GNSO Policy Issues

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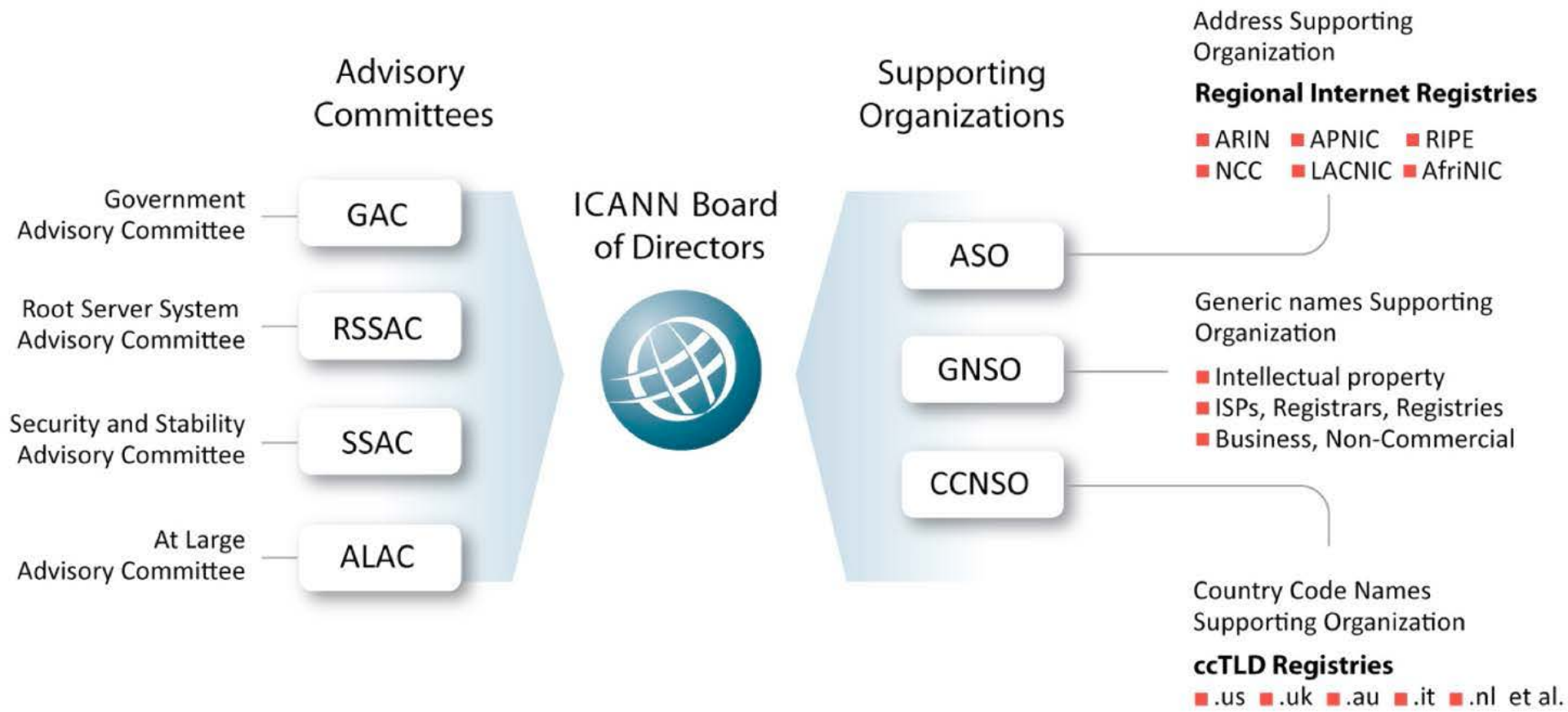

Bottom-Up Decision Making

GNSO Policy Development Process

- Initial Discussion / Issue Reports
- Working Groups / Task Forces
- Public Comment Periods
  - For wider community input prior to final decisions

How To Get Involved

- http://www.icann.org/
- All info on ICANN including community websites
- Join a Working Group
- Participate in Internet forums, webinars and workshops
- Remote Participation
- Regional work
- Public Comments

Locking of a Domain Name Subject to UDRP Proceedings PDP

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Why is it important?

