

ccNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

Overall Policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings

SUMMARY

The Overall Policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings is part of the IDN country code policy development process (IDN ccPDP). The second part is on the inclusion of IDN ccTLD's in the ccNSO. In time, the overall policy will replace the Fast Track methodology which was developed in 2008 as a joint effort of the GAC and the ccNSO. After adoption of the Final Implementation Plan in October 2009 by the ICANN Board of Directors the Fast Track became operational.

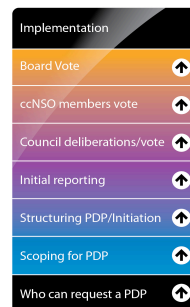
The overall policy builds on the current policy for the delegation and re-delegation of ccTLD's, which will remain to be applicable for the delegation and redelegation of IDN ccTLD's. The proposed policy is developed on the basis of the Fast Track Methodology and takes into account three years of experience with the Fast Track process and the results of the two reviews.

The major proposed changes compared to the Fast Track Process are:

- Separation of recommendations on criteria for the selection and procedural aspects;
- Change of standard for confusing similarity evaluation
- Introducing a two stage procedure for confusing similarity evaluation
- Introducing an advisory panel once the policy becomes effective (including members of the GAC)
- Review of the policy after every 5 years, or if circumstances dictate.

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS

Members of the GAC are observers in the Initial Reporting Phase and could provide feedback and input. GAC advice will be formally requested by the chair of the ccNSO, once the chair has received the Final Report (Council deliberation Phase). This is anticipated one month prior to the ICANN Beijing meeting.



FINAL ISSUE REPORT

The draft Final Report of the working group has been published for public consultation and closed on 9 November 2012 (<http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/draft-recommendations-idn-cctld-selection-29aug12-en.htm>). The Final Report will be merged with the Final Report on Inclusion of IDN ccTLD's in ccNSO and published for comments.