ccNSO Country Code Names Supporting Organisation

IDN ccPDP WG2

- Inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO -

ccNSO Members Meeting

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ccNSO IDN PDP Working Group 2

- Purpose
  - To report on changes to Article IX and relevant Annexes in the ICANN Bylaws to include IDN ccTLD's as full members in the ccNSO on equal footing as the current members (ASCII ccTLDs)
- Issue Report
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/policy/cctld-idn
    - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/final-issues-report-idn-ccpdp-02apr09.pdf
- Interim Paper
  - on issues and possible solutions regarding the inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in the country code Names Supporting Organization
    - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/idn-pdp-wg2-final-interim-report-22nov10-en.pdf
  - public comment period (~January 21, 2011)
    - no comments received

http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ipwg2.htm

ccNSO IDN PDP Working Group 2

- Scope
  - Bylaws
  - Rules and Guidelines

added at Cartagena ccNSO Council meeting

- Members
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    - Mary Uduma,.ng
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    - Chris Disspain (observer)
    - Hiro Hotta, .jp <Chair>
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    - Giovanni Seppia, .eu
  - Latin American and Caribbean Region
    - Demi Getschko, .br <Vice-Chair>

Potential issues identified by the WG

1. Membership definition.
2. Roles of members
   a. Eligibility and selection of councilors to the ccNSO Council
   b. Initiation of PDP
   c. Voting (Policy development process, selection of councillors, other)
3. Quorum for voting
4. Scope of PDP as defined in Annex C

1. Membership Definition

- Qualifications to be a member of ccNSO
  - Current bylaws
    - a ccTLD manager is the organization or entity responsible for managing an ISO 3166 country-code top-level domain
    - The ccNSO shall consist of ccTLD managers that have agreed in writing to be members of the ccNSO
  - Therefore
    - an organization managing IDN ccTLD is not regarded as a ccTLD manager
    - therefore, an organization managing an IDN ccTLD is not qualified to be a ccNSO member
- Solution Space
  - basic principle : IDN ccTLD manager should be a ccTLD manager
  - change the bylaws so that managers of IDN ccTLDs are regarded as ccTLD managers and qualify as ccNSO members

2.a Eligibility and selection of ccNSO Councillors

- Potential Issues
  - Current bylaws
    - No requirements to qualify as a potential Councillor
    - Any ccNSO member may nominate and/or second a potential Councillor
    - A candidate needs to be nominated by a ccNSO member and seconded by another member from the same Region
  - Therefore
    - For example, with six ccTLDs from the same Territory, the Territory can nominate and second three Councillors in the geographic region
    - Even three individuals residing in one Territory can be candidates at the same time if the ccTLD managers in the Territory behave so
- Solution Space

1. Just one Councilor from one Territory (candidate with highest vote among the candidates in the Territory wins)
2. Voting can solve the issue eventually if the principle “only one vote per Territory” is safeguarded, even if more than one nomination/seconding come from one Territory

2.b Initiation of PDP

- Potential issues
  - Current bylaws
    - ccPDP can be initiated by at least 10 (ten) members of the ccNSO
  - Therefore
    - It's becoming easier to initiate PDPs
    - Territories with more ccNSO members have more power of influence in initiating PDPs
      - Just one Territory, having ten or more ccNSO members, can initiate PDP
- Solution Space

1. Replace the number 10 by a minimum percentage of ccNSO members
2. Introduce a ceiling on the number of managers from one Territory
3. Ten members should be associated with different Territories
4. Leave it as it is

2.c Voting

- Potential issues
  - Current bylaws
    - (up to) one ccNSO member per Territory
    - one vote per ccNSO member
    - one vote per (ccNSO member) Territory : as a result
  - Therefore
    - Inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in ccNSO members would shift the balance of "one vote per Territory", which might be envisioned at the time of ccNSO creation
- Basic assumption
  - IDN and ASCII ccTLD managers should be treated equally
  - The implication of the above is " IDN and ASCII ccTLD managers in a Territory should have equal voting rights" (at least at the level of ccNSO)

