



Response to Comments Period Consultation in IDN ccTLD Fast Track Implement Plan

**Supreme Council of Information and Communication Technology “ictQATAR”**, Qatar’s Telecom Regulatory Authority and Government ICT Agency, would like to provide the bellow comments on IDN ccTLD fast track draft implementation plan/process consultation conducted by ICANN .

We urge ICANN to speed up the process related to the policy development related to IDN ccTLDs in order to serve the broader non-English speaking internet users communities among them the Arabic speaking Internet Community.

Our comments on the Draft IDN ccTLD Fast Track Implementation Plan specifically in five main topics for discussion :

**1) Relationship between ICANN and the IDN ccTLD Operator :**

A light-weight contractual relationship that is voluntary can be established between ICANN and the IDN ccTLD operator, This could take the form of an accountability framework, an exchange of letters or some other method that is appropriate by ICANN and the ccTLD Manager.

New IDN ccTLD operators should comply with global standards that ensure the stability and security of the Internet, including compliance with the IDNA Guidelines and Protocols.

**2) Financial Contributions :**

The operators of the new IDN ccTLDs can make a voluntary contribution or enter into a more structured mechanism for financial contributions to support ICANN and its work on a voluntary bases, no annual fees related to the introduction of new IDN ccTLD should be imposed on IDN ccTLD operators .

**3) Relationship with the ccNSO**

New IDN ccTLD could/should be allowed to participate in the ccNSO and it’s Policy Development Process on IDN ccTLDs or other related ccTLD policies. We encourage one representation in the ccNSO for the current ccTLD and future IDN ccTLD operator of the same country.

**4) Contention Issues related to the new gNSO process**

The new gNSO process includes a provision for objection mechanism in names related to countries, cities names and other public moral issues .

We support the recommendation from both the GAC and the ccNSO that new gTLDs should NOT represent the names of countries or territories listed in the ISO 3166 list.

**5) IDN Policy Development Process “IDN PDP” :**

A full IDN PDP should proceed as soon as possible to study all issues related to IDN introduction and Policies needed to be adopted.