



ICANN Update

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Overview

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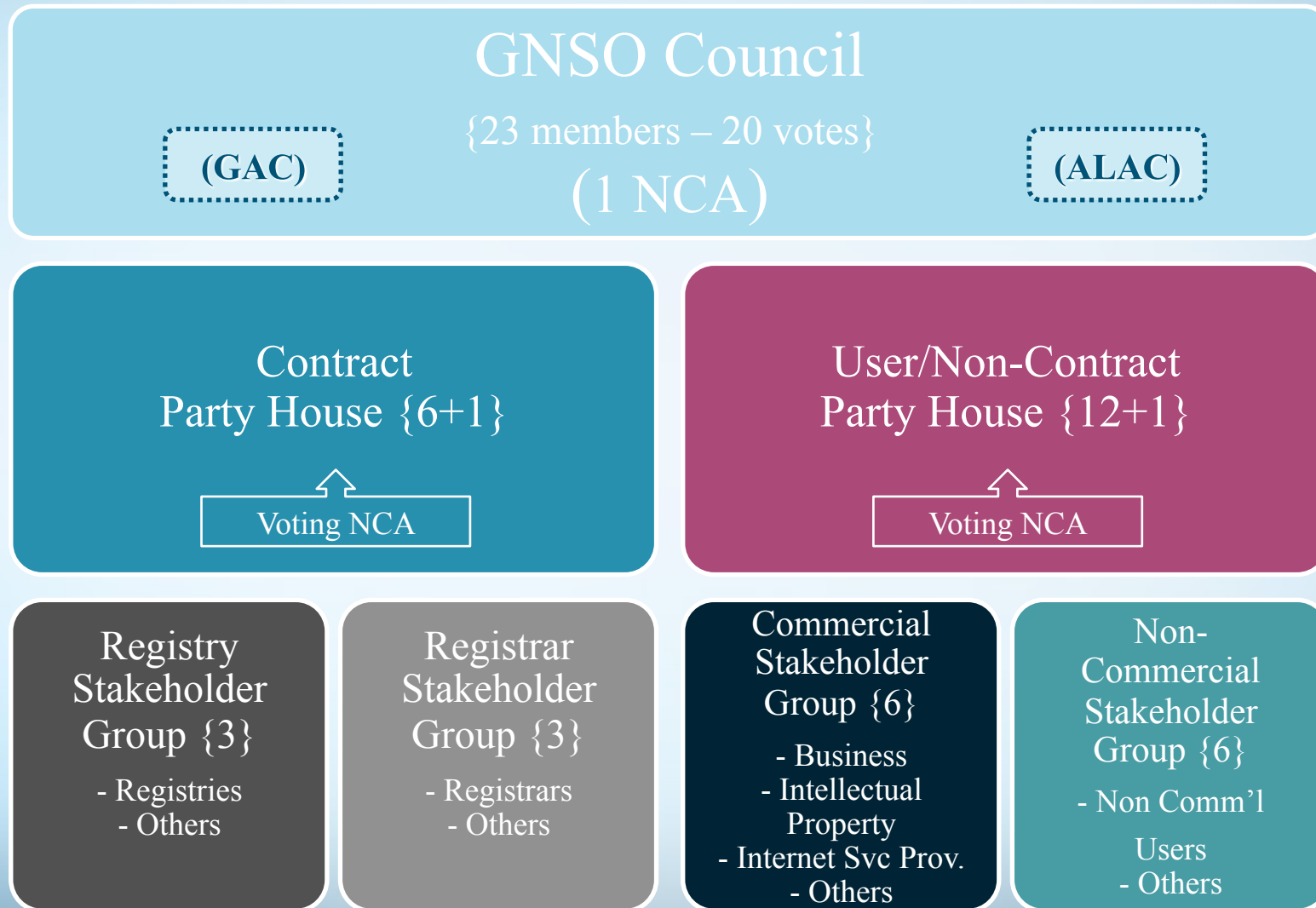
GNSO Update

GNSO Restructuring

Help build a new GNSO

- GNSO has created five new Work Teams to develop specific proposals for implementing ICANN Board's Recommendations on GNSO improvements
- Each Work Team is made up of community volunteers who have interest in and expertise in one of five main focus areas:
 - Constituency/Stakeholder Group Operations
 - GNSO Council Operations
 - New Working Group Model
 - New GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP)
 - Community Communications and Coordination
- Community Volunteers for the improvements implementation Work Teams can contact gnso.secretariat@gnso.icann.org

