IDN Scoping Team

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The IDN Scoping Team was tasked by the GNSO Council to:

- Consider the topic of IDNs holistically and accordingly, consider the likely issues that may require some form of resolution
- Consider if the issues identified are well understood, researched, and analyzed, especially in existing in staff reports
- Make a recommendation to the GNSO Council on the proper mechanisms(s) to address the issues
- Make a recommendation to the GNSO Council on the preferred method for coordination with the ccNSO

The IDN Scoping Team has been meeting on a bi-weekly basis since August 2019 and has concentrated on reviewing two key documents:

- IDN Implementation Guidelines
- IDN Variant TLD Recommendations
Initial Findings: Two Groups of Issues

**Operational Issues**
- Potential differences between IDN Guidelines and RA
- Updating and evolving IDN tables

**Policy Issues**
- Process to update IDN Implementation Guidelines
- Second-level variant requirements, especially same-entity, and all of the accompanying impacts to other processes and policies (string requirements, string similarity, transfers, RPMs, RA, EBERO, etc.)

Some concerns expressed that there is insufficient expertise on the small team to properly understand the impacts to other processes and policies (e.g., RPMs).

Are other Councilors/GNSO community interested in joining? Is there need for SMEs during this scoping stage?
About the Staff Papers in General

The small team is largely in agreement with the findings and recommendations in the staff papers.

However...

Policy development is needed, even if to codify staff recommendations;

Any subsequent PDP is not required to adopt staff recommendations.

Mechanisms to Complete Work

The small team believes that two streams of work may be needed:

1) Direct interaction between ICANN org & affected parties for operational issues;
2) A policy development track.
Coordination with the ccNSO

- Because there is policy development for both the GNSO and ccNSO, **CCWG does not make sense**.

- The GNSO/ccNSO scoping teams each already had **liaisons** and the small team believes **this practice should be maintained** if/when policy development is initiated.

- While no agreement on coordination mechanism, at a minimum, **PDP leadership and/or liaisons could meet on a regular basis** (e.g., every two weeks) to coordinate.
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