Country and Territory Names Study Group Meeting

25 June 2012

Prague, Czech Republic

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Status update

3. Discussion on new gTLD applications

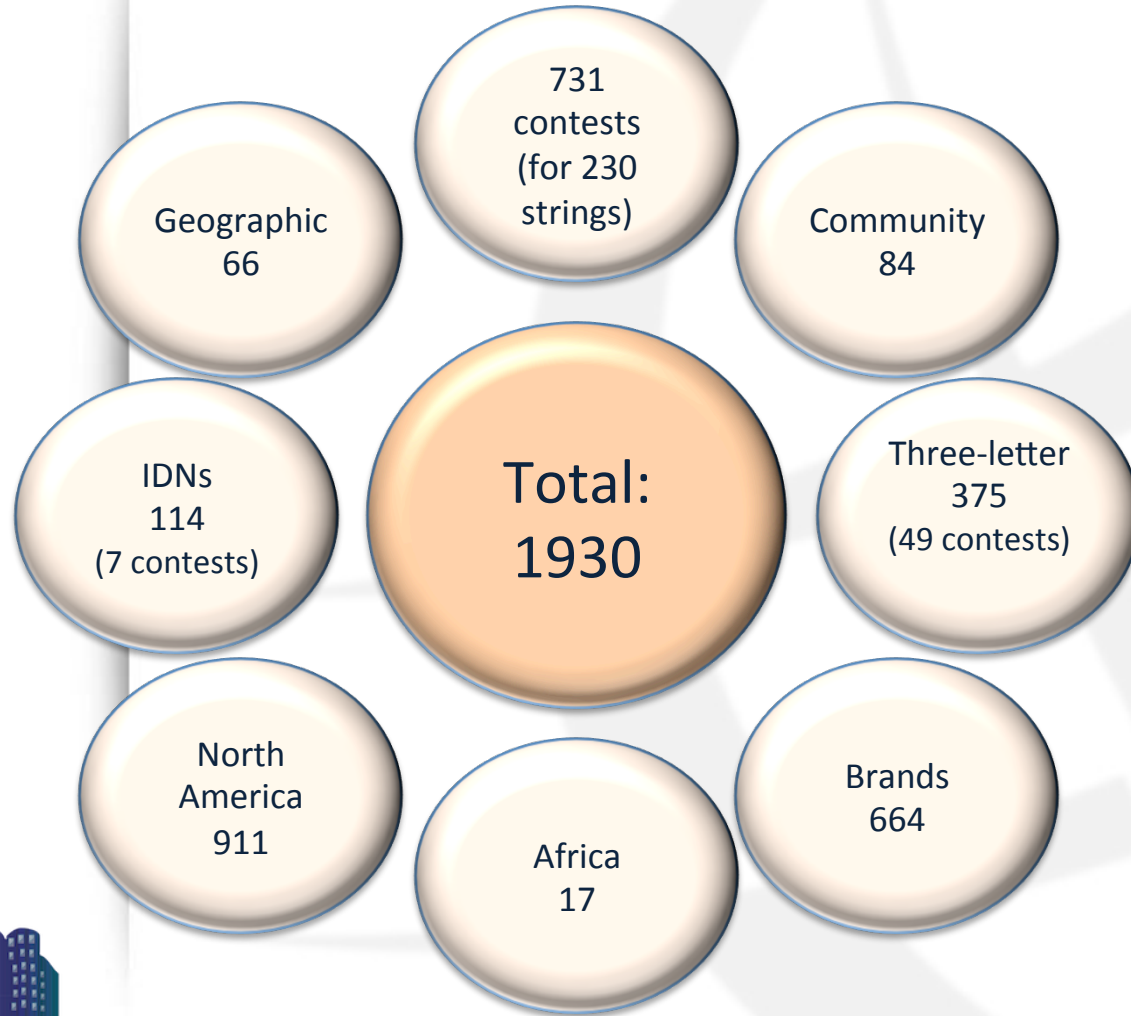4. Open question about SG deliverables and recommendations

Status update

1. Still waiting to resolve survey logistics – translation

2. Progress Report developed

3. Briefing of community members here in Prague

4. New gTLD applications announced – a number of issues

New gTLDs "reveal"

731 contests (for 230 strings)

Geographic 66

Community 84

IDNs 114 (7 contests)

Total: 1930

Three-letter 375 (49 contests)

North America 911

Africa 17

Brands 664

New gTLDs "reveal"

These are a bit of a stretch:

.finish

.newholland

.viking

.kiwi

New gTLDs "reveal"

Three-letter codes:

.AND, .ARE, .EST – Google

.IDN – Nameshop, India

.BAR – Two applications

New gTLDs "reveal"

Three-letter codes (com or dot com):

Long list of Verisign transliterations:

KOM	닷컴	コム
คอม	קום	كوم
कॉम	点看	
點看	닷컴	

New gTLDs "reveal"

Demonyms

- .swiss and .irish

- Competing applications for .swiss
  - Government
  - Swiss Int. Airlines

- Not a direct representation of a country name, but a Government is asserting rights to it.

New gTLDs "reveal"

.THAI

- Application from Thai company with Malaysian registry provider

- Community application

- Support from Ministry for ICT and Ministry for Interior

- "Will collaborate with THNIC"

- Opposition from GAC delegate and THNIC

- String is transliteration of IDN - .ไทย

Question about deliverables

Our scope (the final part of it):

"A comprehensive overview of issues arising (or likely to arise) in connection with applying the current and proposed policies, guidelines and procedures for allocation to types and categories of strings currently used or proposed to be used as TLDs that are either associated with Countries and Territories (i.e., by inclusion on the ISO 3166-1 list) and/or are otherwise considered representations of Country and Territory names.

If considered appropriate by the study group, the study group will advise on a course of further actions, if any, to resolve issues identified under 3."