FY23 COMMUNITY REQUEST FORM

The deadline for consideration as part of the Fiscal Year 2023 ABR process is Monday, 24 January 2022.

 Please send completed request forms to planning@icann.org. Every question is required. Incomplete requests will not be considered.

PRIORITY #2

REQUEST INFORMATION

Title of Proposed Activity

Registries Stakeholder Group request for travel support for one (1) additional travel slots to participate in the ICANN Public Meetings in FY23 (thus bringing the total number of supported travelers to eight (8) in total). (schedule/location TBD)

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REQUEST DESCRIPTION

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

Since the 2012 round of New gTLDs, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) has expanded to a steady state membership and currently has 79 Registry Operators with 335 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 2021):

Total Companies	Total Region	*Total R/O	Total Vote	Total Members	**Total Type
79	28 NA	77 R	65 Y	335	78 P
	34 EUR	1 O	14 N		75 A
	12 AP	2 A			141 O
	2 LAC				
	1 AF				

*R=Registry
*O=Observer
*A=Association
** P = Principal delegate
**A = Alternate delegate
**O = Other delegate

With the continued 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 importance of strong attendance, in person, at ICANN meetings remains unmistakeable; regrettably with the new cadence of virtual ICANN meetings, and the cancellation of in person community engagement over the past 2+ years, this has undoubtedly impacted the opportunity for meaningful engagement within our diverse membership. Given the extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances of the past 2+ years, provided the opportunity to return to face to face meetings, we do believe it shall be of critical importance to the CPH and ICANN, to supporting a return to strong and broad attendance at these important in-person meetings, working sessions and events, so that we can seek to address many critical issues currently facing our industry.

The RYSG wishes to encourage, as best as possible, the broadest and most inclusive participation from all our members at these important community driven meetings, from across the full spectrum of our diverse membership. Even as global travel becomes more feasible, we recognize that travelers are likely to face enhanced restrictions and potential additional costs for travel for the foreseeable future as Covid remains a factor. These increased costs may tend to disincentivize diverse attendance. The availability of additional travel slots, will be of objective aid and especially benefit those members who truly would like to attend, if not for the potential additional costs incurred.

As such the RySG would like to request that ICANN supports a further one (1) travel slot for RySG participation for the ICANN Public Meetings during FY23 (Thus bringing the total number of slots available to eight (8)). 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 resulted in 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. We wish to maintain and support such participation for those who are otherwise unable to attend, without travel support funding. Such funding will afford them this valuable opportunity to engage in the in-person focused and outcome-driven sessions, to enhance their knowledge base of topics 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 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 one (1) additional travel slot to participate in the ICANN Public Meetings in FY23 (thus bringing the total number of supported travelers to eight (8)).

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 one (1) additional travel slots to participate in the ICANN Public Meetings in FY23 (thus bringing the total number of supported travelers to eight (8)).

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?

Strategic Objective: Improve the effectiveness of ICANN's multistakeholder model of governance.

Strategic Goal: Strengthen ICANN's bottom-up multistakeholder decision-making process and ensure that work gets done and policies are developed in an effective and timely manner.

Strategic Goal: Support and grow active, informed, and effective stakeholder participation.

Strategic Goal: Improve the shared responsibility for upholding the security and stability of the DNS by strengthening DNS coordination in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

Strategic Objective: Address geopolitical issues impacting ICANN's mission to ensure a single, globally interoperable Internet.

Strategic Goal: Continue to build alliances in the Internet ecosystem and beyond to raise awareness of and engage with global stakeholders about ICANN's mission and policymaking.

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 ICANN Public Meetings the RySG will continue to adhere to self-imposed guidelines for individuals requesting support to travel to the ICANN Public Meetings.

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

1. Active participation at the ICANN Public Meetings 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 ICANN Public Meetings 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
n/a				

Subject Matter Expert Support:

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

Language Services Support:

Other:

Travel Support:

As outlined above, request for funding (airfare, hotel and per diem) for one (1) additional participant (bringing the total number of funded participants to eight(8)) to be used in accordance with the RySG Supported Traveler Guidelines.

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.