

# MESA SMART CONTENT SUMMIT 2021:

## WHEN VIACOMCBS MET LMT

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# Introductions

- Eric Emeric
  - At Showtime, leads all metadata endeavors related to customer facing data flows within enterprise systems from inception to distribution. Additionally, began and leads all Data Governance initiatives.
- Sarah Nix
  - At ViacomCBS leads two teams with unique functions, but similar overall metadata responsibilities. Also serves on the internal Metadata Governance committee and as the ViacomCBS representative on the EIDR board of directors.

# Pre-Merger Landscape

## Viacom Backstory

- Started data governance company-wide in 2015
- Lots of change management to get to this point
- Adopted BCP-47 as our language standard
  - ES-419 for “neutral Spanish” used in Latin America

## Showtime Backstory

- Showtime Data Governance (DG) Board created in 2018
- LMT introduced to the DG board
- Engaged with system stakeholders
- Audit between language tables within Showtime systems and LMT

# Post-Merger Landscape

- Joint effort to align LMT to Showtime and Viacom datasets
- Identified the internal teams to determine how LMT was being used
- Spent many, many Zoom sessions to align LMT worksheet together
- Created a master document which contains all ViacomCBS (including Showtime) values aligned with LMT.

# Examples

LMT Desc	NEW Use Cases (Sample)		k #1 Tag	ViacomCBS Network #2 Visual Language Tag
	Code	Language		
English as spoken in Saudi Arabia	ar-SA	Arabic (Saudi Arabia – MSA)	(ca)	Not Currently Used
English as spoken in Nigeria	bas-NG	Basa	(in)	English (U.K.)
English as spoken in Belarus	be / bel	Belarusian	(es)	English (U.S.)
English as spoken in Edo	bin	Edo	(d)	Not Currently Used
English as spoken in Switzerland	de-CH	German (Switzerland)		French (Canadian)
English as spoken in Singapore	en-SG	English (Singapore)		French
English as spoken in Ireland	en-IE	English (Ireland)	(ed)	Not Currently Used
English as spoken in New Zealand	en-NZ	English (New Zealand)	(y)	German
Fulfulde	ff / ful	Fulfulde	(d)	Not Currently Used
Frisian	fy / fry	Frisian		
Creole	ht / hat	Creole		
Ibibio	ibb	Ibibio		
Flemish	nl-BE	Flemish		

# Next Steps

- Internal ViacomCBS review after LMT completes their assessment
- Locate any gaps in the organization and communicate alignment
- Potential blocker: Internal decisions regarding future technology
- Eric and I will stay on the LMT working group to ensure ViacomCBS stays aligned with any future changes

# Learnings & Best Practices

- Use your established Data Governance team
- Reach out to ALL department stakeholders
- Create an audit that encompasses any language gaps between departments
- Create task force across networks to help evangelize this moving forward

# THANK YOU

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