

JIG (Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group) Update

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Background of the JIG

- Charter adopted by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils:
 - <http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jiwig.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

JIG Discussions

- Bi-Weekly Conference Calls (since March 2010)
- Issues of Common Interest identified:
 1. Single Character IDN TLDs
 2. IDN TLD Variants
 3. Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
- Face to face meetings
 - Brussels / Cartagena / San Francisco / Singapore / Dakar
 - Workshop on Single Character IDN TLD at Cartagena

Agenda in Prague:

- IDN Variant TLD
 - Update from VIP Team
 - Discussion of participation at VIP
 - Consideration of next steps for JIG recommendations
- Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
 - Update from Staff Universal Acceptance team
 - Discussion of interaction with staff team
 - Development of Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

IDN Variant TLD (JIG Next Steps)

- Participation at VIP
- Consideration of Work in Parallel with the VIP
 - Focused on areas where Policy Development or clarifications may be required

Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

Initial Report Published Jan 6, 2012

Stocktaking and Paper to Stimulate Discussions

Public Comment Period Completed

Areas of Policy and Coordination

1. Are there policy aspects to be considered and/or policies to be implemented at ICANN?
2. Which organizations should ICANN work with on the issue and how should ICANN identify such
3. Which areas should ICANN focus its efforts and exert its influence on?
4. What types of work should ICANN and the ICANN community place its efforts and priorities on?

Public Comments

- Initial Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
 - <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-06jan12-en.htm>
 - Opened 6 January 2012
 - Closed 13 April 2012
- Report on Comments received:
 - <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/report-comments-universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-23may12-en.pdf>

Next Steps

- Starting work on final report
 - Integrating/input into Staff Team efforts
 - Suggestions for further work
 - Focus on policy aspects with recommendations
- Policy aspects to be considered and/or policies to be implemented at ICANN:
 - a) Budgeting policies
 - b) Registry & Registrar policies: Requirement to support IDN TLDs

Continuation of Work for JIG (beyond Toronto)

JIG has been successful in sparking work from Board and Staff teams to work on IDN Variants and Universal Acceptance

Move from ad-hoc to long-term work for the 3 identified issues of common interest

Continue to Follow up as persistent Community input role to support staff?

Moving to Monthly Meeting and/or Meeting during ICANN meetings only?

Thank You

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