IDN PDP Working Group 1

24 February 2011

Attendees:

Bart Boswinkel, ICANN
Chris Disspain, .au (Chair)
Cheryl Langdon-Orr, ALAC
Kristina Nordstrom, ICANN
Minjung Park, .kr

Apologies:

Jaap Akkerheus, Expert on Standardisation
Gihan Dias, .lk
Patrick Fältström, Technical Community
Hiro Hotta, .jp

1. Comments to Progress Report

It was noted that no comments to the IDN PDP WG 1 Progress Report were received during the public comment period. *Bart Boswinkel* said that to close the archive a note needs to be posted on the comments i.e. lack of comments. Included will be a note that the working group interprets the lack of comments to indicate the acceptability of the proposed principles for the overall policy.

Action: *Bart Boswinkel* to submit a note to the archive stating that no comments were received to the IDN PDP WG 1 Progress Report.

2. Study Group on Use of Country and Territory Names

The Chair reported that a Study Group on use of Country Territory Names was formed during the Cartagena meeting to further investigate topics that is considered to fall outside of the scope for the ccNSO IDN PDP Working Groups. The GNSO, ALAC, SSAC and the GAC have been invited to participate in the Study Group.

3. Discussion on limitation of policy to one IDN ccTLD per designated language

The group discussed the issue that due to the proposed principles as situation may arise that although multiple IDN ccTLD strings meet the all other criteria, only one IDN ccTLD could be delegated. The example was used of .RUSSIA and .RF in Cyrillic. Both would be acceptable under the criteria proposed (and under the Fast Track rules), but only .RF in Cyrillic is delegated. The issue is whether under the overall policy special status should be granted to .RUSSIA or .RUSSIANFEDERATION in Cyrillic? It was suggested that the Study Group on Use of Country and Territory Names should be asked to further investigate the issue, and Bart was asked to draft a request to send to the group.

Action: Chair and *Bart Boswinkel* to draft a request to the Study Group on Use of Country and Territory Names to include the issue in their review and recommendations

4. IDN Variant Issue

The Chair noted that except for the variant issue, the IDN PDP Working Group 1 has reached consensus on all substantive principles, with the exception on how to deal with the IDN variant issue. At the direction of the ICANN Board staff has drafted a project plan to identify the issues (both policy and technical/operational) related to IDN variants. According to the proposed schedule the final paper describing the issues will be available in December 2011.

1. Both ccNSO IDN Working Groups proceed with their activities and complete their processes and documentation so far up to the variant issue. Fo the time being and until such time the issues on IDN variant management have been identified both groups will go in hibernation.

2. To proceed with and conclude the IDN cc PDP noting to the Council and broader community that the policies should be revisited once the issues relating to IDN variant management have been identified.

3. To move forward with the work of IDN PDP Working Group 2, whilst IDN PDP Working Group 1 is put in hibernation until further input and issues on the variant management have been identified and request the ccNSO council to separate the two aspects of the IDN ccPDP.

The members of the WG on the call agreed to proceed with the third option. The reason was that IDN ccPDP WG 2 can finish there work relatively quicky, is not dependent anymore on the the work of WG 1, and the need to be able to include IDN ccTLD in the ccNSO is increasing, given the growing number of IDN ccTLDs delegated under the Fast Track process without the possibility to formally include them in the ICANN SO/AC structures.

It was agreed that the Bart would send a note to the Working Group email list and ask whether the group agrees with the proposed way forward.

Action: *Bart Boswinkel* to send a note to the Working Group email list and ask whether the group can agree to ask the Council for input on the disparate ways forward.

5. Next steps for the IDN ccPDP

The Chair noted that this topic was partly dealt with under item 4.

It was further agreed that the IDN PDP Working Group 1 should ask the ccTLD community for input on how to move forward during the IDN session in San Francisco, subsequently let the Council make a decision based on the input and finally discuss the outcome during the Working Group meeting on the Thursday (12:00-13:00 PST).

The meeting closed.