

Policy Development Process (PDP) Update

Translation and Transliteration Of Contact Information

July 2016

Upcoming important dates

A kickoff call with the Implementation Review Team (IRT) was held on 19 July 2016. Global Domains Division (GDD) staff is currently drafting a preliminary implementation plan and policy language for review by the IRT during their second call, expected to take place in early August. The implementation plan expected to be complete and posted on the community wiki by the end of July. Currently, the plan projects an implementation announcement date in December 2016, with a policy effective date of 1 August 2017.

Summary

The Policy Development Process (PDP) on the translation and transliteration had its inaugural meeting on 19 December 2013. It focused its work the following issues:

1. Whether it is desirable to translate contact information to a single common language or transliterate contact information to a single common script.
2. Who should decide which party(s) should bear the burden of translating contact information to a single common language or transliterating contact information to a single common script.

The Working Group completed its Final Report, which was approved by the GNSO Council on 24 June. In its Final Report, the Working Group does not recommend to mandate the translation/transliteration of contact information data. Instead the Group recommends that registrants are able to submit contact data in any language/script supported by their registrar; ideally the registrant's native one. The Group expressed in its Final Report that data submitted in a script native to the registrant is most likely to be accurate and that the costs of translating and/or transliterating all Contact Information data would be disproportionate to any potential benefits. On 28 September, the ICANN Board [adopted the recommendations](#).

Engagement Opportunity Status



Staff has formed and Implementation Review Team and held a kickoff call on 19 July. The IRT has yet to appoint a liaison to the GNSO. This will be discussed on their next call in early August.

Additional Information

- Translation and Transliteration Community Wiki:
<https://community.icann.org/display/gnsottcii/Translation+and+Transliteration+of+Contact+Information+IRT+Home>
- Final Report
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/translation-transliteration-contact-final-12jun15-en.pdf>
- ICANN Board resolution
<https://www.icann.org/resources/board-material/resolutions-2015-09-28-en>
- GNSO Council Resolution
<http://gnso.icann.org/en/council/resolutions#20150624-3>
- Wiki Space
<https://community.icann.org/x/FTR-Ag>