ICANN Public Meeting Strategy Survey

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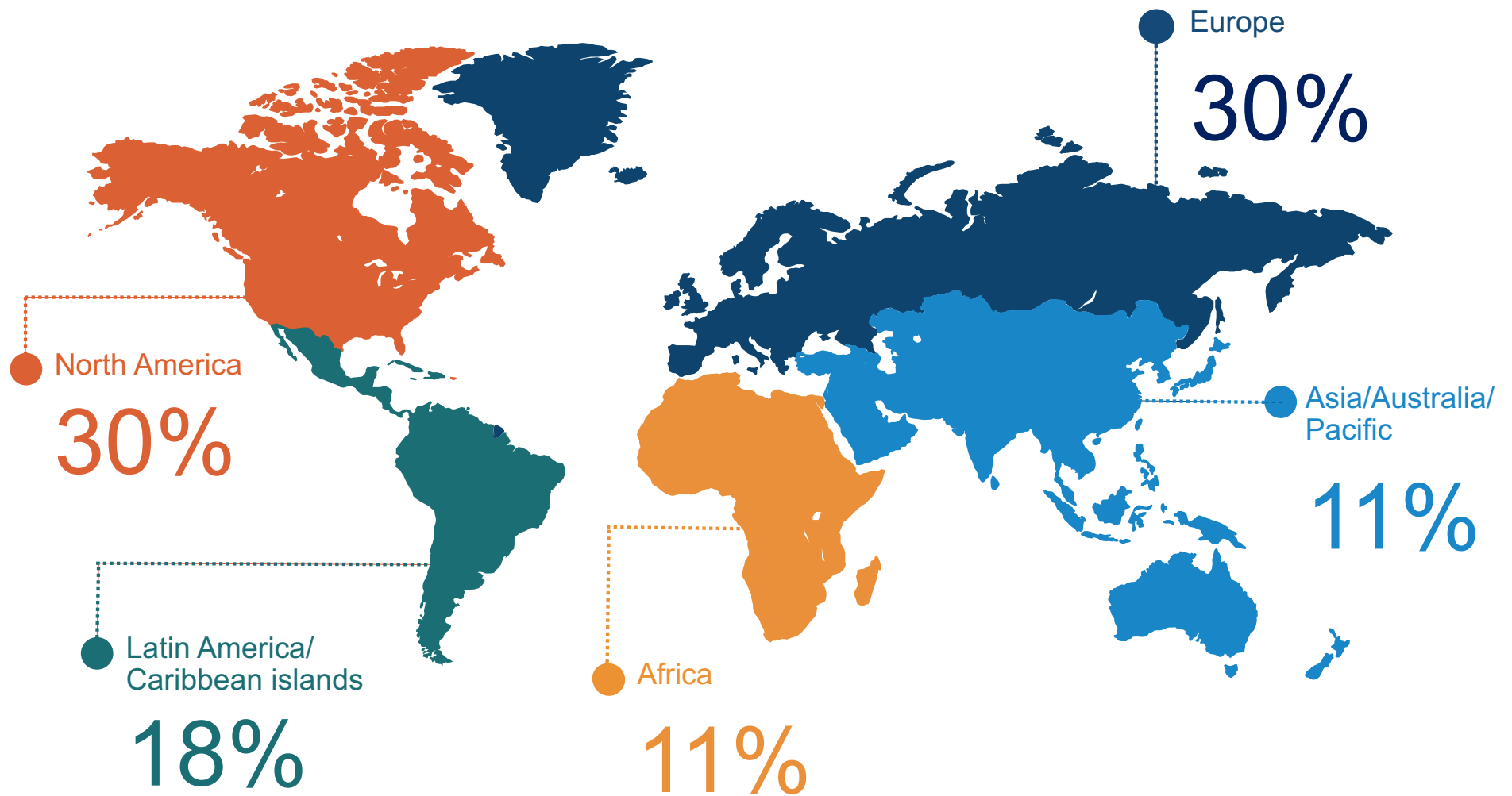
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176
Participants

