Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG WG)
Draft Charter

Purpose

At the joint meeting during the ICANN Sydney meeting the GNSO and ccNSO Council recognized there may be topics and/ or issues related to the introduction of IDN ccTLDs under the IDN ccTLD Fast Track implementation process and IDN gTLDs under the new gTLD implementation process which are of common interest to both the GNSO and ccNSO, and which are preferably addressed in a collaborative effort through the GNSO and ccNSO.

To this end the ccNSO and GNSO Council agreed to set-up a joint working group (JIG) tasked to identify and explore issues and topics of common interest, if any, and of relevance to both implementation processes, report on such an identified issues to the respective Councils and propose a methodology to address an issue.

Ongoing implementation work for the New gTLD process and the IDN ccTLD Fast Track should continue and not be delayed waiting for reports from the JIG.

Scope
The JIG should be focused on issues of common interest to both the ccTLD and the GNSO communities.

In identifying issues and proposing methodologies to resolve them, the JIG WG should take into account:
- The overarching requirement to preserve the security and stability of the DN
- The IDNA protocol and IDN Guidelines and their updating
- Input and advice from the technical community in respect to the implementation of IDNs;
- GNSO Policy Recommendations on New gTLDs (http://gnso.icann.org/issues/new-gtlds/pdp-dec05-fr-parta-08aug07.htm)
- IDNC Board Proposal (http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/idnc-wg-board-proposal-25jun08.pdf)

Issues which may be of common interest include: aspects of variant management for the root zone related to both implementation processes; submission and publication of IDN Tables related to both implementation processes; and issues relating to the IDNA protocol update and associated update of ICANN's IDN Guidelines related to both implementation processes.

If other issues become apparent to the JIG WG that they consider in scope, the JIG WG Chairs shall inform the Chairs of the ccNSO and GNSO in a timely manner so that appropriate action can be taken.

If issues become apparent to the WG that are outside of its scope, the IR WG Chairs shall inform the Chairs of the ccNSO and GNSO Council in a timely manner so that appropriate action or remediation can be taken.

Should according to either the ccNSO council or the GNSO council an issue not be of common interest, the issue is considered out of scope for the JIG.

Membership

The ccNSO Council will appoint no more than 5 members to the WG in accordance with its own rules and procedures. The GNSO Council will appoint no more than 5 members to the WG in accordance with its own rules and procedures. The chairs of the ccNSO and the GNSO, or somebody they appoint as an alternate, will be ex-officio members of the WG.

The ccNSO Council and the GNSO Council shall each select a Co-Chair for the JIG. The chairs of the JIG may seek participation from the technical community as well as from other areas within the ICANN community, if deemed necessary to conduct the business of the WG.

ICANN should provide adequate staff support to the JIG.

Omission in or unreasonable impact of Charter

In the event this charter does not provide guidance and/or the impact of the charter is unreasonable for conducting the business of the WG the chairs of the WG will decide.

Closure of the Working Group

Upon adoption of either the Recommendations from the ccNSO policy development process on the introduction and delegation of IDN ccTLDs or the new gTLD process by the ICANN Board of Directors, the WG will be closed, unless both the ccNSO and GNSO Council extend the duration of the JIG WG.