

Country names Study Group

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- Nomination of chair (to be appointed by cNSO council)
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Current Status

- Statement of purpose adopted by ccNSO council 25 January
- Co-chair Becky Burr, chair to be nominated by the members of WG
- Call for volunteers ccTLD community (members and non-members ccNSO)
- Invite GNSO, GAC and ALAC to participate
 - Appoint members or liaison,
 - awaiting appointment of members GNSO and liaison GAC

Purpose and scope of activities

- Current and proposed policies for allocation and delegation of gTLD and (IDN) ccTLD strings associated with territory names
- Type and categories of strings reflecting the name of territories
 - Examples: .IDNccTLDs, .Angleterre, .Holland, .Norway in Greek
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- Identify issues arising of applying the proposed policies to categories of names

If appropriate, the study group will advise on a course of further actions, if any, to resolve issues identified

- Example of actions: Launch ccPDP, Reserve territory names under IDN ccPDP and /or new gTLD process, other action)

Background Study Group

- Use of country and territory names as gTLD string debated in ICANN for long time
- Territory names can be (conditionally) registered according to new gTLD Policy
- Exempted from first round of applications by the ICANN Board awaiting input from ccNSO
 - Note this is according to Board decision and reflected in draft Final Application Guidebook
- Scope IDN ccPDP limited, does not address all types and categories of use of territory names

Next steps

- Provide an overview of current policies
- Provide overview of proposed policies
- Conference calls leading up to Singapore meeting
 - Suggested dates:
 - Wednesday 20 April
 - Wednesday 25 May
 - Next f-2-f meeting Singapore (19 -24 June 2011)