SSAC
4%

ALAC
27%

GNSO
39%

ccNSO
15%

RSSAC
1%

GAC
14%

Participation by Group

Survey Participation by Region

Europe
30%

North America
30%

Asia/Australia/Pacific
11%

Latin America/Caribbean islands
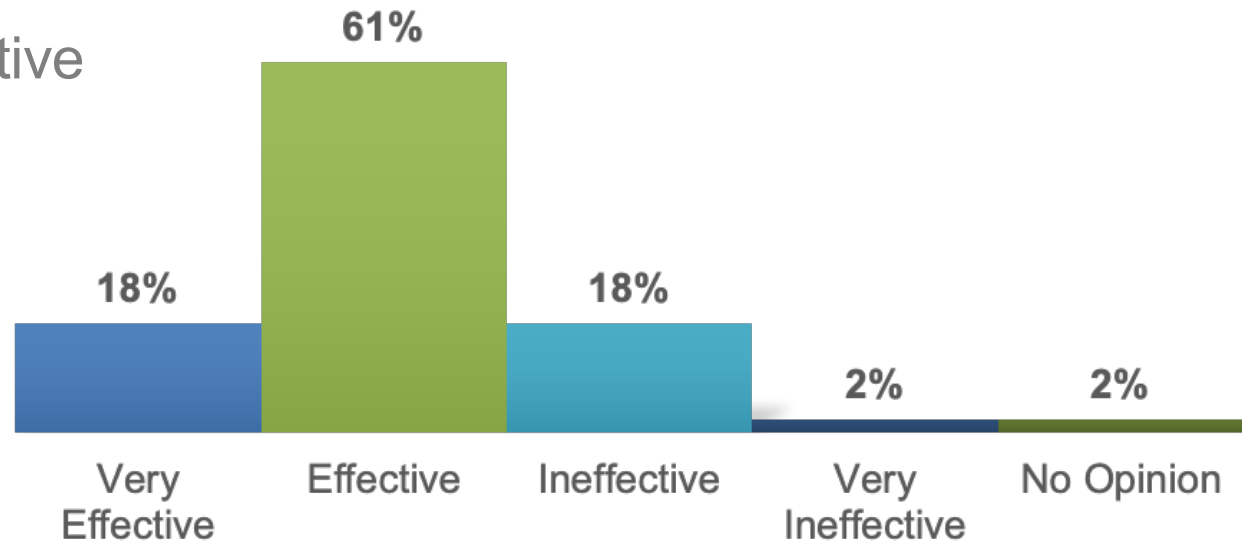**18%**

Africa
11%

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Q3: How effective is the ICANN Public Meeting yearly structure, with one Community Forum in March, one Policy Forum in June, and one AGM in October?

79%

Effective or Very Effective

18%	61%	18%	2%	2%
Very Effective	Effective	Ineffective	Very Ineffective	No Opinion

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Q4. How can the yearly format be improved?

*"We should **look at the objectives** and what we really need to achieve during these meetings. Should not just be a 'state of play' recalling the various issues, each meeting should have **added value**."*
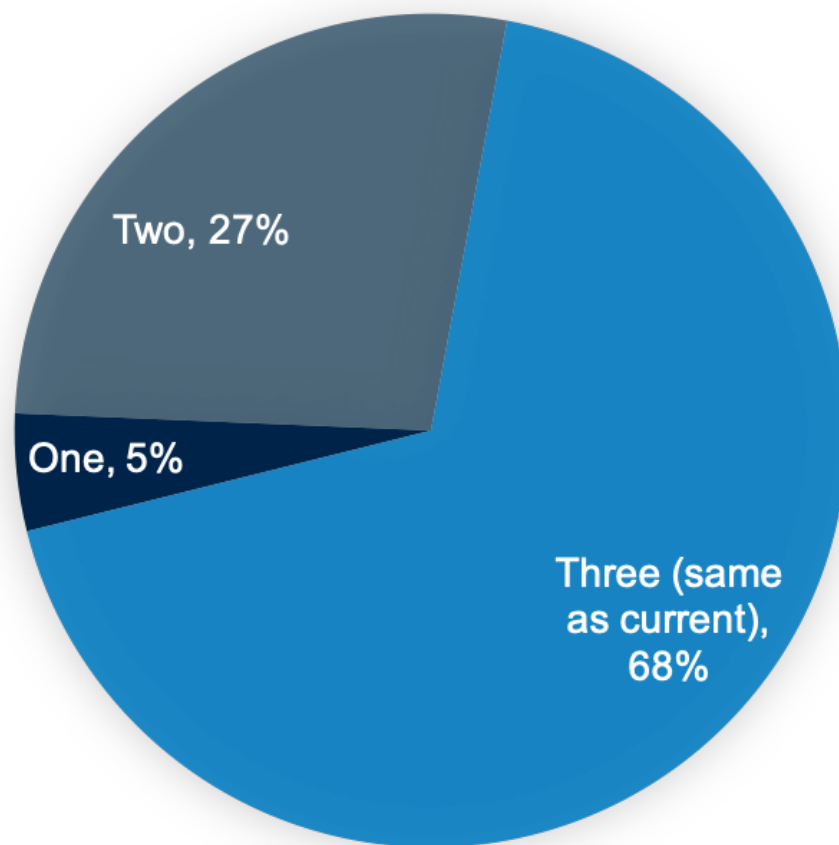
*"The format is very ineffective for virtual meetings - the meeting itself should be **a light event**, with a few key meetings. All other sessions should be spread over the year."*

*"In the current situation of the pandemic, the virtual meetings should be improved. There should be **more emphasis on the inter-sessional work** that is spread out to pare down the length of time of a complete gathering of the ICANN community."*

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Q5. How many public meetings should be held each year?

