

Work in progress and does not include all of the latest direction provided in the new gTLD PDP meetings or what might come from the GNSO Council on Wednesday 28 March 2007.

GNSO Reserved Names Working Group Recommendations

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ICANN/IANA Reserved Names

ICANN: aso, gnso, icann, internic, ccNSO

IANA: afrinic, apnic, arin, example, gtld-servers, iab, iana, iana-servers, iesg, ietf, irtf, istf, lacnic, latnic, rfc-editor, ripe, root-servers

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top, 2 nd & 3 rd Levels ASCII	More work is recommended. *
Top, 2 nd & 3 rd Levels IDN	For all but “example”, do not try to translate into Unicode versions for various scripts or to reserve any ACE versions of such translations or transliterations if they exist; more work for “example”. *

* Any 3rd level reservations would only apply for registries that offer 3rd level names.

Use of Symbols in Domain Names

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
All	We recommend that current practice be maintained, so that no symbols other than the '-' [hyphen] be considered for use at any level, unless technology at some time permits the use of symbols.

1-Character ASCII Names

(36 alpha numeric ASCII Names)

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top Level ASCII	We recommend further work to confirm that there are no technical reasons to prohibit single letter or number TLDs.
2 nd Level ASCII	Contingent upon the development of an appropriate allocation framework, we recommend that single ASCII letters and numbers be released at the second level in future TLDs, and that those currently reserved in existing TLDs should be released.
3 rd Level ASCII	The subgroup did not address single-letters and numbers at the third level for gTLDs that offer registrations at that level.

1-Character IDN Names

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top & 2nd Level IDN	We recommend further work on the subject of 1-character IDN TLDs and 1-character IDN names at the 2 nd level, including outreach to experts and discussion related to policies for IDNs.
3rd Level IDN	The subgroup did not address single-character IDNs at the third level for gTLDs that offer registrations at that level.

2-Character ASCII Names

(1296 combinations of ASCII letters and/or digits)

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top Level ASCII	Letters only: We recommend that the current practice remain at this time of allowing two-letter ASCII names at the top level for ccTLDs only.
Top Level ASCII	One letter and one number or two numbers: We recommend further work regarding letter/number or 2-number TLDs including outreach to experts.
2 nd Level ASCII	We recommend that registries may propose release of two letter and/or number strings at the second level, provided that measures to avoid confusion with any corresponding country codes are implemented.
3 rd Level ASCII	The subgroup did not address two-character letters and numbers at the third level.

2-Character IDN Names

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top & 2nd Level IDN	We recommend further work on the subject of two-character IDNs, including outreach to experts and discussion related to policies for IDNs.
3rd Level IDN	The subgroup did not address two-character IDNs at the third level.

Tagged Domain Names

(All labels with hyphens in the third and fourth character positions)

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation (Note that tagged names are only applicable in ASCII.)
Top Level ASCII	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In the absence of standardization activity and appropriate IANA registration, all labels with hyphens in the third and fourth character positions (e.g., "bq--1k2n4h4b" or "xn--ndk061n") must be reserved.<li>2. For each IDN gTLD proposed, applicant must provide both the "ASCII compatible (ACE) form of an IDNA valid string" ("A-label") and in local script form (Unicode) of the top level domain ("U-label").
2 nd Level ASCII	The current reservation requirement be reworded to say, " <i>In the absence of standardization activity and appropriate IANA registration, all labels with hyphens in the third and fourth character positions (e.g., "bq--1k2n4h4b" or "xn--ndk061n") must be reserved.</i>
3 rd Level ASCII	Same as for the 2nd-level for any gTLDs for which registrations occur at the 3rd-level

NIC, Whois and www for Registry Operations

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top, 2 nd & 3 rd Levels ASCII	The following names must be reserved: nic, whois, www. *
Top, 2 nd & 3 rd Levels IDN	Do not try to translate nic, whois and www into Unicode versions for various scripts or to reserve any ACE versions of such translations or transliterations if they exist. *

* Any 3rd level reservations would only apply for registries that offer 3rd level names.

Geographic & Geopolitical Reserved Names

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top Level ASCII & IDN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In order to approve the introduction of new gTLDs using geographic identifiers, ICANN shall require the solicitation of input from GAC members(s) and/or government(s) associated with the potential geographic string (ASCII and/or Unicode).<li>2. Additionally, Registries incorporated under the laws of those countries that have expressly supported the guidelines of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications as adopted by the WIPO General Assembly (“Member States”), or have other related applicable national laws must take appropriate action to comply with those guidelines and those national laws. Registries incorporated under the laws of those countries that have not expressly supported the guidelines of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications as adopted by the WIPO General Assembly (“Non-Member States”) must take appropriate action to comply with any related applicable national laws.

Geographic & Geopolitical Reserved Names

TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
2 nd & 3 rd Level ASCII & IDN	Registries incorporated under the laws of those countries that have expressly supported the guidelines of the WIPO Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications as adopted by the WIPO General Assembly (“Member States”) must take appropriate action to promptly implement protections that are in line with these WIPO guidelines and are in accordance with the relevant national laws of the applicable Member State.

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TLD Level & Type	Recommendation
Top level, ASCII	N/A
Top level, IDN	The RN-WG did not focus on this category.
2 nd & 3 rd levels, ASCII & IDN	More work is recommended.

Next Steps

1. Review by the GNSO Council
2. Possible 30-day extension of the RN-WG
3. Incorporation of some recommendations into the New gTLD PDP report as possible contractual conditions