Notes IDN PDP Working Group 2 Telephone Conference
3 March 2011

Attendees:

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Staff:

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1. Agenda Approval

- The item "One vote per territory" was added to the suggested agenda (see Confirmation of Interim Paper).

2. Action Points From Last Call

- All actions from the previous call were completed.

3) Confirmation of Interim Paper

- Siavash's concern on the one vote per territory issue, which were posted on the email list prior to the call, was highlighted. It was noted that the group would have to deal with whether it 1) agrees; and if so: 2) whether the change can be put into the interim paper, even after the public agreement on "one vote per territory".

- Siavash explained that his main concern was that he thought the GAC is becoming more powerful. In his opinion, the ccTLDs are today directly corresponding to the GAC membership and had become their "technical arm". In his opinion, a system of "one vote per IANA code" could make the ccNSO more independent of geographic and political division.

  He did, however, underline that he was not entirely decided on this topic, but urged the group to discuss it further before fixing the "one vote per territory" principle in the final Interim Report.

- It was decided to present this thought to the community during the IDN session at the San Francisco meeting. Feedback would be sought, and depending on the input, the Working Group would consider how to move forward on this topic.

4. Update from IDN PDP Working Group 1 Call 24 February 2011

- An update was given on the IDN PDP Working Group 1 telephone conference, held on 24 February 2011. The current main issue is IDN variants and how to deal with them. This has proven to be a problematic topic, which is blocking much of the Working Group's work progress.

  Given that the ICANN Board has initiated a variant project and that it will take some time before they come up with an overview of the issue, it was suggested to put the Working Group into "hibernation". The IDN PDP Working Group 1 will discuss this option internally and then take a decision.

  However, as many IDN ccTLDs have already been delegated, but can't apply for ccNSO membership yet, the IDN PDP Working Group 1 felt that the IDN PDP Working Group 2 should continue with its work and conclude it as soon as possible, even before IDN PDP Working Group 1 has concluded its work.

  The IDN PDP Working Group 2 was asked to decide whether they agree on moving forward without having the variant issue solved. It was pointed out, that it could be revisited later, once solved.

- It was asked whether the ccNSO Council has a say on the issue. It was clarified that if the IDN PDP Working Group 1 actually decides on putting the Working Group into hibernation, the Issues Manager (Bart Boswinkel) should first be informed, and he would then report to the Council. IDN PDP Working Group 2 also needs to report back to Bart on their decision. As the Council initiated the IDN PDP, it will also have the final say on how to proceed. One possibility is that IDN PDP Working Group 1 will be split into two parts, where one part continues its work, mainly on how to deal with the question of several territory names, as currently only one name per territory is allowed.

- It was decided to put the question forward to the mailing list, with the hope reach a result within one week.

5. Changes to the "Rules and Guidelines"

- An Issue Identification Report was posted to the Working Group email list prior to the call. In this report, sections in the ccNSO Rules and Guidelines were highlighted that would become affected by the bylaw changes.

- Issues that were highlighted included: Membership definition; Quorum; Changes to timeline in the reaction of members to Council resolutions; Voting, including staggered voting and voting versus representation; Ratification of Council decisions; Selection procedure for seat 11 & 12 on the ICANN Board; ccNSO Council election procedures.

- The IDN PDP Working Group 2 members felt that they needed some more time to read the document more carefully and to think of preferred solutions.

- It was suggested that the Working Group members should first look at the Interim paper, as some solutions already are included there. It was also pointed out that whatever choices the group would make on bylaw changes, this will have a direct influence on the Rules & Guidelines

6. AOB

- The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 March in San Francisco during the ccNSO IDN session. The Working Group is also scheduled for a face-to-face meeting on Thursday 17 March 9-10.

  It was noted that changes might occur, due to a possible additional Board – GAC meeting.