**The Latin Script Community Forms the Generation Panel for Developing the Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)**

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ICANN is pleased to announce the formation of the Generation Panel to develop root zone Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Latin script.

Following the [Call for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules](https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2013-07-11-en), the Latin script community has submitted to ICANN the Proposal for Generation Panel for Latin Script Label Generation Ruleset for the Root Zone (Proposal, Appendix). ICANN organization has reviewed the proposal including panel composition and scope, to ensure that requirements set forth in the [LGR Procedure](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/lgr-procedure-20mar13-en.pdf), and in particular the criteria set forth in the [Call for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules](https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2013-07-11-en), are fulfilled.

“On behalf of ICANN we are grateful to the Latin script community for volunteering to develop the Latin script LGR proposal for the root zone,” said Sarmad Hussain from the IDN Program at ICANN.

With composition and work plan approved, the Latin script Generation Panel will start its work on the label generation rules. According to the [LGR Procedure](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/lgr-procedure-20mar13-en.pdf), the starting point of any Generation Panel's work is the Maximal Starting Repertoire (MSR), with its second version ([MSR-2](https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2015-04-27-en)) released on 27 April 2015. The full specification of Generation Panel's tasks can be found in the [LGR Procedure](https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/lgr-procedure-20mar13-en.pdf) in particular, Section B.3 "Variant Rule Generation Procedure".

“I’d like to take this opportunity to reiterate our appreciation for the efforts of many communities towards developing their root zone LGR proposals,” said Sarmad Hussain. “We still have more work to do including organizing script panels for Hebrew, Myanmar, Sinhala and Tibetan. I encourage interested parties to lend their skills in support of this effort.

There are currently LGR efforts underway by Chinese, Cyrillic, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Latin and Neo-Brahmi communities. In addition, the Arabic, Armenian, Ethiopic, Georgian, Khmer, Lao and Thai script communities have finalized their [root zone LGR proposals](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/lgr-proposals-2015-12-01-en), of which the Arabic script proposal has been integrated in the first edition of the [Root Zone LGR](https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/root-zone-lgr-2015-06-21-en).

Learn more about how you can speak up for your language by visiting the [Call for Generation Panels to Develop Root Zone Label Generation Rules](https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2013-07-11-en).

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