



9 February 2018

RE: Review of IDN Implementation Guidelines

Rod Rasmussen, Chair of SSAC
Ted Hardie, Chair of IAB

Dear Rod Rasmussen and Ted Hardie,

The Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) Implementation Guidelines, relating to the IDN registration policies and practices, is designed to minimize the risk of cybersquatting and consumer confusion and to cater to the needs of communities using local languages and scripts. Currently a community-based IDN Guidelines Working Group (IDNGWG) is reviewing the applicable version of the IDN Implementation Guidelines 3.0, which was published in 2011.

The IDNGWG received feedback on the updated guidelines from the Internet Architecture Board (IAB) and members of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC) of ICANN during the first public comment period in March 2017. The IDNGWG has incorporated the feedback and released the updated Draft IDN Implementation Guidelines 4.0 for a second round of public comments due to the significant revisions.

The ICANN Board IDN Working Group requests the IAB and SSAC to review these guidelines and share their feedback to ensure that the updated version addresses the relevant concerns in implementing IDNs, as intended for these guidelines. We kindly request IAB and SSAC to share their responses by 16 March 2018.

With the Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Akinori Maemura".

Akinori Maemura
Chair, ICANN Board IDN Working Group