- PDP limited to the subject of locking of a domain name subject to UDRP Proceedings
- Currently no requirement to lock names in period between filing and commencement of proceedings
- No definition of ‘status quo’ which has resulted in different interpretations

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Recent Developments

- WG submitted Final Report on 5 July containing 17 consensus recommendations to address issues identified with the locking of domain names subject to UDRP proceedings
- GNSO Council unanimously adopted Final Report recommendations on 1 August
- Recommendations currently open to public comment prior to being considered for adoption by ICANN Board

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Final Report

- Recommendations intended to clarify and standardize the process for locking of a domain name subject to UDRP Proceedings, including:
  - Definition of ‘locking’
  - Requiring registrar to apply lock within 2 business days following request for verification
  - Removing obligation for complainant to notify the respondent at the time of filing, but add automatic extension of 4 days to response time upon request
  - Step by step clarification of requirements of parties
  - Development of educational and informational materials to assist in informing affected parties of new requirements and recommended best practices

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Next Steps

- Public comment Reply Period will close on 13 September 2013
- ICANN Board to consider adopting recommendations

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Further Information

- Final Report – http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/locking/domain-name-final-05jul13-en.pdf
- Public comment forum – http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/locking-domain-name-recommendations-02aug13-en.htm
- Additional Information http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/locking-domain-name-wg.htm

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‘Thick’ Whois Policy Development Process

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Why is it important?

- ICANN specifies Whois requirements through the registry and registrar agreements
- Registries use different services to satisfy their obligations:
  - ‘thin’ Whois: A thin registry only stores and manages the information associated with the domain name
  - ‘thick’ Whois: Thick registries maintain and provide both sets of data (domain name and registrant) via Whois.
- ‘Thick’ Whois has certain advantages e.g. transfers, but there may be negative consequences that should be explored in order to determine whether ‘thick’ Whois should be required for all

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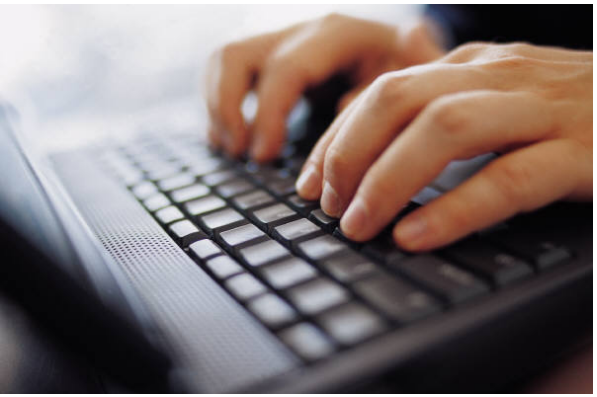
Recent Developments

- Initial Report published for public comment
- Based on review of all issues, WG recommends that:

The provision of thick Whois services should become a requirement for all gTLD registries, both existing and future.

Initial Report



- Considers in detail all issues outlined in its charter, incl. data protection & privacy; stability; data escrow; accessibility, cost implications etc.
- Recognizes that a transition of the current thin gTLD registries would affect over 120 million domain name registrations - should be carefully prepared and implemented
- Community input requested requested on all aspects of the report

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Next Steps

- Public comment period recently closed
- WG will review input received and finalize report accordingly for submission to the GNSO Council

Further Information

- 'Thick' Whois Initial Report – http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/whois/thick-initial-21jun13-en.pdf DT Workspace - https://community.icann.org/display/PDP/Home
- Public Comment Forum – http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/thick-whois-initial-21jun13-en.htm

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IRTP Part D
PDP

IRTP Part D PDP

What is it about?

- This is the final episode in a series of Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (IRTP) related PDPs and it has been chartered to provide recommendation on six specific Charter question - see also https://community.icann.org/display/ITPIPDWG/3.+WG+Charter .