GNSO New Structure



Related Links

- GNSO web site: <http://gnso.icann.org/>
- Sign up for the monthly Policy Update: <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/policy/>
- Submit public comments and participate in Working Groups: <http://gnso.icann.org/announcements/>
- Check the GNSO Calendar for upcoming meetings: <http://gnso.icann.org/calendar>
- GNSO Secretariat: gnso.secretariat@gnso.icann.org
- Questions and comments: policy-staff@icann.org

ccNSO Update

(91) ccNSO Members (April 2009)

Africa	Asia-Pacific	Europe	Latin America and Caribbean	North America
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Current Topics: IDNs

- IDN Fast Track: Implementation plan anticipated to be finalized by ICANN Meeting Seoul (Oct -09).
- IDN ccPDP: Issues report was initiated by ccNSO Council 7th April 2009. Means that PDP has “kicked off”, expected to finish in 2011 (not including implementation)
- ccNSO submitted input to new gTLD Applicant Guidebook – on issues covering geographic names

Current Topics: Working Groups

- **Strategic and Operational Planning (SOP) WG:** To coordinate and organize participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN's Strategic and Operational planning processes
- **Meetings Programme WG:** To help shaping the ccNSO meeting agendas, ensuring all regions can be involved (participants from African Region: Eric Akumiah, AfTLD; Vika Mpisane, .za)
- **Delegation and Redelegation WG:** To explore delegation and redelegation issues (this group is yet being formed)

ccNSO Travel Fund

- ccNSO can sponsor a limited number of travelers to the ICANN meetings
- Funding is made available for those who “*actively contribute to the work of the ccNSO in particular to its projects and meetings.*”

Upcoming Topics

- Conficker and establishing structure for mutual warning
- Registry/Registrar session
- Strategic Issues
- Delegation/redelegation discussions
- Focus on administrative issues such as advertising, registration methods
- More information on ccnso.icann.org, or contact ccnsosecretariat@icann.org

