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ICANN is a global organization that coordinates the Internet's unique identifier systems for worldwide public benefit, enabling a single, global interoperable Internet.

ICANN's inclusive multi-stakeholder model and community-developed policies facilitate billions of computers, phones, devices and people into one Internet.

Agenda

- Introductions from the IDN team
- Update on the IDN ccTLD Fast Track process
- Work with UNGEGN experts
- Update on Geographic Names in the new gTLD process

Eligibility Criteria for IDN ccTLD Fast Track

- Country or territory must be listed in the International Standard ISO 3166-1.

- String must be a minimum of two characters long.

- Languages based on the Latin script are not eligible for the Fast Track Process.

General Requirements

- General String Criteria.
- Language and Script Criteria.
- Meaningfulness Requirement.
- Number of Strings per Country or Territory.
- Technical Strings Criteria.

How does UNGEGN help?

- As part of the Linguistic Process step, ICANN checks to see if the requested string is a meaningful representation of a country or territory name.

- UNGEGN has referred experts who review the information & provide a letter on whether the requested string meets the meaningfulness requirements.

How does UNGEGN help?

- Experts have assisted 3 requesting countries and territories with meaningfulness documentation to date.

Seventeen Months Later and....

Launched
Nov 16
2009!

- 34 unique requests received to date.

- 27 IDN ccTLD in Root Zone.
  (17 countries/territories)

- 10 approved ready to apply for/in IANA
  delegation process.

Status of Completed String Evaluations

Delegated In the DNS Root Zone					
String	**ISO 3166-1**	**String**	**ISO 3166-1**	**String**	**ISO 3166-1**
.台湾 .台灣	.TW	.ලංකා .இலங்கை	.LK	.中国 .中國	.CN
.السعودية	.SA	.قطر	.QA	.한국	.KR
.الاردن	.JO	.فلسطين	.PS	.سورية	.SY
.تونس	.TN	.ไทย	.TH	.香港	.HK
.امارات	.AE	.РФ	.RU	.مصر	.EG
.ভারত .భారత్ .ભારત .भारत .இந்தியா .ਭਾਰਤ .بھارت	.IN	.சிங்கப்பூர் .新加坡	.SG		

Completed String Evaluation	
String	**ISO 3166-1**
.الجزائر	.DZ
.عمان	.OM
.ايران	.IR
.پاکستان	.PK
.المغرب	.MA
.გე	.GE
.বাংলা	.BD
.СРБ	.RS
.اليمن	.YE
.УКР	.UA

gTLD Program Update

- Latest version of the proposed Applicant Guidebook posted on 15 April 2011.
- Revised definition of country name per consultations with Governmental Advisory Committee.
- Further GAC-Board consultation scheduled for 20 May 2011.
- possible ICANN Board consideration of process at ICANN meeting in Singapore on 20 June.
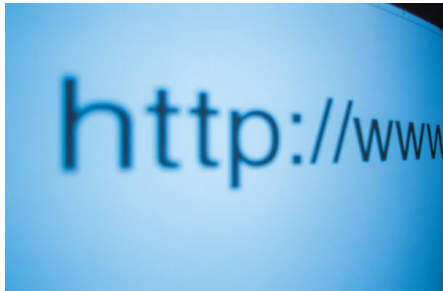
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- A country name is defined as a name by which a country is commonly known, as demonstrated by evidence that the country is recognized by that name by an intergovernmental or treaty organization.

- Country names are still prohibited in the first round of the new gTLD process.

- ICANN's ccNSO is currently working on a Policy Development Process to address country & territory names.

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- City names, municipalities and other geographic names could be applied for in the new gTLD process.

- Please note that an application needs appropriate government support if a geographic string is applied for.

- The Internet is going to begin to look very different.

Examples

- Examples of geographic IDN strings:

- http://россия.рф/

- http://上海.中国

- http://امارات.عربي/

- etc

Thank You

Questions