



Latin American & Caribbean ccTLDs Organization

LACTLD STATEMENT ABOUT APTLD POSITION ON INTERNATIONALIZED TOP LEVEL DOMAIN NAME

The members of LACTLD have analyzed the APTLD proposal for the rapid introduction of a possibly large number of country or territory specific IDN TLDs, that could eventually parallel the current ccTLDs. While recognizing the need of non-Latin script users to better identify themselves through domain names and specific labels in the TLD, the members of LACTLD have agreed that they cannot support this particular proposal.

The many political, social and cultural implications of the use of IDN TLDs need to be considered carefully, with appropriate participation of all affected parties. The ICANN process has established procedures for the development of the necessary policy, and these procedures should not be put aside when a matter of the importance of IDN TLDs needs to be decided. The ccNSO has made important advances in identifying the relevant issues for the eventual creation of these new TLDs, and we see no reason why this process should not be taken to its conclusion before new country or territory specific TLDs are launched.

APTLD has made a valuable contribution to the discussion by putting forward a proposal that highlights the need of many users to have soon TLDs written in their own scripts, but the members of LACTLD believe that this need is best served by a PDP that is carried out with the utmost possible speed, and will put their best efforts towards this goal.

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