
Workshop on Member States' experiences with ccTLD

Geneva, 3-4 March 2003

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Title: Report of Workshop

1. Introduction

In accordance with the instruction given to the Director of TSB in ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolution 102 (Marrakesh, 2002): *"to work with Member States and Sector Members, recognizing the activities of other appropriate entities, to review Member States' ccTLD and other related experiences"*, the Director organized an open workshop in ITU Headquarters in Geneva, 3-4 March 2003, whose purpose was to review and discuss Member States' experiences with ccTLDs.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Philippe Distler (ART, France, Chairman of ITU-T Study Group 2), and Mr. Willie Black (Nominet, UK, Chairman of CENTR).

The Agenda of the workshop is attached as Annex 1.

The meeting was attended by 140 participants, comprising a broad cross-section from Member States, ccTLD operators, public interest groups, universities, and other interested parties. The President and CEO of ICANN, a member of the ICANN Board, the Chair of ICANN's GAC, and the GAC Secretariat attended. Representatives of regional and world-wide ccTLD organizations also attended.

The list of participants is attached as Annex 2.

There were 65 written input contributions. All contributions (and overhead slides presented during the workshop) are available at:

<http://www.itu.int/itudoc/itu-t/workshop/ccTLD/index.html>

The list of contributions is attached as Annex 3.

A summary of the individual contributions was produced and is available at:

<http://www.itu.int/itudoc/itu-t/workshop/ccTLD/059r1.html>

A framework to structure the discussions was prepared by the workshop co-chairmen and is attached as Annex 4.

At the opening session, the Secretary General of ITU, the Director of BDT, and the Director of TSB delivered opening remarks. The Director of TSB's opening address is attached as Annex 5.

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2. Main topics discussed

The meeting expressed its great appreciation for the ITU's initiative to organize the workshop and unanimously agreed that this workshop was timely, useful, and resulted in an excellent and productive exchange of information. No attempts were made to reach consensus on contentious topics.

As a complement to the input papers, it should be noted that the following topics were discussed during the meeting (in no order of significance):

- a. The role of users and user groups.
- b. The role of governments in representing the public interest and in Internet policy-making.
- c. Intellectual property issues and dispute resolution.
- d. Self-regulatory models.
- e. Best practices for ccTLD operators.
- f. Public-private partnerships.
- g. The interaction of technical and inter-operability issues with issues related to public policy.
- h. The boundary between national matters and matters requiring international coordination.
- i. The legal status of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Memorandums of Understanding it has with the US Department of Commerce, and the role of the Department of Commerce with respect to changes in the root zone master file.
- j. Transitioning to a multi-lateral model from a model where one government has a special role.
- k. The concept that ownership of a domain name should be separated from its actual registration in any particular domain.
- l. The transition from ccTLDs operated by pioneers (often based in universities) towards ccTLDs being operated by both non-profit and for-profit organizations.
- m. The role of governments vis-a-vis ccTLD operations and/or policies.
- n. Separation of the functions of the Internet Assigned Names Authority (IANA) from other functions carried out by ICANN, and oversight and funding of the IANA functions.
- o. The role of international treaty organizations, in particular with respect to issues related to gTLDs.
- p. The relationship between ICANN and GAC and the powers of GAC vis-à-vis ICANN.

A range of opinions was expressed on these topics, covering a wide spectrum of views.

3. Suggestions and proposals

Various suggestions were made concerning future activities by ITU (in no order of significance):

- a. Dissemination of best practices, via workshops and/or publications.
- b. Discussion of gTLD issues.
- c. Discussion of principles related to re-delegation requests when the administrative contact is not in-country.
- d. Support for implementation of internationalized domain names (IDN).

- e. Develop further training and support activities for ccTLDs in developing countries in partnership with regional organizations and other concerned partners.

The meeting suggested that a follow-up meeting should be organized by ITU within one year. The President of ICANN suggested that this follow-up meeting could be organized in conjunction with an ICANN meeting.

4. Closing remarks

At the closing session, the Director of TSB stated that he highly appreciated the impressive quality and quantity of the input contributions, the good diversity of participation, the well-balanced representation from the different regions of the world, the enthusiasm and constructive discussions by the participants, and the excellent work of the co-chairmen.

Annexes: 5

ANNEX 1

Agenda

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

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There will be a reception offered by the Director of TSB on Monday evening, from 17:30 to 18:30, in the open space in front of Room B.

