Roadmap to update the IDNccTLD policy:
Outcome Preliminary review
draft IDNccTLD Policy

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Why are we discussing this?

Current State of Play
ccTLDs: 61 for 42*

ccTLDs not eligible as member ccNSO

* Successfully evaluated IDN ccTLDs for total countries and territories
Outstanding Issues

- Variant management
  • Root Zone – Label Generation Rules & need for policy around variant management of TLD
  • ccNSO to address this at request of the Board
  • Open, pending issue in ccNSO PDP2: Overall policy recommendations IDN ccTLDs

- Evolution of process confusing similarity evaluation under Fast Track Process
  • From DNS Stability panel to extensive and extended process and evolution of assessment methodology and criteria
  • Divergence between ccNSO and GNSO policy in terms of process, assessment methodology and criteria

- Retirement of IDN ccTLD
  • What triggers the retirement of an IDN ccTLD?
    • Change in name of country territory in language of the country?
    • Change in status of the language of the country (from language used from administrative purposes to non-specific language)?
    • Dissolution of Country listed in ISO3166-1 (examples from non-IDN ccTLDs realm: .RS and .AN)
  • Once retirement trigger event is defined, the retirement process developed through ccNSO PDP3 applies
So what is the roadmap?

To get

From

• Fast Track Process
• &
• Overall IDN ccTLD policy proposals

Policy for Selection of IDN ccTLD String • Amended (ccNSO) Article 10 in ICANN Bylaws •
To An Inviting & Inclusive ccNSO, with Stable, Predictable & Clear Policies

From Exclusive ccNSO and Open, Diverging, and Complicated Method & Proposals
The roadmap

Step 1: Stop Evolution of Fast Track Process & PDP 2 (IDNccTLD)

Step 2: Gap Analysis Overall IDNccTLD policy (PDP 2)

Step 3A Bylaw change process to include IDNccTLDs

Step 3: Split PDP2?

Step 3B PDP 4 (policy to select IDN ccTLDs strings)
Currently in Step 2: 
Gap Analysis Overall IDNccTLD policy

• Council defined scope and working method Gap Analysis
  • Preliminary Review Team
  • ccTLD community members, Issue Manager PDP2, ICANN staff, & other interested parties

• Method: Light weight Gap Analysis & Review of 2013 Board report
  • Goal: Identify topics and issues that will need to be addressed

• Reporting: Advice to Council & community on Finding and proposed way forward
  • What needs to addressed (topics and issues) in follow-up action?
  • How should it (topics and issues) be addressed?
    • Bylaws change?
    • ccNSO PDP?
    • Joint working groups/ cross-community working group(s)?
Preliminary Findings of PRT (Summary)

• No major updates required to proposals for Bylaws changes to include IDN ccTLDs in ccNSO

• Need to develop policy around Retirement of IDN ccTLD and Variant Management

• Update relevant parts of IDN ccTLD selection processes, criteria and procedures

• Reconfirm the principles underpinning the policy
No major updates required to proposals for Bylaws changes to include IDN ccTLDs in ccNSO

• Proposal is to amend Membership definition in Bylaws
• Introduce “emissaries” for Bylaws defined voting by members of the ccNSO. Limited to:
  • Selection of nominees, Board seat 11 and 12,
  • Members vote PDP
  • Election of Council members
Need to develop policy around Retirement of IDN ccTLD and Variant Management

Retirement of IDN ccTLDs: What causes retirement?

• If one or more of the requirements for string selection is no longer valid?
  • Removal of name of country or territory from ISO3166-1 list
  • String no longer meaningful representation of name of the country?
  • Other?
• Retirement process defined through ccSNSO PDP 3

Variant management

• No proposal in overall policy (placeholder)
• Board request to address
• If feasible jointly with GNSO
Update relevant parts of IDN ccTLD selection processes, criteria and procedures

• Confusing Similarity review needs to be updated
  • Method, Criteria and procedures
  • If feasible jointly with GNSO to avoid divergence between procedures

• Script mixing (allow or disallow?)

• Procedures and requirements pertaining to IDN tables, also review in light of the RZ-LGR

• Documentation in English only?

• Maintain requirement to create and maintain a table of country and territory names in designated (official) languages.

• Review of policy after 5-years (to be maintained?)

• Maintain creation of permanent IDN ccTLD Advisory Panel?
Reconfirm the principles underpinning the policy

• Ensure consistency of delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement process between IDN ccTLD and ASCII ccTLDs
• Maintain principle to preserve security, stability and interoperability of the DNS
• Maintain principle IDN ccTLD are to be treated in same way as and should be considered ccTLDs
What will happen next?
PRT to discuss in Marrakesh

• How to include IDNccTLD in ccNSO?
  • Discuss how Suggest Bylaw change

• How to update the IDNccTLD string selection proposals & address open issues
  • Discuss how to move forward: launch new PDP including 2 working parties (variant management and confusing similarity)
Post Marrakesh

• Report to Council by its August meeting

• Council decisions on how to move forward, based on advise PRT
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