"Although the structure is by and large effective, it does not mean that it could not be made more effective - for instance by reducing the global meetings to two and increasing the number of specialized events - either by topic or by geographic location."
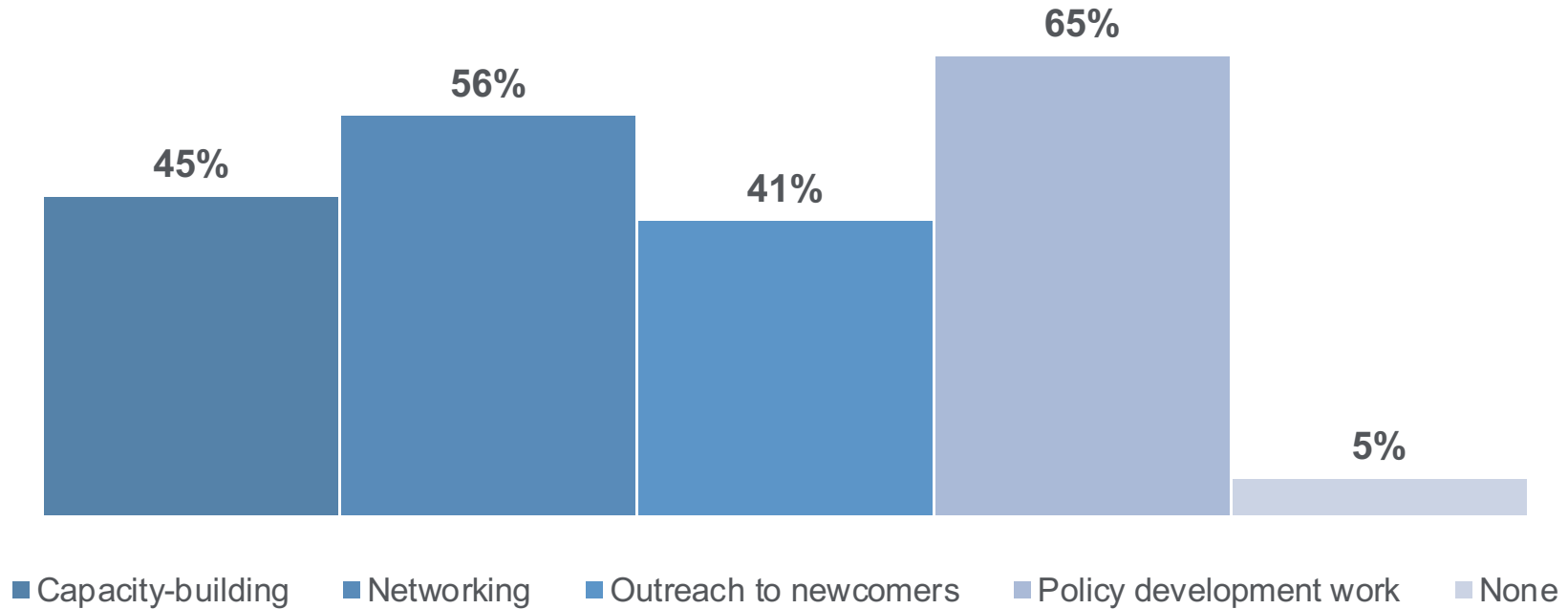

Two, 27%

One, 5%

Three (same as current), 68%

"The total number of meetings per year is less important than ensuring that the individual meetings are structured in a way to accomplish the work the community needs to do. Allowing sufficient time for policy work is critical."

