



Latin Script Diacritics PDP WG

Meeting #20

24 September 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome and SOIs
2. Recap of Meeting #19
3. Update on LD PDP Timeline
4. Review of Draft Preliminary Recs.
5. Next Steps
6. AOB



Agenda Item #1

Welcome

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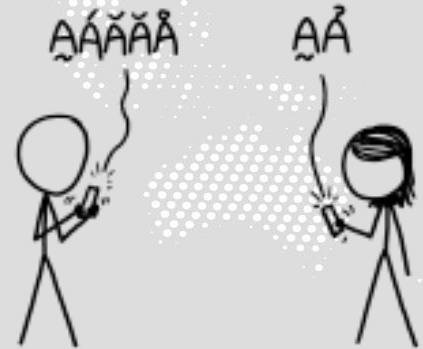


Agenda Item #2

Recap of Meeting #19

Key Outcomes and Action Items

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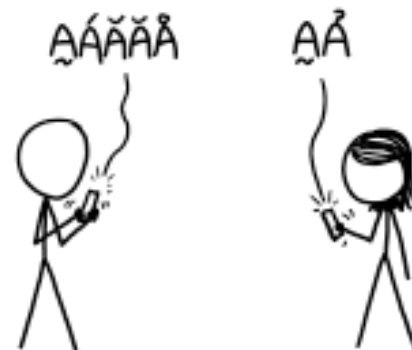
Key Outcomes



Key Outcome

WG revisited the Preliminary recommendations doc. and determined positions on multiple issues raised in comments

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Action Items



Action Item 1

LD PDP WG to determine the correct wording for PR7 *[Refer to Slide 7]*



Action Item 2

LT/Staff to clean up and update the PR doc. based on WG discussion:

1) rewrite IG11 based on WG discussion 2) PR14 footnote for “established institution,” etc. *[Refer to Slides 8-9]*



Action Item 3

GDS Liaison to check-in on PR13 and the term “discount” in relation to implementation for EPDP-IDNs



Action Item 4

LD PDP WG to share edge cases via the mailing list for stress test of preliminary recommendations

Action Item 1: Three Options for PR7



EPDP-IDNs P1 Final Recommendation 3.5: In addition to explaining the mission and purpose of the applied for primary gTLD string or existing gTLD, the applicant seeking one or more gTLD variant labels will describe the justification of such need. The justification given by the applicant shall at minimum provide the following information: 3.5.1 The meaning or intended meaning (for non-dictionary words) of each of the applied-for variant label(s), including sources; 3.5.2 Explanation of how the primary and variant labels are considered the same; 3.5.3 Explain the benefits and the user communities who will benefit from the introduction of the applied-for variant label(s); and 3.5.4 A description of the steps that the applicant will take to minimize the operational and management complexities of variant gTLDs and variant domain names that impact registrars, resellers and/or registrants.

Option 1

As-is: Consistent with EPDP-IDNs

“In addition to explaining the mission and purpose of the applied-for ASCII gTLD string or existing gTLD, the applicant seeking one or more Latin diacritic gTLD label(s) will describe the justification of such need, in line with Final Recommendation 3.5 of the EPDP-IDNs Phase 1 Final Report. The justification given by the applicant shall at minimum provide the following information:...”

Option 2

Simplified Version without “Existing gTLD”

“The applicant shall explain the mission and purpose of the applied-for gTLD(s) that constitute the ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set. In addition, the applicant must describe the justification for the applied-for gTLD(s), in line with Final Recommendation 3.5 of the EPDP-IDNs Phase 1 Final Report. The justification given by the applicant shall at a minimum provide the following information:...”

Option 3

In Line with EPDP-IDNs without “Existing gTLD”

“In addition to explaining the mission and purpose of the applied-for gTLD that constitute the ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set, the applicant seeking multiple gTLD label(s) within the set will describe the justification of such need, in line with Final Recommendation 3.5 of the EPDP-IDNs Phase 1 Final Report. The justification given by the applicant shall at the least, minimum provide the following information:...”

