

WORKSHOP

Draft Initial Report

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- Translation of draft Initial Report is available at:

<http://www.icann.org/topics/idn/>

Agenda

- Introduction and explanation of the purpose of the Initial Report
- Highlight of individual topics or issues in the draft report
- Opportunity to raise any additional issues and topics that ought to be included
- Canvass opinion about possible answers to or methods for dealing with each of the topics

Purpose Initial Report

- Draft Initial Report is to inform and report on the topics and issues as identified by the IDNC WG that need to be considered in developing each of the two mechanisms, and to seek input and comments on them.
- Final Initial Report (after comments from the community) will solidify the topics and their relation to the ccPDP (8 March) .

Next steps

- The Interim Report will propose potential mechanisms
 - Draft Interim Report for consultation (28 March)
 - Final Interim Report (16 May)
- The Final Report is where the WG's actual recommendations are made
 - Publication 4 June 2008
 - Discussion at Paris meeting

Principles

IDNC WG Charter

- The overarching requirement to preserve the security and stability of the DNS.
- Compliance with the IDNA protocols.
- Input and advice from the technical community in respect to the implementation of IDNs.
- Current practices for the delegation of ccTLDs.

Relation

Fast Track and ccPDP

- Fast Track cannot pre-empt the outcome of the ccPDP
- All of the issues/topics raised in respect to the fast track are also being raised under the ccPDP.
- Solutions reached for fast track have, of necessity, to be as limited as possible.

Two Mechanisms

- Mechanism for the selection of the IDN ccTLD string.
- Mechanism to designate an IDN ccTLD manager.

Topics relating to string selection mechanism (1)

A. Script Selection

- Is it necessary to limit the number of scripts for which a territory can have an IDN ccTLD under the fast track?
- If so what is the limit?
- Is it necessary for the language represented by the IDN script to have a particular status with the Territory?
- If so what is the status?

Topics relating to string selection mechanism (2)

B. String Selection

- Are there any additional criteria for a string to be acceptable under the fast track?
 - Overarching requirements to meet the IDNA protocols and any other IDN technical requirements.
 - Example: meaningful representation of the name of the territory or an abbreviation of the name of the territory in the relevant script
- Does a selected string need to be evaluated against the requirements and criteria
- If so by whom?

Topics relating to string selection mechanism (3)

C. String Proposal

- Who are the actors from the territory who need to be involved in making a proposal for a string under the fast track?
- How is the involvement of those actors demonstrated?

Topics relating to string selection mechanism (4)

D. Objection procedure

- Once a string has been selected in accordance with the requirements and any criteria, should objections be allowed?
- If so, who can object and on what grounds?
- If an objection is lodged, what is the impact?

Topics to designate an IDN ccTLD manager (1)

- Overarching requirements and limitations
 - IDN ccTLD has to meet the IDNA protocols and any other IDN technical requirements
 - Current practices for the delegation of ccTLDs apply.
- Other IDN specific criteria that an IDN ccTLD manager needs to meet?

Topics to designate an IDN ccTLD manager (2)

A. Who can be the IDN ccTLD manager

- Does the IDN ccTLD manager need to be evaluated against the requirements and criteria and if so by whom?
- Does the IDN ccTLD manager need to demonstrate a track record of managing a TLD?
- Does the IDN ccTLD manager need to demonstrate experience with running IDNs in the particular script?

Topics to designate an IDN ccTLD manager (3)

B. Operation of the IDN ccTLD

- Given the overarching requirement to adhere to the IDNA protocols and other technical requirements on an ongoing basis how can ongoing adherence be ensured?
- Are elements of the registration policies of the IDN ccTLD manager relevant in relation to compliance with the overarching IDNA protocols and other technical requirements?
- If so how can ongoing adherence to the required policies be ensured?