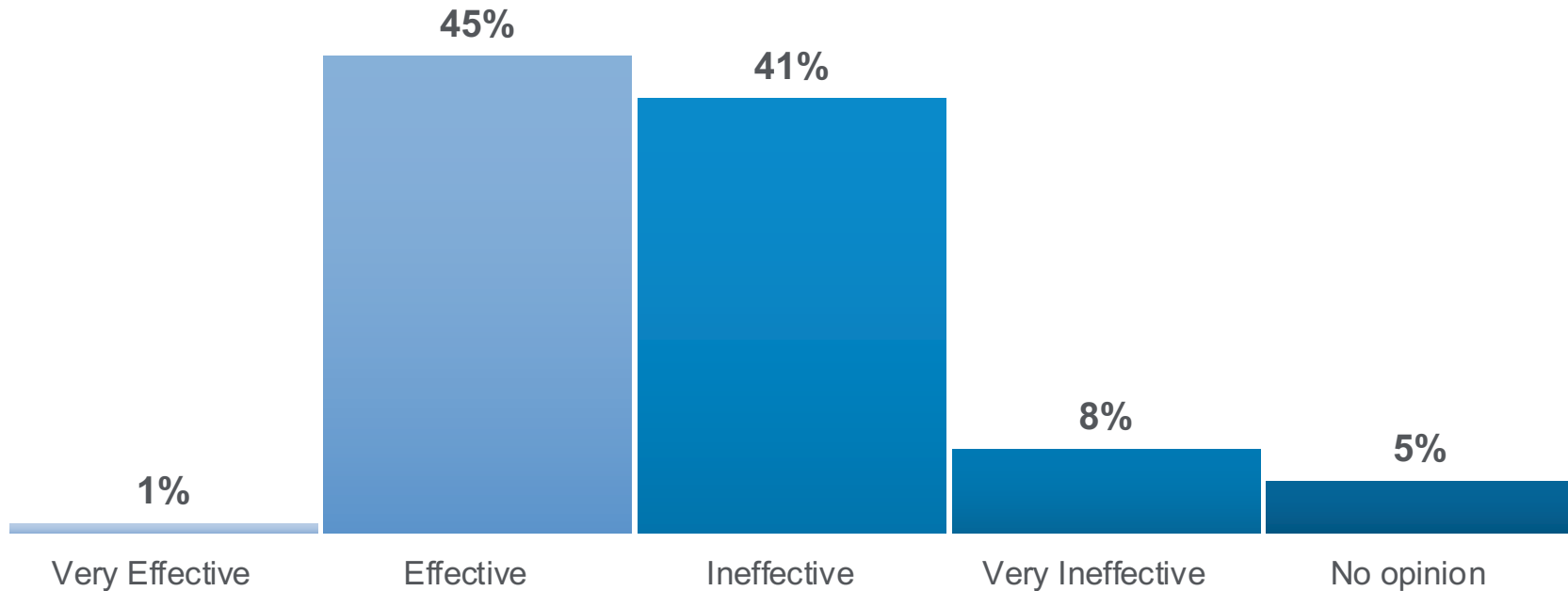*"One face-to-face, one virtual."*

Q6. What aspects of the meeting should we focus on improving?

- Capacity-building: 45%
- Networking: 56%
- Outreach to newcomers: 41%
- Policy development work: 65%
- None: 5%

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Q7: How effective is the virtual format to accomplishing your meeting goals?

Bar chart:
- Very Effective: 1%
- Effective: 45%
- Ineffective: 41%
- Very Ineffective: 8%
- No opinion: 5%