New gTLDs

Policy Development Overview

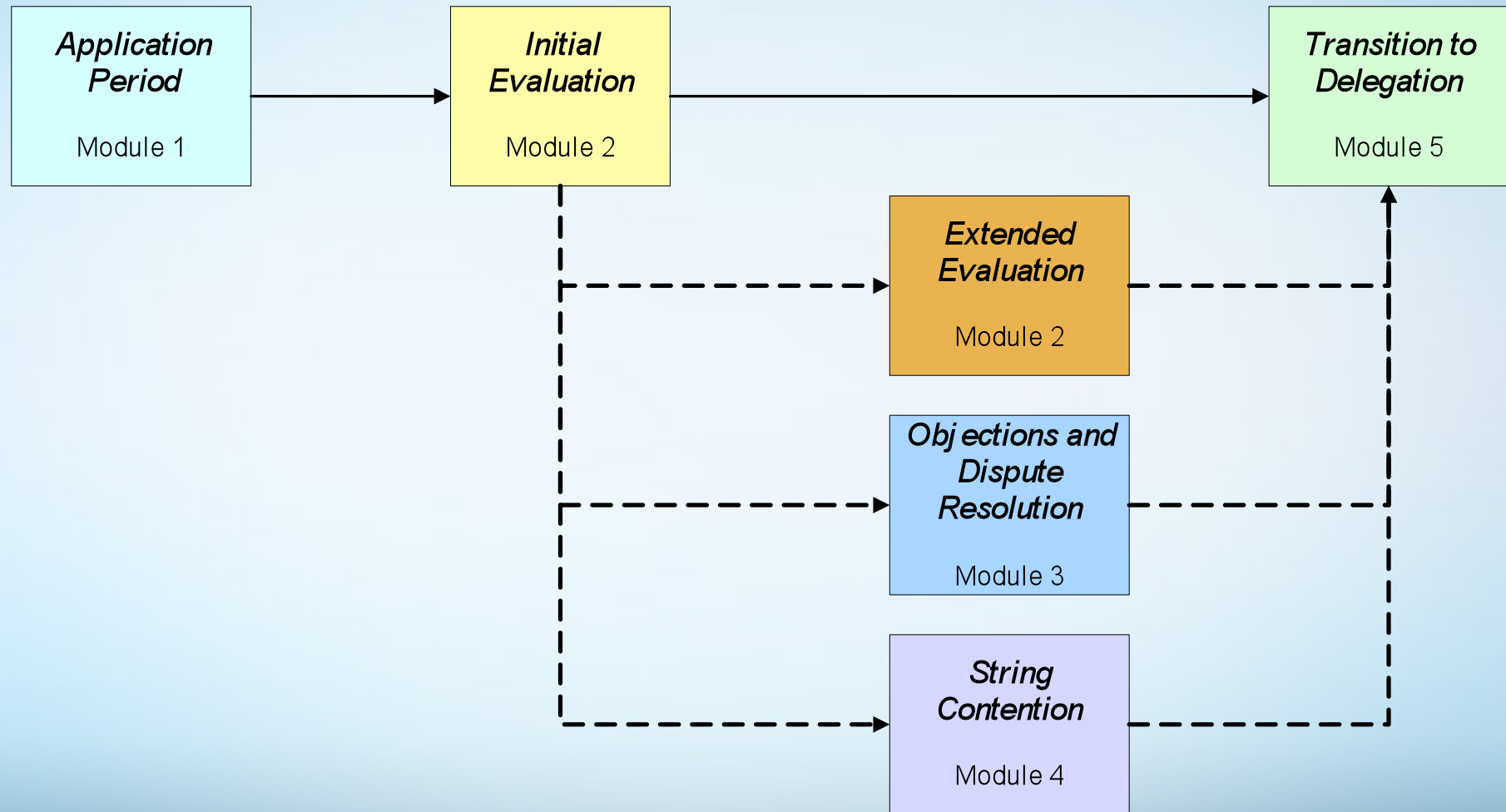


- Policy development process by ICANN's GNSO
 - December 2005 to September 2007
 - 19 recommendations
- Policy conclusions:
 - New gTLDs will benefit registrant choice and competition
 - IDNs will be part of new gTLDs
 - New gTLDs should not cause security or stability issues
 - Protection of various appropriate interests requires objection and dispute resolution processes
 - Implementation plan should be created

Principles of the Program

- Care/conservatism: While speed, efficacy and efficiency are all important goals of the new implementation process: protection of registrants, DNS stability and security is paramount
- Evaluation fees are planned to cover costs
- For most applications (i.e., not controversial), ICANN will provide a clear, predictable, timely roadmap for the application, evaluation and delegation of gTLD strings
- Objection and dispute resolution processes in cases where strings: (1) infringe someone's existing rights; (2) misappropriate a community label; (3) cause user confusion; (4) potentially go against morality & public order. Those objections should be addressed by an independent 3rd party, employing objective standards, resolving a dispute between the applicant and the objector

