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Summary**

The report provides an update on the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) IDN ccTLD Fast Track programme, which allows the addition of internationalized country code top-level domains in non-Latin scripts. This development means that Internet users speaking languages based on Arabic, Chinese, Cyrillic, Georgian, Hangul, Thai and Indic scripts (among others) can now use the Internet through domain names registered entirely in their own written language. The report provides an update on the activities of the programme and the numbers of countries and territories that have participated in the process of activating their internationalized country code top-level domain. It also describes upcoming programmes at ICANN that will facilitate the addition of more internationalized top-level domains to serve more communities.

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** The full report was prepared by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers and is available in the language of submission only from <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/ungegnConf10.html>.