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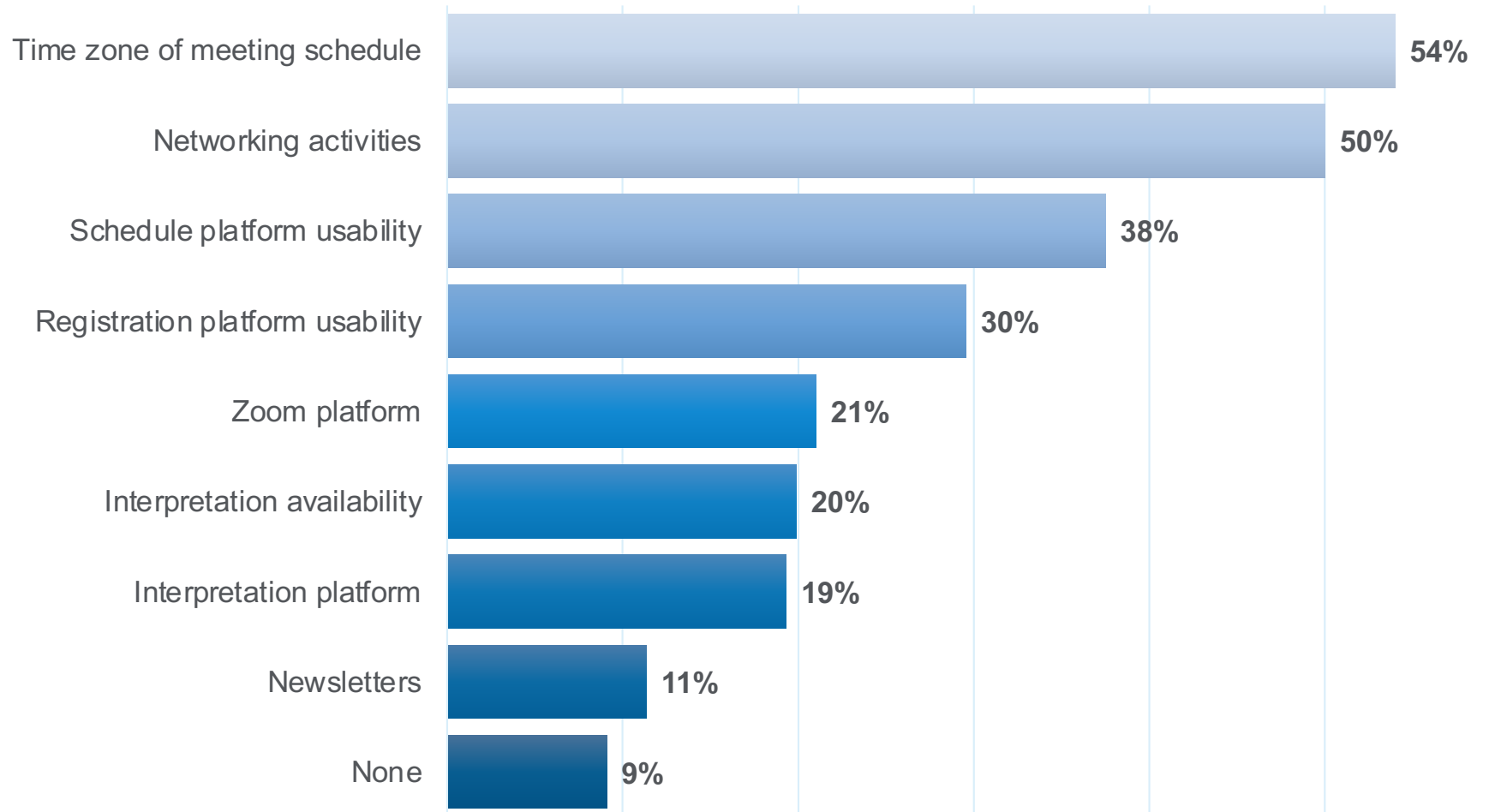## Q8. How can the virtual format be improved?

"Distribute material in advance, have pre-sessions in small groups, have a strategy to include new participants...."

"Many sessions on the last meeting could have been previously recorded and taken out of the meeting schedule. That alone could leave room for both reducing the duration of the meeting and for focusing on topics which require discussion."

"Reduce length of meeting since time zone is a challenge as well as commitments to the meetings while attending to both professional and personal everyday commitments."

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Q9: Which Virtual Public Meeting feature(s) or platform(s) need improvement?

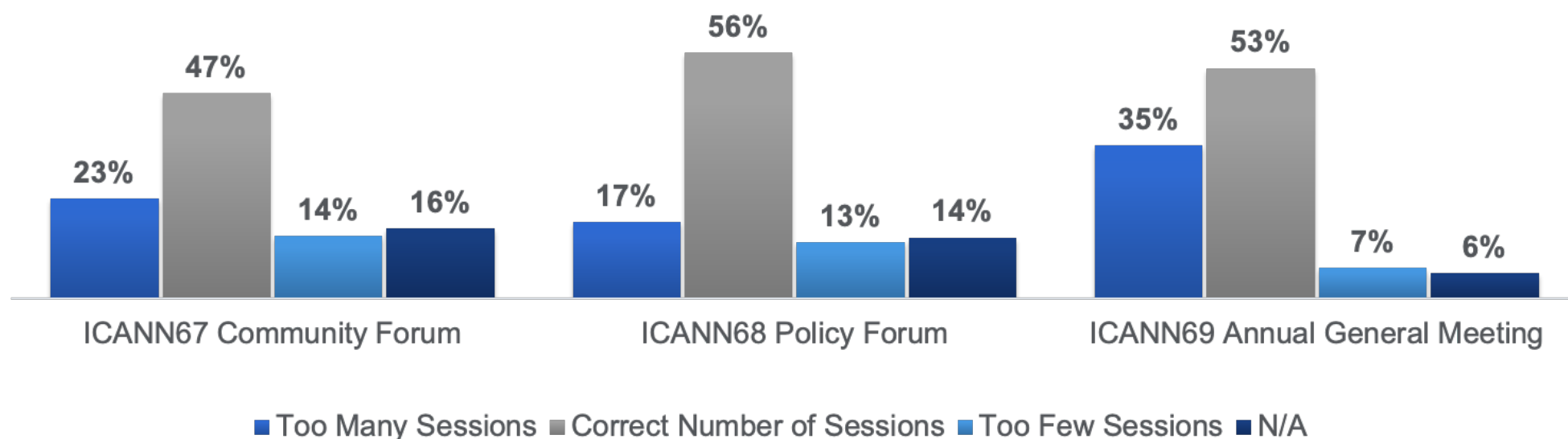| Feature	Percentage
Time zone of meeting schedule	54%
Networking activities	50%
Schedule platform usability	38%
Registration platform usability	30%
Zoom platform	21%
Interpretation availability	20%
Interpretation platform	19%
Newsletters	11%
None	9%

