JIG Update

Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Group

Oct 30, 2010

Background

- Charter adopted by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils:
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jiwg.htm
- The purpose of the JIG is to identify and explore issues and topics of common interest of relevance to both the ccNSO and GNSO and report on such an identified issues to the respective Councils and propose methodologies to address the issues

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Current Members (cont)

- Observers:
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Discussions

- Bi-Weekly Conference Calls
- Face to face meeting in Brussels
- Face to face meeting scheduled for Cartagena
- Issues of Common Interest identified:
1. Single Character IDN TLDs
2. IDN TLD Variants
3. Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

Progress

- Initial Report for Single Character IDN TLD published for public comments
  - Date: **July 26, 2010**
    - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jig-initial-report-26jul10-en.pdf
  - Public Comments Closed: **Sep 9, 2010**
  - Staff Summary of Public Comments Posted
    - http://forum.icann.org/lists/jig-initial-report/msg00008.html
- Initial Report for IDN TLD Variant being drafted

Single Character IDN TLD

- Policy Aspects Identified:
1. Possible confusion with reserved single char ASCII TLD
2. Special financial considerations
3. Smaller pool of possible names (special allocation methods?)
4. Shorter string (easier for users to make mistakes?)
5. Policy for distinguishing between a Single Character IDN ccTLD and gTLD
6. Usability of Single Character IDN TLDs given existing application environments

Summary of Comments

- Published Oct 1, 2010
- All comments indicate an appreciation of the work of the working group and indicated to be in support of the introduction of Single Character IDN TLD's.
- Noted that some comments relate to other area's of the new gTLD and IDN ccTLD's processes, for example topics of the Draft Application Guidebook version 4, and have not been concluded to date and therefore should be raised there.
- WG now considering all input and drafting Final Report for consideration by the respective Councils

IDN Variant

- Policy Aspects Identified:
1. Requirements for a string to be considered an IDN TLD Variant (of its Primary IDN TLD)
   - and a framework of attributes constituting an IDN Language Policy for producing IDN Variants
2. Types of IDN Variants
   - with respect to their allocation and delegation properties
3. Policy operatives corresponding to the types of IDN Variants
   - Under what conditions should IDN TLD Variants be included in the root
4. Requirements for zones directly managed by a TLD operator of an IDN Variant TLD
5. Adding IDN Variant TLDs
   - subsequent to initial delegation of a Primary IDN TLD

Current Target Deliverables

- Single Character IDN TLD
  - Final Report to be published before ICANN Cartagena Meetings

- IDN TLD Variant
  - Initial Report to be published before ICANN Cartagena Meetings