

# ICANN Draft Operating and Financial Plan FY2023

Possible comments

# General

- Appreciate navigational improvement
- Reinstate strategic goals and targeted outcomes that formed part of the text re: operating initiatives – Appendix B is not a substitute
- Reinstate 5yr financial estimate (also previously part of the operating initiatives)
- Appreciate the 5-yr roadmap and suggest that such a tool could be useful in tracking progress in other areas

# Reporting

- More and regular reporting on progress towards meeting the MSM issues is needed.
- No single source of info re: progress on MSM issues and no strategy to recognize community-led efforts
- (this was a suggestion we made last year)

# Evaluation and progress tracking

- Must include qualitative as well as quantitative measures. Numbers alone only tell part of the story
- (suggestion also made last year)

# FY23-27 Operating Plan

- Operating Initiative: Evolve and strengthen the MSM to facilitate diverse and inclusive participation in policymaking: scope
- Planning for and implementing wholistic review pilot
- Should be completed before ICANN74 so that the actual review can begin
- Documenting community efforts to enhance diversity
- Education and support mechanisms to better use the diversity we have, esp. In At Large – more accessible entry points to participation

# FY23-27 Operating Plan cont'd

- Operating Initiative: Evolve and strengthen the MSM to facilitate diverse and inclusive participation in policymaking: scope
- Evaluating progress made on community-led initiatives (Oct.2020 paper) to determine additional work needed
- At large is anxious to co-operate but looking for the plan that would get such work underway

# FY23-27 Operating Plan (con'd)

- Operating Initiative: Evolve and strengthen ICANN community's decision-making processes to ensure efficient and effective policy making (scope)
- Re: additional work required to improve community processes re: MSM issues
- How and when will this evaluation of process take place?

# FY23-27 Operating Plan (con'd)

## Functional Activities: Policy Development and Advice

Seek explanation of discrepancy between FY22 activity to add a program manager to support the evolution of MSM and the current proposal in FY23 to add 3 positions to support research and analysis as it relates to policy development and advice. (p.58). **Are these in addition to or instead of the program manager position to support the MSM evolution?**



# FY23 Operating Plan

## Functional Activities: Policy Development and Implementation Support

Activity: Evaluating the progress made in relation to the specific community-led initiatives previously identified in the paper "Enhancing the Effectiveness of the MS model". (p.185)

As already mentioned, **we would like to see regular reports showing progress (or not) in this area**

# FY23 Operating Plan (con'd)

- Functional Activities: Community Engagement and Services: Public Responsibility and Support
- \$1.7M allocated to these initiatives designed to increase diversity and lower barriers to participation. This directly addresses various MSM issues\* and dovetails with various recommendations from WS2. Funding in this area should be increased to \$2.2M with \$.5M made available for special education and recruitment programs suggested by the community.
- recruitment, demographics, representativeness and inclusiveness,

# FY23 Operating Plan (cont'd)

## Functional Activities: Community Engagement and Services: Public Responsibility and Support (con't)

- Education tools such as Internet Governance Schools -- both in-person and virtual – and the volunteers who organize them should be supported. These activities provide group experience and have been very successful in educating potential recruits -- particularly for civil society and end user constituencies. ICANN Learn does not provide the same start-up motivation.