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**Q10: For the individual sessions at ICANN Virtual Public Meetings, rank the features that are most important to you.
(1 = most important, 9 = least important)**
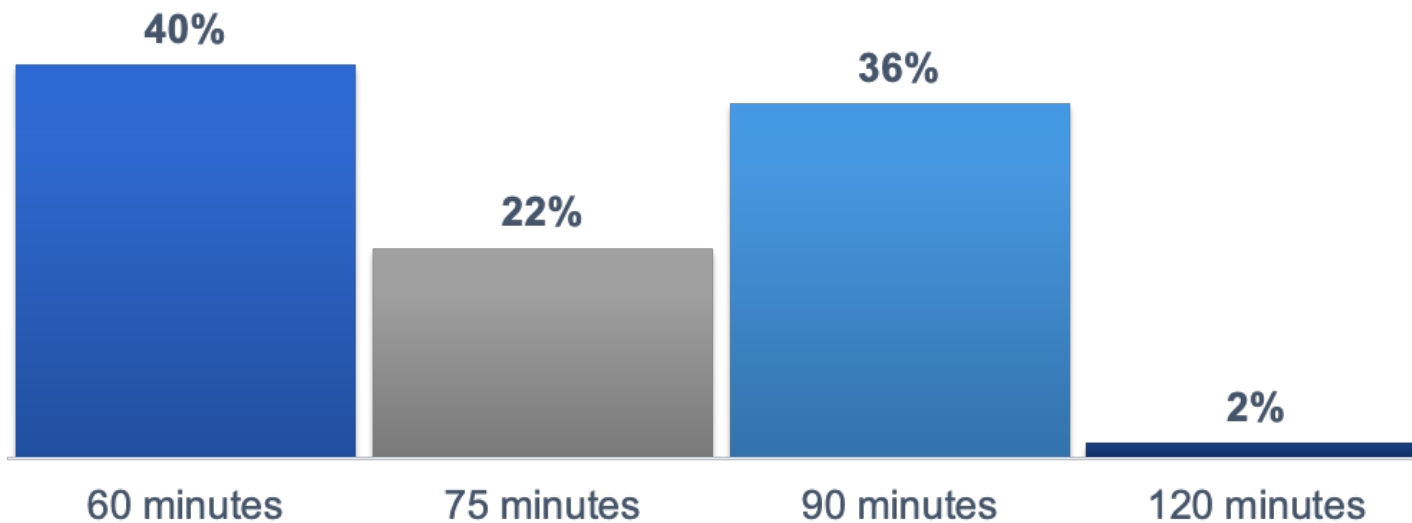
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Q11: How would you characterize the number of sessions scheduled for each of the following ICANN Virtual Public Meetings?

	ICANN67 Community Forum	ICANN68 Policy Forum	ICANN69 Annual General Meeting
Too Many Sessions	23%	17%	35%
Correct Number of Sessions	47%	56%	53%
Too Few Sessions	14%	13%	7%
N/A	16%	14%	6%

■ Too Many Sessions ■ Correct Number of Sessions ■ Too Few Sessions ■ N/A

"The problem is not the number of sessions. The problem is the number of simultaneous sessions."

"Meeting 69 should have been compressed to less days, not necessarily less sessions."

Q12: What is the ideal length of an individual session?

