

Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

Translation and Transliteration Of Contact Information

April 2016

Upcoming important dates

Following the adoption of the recommendations by the ICANN Board on 28 September 2015, ICANN Staff is currently preparing an Implementation Plan. Once completed, they will send out a call to form an Implementation Review Team (IRT) to assist with the adequate implementation of all recommendations. Currently, this is expected to take place in early 2016. For efficiency reasons, it has been suggested that the IRT merges with the IRT for Thick WHOIS due to subject overlap (GNSO Council expected to consider this during its meeting on 12 May 2016).

Summary

The Policy Development Process (PDP) on the translation and transliteration had its inaugural meeting on 19 December 2013. It focused its work the following issues:

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 which party(s) should bear the burden of translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script.

The Working Group completed its [Final Report, which](#) was [approved](#) by the GNSO Council on 24 June. In its Final Report, the Working Group does not recommend to mandate the translation/transliteration of contact information data. Instead the Group recommends that registrants are able to submit contact data in any language/script supported by their registrar; ideally the registrant's native one. The Group expressed in its Final Report that data submitted in a script native to the registrant is most likely to be accurate and that the costs of translating and/or transliterating all Contact Information data would be disproportionate to any potential benefits. On 28 September, the ICANN Board [adopted the recommendations](#).

Engagement Opportunity Status



Staff will send out a call to the Community to join the implementation Review Team (IRT) in due course; although aimed primarily at those Community members who took part in the PDP, the IRT will be open to all and may be merged with the IRT for Thick WHOIS (GNSO Council to consider during its meeting on 12 May 2016).

Additional Information

- Final Report
<http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/translation-transliteration-contact-final-12jun15-en.pdf>
- ICANN Board resolution
<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-09-28-en>
- Report on Public Comments prior to Board Consideration
<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-transliteration-contact-recommendations-13aug15-en.pdf>
- GNSO Council Resolution
<http://gns0.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#20150624-3>
- Initial Report
<http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/transliteration-contact-initial-15dec14-en.pdf>
- Webinar Recording on Initial Report
<https://icann.adobeconnect.com/p2lzjk3zy0f/>
- Report of Public Comment on Initial Report
<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/report-comments-transliteration-contact-initial-19feb15-en.pdf>
- Wiki Space
<https://community.icann.org/x/FTR-Ag>