Action Item 2: Updated Language

Implementation Guidance 11

Adding language about an unnecessary separate report from EPDP-IDNs

“...ICANN org should conduct research in order to identify whether any additional criteria or tests should be used, as part of the application process, to evaluate the technical and operational capability of an applicant to manage the ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set at the registry level. **This should not be a separate research but may be conducted as an extension of the research requested in the EPDP-IDNs for variants per [Implementation Guidance 3.9](#). Similar to EPDP-IDNs, ICANN org must offer the community an opportunity to provide input on the scope of the research to be undertaken, as well as any proposed outputs on additional criteria or tests, and such outputs should not be applied retroactively.**”

Preliminary Rec. 14

Additional details and criteria on “established institution”

Footnote 21 (to date): As per EPDP-IDNs, according to the 2012 Applicant Guidebook, several factors may be considered in whether an entity qualifies as an “established institution.” These factors include, but are not limited to: the level of global recognition of the institution; the length of time the institution has been in existence; and public historical evidence of its existence, such as the presence of a formal charter or national or international registration, or validation by a government, inter-governmental organization, or treaty. Importantly, the institution must not have been established solely in conjunction with the gTLD application process.

Agenda Item #3

Update on LD PDP Timeline

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LD PDP Progress and Timeline Update



Sep-Oct.
2025

LD PDP WG
Charter Question
Deliberations



Oct-Nov.
2025

LD PDP WG
Draft Initial Report and
Confirm as Stable



Nov.2025-
Jan.2026

Initial Report
Public Comment



Aug.2026

Submission of
Final Report to the
GNSO Council



Project Plan originally approved by the GNSO Council:

- LD PDP WG Initial Report by February 2026
- Initial Report Public Comment Feb-Apr.2026
- Submission of Final Report to the GNSO Council by Nov.2026

LD PDP vs. AGB/Next Round Timeline



**Sep-Oct.
2025**

LD PDP

LD PDP WG
Charter Question
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Aug.2026

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Oct.2025

ICANN Board
Potential Adoption of
AGB at ICANN84



Dec.2025

Final Opportunity for
AGB Update

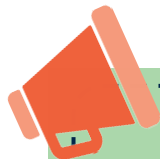


Apr.2026

Launch of
New gTLD Program:
Next Round

AGB & Next Round

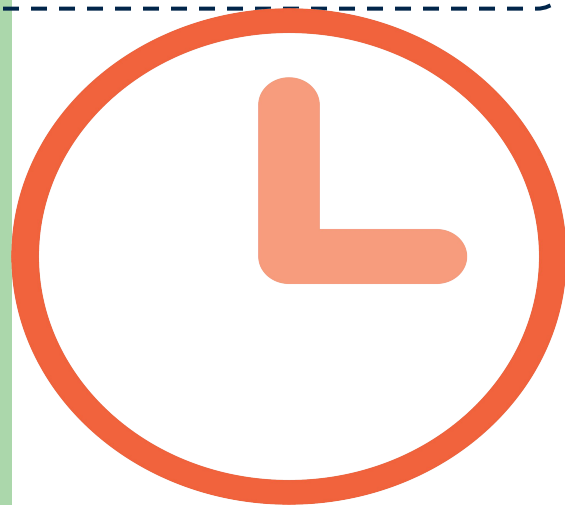
Update and Conclusion



AGB

Potential Inclusion of LD PDP

Given the current timeline, even with the accelerated progress, it is no longer possible to include the outputs of LD PDP in the AGB. The LD PDP exception process will be allowed for the next Next Round.



Agenda Item #4

Review of Draft Preliminary Recs.

