ccNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE
Overall Policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLD in the ccNSO (IDN ccPDP)

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: The IDN ccPDP Issue manager published the Interim Report for public comment on 5 February. The public comments forum remains open until 21 March 2013 (which includes both the comment and reply period). In this Report the recommendations on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings, as contained in the Final Paper of IDN ccPDP WG 1 are integrated with the recommendations on the inclusion of the IDN ccTLD manager in the ccNSO as contained in the Final Paper of IDN ccPDP WG 2.

SUMMARY

The Overall Policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings is part of the IDN country code policy development process (IDN ccPDP). The second part is on the inclusion of IDN ccTLD's in the ccNSO. In time, the overall policy will replace the Fast Track methodology which was developed in 2008 as a joint effort of the GAC and the ccNSO. After adoption of the Final Implementation Plan in October 2009 by the ICANN Board of Directors the Fast Track became operational.
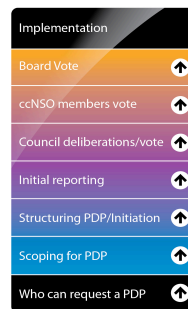
The overall policy builds on the current policy for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLD's, which will remain to be applicable for the delegation and redelegation of IDN ccTLD's. The proposed policy is developed on the basis of the Fast Track Methodology and takes into account three years of experience with the Fast Track process and the results of the two reviews.
The major proposed changes compared to the Fast Track Process are:
- Separation of recommendations on criteria for the selection and procedural aspects;
- Change of standard for confusing similarity evaluation
- Introducing a two stage procedure for confusing similarity evaluation
- Introducing an advisory panel once the policy becomes effective (including members of the GAC)
- Review of the policy after every 5 years, or if circumstances dictate.

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS

Members of the GAC are observers in the IDN ccPDP WG 1. GAC advice will be formally requested by the chair of the ccNSO, once the chair has received the Final Report (Council deliberation Phase). This is anticipated one month prior to the ICANN Beijing meeting. The ccNSO PDP is currently at its initial reporting phase of the ccNSO Policy Development Process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- The Interim Report and Public Comment period can be found at: http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/idn-ccpdp-05feb13-en.htm
- The draft recommendations of IDN ccPDP WG 1, comments and summary of comments and analysis can be found at: http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-29aug12-en.htm
- The draft recommendations of IDN ccPDP WG 2, comments and summary of comments and analysis can be found at: http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-22oct11-en.htm
- The final paper of and further information on the work of IDN ccPDP WG 1 can be found at: http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ipwg1.htm
- The Final Paper and further information on the work of IDN ccPDP WG 2 is available at: http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ipwg2.htm