**Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG)**

**Draft Charter**

**Purpose**

As implementation of IDN TLDs becomes reality, it has also become apparent that many issues of common interest exist between IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs. These include ICANN implementation as well as policy matters, especially policies that could benefit from being consistent across the continuum of IDN TLDs to ensure technical integrity, stability and security of the root zone. More importantly, there exists user expectation for consistency across IDN TLDs for certain implementation and policies.

The Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group (JIG) will identify and report on areas of common interest among the ccNSO and the GNSO for IDN TLDs as they are being introduced to the root. The JIG will coordinate and produce implementation and policy recommendations to the ICANN board regarding these areas of common interest.

**Scope**

In considering any recommendations, the JIG should take into account:

* The overarching requirement to preserve the security and stability of the DNS;
* Compliance with the IDNA protocols and ICANN IDN Guidelines;
* Input and advice from the technical community in respect to the implementation of IDNs;
* GNSO Policy Recommendations on New gTLDs (<http://gnso.icann.org/issues/new-gtlds/pdp-dec05-fr-parta-08aug07.htm>)
* IDNC Board Proposal (<http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/idnc-wg-board-proposal-25jun08.pdf>)

The JIG should be focused on issues of common interest to both the ccNSO and the GNSO communities. Should matters arise that is identified by the ccNSO council or the GNSO council to be not an issue of common interest, such matters should be considered out of scope for the JIG.

As a general concept, issues of common interest should include for example:

* Policies that would benefit from consistent implementation across IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs
* Implementations which users would expect to be consistent across IDN TLDs
* Policies and implementations that is inter-related between IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs
* Policies and implementations that would benefit from coordination among the ccNSO and GNSO

Some of the issues initially identified as issues of common interest include: Variant management for the root zone; adoption of IDN Language Tables at the root zone; length limitations and relationships between IDN ccTLDs and IDN gTLDs.

**Membership & Process**

The JIG should consist of members from the ccNSO and the GNSO communities. The ccNSO Council and the GNSO Council should each select a Co-Chair for the JIG. The JIG should seek participation from technical community as well as from other areas within the ICANN community, including the GAC, ALAC and the SSAC.

The JIG should produce and publish reports on the ICANN website for public consultation. The JIG should review and analyze comments received from the public consultation and make adjustments to the report or consider redrafting the report for further public consultation. Upon finalization of any report, the JIG should seek the support from both the ccNSO Council and the GNSO council before submitting a recommendation to the ICANN board.