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Review of WG Feedback



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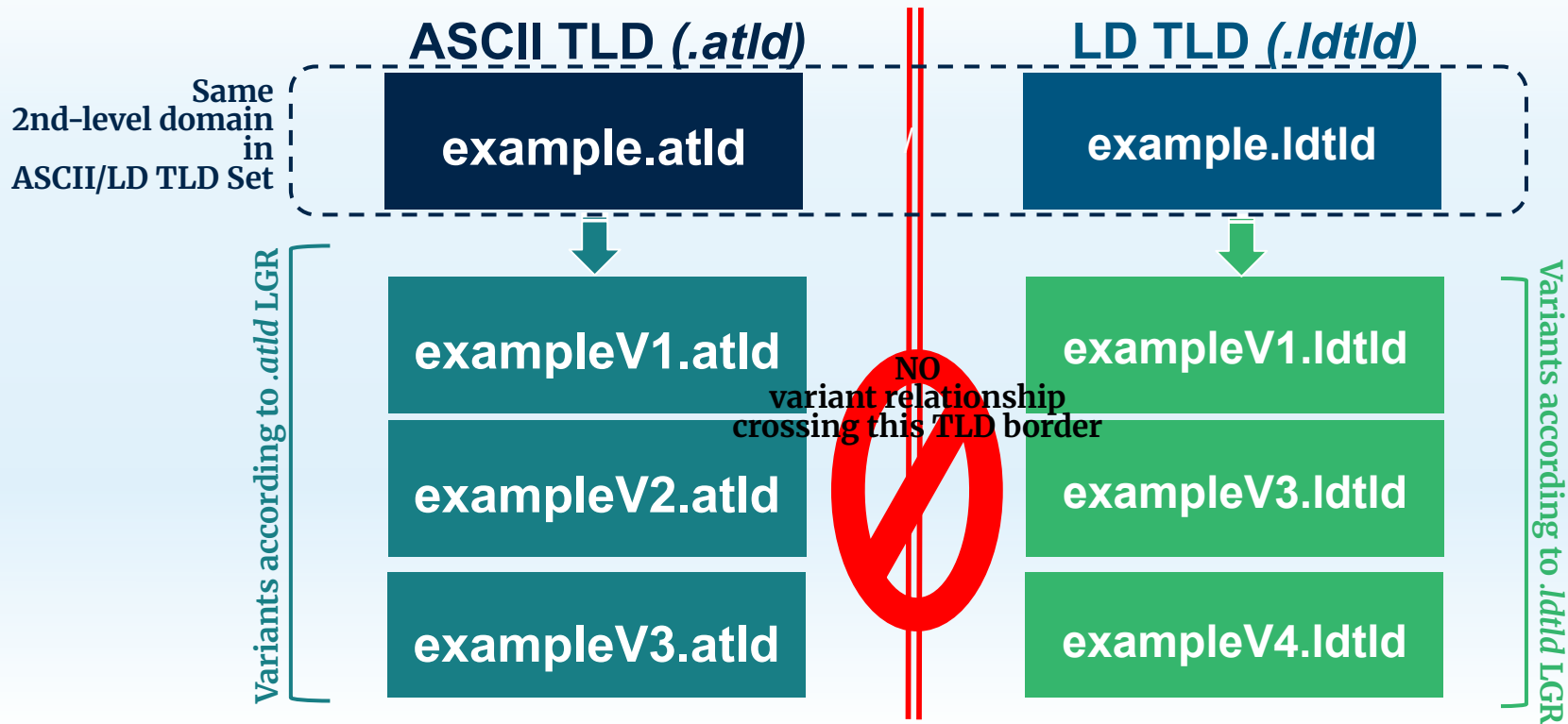
Preliminary Recommendations

LD PDP WG to examine the **substantive comments (input)** via a separate google doc. [here](#).



Understanding ASCII/LD Set for Second-level

[Same entity requirements for all domains; ASCII/LD Domain Set]



LD PDP vs. EPDP-IDNs for Second-level

LD PDP ASCII/LD Domain Set

- ❖ Variants can only exist within one TLD. Between TLDs, there are no variant relationships at all, as this will result in crossing the TLD border.
 - *example.atld and example.ldtld*
- ❖ However, the ASCII and LD domains still require the same entity, even though not variants of each other:
 - *example.atld and example.ldtld*
 - *exmpleV1.atld and exampleV3.ldtld*

EPDP-IDNs Variant Domain Set

- ❖ Variant TLDs exist; thus, there is a variant relationship across TLDs and can cross the TLD border.
 - *example.tld and example.tldV1*
- ❖ Variant domain set requires the same entity
 - *example.tld and example.tldV1, exampleV1.tld, and exampleV3.tldV1*

Overview of Language for the Second-level

Preliminary Recommendation 39

Building on an ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set as defined in Preliminary Recommendation 1, an ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set is defined to include:

- 39.1 a label and all its **variants** within a given TLD, as determined by the second-level LGRs for TLDs; and
- 39.2 the same label and all its variants across **all other TLDs** within the ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set.