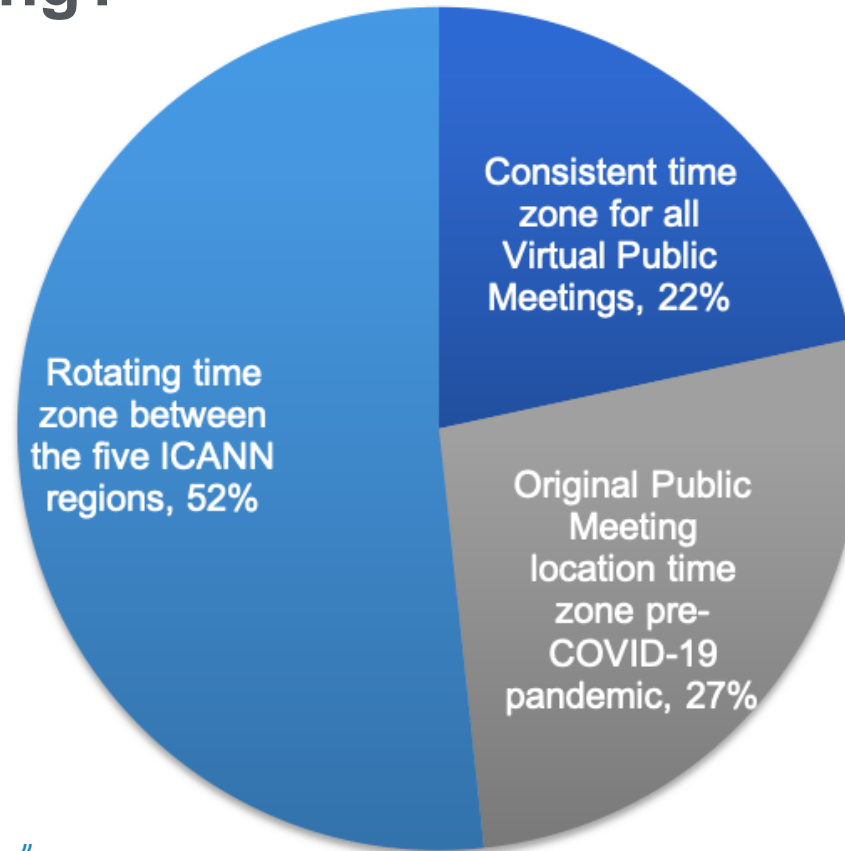| Session length	Percentage
60 minutes	40%
75 minutes	22%
90 minutes	36%
120 minutes	2%

"There is no common ideal length of an individual session. Session lengths should naturally vary based upon the format and nature of the individual session."

"60 min of presentation and 15 min Q&A. FIKA sessions work really good to relax and refresh your mind."

Q13: What should drive the time zone of the virtual public meeting?

Consistent time zone for all Virtual Public Meetings, 22%

Rotating time zone between the five ICANN regions, 52%

Original Public Meeting location time zone pre-COVID-19 pandemic, 27%
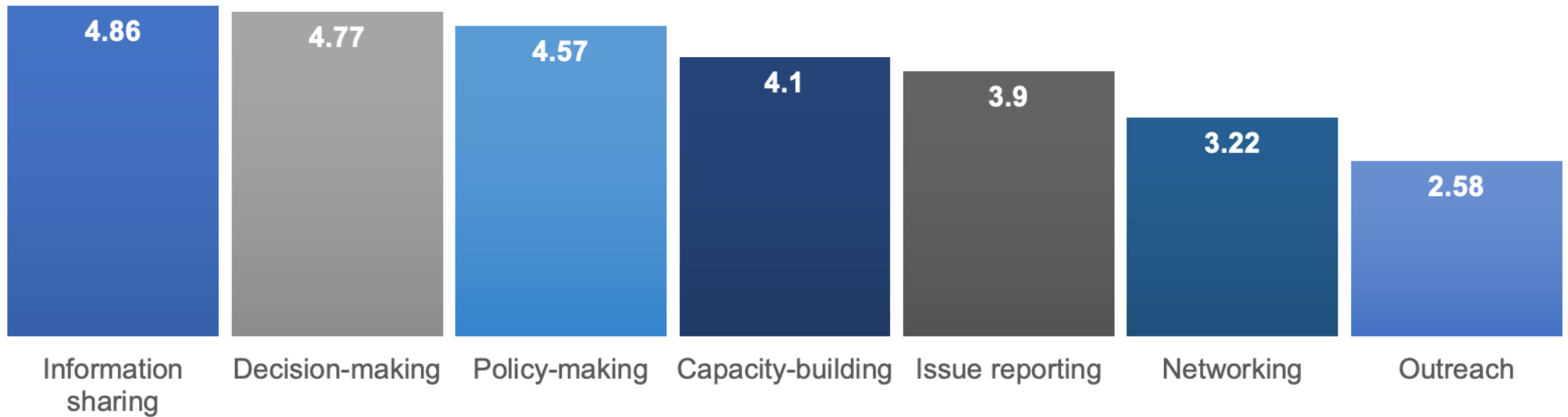
"Rotating seems fairer, despite inconveniences."

"Have 3 zones - Americas, EMEA, Asia/Pacific."

