

# IDN ccTLD Fast Track Update



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# Agenda

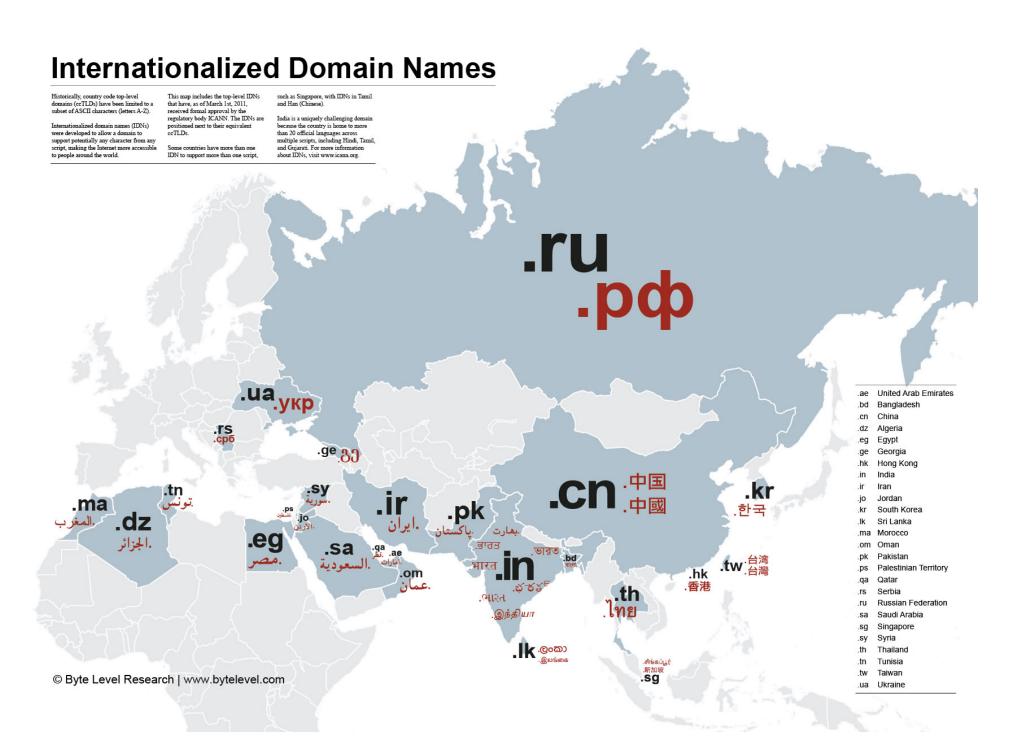
IDN Fast Track Update

- Status update
- Review Process
- Themes From Review Process
- Recommendations

### Fifteen Months Later and....

Launched Nov 16 2009!

- 34 unique requests received to date
- 27 IDN ccTLD in Root Zone (17 countries/territories)
- 9 approved ready to apply for/in IANA delegation process



### Fast Track Process Review



- Required by Final Implementation Plan
- Public Comment Completed 31 January 2011
- Summary of Comments and Recommendations Published at:

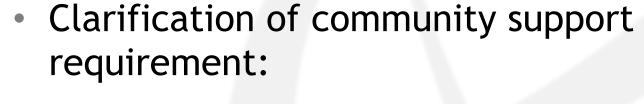
http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/fasttrack-review-summary-comments-18feb11-en.pdf

### Main Themes From Review



- Community Support
- Confusing Similarity Assessment
- Transparency
- Disputes and Objections
- IDN Tables
- Delegation of Variant TLDs

# Community Support





- String Evaluation Process
- IANA Delegation Process
- Enhanced the information made available about the differences in community support requirements

# Confusing Similarity Assessment

- Checks for string similarity between applied for strings and existing TLDs and reserved codes
- Review identified that the subject of assessment of user confusion requires further community discussions



### Transparency



- Two competing notions:
  - Maintain confidentiality of requests until completion of string evaluation
  - Release application materials earlier in the process
- Publication of string evaluation reports

## Disputes and Objections

- The Fast Track Process does not offer a specific appeals/objection process
- Request for a mechanism for appeals or reevaluation of request

### **IDN Tables**

Continued discussion



 Continued publication of IANA IDN Practices Repository

### Delegation of Variant TLDs

 Concern about the lack of a clear definition for variants and a description of the problems associated with delegation of variants in the root zone

Session:

Wed - 14:30 to 16:00

Room: Elizabethan A-C

### Recommendations

- No immediate changes to IDN ccTLD Fast Track Process
- Staff implemented explanatory process changes to assist in understanding process requirements
- Outreach events concerning string confusability issues
- Coordination with initiatives such as <u>Delegation</u> of <u>Variant TLDs Project</u>

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# Questions