Status

- Finished reviewing input from GNSO SG/Cs & SOs/ACs
- WG discussions have focused on reviewing the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy (TDRP), requirements for dispute reporting, and the possibility to develop dispute options for registrants.
- WG completing Initial Report

Next steps

- Publication of Initial Report for public comment

More info: https://community.icann.org/x/B4JwAg

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IRTP Part D PDP

Issues Under Consideration

- Four issues related to the Transfer Dispute Resolution Policy:
  - should there be reporting requirements for registries and dispute providers;
  - should there be additional on how to handle disputes when multiple transfers have occurred;
  - should there be dispute options for registrants;
  - should there be requirements or best practices to make information on transfer dispute resolution options available to registrants;

- Whether existing penalties for policy violations are sufficient or if additional provisions/penalties for specific violations should be added into the policy;

- Whether the universal adoption and implementation of EPP AuthInfo codes has eliminated the need of FOAs

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Protection of Red Cross, IOC, IGO and INGO Names

Protection of RCRC, IOC, IGO & INGO Names: Current status in new gTLDs

- Red Cross/Red Crescent and IOC names on "Reserved Names" List prohibiting the registration at the second level in the new gTLDs
- ICANN in discussions with GAC to determine which IGO identifiers would qualify to be placed on the Reserved Names List and receive same protections

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Protection of RCRC, IOC, IGO & INGO Names – Status of GNSO PDP WG

- PDP WG tasked to evaluate the need for, and develop policy recommendations for additional permanent special protections at the top and 2nd level in *all* gTLDs for IGO and INGO identifiers, including the RCRC & IOC

- Initial Report published for public comment on 14 June
  - Presents proposed policy recommendation options for special protections at top and 2nd level currently under consideration by WG for community feedback
  - Reply period closed on 7 August

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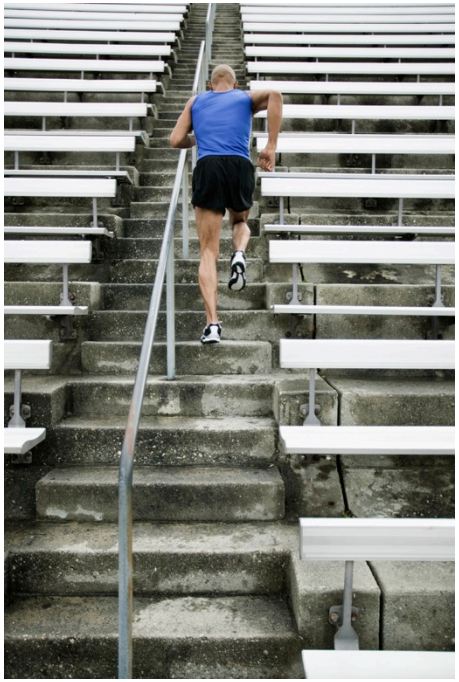
Next Steps



- WG to review input received in view of reaching consensus on a set of policy recommendations
- Publication of draft Final Report for public comment

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Further Information

- Initial Report http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/igo-ingo-initial-14jun13-en.pdf
- Public Comment Box http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment/igo-ingo-initial-14jun13-en.htm
- Additional Information http://gnso.icann.org/en/group-activities/active/igo-ingo

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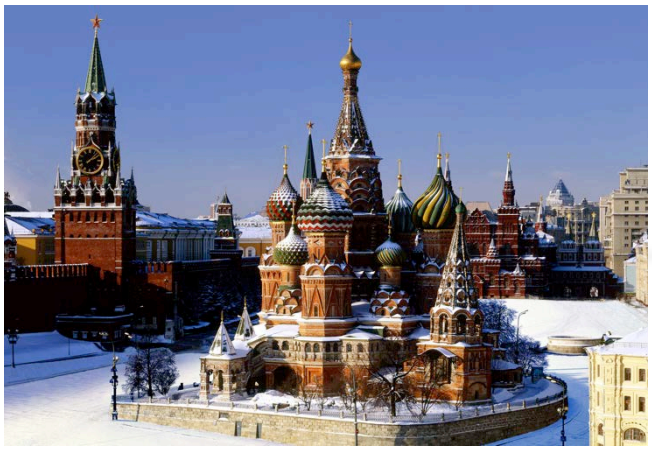
Policy Development Process: Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information

What is Transliteration and Translation?