Given the large number of papers, there will be an evening session on Monday, from 18:30 to 20:30.

1 Introduction

Comments by the Secretary General of ITU (10 min.)

Comments by Director of TSB (Doc 30 and 31 [20 min.])

- Comments by SG2 Counsellor

- Comments by P. Distler, Co-Chairman

- Comments by W. Black, Co-Chairman

2 Framework presentations:

Prof. Michael A. Geist, University of Ottawa Law School: ccTLD Governance Project (Doc 6 [30 min])

WIPO: ccTLD best practices for the prevention and resolution of Intellectual Property disputes (Doc 5 [20 min])

Dr. Stuart Lynn, ICANN: ICANN and the Global Internet; ICANN and Reform (Doc 24 and 25 [20 min.])

ICANN GAC Secretariat: Principles for the delegation and administration of country code top level domains (Doc 36 [20 min.])

CENTR: About the administration of the Internet Domain Name System (Doc 51 Rev 1 [20 min])

Co-Chairmen: Possible framework to structure discussions (Doc 1 Rev 1 [10 min])

Papers 42 and 46 should be discussed on Monday because of travel constraints by the authors.

3 Descriptive papers: 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50, 52, 54, 55.

4 Papers that raise issues: 10, 12, 13, 16, 46, 49, 51, 57, 58.

5 Suggestions for the future: 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 19, 20, 28, 38, 40, 42, 44, 45, 46, 49, 51, 52, 53, 56, 57, 58.

6 Any other business

7 Summary (Doc 59)

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- [\[ccTLD-004\]](#) INDECOPI, Peru: Final Report of the Multisector ccTLD <.pe> Domain Names Committee
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- [\[ccTLD-007\]](#) Vratislav Kurska, ABC International Ltd: There should be a global database of domain names independent of present registrars
- [\[ccTLD-008\]](#) Ethan Katsh: UDRP decisions: some recommendations for improving access
- [\[ccTLD-009\]](#) SETSI, Spain: Act 34/2002, of 11 July, on information society and e-commerce services
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- [\[ccTLD-016\]](#) Institute of Communications of Guinea Bissau: Actual situation of ccTLD - .gw
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- [\[ccTLD-018\]](#) Institute of Communications of Guinea Bissau: Declaration of Guinea-Bissau Sectoral Telecommunications Policy
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- [\[ccTLD-021\]](#) Saudi Network Information Center, Internet Services Unit, KACST, KSA: SaudiNIC Experiences in Managing the Saudi ccTLD (.sa)
- [\[ccTLD-022\]](#) España: Evolución y características del dominio de primer nivel ".es"
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- [\[ccTLD-023\]](#) Federal Office for Communications (OFCOM) and SWITCH, Switzerland: Relations between the government and the ccTLD operator: the Swiss model (part I)
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- [\[ccTLD-030\]](#) TSB: Review of Cooperation between ITU-T and ICANN, and ccTLD issues
- [\[ccTLD-031\]](#) TSB: ITU-T and ICANN Reform - ccTLD issues
- [\[ccTLD-032\]](#) Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications & Japan Registry Service Co., Ltd. (JPRS): ccTLD Redelegation Case Study - Japan
- [\[ccTLD-033\]](#) China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC): Administrative Practice of .cn Domain Names
- [\[ccTLD-034\]](#) France: Arrangements for the management of ".fr"
- [\[ccTLD-035\]](#) Kenya Network Information Centre (KENIC): Case study on .ke ccTLD redelegation
- [\[ccTLD-036\]](#) Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) Secretariat: Principles for the delegation and administration of country code top level domains
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- [\[ccTLD-037\]](#) United States Government NTIA/DOC: .us re-delegation case study
- [\[ccTLD-038\]](#) ARTEL, Burkina Faso: Ouagadougou Declaration
- [\[ccTLD-039\]](#) Switzerland - Swiss Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM) and SWITCH, The Swiss Education and Research Network: Relationship between government and ccTLD registry: The Swiss Model, Part II

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[\[ccTLD-041\]](#) Industry Canada: Case Study on Canada's .ca domain

[\[ccTLD-042\]](#) AFNIC International College, France: Contribution by the AFNIC International College

