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

Priority #2

REQUEST INFORMATION

Title of Proposed Activity	
Registries Stakeholder Group request for travel support for seven (7) participants to attend the 2020 GDD Summit (currently scheduled to be held late spring/early summer 2020).	

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REQUEST DESCRIPTION

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

As the sixth full year since the launch of new gTLDs approaches, 1,200 new gTLDs (92%) have been delegated and the contracts of 98% have been signed. Since the start of the new gTLD Program Application Process, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) has expanded to a steady state membership of 81 Registry Operators with 369 participants and representing over 75% of the new gTLDs delegated and/or under contract with ICANN. The current demographics of our membership follows (as of January 2019):

Total Companies	Total Region	*Total R/O	Total Vote	Total Members	**Total Type
81	31 NA	80 R	67 Y	369	81 P
	35 EUR	0 O	15 N		77 A
	11 AP	2 A			121 O
	2 LAC				
	1 AF				

*R=Registry
*O=Observer
*A=Association

** P = Principal delegate
**A = Alternate delegate
**O = Other delegate

With the significant growth of the RySG, and the Contracted Party House (CPH) as a whole, coupled with the myriad of concurrent and critical activities currently in play within the ICANN community and, specifically, within the GNSO, the value-add from the first CPH GDD Summit held in 2015 in Los Angeles, followed by the May 2016 Summit in Amsterdam, the 2017 Summit in Madrid, and 2018 Summit in Vancouver has continued to be evident. The agenda for the 2019 Summit, scheduled for May in Bangkok, is currently being fleshed out and there is every expectation on the part of the RySG (CPH) and ICANN GDD staff that the Summit will be productive in moving through the challenges of the coming year by providing a productive and constructive forum for focused hands-on, in-person working sessions to address the critical issues currently facing the Registry Operators and ICANN Org.

The RySG respectfully requests that ICANN supports seven (7) travel slots for RySG participation in the planned 2020 CPH GDD Summit. The RySG Executive Committee will closely monitor any travel requests submitted by requiring the requestors to demonstrate their need, provide a statement of interest, indicate how they can benefit by participation and commit to actively participate in the Summit as well as taking an active role in any follow-on activities from the Summit.

The travel support currently provided to the RySG for members to participate in the three (3) ICANN meetings each year has clearly demonstrated a growth in new member participation and mentoring, a high level of participation in working groups and other critical efforts within the RySG and broader CPH. There is every expectation this same outcome will be realized by providing those members who are otherwise unable to attend the 2020 GDD Summit with travel support funding. Such funding will afford them an opportunity to engage in the focused and outcome-driven sessions, to enhance their knowledge base of topics most directly focused on the RySG (and CPH), and ultimately provide further volunteer participation in on-going and ever expanding critical activities within the RySG, GNSO and broader ICANN community.

In addition, this will allow us to develop and mentor leadership within the RySG, enable small registries or those with new business models to participate, and also provide the opportunity to reach out to those underserved geographic regions within the gTLD registries community and properly support their participation.

In summary, the RySG respectfully submits a request for unrestricted support of seven (7) travel slots to participate in the 2020 CPH GDD Summit.

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

Full travel support (airfare, hotel and per diem) for unrestricted travel for seven (7) slots as outlined above to attend the 2020 CPH GDD Summit.

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

This would be a recurring activity.

REQUEST OBJECTIVES

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

This request strategically aligns with:

1-Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice: expand stakeholders; engage with staff on performance; expand inclusion and orientation of new stakeholders; enhance global outreach.

2-Core Operations Including IANA: Internationalization; strengthen regional presence.

3-A Healthy Internet Governance Eco-System: increase stakeholder diversity and cross-stakeholder work; ease of global participation; retain and support existing community while attracting new and diverse community members; increase contributions to international forums; increase technical community communication and collaboration; widen international engagement; enhance communications, accessibility and participation via enhanced tools.

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

Based on the individuals who may benefit from this opportunity, this request could potentially benefit any one of the five principal geographic regions. In addition to requirements that any individuals granted travel support funding be active in RySG activities and in topics/issues/working groups for the Summit, the RySG will continue to adhere to self-imposed guidelines for individuals requesting support to travel to the Summit.

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

1. Active participation at the GDD Summit by individuals who otherwise could not attend due to funding constraints.
2. More geographic diversity in RySG participation including from underserved regions.
3. More diversity in terms of types of businesses participating in the Summit (i.e., small registry, geographic TLDs, community TLDs, etc.).
4. Expanding the resource pool for the RySG in GNSO policy development efforts including preparing potential new leaders.

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

1. Increase in the number of participants.
2. Improved geographic diversity of RySG participants.
3. Addition of participants who have previously not been able to attend GDD Summits in person.
4. To ensure that the RySG requirements for receiving travel support are met and to measure the metrics above, the RySG Executive Committee will conduct a follow-on assessment/review of those funded travelers.

RESOURCE PLANNING – INCREMENTAL TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST

Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise):

Description	Timeline	Assumptions	Costs basis or parameters	Additional Comments
None				

Subject Matter Expert Support:

None

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

None

Language Services Support:

None

Other:

None

Travel Support:

As outlined above, request for funding (airfare, hotel and per diem) for seven (7) participants to be used in accordance with the guidelines of the RySG.

Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution:

None known at this time. However, again emphasis is made on the fact that it is the RySG's practice to invite participants who request travel support if they could not otherwise attend/participate.