- **Translation** = translation of text into another language
- **Transliteration** = writing letters using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet



Examples: The capital of Russia is spelled **Москва** in Russia's Cyrillic Script

- The **translation** of Москва into English is Moscow; in Spanish it's Moscú, etc.
- The **transliteration** of Москва into Latin script is Mockva

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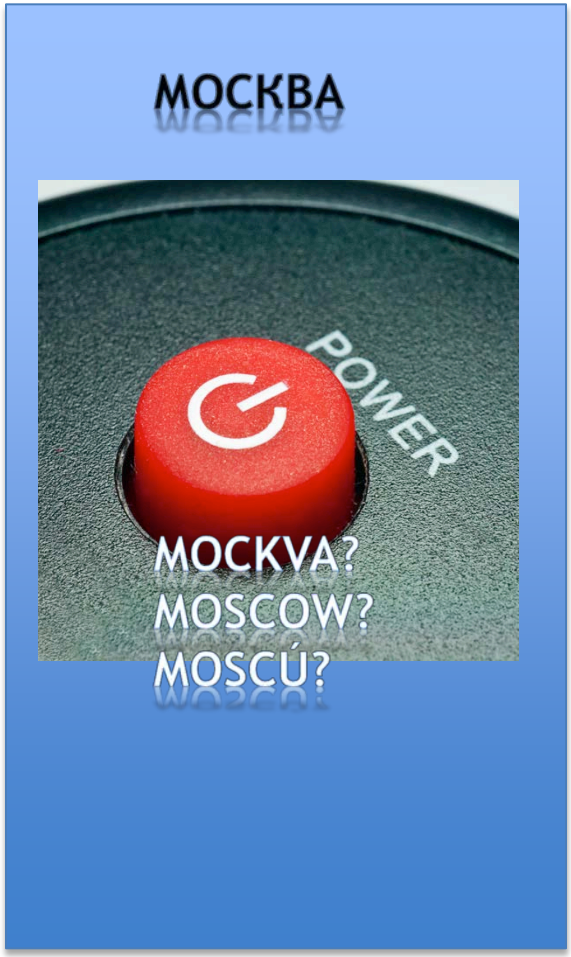
The two issues of the transliteration and translation PDP



1. Should local contact information be translated into one language (such as English) or should it be transliterated into one script (such as Latin)?
2. Who should decide who should bear the burden to either translate or transliterate contact information?

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Recent Developments

Drafting Team developing PDP WG Charter to be considered for adoption by GNSO Council at its October 2013 meeting

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Related Issues

- Staff will commission a **commercial feasibility study** on translation and transliteration of contact information to help inform Working Group.

- Another, forthcoming Working Group will determine the appropriate internationalized domain name registration data requirements, including relevant outcomes of this PDP.

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Next Steps

- The GNSO Council considers and approves the Charter.
- Staff issues Call for Volunteers and PDP Working Group is formed.
- Working Group considers relevant issues, consults with community and produces an Initial Report.

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Further Information

GNSO Council Motion: https://community.icann.org/display/gnsocouncilmeetings/Motions+13+June+2013.

Final Issue Report on Translation and Transliteration of Contact Information: http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/gtlds/translteration-contact-final-21mar13-en.pdf.

Final Report of the Internationalized Registration Data Working Group:http://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/ird/final-report-ird-wg-07may12-en.pdf.

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Policy & Implementation

What is it about?
GNSO has created a DT to develop a charter for a Working Group to address issues that have been raised in the context of the recent discussions on policy & implementation that affect the GNSO

Status
- GNSO Council approved WG Charter during Durban Meeting
- Working Group held inaugural meeting on 21 August

Next steps
- Working Group to continue regular meetings leading up to report

More info: https://community.icann.org/x/wiJ-Ag

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One Internet

Questions

Thank You