

# Work Track 5 meeting



7 February 2018

# Agenda

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Welcome/Agenda  
review/SOI updates  
(5 mins)

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Update since last  
meeting (5 mins)

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Review of existing  
defined geographic  
terms (70 mins)

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Additional  
geographic terms (5  
mins)

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# Update since last meeting

Agenda Item #2

# Update since last meeting

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1) ToR completed.

([https://community.icann.org/display/NGSPP/Terms+of+Reference\[community.icann.org\]](https://community.icann.org/display/NGSPP/Terms+of+Reference[community.icann.org]))

2) Webinar prepared for WT5 members - History of Geographic Names at the Top Level at ICANN (8th Feb, 19:00 UTC).

- ⦿ For Work Track 5 members who would like to better understand the issue of geographic names at the top level at ICANN from a historical perspective.
- ⦿ Work Track 5 Co-Leaders will review key developments and documents.
- ⦿ Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions.
- ⦿ The webinar is intended for members who are new to the subject of geographic names at the top level.
- ⦿ More experienced members are also welcome to attend if they would like a refresher.

# Review of existing defined geographic names

## Agenda Item #3

# Review of existing defined geographic names

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Discussion points:

- a) is it a valid geographic term for the purposes of new gTLDs?
- b) what were the positive impact/merits based on the treatment applied to the term in the AGB?
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Summary of terms we will discuss today:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1FuPEq0y-cdSUQ1nvhWKhVnG8PLaC2RYXsCpQu91FDqo/edit#gid=358523414>

## 2.2.1.3.2 DNS Stability: String Review Procedure

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### Alpha-2 code listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard

Example: AF for Afghanistan

**Policy (2007 PDP):** Not available as gTLD. Two- character ASCII strings are not permitted, to avoid conflicting with current and future country codes based on the ISO 3166-1 standard.

**Implementation (2012 AGB):** Not available as gTLD. Two- character ASCII strings are not permitted, to avoid conflicting with current and future country codes based on the ISO 3166-1 standard.

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## 2.2.1.4.1 Country or Territory Names

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### Alpha-3 code listed in the ISO 3166-1 standard

Examples: AFG for Afghanistan

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## 2.2.1.4.1 Country or Territory Names

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Long-form name in the ISO 3166-standard, or a translation of the long-form name in any language

Example: The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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## 2.2.1.4.1 Country or Territory Names

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Short-form name in the ISO 3166-standard, or a translation of the short-form name in any language

Example: Afghanistan

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Short- or long- form name association with a code that has been designated as "exceptionally reserved" by the ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency

Reserved for a particular use at special request of a national ISO member body, governments or international organizations. Example: UK reserved for United Kingdom.

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Separable component of a country name designated on the "Separable Country Name List," or is a translation of a name appearing on the list, in any language, according to annex in AGB

Example: Åland, separable component of Åland Islands. [See AGB Annex](#) for a list.

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### Permutation or transposition of any of the names included above.

Permutations include removal of spaces, insertion of punctuation, and addition or removal of grammatical articles like "the." A transposition is considered a change in the sequence of the long or short-form name, for example, "RepublicCzech" or "IslandsCayman."

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## 2.2.1.4.1 Country or Territory Names

A name by which a country is commonly known, as demonstrated by evidence that the country is recognized by that name by an intergovernmental or treaty organization

Example: Holland for the Netherlands

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## 2.2.1.4.2 Other Geographic Names

A representation, in any language, of a capital city name of any country or territory listed in ISO 3166-1

Examples: London-Londres-Llundain / Berlin-Berlijn-Berlino

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**Implementation (2012 AGB):** Requiring support/non-objection from relevant governments or public authorities.

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### City name, used for purposes associated with the city name

Examples: Bath, Florence, Frankfurt

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## 2.2.1.4.2 Other Geographic Names

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### City name, used for other purposes

Examples: Bath, Florence, Frankfurt, Spa

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**Implementation (2012 AGB):** No requirements.

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Exact match of a sub-national place name, such as a county, province, or state listed in ISO 3166-2

Example: Badakhshān (AF-BDS) in Afghanistan

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## 2.2.1.4.2 Other Geographic Names

String listed as a UNESCO region or appearing on the “Composition of macro geographical (continental) regions, geographical sub-regions, and selected economic and other groupings” list

Examples: Africa, Northern Africa

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**Implementation (2012 AGB):** Requiring support/non-objection from at least 60% of the respective national governments in the region and no more than 1 written statement of objection from relevant governments or authorities.

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# Additional geographic terms

Agenda Item #4

# AOB

Agenda Item #5