

IGF 2016 Workshop Report Template

Session Title	ws142: IDNs:A Key to an Inclusive and Multilingual Internet
Date	Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016
Time	16:30
Session Organizer	Harish Chowdhary
Chair/Moderator	Nalini Elkins
Rapporteur/Notetaker	
List of Speakers and their institutional affiliations	Nalini Elkins : Inside Products, Inc.
Key Issues raised (1 sentence per issue):	-IDN is a multistakeholder issue -IDN cannot proceed without email
If there were presentations during the session, please provide a 1-paragraph summary for each Presentation	The presentation discussed the current state of IDN and international email. Problems in this domain are complex and require multiple sets of expertise to resolve. Today, people operate in silos. The speaker suggests a multistakeholder model to resolve the problems.
Please describe the Discussions that took place during the workshop session: (3 paragraphs)	<p>Many people agreed with the approach. One person suggested that there should be policy collaboration as well as technical collaboration. A new vision of the Internet was proposed: an Internet that is IPv6, multi-lingual (this issue) and disability-friendly.</p> <p>Others cited problems they had encountered with IDNs such as higher price and lack of availability. That is, multi-lingual domains could not be bought because registrars did not sell them.</p> <p>It was brought up that China has a good deal of multi-lingual support. Since this is within the borders of China, it is difficult to gauge the extent of penetration.</p>
Please describe any Participant suggestions regarding the way forward/ potential next steps /key takeaways: (3 paragraphs)	<p>The policy and technical collaboration should happen. We should create an email list where this discussion can continue. The moderator and organizer will arrange this.</p> <p>We need a better survey of the extent of penetration of IDNs throughout the world. We also need to understand the requirements and problems.</p> <p>Once we have the requirements and problems noted, then we can start a categorization of issues, build the multi-stakeholder coalition and begin to solve them.</p>

