

**Subject:** [DIDP] ICANN Document Disclosure Request

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Dear Mr. Cherine Chalaby

In your capacity as Chair of the ICANN Board Finance Committee, I hereby request the following documents pursuant to ICANN's Documentary Information Disclosure Policy ("DIDP").

In reviewing ICANN's 2015 Operating Plan and Budget, ICANN has provided a delineation between legacy gTLD and new gTLDs but has provided no such break down in connection with legacy ASCII ccTLDs and new IDN ccTLDs. Previously ICANN's CEO use to provide the community some metrics in connection with this program, see for example (page 101)

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/bm/briefing-materials-2-28jul11-en.pdf> .

For example, in Rod Beckstrom's July 2011 CEO Monthly Report, it was documented that ICANN had processed 18 IDN ccTLD requests at an average cost of just over \$33,000 per application. Although ICANN reported billing \$600K in connection with these 18 requests, it only reported collecting \$132K in fees. According to ICANN's IDN fast-track page over 40 IDN ccTLDs appear to have been approved to date, see <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/string-evaluation-completion-2014-02-19-en> . In addition, in the ICANN Q3 2014 interim financial report, ICANN did delineate ccTLD IDN revenue, although zero revenue was reported for Q1, Q2 and Q3, see (<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/package-fy14-31mar14-en.pdf>)

Therefore could ICANN please provide documentation regarding detailed historical accounting of application fees/contributions billed/received by ICANN in connection with IDN ccTLD applications, as well as any specific costs incurred by ICANN in connection with this program? Also could ICANN explain and/or provide documentation on why it reports ccTLD IDN revenue on a quarterly basis but NOT on an annual basis?

Additionally, could ICANN also provide any documentation regarding any fees/contributions that ICANN has billed/received in connection with ongoing services provided in connection with these IDN ccTLDs on an annual basis, as well as the specific costs incurred by ICANN in connection with this program.

In connection with previous invoices/voluntary contribution amounts sent by

ICANN to IDN ccTLD operators, has ICANN written off any of these amounts. If so could ICANN please provide these documents

In the 2015 Operating Plan and Budget (page 7) it states: “ccTLD: FY14 includes some FY13 contributions collected in FY14. Excluding those, the ccTLD contributions grow as a result of the ccNSO contribution guidelines updated in November 2013”

However, on the ICANN 2014 Financial Page, ICANN has not updated/provided any breakdown of ccTLD contribution, see

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/fiscal-2014-09-15-en> Could ICANN please provide this documentation.

While ICANN usually takes the entire thirty (30) day period to process DIDP requests, I would respectfully request that this information be expedited so that it can be discussed by the community at the upcoming LA meeting.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

Michael Palage