

Timeline

21 November 2009 - Letter from ccNSO Chair to the Chair of the ICANN Board¹ expressing the ccNSO's view that all meaningful representations of country and territory names should be excluded from the process for the introduction of new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs)

14 June 2010 -

ICANN Board Chair response to ccNSO Chair², citing the Governmental Advisory Committee's interpretation of paragraph 2.2 of the GAC Principles as the catalyst for the reconsideration of the treatment and country and territory names in the new gTLDs process and a decision that no meaningful representations of such names would be allowed during the first round of new gTLD applications. The letter also acknowledged:

- the ccNSO's policy discussions on this matter;
- that defining the distinction between country code and generic names may warrant a broader cross-SO/AC policy discussion; and
- that, once policy is developed, it will be appropriate for the Board to reconsider its position.

Chair of IDN ccPDP WG 1 advised the ccNSO Council that the use of Country and Territory names as TLD strings, in general, is considered outside the scope of the IDN ccPDP and will therefore not be addressed during the process.

ccNSO Council resolved³ (Resolution 58-02) *"to create an ad-hoc Study Group that will provide the ccTLD community and ccNSO Council with a comprehensive overview of the use of Country and Territory Names as TLD Strings"*.

25 January 2011 - Study Group's Statement of Purpose and Scope adopted by ccNSO Council

¹ <http://www.icann.org/en/correspondence/disspain-to-dengate-thrush-21nov09-en.pdf>

² <http://www.icann.org/en/correspondence/dengate-thrush-to-disspain-14jun10-en.pdf>

³ <https://ccnso.icann.org/meetings/cartagena/notes-council-meeting-cartagena-08dec10-en.pdf>

- 11 May 2011 - Following a call for volunteers among ccTLDs and outreach to the broader ICANN community, the Study Group commenced work, via teleconference.
- 23 June 2011 - Face-to-face meeting in Singapore
- 6 September 2011 - Study Group seeks expert input from UNESCO, in accordance with the ICANN – UNESCO Partnership Agreement
- 30 September 2011 - UNESCO provides response to SG letter and undertakes to collaborate on the development of a survey of UNESCO Member States to assist with the SG’s deliberations.
- 27 October 2011 - Face-to-face SG meeting of SG in Dakar, Senegal and briefings for ICANN community members
- 15 March 2012 - Face-to-face SG meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica and briefings for ICANN community members
- 4 June 2012 –

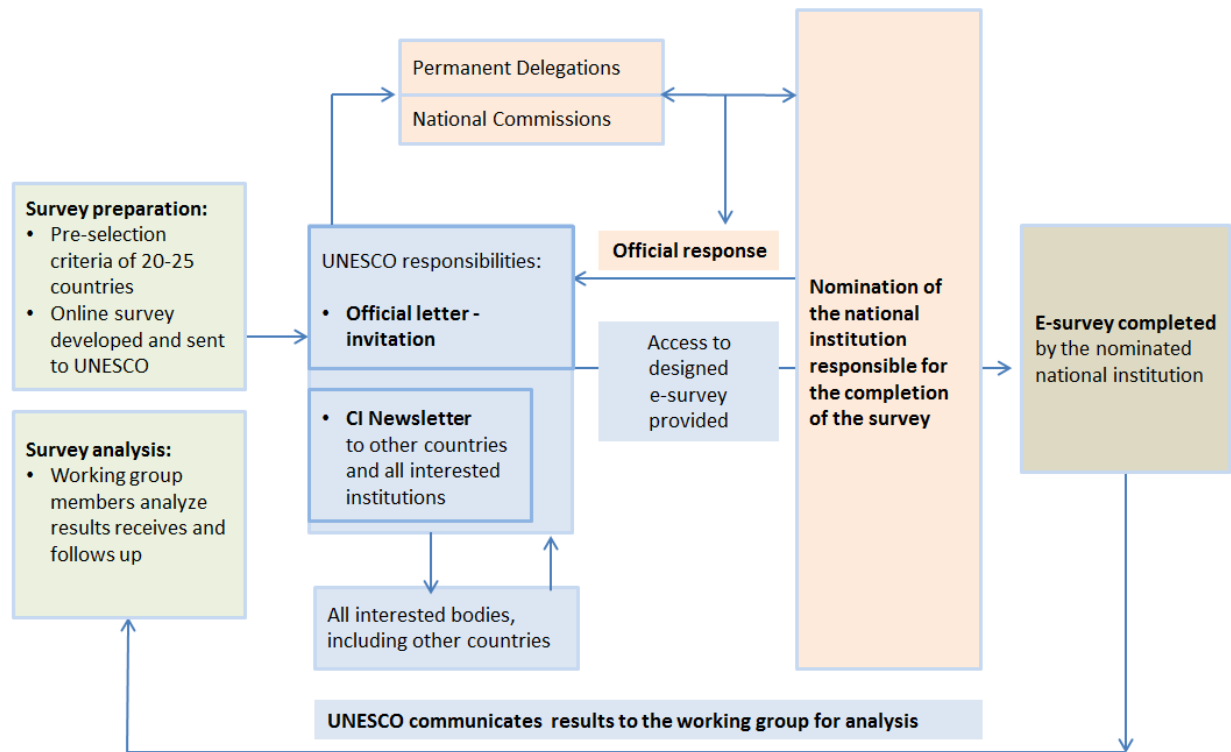
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ICANN releases final new gTLD applicant guidebook. The guidebook prohibits the use of meaningful representations of country and territory names.

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- 25 June 2012 - Face-to-face SG meeting in Prague, Czech Republic and briefings for ICANN community members
- 24 July 2012 - UNESCO releases country and territory names survey to a sub-set of Member States and launches dedicated website
- 15 October 2012 - Face-to-face SG meeting in Toronto, Canada and briefings for ICANN community members
- March 2013 - Consideration of draft final report
- April 2013 - Discussion of draft final report in Beijing, China.
- Xxx 2013 - Submission of final report to the ccNSO Council.

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A full summary of the responses received is at **Attachment A**.

Note: inclusion of the results of the survey will be included only with the agreement of UNESCO.

Representation	Country	Designation
<u>.no</u>	Norway	- <u>ccTLD</u>
<u>.Norge</u>	Norway	- No allowable use - Not IDN fast track - Not <u>gTLD</u> under current protections. - Possible new <u>gTLD</u> in future?
<u>.nor</u>	Norway	- Confusingly similar with reserved ICANN term "NRO"?
<u>.norway</u>	Norway	- Not <u>gTLD</u> under current protections - Possible new <u>gTLD</u> in future?
<u>.norvège</u>	Norway	- Not IDN fast track - Possible new IDN <u>gTLD</u> in future?