[\[ccTLD-043\]](#) OECD: Comparing Domain Name Administration in OECD Countries

[\[ccTLD-044\]](#) Syrian Arab Republic: Syrian views on ITU and ICANN

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[\[ccTLD-045\]](#) VeriSign, Inc, Designated .tv Representative: .tv - A case study for public-private partnership in a developing nation

[\[ccTLD-046\]](#) Nominum: A survey of the DNS infrastructure for ccTLDs

[\[ccTLD-047\]](#) National Office for Information Economy (NOIE): The re-delegation of the .au ccTLD

[\[ccTLD-048\]](#) Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, P.R. China: Briefing notes on the redelegation of ccTLD in Hong Kong

[\[ccTLD-049\]](#) Vittorio Bertola, Chairman of ICANN's At Large Advisory Committee: A user's point of view on international and national Internet governance

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[\[ccTLD-053\]](#) Generic Names Supporting Organization Secretariat: GNSO resolution on ITU Workshop on Member States' experiences with ccTLD

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[\[ccTLD-058\]](#) Global Internet Policy Initiative (GIPI): A Practical Guide to Redelegation of Country Code Top Level Domains

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ANNEX 4

Framework to structure discussions

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The purpose of this document is to provide a suggested possible framework to structure the discussions of this meeting. The framework is based on the input papers submitted to the Workshop:

1. Descriptive papers: these are papers that describe experiences with ccTLDs, which have on the whole been satisfactory.
2. Papers that raise specific issues or areas for improvement.
3. Respective roles for ICANN, ITU, WIPO, and other organizations: these are papers that suggest certain specific roles for certain organizations.
4. Suggestions for the future: these are papers that make suggestions for the future, in areas such as:
 - a. Core functions of ICANN and other organizations
 - b. How to handle exceptions and special cases
 - c. Technical checklists and best practices
 - d. Subsidiarity/primacy of local policies
 - e. Best practices, handbooks, training

With respect to the first category, it would appear that many of the papers make similar points, namely:

- Initial implementation of ccTLDs was achieved thanks to the efforts of very dedicated individuals, often pioneers
- Subsequently, the broader Local Internet Community became involved with ccTLDs and their transition to longer-term management models
- Governments have become involved in accordance with local legal frameworks and traditions. The range of government involvement ranges from formal (via laws and regulations) through informal.

- Most issues have been resolved to the full satisfaction of the local community, including national governments, in most countries. There are certain unresolved issues in certain countries.

It is suggested that the Workshop would benefit if presentations focus on special cases and unresolved issues, rather than repeating themes which are common to many countries/ccTLDs.

ANNEX 5

Opening address by the TSB Director

Opening speech at the ccTLD workshop, 3-4 March 2003

H. Zhao, Director, TSB

Messrs. Co-Chairmen,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Mr. Director of BDT,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Good morning.

On behalf of TSB, I warmly welcome you to Geneva, and to this ccTLD workshop. Not like any other ITU-T meetings where I see many old friends, here at this meeting I see many new friends. I am very glad with the presence of Mr Stuart Lynn, President of ICANN, and Mr Shareel Tamrizi, Chairman of GAC, as well as Mr Christopher Wilkinson, Secretary of GAC, who kindly accepted my personal invitation to come. I am also pleased to welcome Professor Geist and other experts who contribute their research results to us. Of course, I am very pleased to welcome the main audiences i.e. ccTLDs and the Administrations. Welcome to you all!

As I indicated in my invitation letter, the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Marrakesh (2002) has revised Resolution 102: "Management of Internet domain names and addresses", which instructs the Secretary-General to "take a significant role in international discussions and initiatives on the management of Internet domain names and addresses,..." In its part to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Resolution 102 specifies four actions:

1. to continue to liaise and to cooperate with appropriate entities on relevant Internet domain name and address management issues, such as the transition to IP Version 6 (IPv6), ENUM, and internationalized domain names (IDN);
2. to work with Member States and Sector Members, recognizing the activities of other appropriate entities, to review Member States' ccTLD and other related experiences;
3. to work with Member States and Sector Members, recognizing the activities of other appropriate entities, to develop a recommendation to clarify the management of the domain ".int";
4. to report annually to the Council on the activities undertaken on this subject.

In order to follow these instructions, I convened this workshop. I reviewed all input documents. I am very impressed with the broadness of information provided by ccTLDs, the energetic studies on various issues conducted by experts, the constructive opinions and proposals from ccTLD Operators, Administrations and individuals. In addition, many of you will actively participate in the discussions during the next two days. With this kind of input, I am very confident that we will have a very fruitful meeting.

