

Call for Advisors to the IDN Root Zone LGR Panels*

* Deadline for responses is **27 June 2013**

ICANN is looking for well known technical experts in the areas of DNS, IDNA, registry operations, Linguistics, as well as Unicode to serve as advisors to a set of panels to be established under the [“Procedure to Develop and Maintain the Label Generation Rules for the Root Zone in Respect of IDNA Labels”](#) (Procedure).

The Procedure defines a two-pass process for the creation of IDN label generation rules (LGR) for the Root Zone. Central to this process are the “Integration Panel”, and a set of “Generation Panels”. ICANN is looking for applicants to serve as advisors to either type of panel. Applicants are expected to have read and be familiar with the procedure document before considering serving as an advisor. Advisors serve on demand, that is, they supply expertise on a specific request by a particular panel. ICANN is soliciting experts who are interested in serving as advisors on a paid or volunteer basis.

Advisors to All Panels

The Procedure defines the role of and requirements for any experts interested in acting as advisors to either the Integration Panel or the Generation Panels¹.

Any panel, at its discretion, may call on advisors. Advisors have particular expertise in issues relevant to the questions at hand, and are there to provide observations given that expertise. Advisors may be paid consultants, ICANN staff, or volunteers.

.... The advisors have no formal role in the decisions of the panels, though their expert opinions may influence the panelists. Anyone taking an advisory role is automatically excluded from voting membership in any generation or integration panel, while actively acting as advisers to any other panel. It seems likely that many ICANN staff, which will need to participate in the work of both the generation and integration panels, will fall into the category of “advisor”.

Areas of expertise that will likely be in demand include the areas listed above. In particular, the panels may have needs for detailed and specific expertise in certain scripts or languages, whether in the context of the Generation Panel’s drafting the LGR submission for a particular script or in the Integration Panel’s review of same. In addition, it is anticipated that a few advisors with extensive Unicode and wide ranging script expertise will be needed immediately during the formation phase of the Generation Panels and may remain on call after that. For some areas of expertise, for example administrative or policy expertise, it is anticipated that ICANN staff will serve as advisors.

¹ Please refer to the Procedure for an explanation of the tasks engaged in by the Panels.

ICANN will consider both volunteer and paid advisors. Because advisors are called on as the need arises depending on the requirements of the Integration Panel or any of the Generation Panels, it is not possible at this time to predict the services of which types of advisor would be required and during what time frames, beyond the anticipated immediate needs described above. Applicants are encouraged to provide ICANN with detailed information about their expertise and availability and should note whether they are interested in serving as volunteer or paid advisors.

1. Advisors' responsibilities, qualifications and eligibility

Responsibilities:

- Provide expertise to IDN Root Zone LGR Integration Panel and Generation Panels in specific areas depending on the panels' needs for such additional expertise.
- This might include specific script, language, Unicode, DNS, security, policy or administrative expertise.
- Participate in phone calls as needed.
- Research and provide input on issues discussed with different panels.
- Attend face-to-face meetings as appropriate (time and location to be determined).

Qualifications:

- Well-known expertise in the specific areas required by either the [Integration Panel](#) or the Generation Panels or both.

Eligibility:

- Advisors may not concurrently be a member of any Generation Panel or the Integration Panel.

2. Time Commitment

Advisors serve on demand. At this point, ICANN is seeking a commitment to be on call through June 2014, with an option for renewal as mutually agreed. The actual workload depends on the frequency, type and nature of the requested advice by the Integration or Generation Panels. It may be higher during key phases and around project milestones, such as the initial establishment phase, the review of Generation Panels submissions or the releases of a revision of the integrated IDN Root Zone LGR.

3. Selection and Recruitment Process for Advisors to the Integration Panel and Generation Panels

- Interested experts are invited to submit a CV and an expression of interest statement demonstrating how they meet the qualifications for one or other of the expertise areas.
- Expressions of Interest should state the desired engagement type (paid or volunteer) as well as the area or areas of expertise for which the expert would like to be considered.
- Expressions of Interest should be sent to ldnvarianttlds@icann.org no later than **27 June 2013**.
- The ICANN IDN Variant TLD Program will qualify advisors as determined by the anticipated requirements of the Integration or Generation Panels.
- Applicants will be notified no later than **26 July 2013** whether they have been qualified, and how they will be notified when their expertise is required.