Preliminary Recommendation 40

Consistent with Final Recommendation 1 from the EPDP-IDNs Phase 2 Final Report, the “same entity” principle applies to the **ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set** per Preliminary Recommendation 39. This means that all allocatable domain names of an **ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set** must be allocated or withheld for possible allocation only to the same registrant. Additionally, all allocated domain names must be at the same sponsoring registrar.

Implementation Guidance 41

Consistent with Implementation Guidance 2 from the EPDP-IDNs Phase 2 Final Report, gTLD registry operators should take into account Recommendation 14 in SAC060, as well as language or script communities’ widely acceptable practices among Internet users and established conventions, and consider:

- 41.1 **setting a maximum number of domain names that constitute the ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set and are reserved for the same entity at the second-level**; and
- 41.2 limiting automatic activation of domain names that constitute the ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set and are reserved for the same entity at the second-level, to the extent possible, including in instances where the language-script community believes automatic allocation and activation is needed.

Overview of Language for the Second-level

Preliminary Recommendation 42

Consistent with Final Recommendation 3 from the EPDP-IDNs Phase 2 Final Report, immediately prior to the policy effective date of the “same entity” principle as set out in Preliminary Recommendation 40, the existing **variant domain names** that do not conform to the “same entity” principle must be exempted. This means that there will be no change to the contractual or allocation status of such existing **variant domain names**. The requirement of having the same registrant and the same sponsoring registrar will not be applied retroactively. The gTLD registries operating an **ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set** must determine **ASCII/Latin diacritic domain sets** for each exempted label and protect from registration all labels in all such **ASCII/Latin diacritic domain sets**, as appropriate.

Preliminary Recommendation 43

Consistent with Final Recommendation 4 from the EPDP-IDNs Phase 2 Final Report, any allocatable domain name of an **ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set** containing exempted domain names pursuant to Preliminary Recommendation 42 cannot be allocated unless and until only one registrant and one sponsoring registrar remain for the exempted domain name(s) in the ASCII/Latin diacritic domain set.

Preliminary Recommendation 44

Consistent with Final Recommendation 5 from the EPDP-IDNs Phase 2 Final Report, all of the existing and future IDN Tables for a given **ASCII/Latin diacritic gTLD set**, if any, must be harmonized. This means that all of the IDN Tables for an ASCII gTLD and its corresponding Latin diacritic gTLD(s) must produce a consistent **variant domain set** for a given second-level label registered under that gTLD or its delegated Latin diacritic gTLD label(s).

Agenda Item #5

Next Steps

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Proposed Work Plan

24 Sep. Meeting #20

WG to review the preliminary recommendations together

1 Oct. Meeting #21

WG to review the preliminary recommendations together

WG to deliberate any other issues/ edge cases

8 Oct. Meeting #22

WG to deliberate any other issues/ edge cases

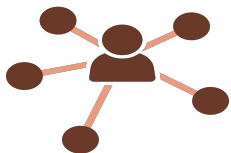
WG to deliberate topics via Charter: CQ4, GPI/HR

15 Oct. Meeting #23

WG to deliberate topics via Charter: CQ4, GPI/HR

WG to deliberate any unresolved issues and develop Initial Report

Next Steps



1
WG to continue reviewing the draft preliminary recs. language



2
WG to suggest via mailing list edge case scenarios/examples to stress test the preliminary recommendations



3
WG to review the Existing Consensus Policies for CQ4

FYI: Existing Body of Work



[ccTLD Fast Track Process](#)



[Phase 1 EPDP-IDNs](#)



[Phase 2 EPDP-IDNs](#)



[SubPro PDP](#): Recommendations under Topic 25 on IDNs and other relevant topics



[Existing Consensus Policies](#)

Agenda Item #6

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