ITU has contributed a great deal to the development of the internet since the very beginning. The internet infrastructure and many of its services are based on ITU-T standards. There are some well-known technical standards such as X.25, X.509, H.323, H.248, J.112, etc. There are also the famous numbering scheme E.164, and the important mobile country codes E.212, etc. As far as domain names and addressing issues are concerned, I would cite a few ITU contributions: ITU is an active member for maintaining the ISO 3166 codes; ITU-T worked together with IETF to

implement ENUM trials; and ITU supports ICANN by means of PSO as its founding member (now called "TLG"), as well as by GAC. As Director of TSB, I not only supported all these activities, but also played two important roles during the last two years: the first, as an active member of the "ICANN Independent Review Panel Nominating Committee" in 2001 and the second, I submitted a contribution to the ICANN reform in 2002. ITU will continue to contribute to the internet community.

There is a misperception of ITU. We have heard that if ITU intervenes, it will mean that the governments will step in, and the governments will control everything. To correct it, I would like to use an example of the public telephone numbering scheme. It is the ITU-T that defined and assigns the country codes. For example, the code "1" is assigned to USA, Canada and other countries, "41" for Switzerland. But ITU does not control any private telephone conversations from any country, nor does it intervene into the national assignments of the numbers for subscribers. I would like to further point out a fact that ITU has 189 Member States, and about 900 Private Members. In ITU, the Private Members (called "Sector Members") have played a more and more important role in all aspects, and in the standardization sector, the experts from Sector Members hold 13 chairmanship positions out of 14 Study Groups. ITU-T now applies the "Alternative Approval Procedure"(AAP) to approve its technical standards within 2 months after the SG/WP consented a draft text. More importantly, during the approval process, Member States and Sector Members enjoy the same rights. It is no longer true that in ITU everything is controlled by Governments. The new ITU environment is quite different today, compared with the situation 10 years ago, or even 5 years ago. It is well recognized by the ITU Sector Members that ITU's standardization environment remains one of the best places for industry.

As far as ICANN reform is concerned, there is also a misperception that ITU would like to take over ICANN. This is not true either. I highly appreciate Mr Lynn's paper on ICANN reform issued in February 2002. Believing that ITU could help ICANN, I submitted a contribution to the ICANN reform process on 16 April 2002. Although I put an indication as "personal opinion, not official position of ITU", my paper received unanimous support from the ITU Members. In my paper, I clearly stated that ITU would like to "assist ICANN". I am very pleased to note the three points Mr Lynn raised in his reform paper, are reproduced in his contribution to this meeting in Document 25, ie: the problems are "too little participation by critical entities; too much process; and too little funding", which means he re-confirms his statements on the problems of ICANN in the past. In my opinion, ICANN alone cannot solve these problems. But if ICANN works together with ITU, WIPO, and others, including ccTLDs, in a new way, in which we all trust each other, support each other, we will be able to meet the expectations of our stakeholders. Therefore, I would like to repeat again that ITU offers its assistance to ICANN. In this connection, I would recommend you to note our position in Document 30.

This meeting is not the first time ITU meets the ccTLDs. Some ccTLDs have participated in SG2 discussions on ENUM. However, the participation at this meeting is greater. We would like to hear the opinions of ccTLDs, as well as the opinions from the other partners concerned. I am fully aware of the voice that ccTLDs are primarily engaged with their national responsibilities and the national implementations should not be governed by the others. However, there are some issues which might be brought up to the global level by ccTLDs, such as to exchange the experiences among different parts of the world, and issues needing international discussions. In case ccTLDs would like to discuss some issues at the global level, ITU would be happy to be at your disposal, wherever you find necessary.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to our co-chairmen Mr Philippe DISTLER, ART, France, Chairman of ITU-T SG2 and Mr Willie BLACK,

Nominet, UK, for their kindness in accepting our invitation to take on this challenging job. I am sure with their rich experiences in this field, they will guide us to success.

As time runs fast, I will not take any more time of your precious meeting time. To conclude, I am pleased to extend to you my invitation to a cocktail tonight at 17:30, just in front of this meeting room. Hope to see you all there.

I wish you a very successful meeting.

Thank you.
