

## IDN Survey Results

### Background

The IDN Survey was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

An email including the questions was sent to all ccTLD managers worldwide. 54 replies were received.

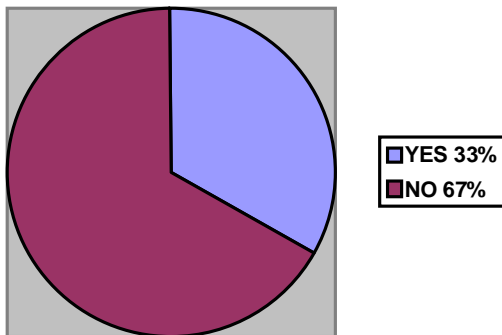
A reply from the *Arab Working Group on Arabic Domain Names*, representing 22 Arab countries, was also received. For methodological reasons, their reply could not be included in the total evaluation. However, their reply is included in the Appendix.

The spread of the responses were as follows:

Africa: 9  
Asia-Pacific: 19  
Europe: 23  
Latin-America: 2  
North America: 1

(Following the ICANN Regions)

**1) Do you believe that the local community in your territory has a pressing need for an IDN ccTLD?**

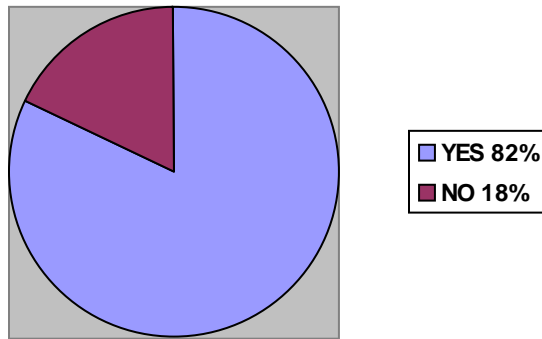


When the replies from all respondents were evaluated, only 1/3 declared to have a "pressing need" for an IDN ccTLD.

In order to examine what the need is within countries using non-ascii scripts, these countries were extracted from the overall replies and evaluated separately.

The spread of the replies from ccTLDs from non-ascii using countries was:

- Asia Pacific: 15
- Africa: 2
- Europe: 5
- Latin Amerika: -
- North Amerika: -



Within this group a vast majority (82%) declared there is a “pressing need” for IDN ccTLDs.

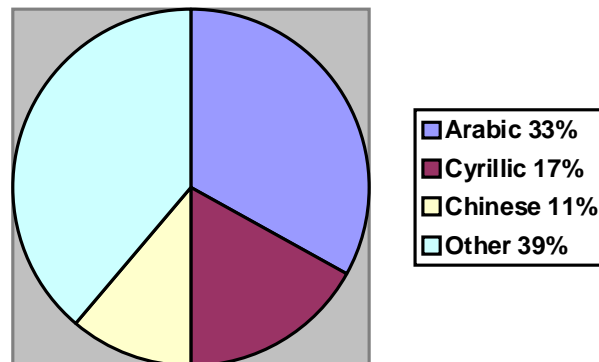
**2) If so, is there yet agreement in your territory on the scripts and the string within the script(s) for which delegation of an IDN ccTLD would be sought, and could you indicate which strings and scripts are of interest?**

Most frequently mentioned:

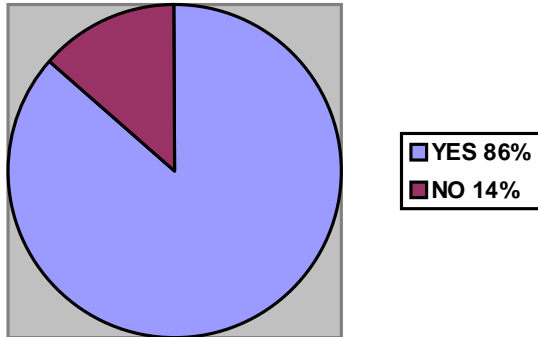
- Arabic (33%)
- Cyrillic (17%)
- Chinese (11%)

Other:

- Demagari
- Greek
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Mangalic
- Niuean
- Persian
- Rukmani
- Sinhala
- Tamil
- Thai



**3) Do you believe the delegation of an IDN ccTLD under a fast track/interim approach would be of interest to your community?**



86% of the ccTLDs from countries using non-ascii scripts stated they would be interested in seeing a fast-track approach implemented.

It should also be noted that several ccTLDs, which had declared they do not see a pressing need for implementing IDN ccTLDs in their country, acknowledged the need for it in other countries and declared their support for the initiative.

## APPENDIX

Reply from the Arab Working Group on Arabic Domain Names:

### **1. Do you believe that the local community in your territory has a pressing need for an IDN ccTLD?**

- Yes
- This applies to all Arab League member states (22 Arab states/countries), where the local Internet community is in pressing need for IDN ccTLDs.
- Achieving this is a priority that was set by “the Arab working group on Arabic Domain Names” (An Arab League group of experts that was created by the council of Arab ICT Ministers)

### **2. If so, is there yet agreement in your territory on the scripts and the string within the script(s) for which delegation of an IDN ccTLD would be sought, and could you indicate which strings and scripts are of interest?**

- Yes there is an agreement among all Arab League member states, on the script and strings to be used for the delegation of IDN ccTLDs of their respective territories.
- This has been tested and used in context of “the Arabic domain name pilot project”, which operates under the auspices of the Arab League.
- The agreement which has been reached is to use the short country names based on the Arab standard specifications No. 642-1985, "Codes for names of Countries and Languages", which is the equivalent to the ISO 3166 standard, for the 22 Arab countries [see the attached file)
- The list is using the Arabic language/script.
- For more information about the Arabic domain name pilot project please visit: <http://www.arabic-domains.org>

### **3. Do you believe the delegation of an IDN ccTLD under a fast track/interim approach would be of interest to your community?**

- Yes
- The delegation of IDN ccTLDs under a fast track approach is a fast solution to enable those communities that are in pressing need and are ready today for adoption of IDNs. Therefore, and speaking on behalf of the Arab community, we support the adoption of such an approach.