

## **Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)**

### **Draft Charter**

#### **Purpose**

As implementation of IDN TLDs becomes reality, it has also become apparent that issues of common interest exist between IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs. These include ICANN implementation issues that could benefit from being consistent across the continuum of IDN TLDs to ensure technical integrity, stability and security of the root zone. More importantly, user expects consistency across IDN TLDs for certain issues.

The Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG) will identify and report on areas of common interest among the ccNSO and the GNSO for IDN TLDs. The JIG will coordinate consideration of these areas and attempt to develop recommendations for consideration by the ccNSO and GNSO that could subsequently be sent to the ICANN board if approved by the SO's.

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. When the JIG produce finalized reports, such reports should then be taken into consideration.

#### **Scope**

In considering any recommendations, the JIG should take into account:

- The overarching requirement to preserve the security and stability of the DNS;
- Compliance with the IDNA protocols and ICANN IDN Guidelines;
- Input and advice from the technical community in respect to the implementation of IDNs;
- GNSO Policy Recommendations on New gTLDs (<http://gns0.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>)

The JIG should be focused on issues of common interest to both the ccNSO and the GNSO communities. Should matters arise that are identified by the ccNSO council or the GNSO council to be not an issue of common interest, such matters should be considered out of scope for the JIG.

As a general concept, issues of common interest should include for example:

- Issues that would benefit from consistent implementation across IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs
- Implementations which users would expect to be consistent across IDN TLDs
- Issues that are inter-related between IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs
- Issues that would benefit from coordination among the ccNSO and GNSO

Issues initially identified as issues of common interest include: Variant management for the root zone; adoption of IDN Language Tables at the root zone; TLD string length limitations and the inter-relationships between IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs.

## **Membership & Process**

The JIG should consist of members from the ccNSO and the GNSO communities. The ccNSO Council and the GNSO Council should each select a Co-Chair for the JIG. The JIG should seek participation from the technical community as well as from other areas within the ICANN community, including the GAC, ALAC and the SSAC. ICANN should provide adequate staff support to the JIG.

The JIG should produce and publish reports for public consultation. The JIG should review and analyze comments received from the public consultation and make adjustments to the report or consider redrafting the report for further public consultation. Upon finalization of any report, the JIG should seek the support from both the ccNSO Council and the GNSO council before submitting a recommendation to the ICANN board.

## **Draft Timeline for Initial Tasks**

Upon the forming of the JIG, the group should plan to produce a report regarding issues already identified as issues of common interest within the following target schedule:

- Late July 2009 – Formation of JIG and Commencement of discussions
- Late August 2009 – Publishing of draft report and recommendations and seek public comments
- September 2009 – Seek support from ccNSO and GNSO on report
- October 2009 – Finalize and publish report for initial tasks

Subsequently, the JIG should continue to identify and discuss issues of common interest as they arise.