2.c Voting - continued -

- Solution space

1. When more than one ccNSO member from a Territory take part in voting, their collective vote counts as one. For n voting members from the same ISO3166 entity, each member gets 1/n votes.
2. Consider each 'organization' managing ccTLD as a unit of membership of the ccNSO having equal voting rights. If multiple ccTLDs in a Territory have the same manager, then the manager is considered one member of the ccNSO. If the ccTLDs have different managers, there will be two equal members.
   - this solution necessitates the change of the membership definition
3. Where a Territory has two or more ccTLD managers who are members of the ccNSO, one of those is designated as the representative of the Territory for voting in the ccNSO. It is a matter for the members in a Territory to designate one member as representative and that if it cannot be agreed in Territory then some sort of resolution (eg. rotation) mechanism is put in place.
4. All ASCII and IDN ccTLD managers are treated as having equal voting rights.

2.c Voting - c

Need further discussion ? :
ccTLDs are today directly corresponding to the GAC membership and have potential to become their technical arm. A system of one vote per IANA code could make the ccNSO more independent.

- Preferred alternative of working group
  - One vote per Territory
  - This can be achieved either through
    - appointing one representative for all members from that Territory
    - 1/N vote per member from a Territory with N members
  - Appointing one representative may take time, thus a transition rule needs to be in place for the duration of the local appointment process
  - Dividing the votes into 1/n may impact the results and what it represents
    - A staged voting process may resolve the issue of combining votes
    - Firstly the votes per Territory are counted to determine the vote for that Territory
    - Secondly the votes are counted on a per Territory basis

3. Quorum

- Potential issues
  - Current bylaws
    - In the event that at least 50% of the ccNSO members lodge votes within the voting period, the resulting vote will be employed without further process. .... In the event that more than 66% of the votes received at the end of the voting period shall be in favor of the Council Recommendation, then the recommendation shall be conveyed to the Board
  - Therefore
    - Inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in ccNSO members would go against the concept of "equal rights of Territories"
- Solution Space
  - If the principle of "one vote per Territory" is adopted, the current quorum rule can be maintained, by reflecting this principle to the relevant sections in the Bylaws

4. Scope of PDP

- Potential Issue
  - Current bylaws
    - The scope to conduct a PDP is very limited in reflecting the roles and responsibilities of ccTLDs and ICANN
    - It was defined when ccTLD was ASCII only
  - Therefore
    - We need to see if there are particular characteristics of IDN ccTLDs or ICANN's role vis-a vis IDN ccTLDs which will require the development of specific IDN ccTLD related policy
- Solution space
  - IDN ccTLD and (ASCII) ccTLD should be treated similarly
  - Therefore, no special arrangement regarding policy development for IDN ccTLD's should be introduced
  - Consequently, the WG believes that the scope for PDP does not need to be adjusted to include IDN ccTLD's in the ccNSO

A point requiring Council's direction - wait for or leave 'variant' issues ? -

- a project plan to identify issues related to IDN variant management and in particular the delegation of IDN TLD variants
  - http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-5-21feb11-en.htm
  - description of the issues involved will be available in December 2011
  - initiatives in context of the IETF are undertaken at the same time
- WG2 members have internally agreed
  - to move forward with the work of IDN PDP WG2, leaving 'variant' issues behind
  - reasons : to accommodate the situation where IDN ccTLDs are increasing
    : identification and resolution of 'variant' issues may take long time
- WG2 will notify its intention to the Issue Manager to separate the two aspects of the IDN ccPDP (selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO), and then the Issue Manager will request the Council to decide on this.

Changes to Rules and Guidelines

- WG2 has started to work on Rules and Guidelines
  - portions necessary to be changed have been identified
    - mainly direct reflection of Bylaw change
    - technical details need to be discussed and defined
  - WG2 members have not yet had discussion
  - WG2 will hold its f2f meeting on Thursday
- WG2 will post a draft document asking for your comment