

# JIG (Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group) Meeting

ICANN Toronto

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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)
  - Changed to Monthly Calls (since Prague: June 2012)
- 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 / Costa Rica / Prague
  - Workshop on Single Character IDN TLD at Cartagena

# Agenda for Toronto:

- Update from VIP (~20min)
  - Update from Dennis Jennings
  - Discussions / Next Steps (if any yet)
- Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs (~30min)
  - Draft of Final Report
  - Update from Staff Team
  - Discussions on Recommendations
- Next Steps on Reporting to Councils (~10min)
  - Extension / "Conversion" into standing group
  - Expected work items
  - Revisions on Charter (if any)

# Update from IDN Variant Projects

Dennis Jennings

# Any Next Steps Required at this time?

- Policy development needed?
- Developed rules and mechanisms (from project teams) to be implemented by GNSO (IDN gTLDs) and ccNSO (IDN ccTLDs)
  - How would they fit into the respective processes?
  - What parts are technical policy driven?
  - What parts are human policy driven?
- Any need to provide update to the respective SOs (From JIG)?

# 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>

# Proposed Recommendations

- A. Requirement for IDN TLD operators to support Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs in their own systems**
- B. Allocate specific budget for the advocacy** of Universal Acceptance beyond the passive development of informational materials and toolkits
- C. Development of checklist/guides** for new IDN TLDs to handle issues of Universal Acceptance
- D. Direct efforts**, lead by staff, with the participation from the community, **for further studies** to investigate the scope of the issue and what other services or actions could be taken by ICANN to support the Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs beyond outreach and awareness campaigns

# Recommendation A

- Requirement for IDN TLD operators to support Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs in their own systems
  - IDN gTLDs and IDN ccTLDs
  - IDN gTLD Accredited Registrars
  - Name servers
  - WHOIS email addresses
    - IDN gTLDs: as requirement
    - IDN ccTLDs: as suggestion

# Recommendation B

- Allocate specific budget for the advocacy of Universal Acceptance beyond the passive development of informational materials and toolkits
  - Related to Recommendations C & D
  - How will it work in the Budget process?
  - Recommendations to Councils/SGs/Constituencies to be included in their respective comments to budget?

# Recommendation C

- Development of checklist/guides for new IDN TLDs (including gTLD and ccTLD) to handle issues of Universal Acceptance
  - This is material targeted for new IDN TLDs
  - How should the work be coordinated?
  - How can this be integrated into the work at staff team?
  - How can knowledge from the industry be best leveraged?

# Recommendation D

- Direct efforts, lead by staff, with the participation from the community, for further studies to investigate the scope of the issue and what other services or actions could be taken by ICANN to support the Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs beyond outreach and awareness campaigns
  - Scope: e.g. emerging industry standards, coordination with other related organizations
  - Additional Services: e.g. known 2LD registries

# Universal Acceptance of TLDs

Francisco Arias

# Next Steps

- Completion of final report
  - Completion of Draft: Jan 2013
  - Public Comments: Through Beijing (Apr 2013)
  - Finalization of report: May 2013
  - Presentation to respective councils: Durban (Jul 2013)
- Public Session at ICANN Beijing:
  - a) Discussion of Recommendations
  - b) Inviting additional GNSO (Registries/Registrars especially) and ccNSO members to discuss recommendations



# Next Steps on Reporting to Councils

- Extension / "Conversion" into standing group
  - Updating “end-date” to: completion of implementation for 3 identified issues of common interest
- Expected work items:
  - Focused on the 3 identified issues of common interest
  - Follow up with respective staff teams
- Revisions on Charter (if any)
  - Formally invite joint charter from ALAC/SSAC?
  - Invitation to GAC?

# JIG Works Going Forward

- Monthly Calls (except for ICANN face to face meeting month)
- Face to face meeting at ICANN meetings
- Completion of Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs Final Report
- Periodically compilation of reports to respective Councils on issues related to IDN TLDs
  - IDN Variant TLD Projects
  - Progress on Single Character IDN TLDs
  - Implementation of recommendations on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

# Thank You

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