JIG (Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group) Meeting

ICANN Prague

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Background of the JIG

- Charter adopted by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils:
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jiwg.htm
- The purpose of the JIG is to identify and explore issues and topics of common interest of relevance to both the ccNSO and GNSO and report on such an identified issues to the respective Councils and propose methodologies to address the issues

JIG Discussions

- Bi-Weekly Conference Calls (since March 2010)
- Issues of Common Interest identified:
    1. Single Character IDN TLDs
    2. IDN TLD Variants
    3. Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
- Face to face meetings
    - Brussels / Cartagena / San Francisco / Singapore / Dakar
    - Workshop on Single Character IDN TLD at Cartagena

Agenda:

- IDN Variant TLD
  - Update from VIP Team
  - Discussion of participation at VIP
  - Consideration of next steps for JIG recommendations
- Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
  - Update from Staff Universal Acceptance team
  - Discussion of interaction with staff team
  - Development of Final Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

IDN Variant TLD (JIG Next Steps)

- Participation at VIP
- Consideration of Work in Parallel
  - Policy Recommendations / Requirements
  - Costs (if any)
    - Application / Delegation
    - Ongoing
  - Compliance
  - IANA WHOIS

Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

Initial Report Published Jan 6, 2012

Stocktaking and Paper to Stimulate Discussions

Public Comment Period Completed

Background & Related Works

- Introduction of New gTLDs longer than 3 characters in 2000 (and 2004)

- Introduction of IDN ccTLD Fast Track in 2010

- August 2003: SSAC Report
  - Support Of New Top-Level Domains By Internet Infrastructure Operators And Application Providers
  - http://forum.icann.org/mtg-cmts/stld-rfp-comments/general/doc00004.doc

SSAC Recommendations:

1. ICANN should develop an advisory regarding support for new TLDs and GNSO constituencies should publicise this advisory.

2. Recommend that the IAB consider issuing an informational RFC advising of the issue.

3. Internet infrastructure providers should test the capability of the software to support new TLDs.

4. Internet software application developers should review and upgrade their software.

5. A central repository of known commonly used software that has compatibility problems.

6. ICANN should examine compatibility problems with the introduction of new TLDs in 2001 as a topic in its Proof of Concept study.

Stocktaking of Policy Aspects

- Building on SSAC Recommendations
- Policy aspects as well as coordination roles that could be led by ICANN and the ICANN community
- Policies developed at and enforced by ICANN may not directly solve the issue of Universal Acceptance
- Certain areas of influence by ICANN along with supportive policies at ICANN can contribute to the promotion of the goal

Areas of Policy and Coordination

1. Are there policy aspects to be considered and/or policies to be implemented at ICANN?
2. Which organizations should ICANN work with on the issue and how should ICANN identify such
3. Which areas should ICANN focus its efforts and exert its influence on?
4. What types of work should ICANN and the ICANN community place its efforts and priorities on?

Public Comments

- Initial Report on Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
  - http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-06jan12-en.htm
  - Opened 6 January 2012
  - Closed 13 April 2012
- Report on Comments recevied:
  - http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/report-comments-universal-acceptance-idn-tlds-23may12-en.pdf

Plans

- Starting work on final report
  - Integrating/input into Staff Team efforts
  - Suggestions for further work
  - Focus on policy aspects with recommendations
- Policy aspects to be considered and/or policies to be implemented at ICANN:
  a) Budgeting policies
  b) Registry & Registrar policies: Requirement to support IDN TLDs

Coordination / Direction of Work with Staff Team

- How can the JIG help?

- Should any work be coordinated with the chartering SOs?

- What can be summarized/crystalized from the work from JIG so far?

ICANN Staff Team Efforts

- TLD Universal Acceptance Session in Costa Rica:
    - http://costarica43.icann.org/node/29651

Continuation of Work for JIG (beyond Toronto)

Long-term work for the 3 identified issues of common interest

From Ad-hoc to Standing WG? Follow up / Community input role to support staff?

Moving to Monthly Meeting and/or Meeting during ICANN meetings only?

Thank You

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