"Find a time zone that is the least painful to the largest number of meeting attendees."
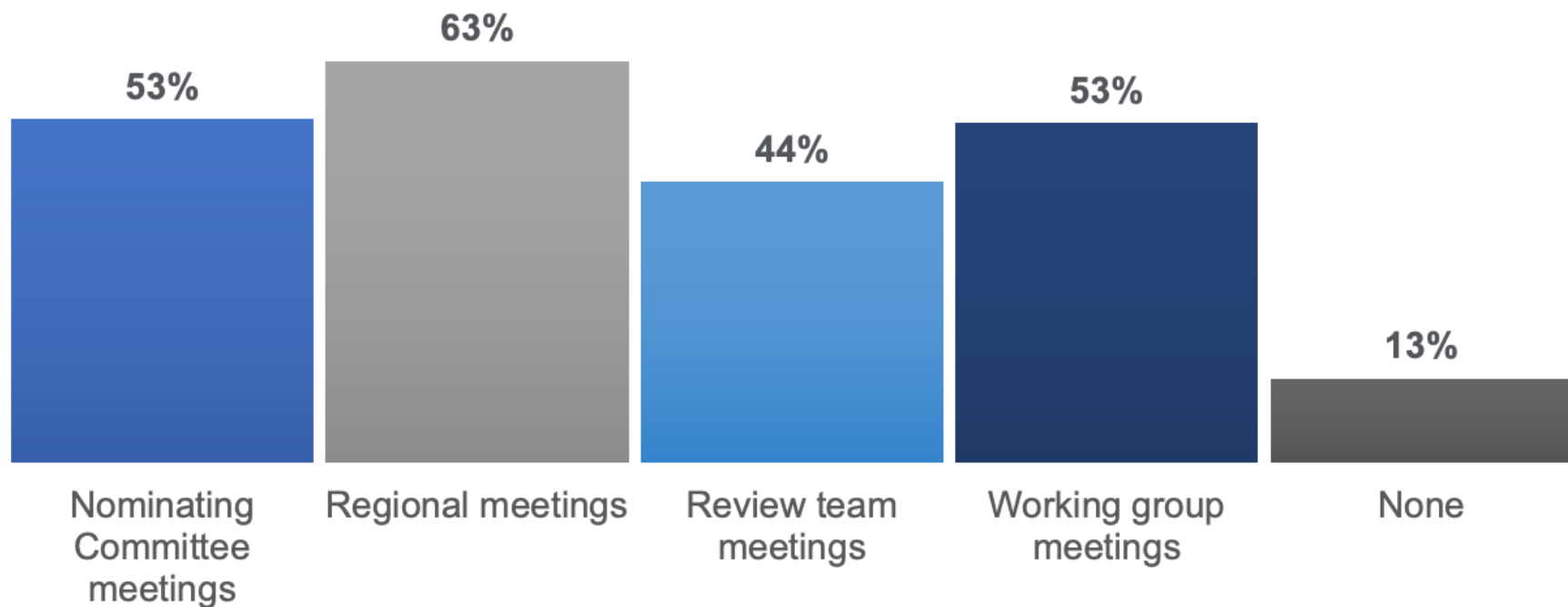
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Q14: Rank (by importance) which activities should take place during ICANN Virtual Public Meetings?

Information sharing	Decision-making	Policy-making	Capacity-building	Issue reporting	Networking	Outreach
4.86	4.77	4.57	4.1	3.9	3.22	2.58

Q15: Which of the following session types, if any, do you think should take place outside the official dates for an ICANN Virtual Public Meeting?

Nominating Committee meetings	Regional meetings	Review team meetings	Working group meetings	None
53%	63%	44%	53%	13%

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Q16: Rank the inputs (by importance) that should govern the ICANN Board's decision-making process on whether to hold a Public Meeting, in-person or virtually.

1	2	3
Health and safety	Ability of majority of people worldwide to travel freely	Community input

Q17: Under what circumstances would you choose to participate, in-person, at an ICANN Public Meeting?

Adequate ventilation of meeting facilities	46%
Availability of Travel Insurance	42%
Majority of worldwide COVID-19 travel restrictions lifted	75%
Return to normal (pre-COVID-19) living and working conditions	47%
Vaccine widely available	60%
Unsure	5%

Q18: Select the requirement(s) below that you would agree to follow to attend an ICANN Public Meeting, in-person.

Maintain physical distance throughout the meeting	73%
Share personal health information (reporting of symptoms, COVID-19 test status, etc.)	59%
Submit to daily health screenings before entry to meeting facility	73%
Wear a mask throughout the meeting	77%
None of the above	9%
Unsure	7%

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Comments

"Virtual meetings are all of the work and almost none of the enjoyment. They are a necessary evil, and we should return to in-person meetings when the science and public health consensus says we can."

"I'm pretty much zoom'ed out."

"The virtual format is just about working in the short term, but we need to move back to three physical meetings per year as soon as it is possible."

"Looking forward to in-person meetings again. Understand that these are tough decisions and ICANN has done a great job of handling things to date."

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