Evaluation Process



Few Things to Remember

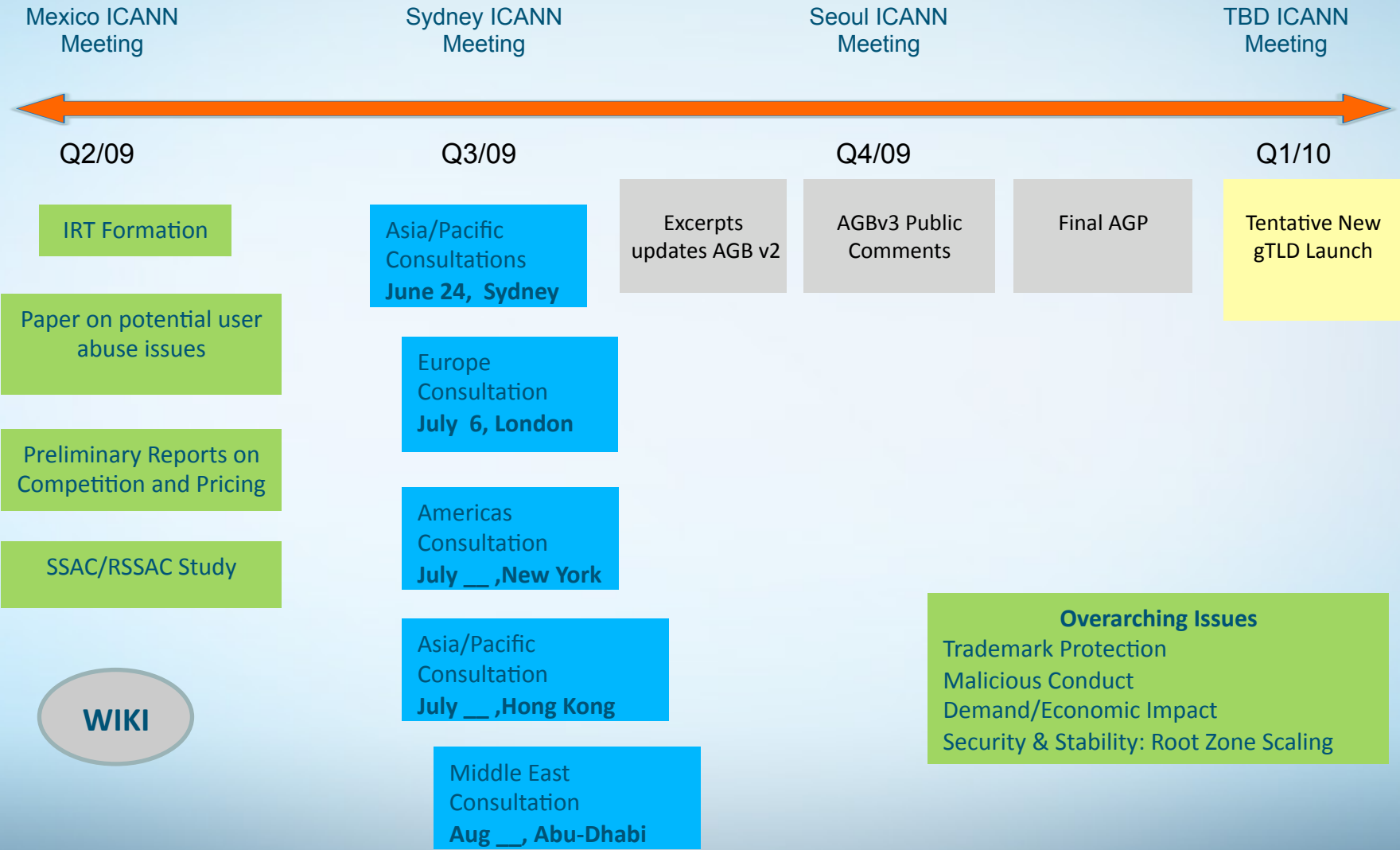
- Only organizations can apply via a TLD Application System (TAS) during the application period
- Application fee - \$185K + other fees depending on application path
- Applicants must follow all string requirements and demonstrate financial, operational and technical capacity
- Geographic names and community TLD have additional requirements
- On-going yearly fees apply for future registries

Overarching Issues



- Trademark Protection Issues
 - How can the new gTLD program be implemented in a way that addresses legitimate concerns of trademark owners?
 - Issue on Top-level and Second-level (at registry start-up time and during operations)
- How can ICANN ensure that new gTLDs don't simply act as an amplifier for potential malicious conduct on the Internet?
- What is the demonstrated demand for new gTLDs? What will the market/economic impacts be?
- Are there security and stability impact issues of an expanded number of gTLDs, especially considered along with other planned changes to the root server system?
- Check the new gTLD wiki: <https://st.icann.org/new-gtld-overarching-issues/index.cgi>

Overarching Issues Resolution Path



What's Next?



- Continue program implementation development work + global outreach/educational activities
- Overarching Issues
 - Monitor Wiki – Overarching issues collaborative work
 - Conduct consultations on overarching issues – *Jun – Aug*
- Upcoming Publications:
 - Analysis Report on AGBv2 Public Comments – *May*
 - IRT - draft report April 24; final report May 24
 - Excerpts with changes to the AGBv2 – *June 09*
 - Final (combined) Report on competition and pricing – *June 09*
 - SSAC-RSSAC - Terms of reference on DNS stability - *Q3/09*
 - Paper on potential user abuse issues – *Q2-Q3/09*
 - Draft AGBv3 – *Q3/09*
 - Final AGB – *Q4/09*

