Paper

- Overarching Principles
 - should not discriminate against non-Latin scripts
- (ASCII) ccTLD and IDN ccTLDs are all country code Top Level Domains
 - outcome and recommendations of PDP should be reflected in IANA delegation
- An IDN ccTLD is a (non ASCII) ccTLD
 - overall policy should include all country/territory names irrespective of script, language, etc.
 - concerns about the use of country and territory names as gTLDs

Comments (cont.)

- Official language
 - policy should include all country/ territory names regardless of language
 - "official" language is inappropriate in these times
- Visual Association of the IDN string and name of Territory
 - If the full name of the territory is accepted as a ccTLD in non-ASCII, why not in ASCII?

WG Discussions

- Definition of an *IDN* ccTLD

initial definition: IDN ccTLDs are those ccTLDs where the script used does not contain the 26 letters listed in the US ASCII character set either in their basic forms or with combining marks.

proposed definition: ccTLD strings which have at least one non-ASCII character (including combining marks)

Is adjustment of the scope of the IDN ccPDP needed?

- Based on comments received and views of WG members, the WG considered whether the scope of the WG should be revised
- Should the distinction between ASCII ccTLDs and IDN ccTLDs be removed?

Country and Territory Names

- Two issues
 - should country and territory names be allowed in gTLD space?
 - should (ASCII) country and territory names be allowed in ccTLD space?
- Not answered yet
 - are these in scope of this PDP?

Decisions at last WG meeting and ccNSO meeting in Brussels

- The IDN ccPDP as started will proceed. The scope of the IDN ccPDP does not need to be adjusted.
- The chair will produce a next version of the Interim paper to take into account the agreed definition of IDN's.
- Include initial proposals to deal with the policy aspects of the management of variants in the next Interim Paper

Decisions (cont.)

- The chair to produce a paper on possible scenario's on the impact of the use of country names as ccTLD's.

Questions and Comments?