The deadline for FY20 Budget consideration is **25 January 2019.** All questions and completed forms should be sent to **planning@icann.org**.

REQUEST INFORMATION

Title of Proposed Activity	
CSG-GAC Luncheon Meetings at ICANN 66 and ICANN 67	

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REQUEST DESCRIPTION

1. Activity: **Please describe your proposed activity in detail**

The Commercial Stakeholders Group (CSG) greatly values ICANN's multistakeholder approach to governance and the consideration of both policy and technical issues related to management of the Domain Name System. In this regard, the CSG welcomes the opportunities presented by ICANN meetings to engage with the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC). We view this engagement as important and timely in light of the extent to which various multilateral organizations – which do not allow "seats at the table" for non-government stakeholders – are expanding their remits to include digital economy issues that ultimately may encroach upon ICANN's management of the DNS.

A GAC-CSG luncheon meeting, at both ICANN 65 and ICANN 66, would enable both stakeholder groups to engage informally on critical DNS and other digital economy issues. Importantly, such gatherings would go a long way toward enhancing cross-community communications, forging new relationships, and building trust. The CSG was very pleased with the level of GAC participation and the convivial tenor of discussions at the CSG/GAC luncheon meeting at ICANN 60 in Abu Dhabi. We see great benefit for both stakeholder groups in building upon the success of that meeting to tackle DNS challenges before ICANN and explore approaches to consensus on these issues.

The luncheon format would benefit from the arrangement of round tables, so that the CSG Excomm can ensure that there are participants from each CSG Constituency seated with a mix of GAC members in order to facilitate informal discussions. The agenda topics will be prepared ahead of time in collaboration with the Chair/Vice Chairs of the GAC and CSG Excomm.

*2. Type of Activity***: e.g. Outreach - Education/training - Travel support - Research/Study - Meetings - Other**

Luncheon Meeting

3. Proposed Timeline/Schedule: **e.g. one time activity, recurring activity**

During ICANN 66 and ICANN 67 in FY20

REQUEST OBJECTIVES

1. *Strategic Alignment.* **Which area of ICANN's Strategic Plan does this request support?**

The request is in line with ICANN Strategic Objectives for Fiscal Years 2021-2025:

2. Improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance.

4. Address geopolitical issues impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single and globally interoperable Internet.

2. *Demographics.* **What audience(s), in which geographies, does your request target?**

The luncheon would enable participation of government representatives from all geographic regions that participate in ICANN meetings. The CSG would welcome the opportunity to engage with government representatives from developing countries, in particular, to enable the sharing of best practices and sow the seeds for capacity-development initiatives.

3. *Deliverables.* **What are the desired outcomes of your proposed activity?**

1. Enhanced understanding of different government and regional viewpoints on various DNS issues.
2. Development of an approach to community bridge-building that will carry over to subsequent ICANN meetings.
3. Increased mutual understanding of perspectives.

4. *Metrics.* **What measurements will you use to determine whether your activity achieves its desired outcomes?**

1. Strong level of participation by GAC members.
2. Positive responses to the program by both CSG and GAC members.
3. Request from either stakeholder group for follow up discussions on a particular topic(s).

RESOURCE PLANNING – INCREMENTAL TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST

Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise):

Description	Timeline	Assumptions	Costs basis or parameters	Additional Comments
Luncheon Meeting	ICANN 66 & 67			

Subject Matter Expert Support:

ICANN Staff Community Liaisons for the CSG and the GAC would be invited to attend the luncheon and mix with all stakeholder groups. They would not be required to make a substantive presentation.

Technology Support: (telephone, Adobe Connect, web streaming, etc.)

N/A

Language Services Support:

N/A

Other:

Catering of Luncheon – We are not proposing a "lavish spread." Rather, all participants likely would welcome a modest buffet luncheon (e.g., sandwiches, salad, fruit) that could be gathered reasonably quickly and thus enable all to sit at tables and make the most of the luncheon break to chat informally.

Travel Support:

N/A

Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution: