ccNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

ccNSO IDN ccTLD Policy Development Process (Overall Policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings and inclusion of IDN ccTLD in the ccNSO.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: The IDN ccPDP Issue manager submitted the Final Report to the ccNSO Council on 1 April 2013. In the Final Report the recommendations on the selection of IDN ccTLD strings, as contained in the Final Paper of IDN ccPDP WG 1 are integrated with the recommendations on the inclusion of the IDN ccTLD manager in the ccNSO as contained in the Final Paper of IDN ccPDP WG 2.
At it's meeting on 10 April, the ccNSO Council adopted all recommendations contained in the Final Report unanimously as Council Recommendation. The Council Recommendation will now be subject to a ccNSO Members vote. If at least 50% of the members vote and 66 % of the voting members vote in favor of the Council Recommendation, it is adopted by the ccNSO and such will be submitted to the Board at he the Durban meeting. If 50% or less of the ccNSO Members vote, there will be a second round of voting, with no quorum, which be conducted around the Durban meeting.

- The first round of ccNSO members voting started on 23 May and will be concluded on 13 June 2013.

SUMMARY

The first element of the ccNSO Council Recommendation relates to the overall Policy for the selection of IDN ccTLD strings. The second part of the Council Recommendation relates to 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 re-delegation 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 changes in comparison with the Fast Track Process are:

- Separation of recommendations on criteria for the selection and procedural aspects;
- Changes to the rule, method and criteria for confusing similarity evaluation
- Introduction of 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 so dictate.

GAC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS

GAC advice or opinion has been formally requested by the chair of the ccNSO on 3 April. The ccNSO PDP is currently at the ccNSO Members voting phase of the ccNSO Policy Development Process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Members Report is available at: http://ccnso.icann.org/node/38473
- The draft recommendations of IDN ccPDP WG 1, comments and summary of comments and analysis can be found at: http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-29aug12-en.htm
- The draft recommendations of IDN ccPDP WG 2, comments and summary of comments and analysis can be found at: http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-22oct11-en.htm
- The final paper of and further information on the work of IDN ccPDP WG 1 can be found at: http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ipwg1.htm
- The Final Paper and further information on the work of IDN ccPDP WG 2 is available at: http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/ipwg2.htm

GAC RELATED DOCUMENTS
Advise to the Board on the IDN ccTLD PDP (not on the PDP directly). Which is linked below from the GAC advice register:
https://gacweb.icann.org/display/GACADV/2012-06-28-IDN-1

https://gacweb.icann.org/display/GACADV/2012-06-28-IDN-2

Letter to Elise Gerich - GAC Response to Elise Gerich.pdf
<https://gacweb.icann.org/download/attachments/4817665/GAC+Response+to+Elise+Gerich.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1354055161000>
https://gacweb.icann.org/display/GACADV/2012-06-28-IDN-3