IDN Update

Latest Developments

- Revised IDN ccTLD Draft Implementation Plan
 - Requested finalized for ICANN Board consideration at Seoul ICANN Meeting, 25-30 October 2009:
 - Documentation of Responsibility
 - Financial models for some level of cost-recovery
 - IDN Tables (Variants)
 - Preventing Contention
- IDN gTLDs
 - Proposal to be released to relax the 3-char restriction for example for ideographs
- IDNA technical standard revision
 - Must be adhered to, focused session at ICANN Sydney
 - IETF, <http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/idnabis-charter.html>)

Documentation of Responsibility

- Standard arrangement (DoR) between prospective IDN ccTLD operators and ICANN
- Draft DoR posted for public comments, based on:
 - Existing ccTLD Framework
 - Compliance with provisions for technical aspects
 - IDNA protocol
 - IDN Guidelines
 - Received comments on previous Draft Plan
 - Broad variety for and against a required contract

Financial Model

- Received comments so far are split between
 - Cost recovery (like new gTLD Program)
 - No fees or voluntary fees (like existing ccTLDs)
- ICANN standpoint:
 - New situation different from existing TLDs
 - Requires some cost recovery from the IDN TLD managers
- ICANN will release a paper with proposed cost and fee details shortly

IDN Tables

- IDN Tables inform users and reduce confusion
 - Based on a language, script, or sets thereof
 - A registry can use more than one table
- Proposal to urge coordination across language communities when developing tables
- Variant TLD strings: delegated or blocked
 - Due to linguistic usage of scripts within country/territory
 - RFI reply analysis shows requests for variant strings allocation

Preventing Contention



- Prevention of contention between
 - Fast Track requested IDN ccTLD strings
 - Existing TLD strings
 - Proposed strings in new gTLD applications
- Proposed rule for “existing TLDs”:
 - A gTLD application approved by the ICANN Board
 - A validated IDN ccTLD string
 - Any other later application for the same string will be denied
 - Validated = meaningfulness confirmed, technical check passed
 - If contention: new gTLD application is placed on hold, the IDN ccTLD request prevails (if passing validation)
 - If both parties have government assent, both applications on hold until contention is resolved

Looking Forward

- Reaching conclusion on outstanding issues
 - DoR
 - Financial model
 - IDN Tables and variant management
 - Contention solutions
- Enabling finalization of the Implementation Plan
 - ICANN Board approval
 - Implementation of the process
 - Launch Fast Track Process
 - Allocate IDN ccTLDs
- Experience gained is input to the IDN ccTLD PDP

IDNA Protocol (IETF)



- Non-compliance with the IDNA protocol
 - Hurts all IDN registries, not just the non-compliant
 - Applications providers will see further security problems
 - IDNA protocol exists but is under revision
 - Unicode version independent
 - Fixing right-to-left script problems
 - Adding characters that previously were not available
 - Ongoing discussion about mappings
- ICANN standpoint
 - Preference is that the protocol revision is completed, however if indications show that this is not possible then we will proceed with the existing version of the protocol (potentially with additional precautions for the TLD strings to ensure future compatibility)

JPA Update

Joint Project Agreement (JPA)

- 3-year agreement signed in 30 September 2006 with mid-term review in February 2008
- ICANN's President Strategy Committee:
 - Transition Action Plan
 - Improved Institutional Confidence in ICANN
- NTIA posted a Notice of Inquiry seeking public comments on the termination of JPA: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/frnotices/2009/FR_ICANNVol.74_No78_Apr242009.pdf

Related Links

- The President's Strategy Committee homepage: <http://www.icann.org/en/psc/>
- Improving Institutional Confidence Consultations: <http://www.icann.org/en/jpa/iic/>
- Announcement and links to comments: <http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#iic-plan>
- The March 2009 Board resolution accepting the report and directing further action is posted at: <http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/resolutions-06mar09.htm#13>
- The draft Implementation Plan on Improving Institutional Confidence is published at: <http://www.icann.org/en/jpa/iic/draft-iic-implementation-26feb09-en.pdf>



ICANN Fellowships and Meetings

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- ICANN meetings fellowships
 - <http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships/>
- Upcoming Meetings
 - The 35th International Public ICANN meeting in Sydney, Australia 21-26 June 2009
 - More information about this meeting can be found at <http://syd.icann.org/>
- The 36th International Public ICANN meeting in Seoul, Korea 25-30 October 2009
 - Application Round opens: 18 May 2009
 - Application Round closes: 30 June 2009



Thank You

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