



# Policy Development Process Working Group on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information

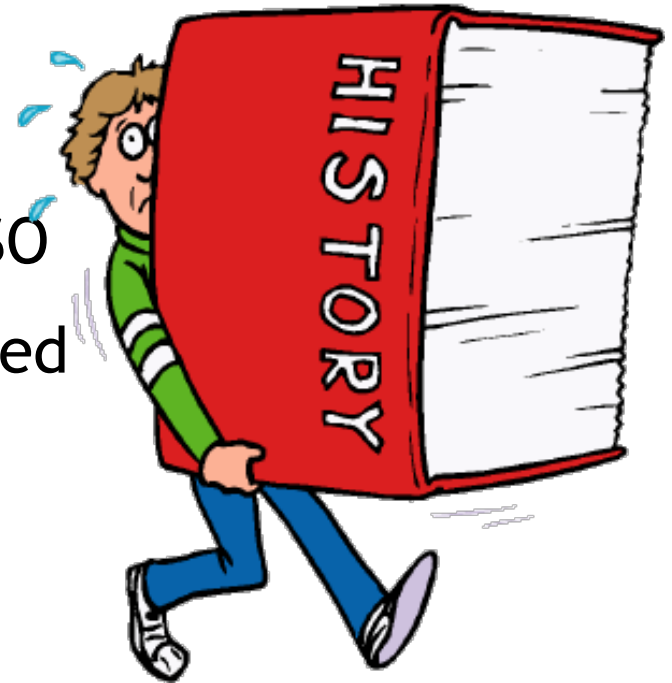
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# Background

1. 21 March 2013: Issue Report published
2. 13 June 2013: PDP initiated by GNSO
3. 20 November 2013: Charter approved by GNSO
4. 19 December 2013: PDP WG begins work
5. 31 January 2014: Request for Input on issue questions sent to Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Extended to 31 March.
6. 24 March 2014: Public meeting in Singapore



# Background Information

## Two principal Charter questions:

1. Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script.
  2. Who should decide who should bear the burden translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script.
- Working Group Charter: [www.tinyurl.com/ttcharter](http://www.tinyurl.com/ttcharter)
  - Working Group Wikipage: [www.tinyurl.com/ttwikipage](http://www.tinyurl.com/ttwikipage)
  - Issue Report: [www.tinyurl.com/ttissuereport](http://www.tinyurl.com/ttissuereport)



# Related Activities



- Staff has commissioned a **commercial feasibility study** on translation and transliteration of contact information to help inform the Working Group.
- An Expert Working Group is determining the appropriate internationalized domain name registration data requirements, including relevant outcomes of this PDP.

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# Request for Input on Issue Questions

- Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script.
- What exactly the benefits to the community are of translating and/or transliterating contact information, especially in light of the costs that may be connected to translation and/or transliteration?
- Should translation and/or transliteration of contact information be mandatory for all gTLDs?
- Should translation and/or transliteration of contact information be mandatory for all registrants or only those based in certain countries and/or using specific non-ASCII scripts?



# Request for Input on Issue Questions, Cont.

- What impact will translation/transliteration of contact information have on the WHOIS validation as set out under the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement?
- When should any new policy relating to translation and transliteration of contact information come into effect?
- Who should decide who should bear the burden translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script?
- Who does your SG/C believe should bear the cost, bearing in mind, however, the limits in scope set in the Initial Report on this issue?

# Next Steps



- Review input from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees on the issue questions.
- Review results of the commercial feasibility study
- Working Group drafts an Initial Report
- See the wiki at:  
<https://community.icann.org/x/FTR-Ag>  
for updates

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# Thank You and Questions

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