

GNSO POLICY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

ISSUE

Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information Policy Development Process

DEFINITION

Translation: translation of text into another language; transliteration: writing a word by using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES: The Working Group has published its [Initial Report](#) for [Public Comment](#) (comments may be submitted until 1 February 2015). WG members aim to submit their Final Report by May 2015.

SUMMARY

The Policy Development Process (PDP) on the translation and transliteration had its inaugural meeting on 19 December 2013 and since then the Group is discussing 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.

In its Initial Report, the Working Group does not recommend to mandate the translation/transliteration of contact information data. However, as there is currently no unanimity in the Working Group with regards to this recommendation at this stage, although majority of WG members supports this position, **the Group asks the Community explicitly to supply additional argument for/against translation of contact information** to help inform deliberations in the run up to its Final Report.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY STATUS



The Initial Report has been published for [public comment](#). Comments may be submitted until 1 February 2015. All interested parties are invited to submit their views. .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Initial Report: <http://gns0.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/transliteration-contact-initial-15dec14-en.pdf>

Webinar Recording on Initial Report: <https://icann.adobeconnect.com/p2lzjk3zy0f/>

Public Comment: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments>

Wiki Space: <https://community.icann.org/x/FTR-Ag>