

# SUNDAR KSHATRIYA - Candidate Statement Of Interest

## SECTION A. Identification and Contact Information

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NONE

**Poll Heading:** 4a. Country/countries of citizenship  
INDIA

**Poll Heading:** 4b. Country/countries of residence  
INDIA

## SECTION B. Professional and Educational Background

**Poll Heading:** 1. Provide details of your current job, role, title, employer and affiliations

I am not employed in a salaried job. I spend time in Voluntary work as Consultant on Internet and Management subjects like arranging and giving lectures in Seminars, Workshops and meetings. No employer, No affiliation.

As such, I have no binding on my time and energy.

**Poll Heading:** 2. Describe your educational and professional history. Provide all information that you believe may be relevant to being an effective member of the ICANN Board

I am a Science Graduate and Post-Graduate in Engineering. I have membership of several professional bodies like Life Fellows and Fellows and relevant ones are described in Section 3 below.

Recently, I have also been honored as 'Chief Mentor' of Internet Society (ISOC) Bangalore Chapter ([www.isocbangalore.org](http://www.isocbangalore.org)).

Listed below is my Professional Career in chronological order. I started my career, after

Graduation, in Associated Cement Company Limited in their Machine Building Plant and learnt the nuisances of working of a large publically managed enterprise. I contributed here to the modernization of equipments and accessories and my contributions were viewed as exemplary.

Thereafter, I worked as 'Rocket Scientist' in the then newly started Indian Space Research Organization, a Government of India Department of Space Organization. There, I had opportunity to work closely, in a small set-up, with Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the legendary Indian Scientist, who grew to become President of Indian Republic.

In the early stages, I organized and managed Development and Testing Facilities relating to rockets and its systems.

Over the years, I grew up as Space Scientist, Project Specialist and Management Expert. I handled several rocket, satellite and space related projects. One of the noteworthy projects was an Space Experiment that was launched on European SpaceLab 3 aboard a NASA Space Shuttle. During the period, I had opportunity to work at great length with NASA and other International Scientists and also in NASA laboratories. For a period, I joined Central Manufacturing Technology Institute, an organization of Government of India in Ministry of Industry in a senior position, responsible for half the departments in the Institute and next in line to Chief Executive. Therein, I modernized the departments, introduced new technologies and healthy work culture.

After successfully contributing in the above Institute, I took off from regular work and kept me busy in areas close to my heart as writing and in voluntary work particularly that related to Internet Society (ISOC) and ICANN.

Relevancy of my experience for being an effective member of ICANN Board: I am rated as a person of highest integrity who can be depended upon. My rise in the career and being successful has been largely due to my superb intelligence and sound judgment. My success and popularity with the subordinates and colleagues as well has been due to my quality of open mind and thoughtful group decision-making. Having worked at senior levels in Government and scientific/technical environment and exposed to sound governing principles, I am confident to contribute immensely in ICANN Board work.

In my career in Space Research, I had an opportunity to work with International scientists and project managers. In the early years of my careers, I had interaction with American, European, Russian and Japanese scientist who would come to Thumba (TERLS) to conduct their rocket experiments from the equatorial range as I used to provide them facilities and assist them in their work. Later, in other Space Projects and in my SpaceLab project, I worked with groups of senior scientists and managers where lot of give and take was required. I have been successful in group decision-making at senior levels with International participants.

Both in my career in India, as well as in International forums, I have been exposed to working with diverse set of interest-groups on complex issues and have been successful in building consensus among such groups.

More of it is detailed in Section 3 below.

I have great command of English language. Not only that I have studied and have used it in day to day work, I am a popular writer and author in English language. It's a medium of communication within my family and friends. With my travels abroad and working with people of English background, I have good command over communication in the language. I am good at making draft, correcting and improving on other's reports and putting a viewpoint clearly and precisely. Websites cited by me point to my keen eye on correcting submissions even from experts and consultants alike.

**Poll Heading:** 3. Describe any current and past volunteer community positions, roles and accomplishments. We are particularly interested in similar Board directorship and committee experience

Presently, I have voluntary positions both in Internet Society (ISOC) and ICANN. I am an early Global Member of ISOC and have been honored as 'Chief Mentor' of recently approved (June 2010) ISOC Bangalore Chapter ([www.isocbangalore.org](http://www.isocbangalore.org)). I had played singular role in organizing and getting approval of Bangalore Chapter. At the moment, I am busy guiding the Chapter Committee in planning and organizing activities for the Chapter.

I am at present member of ICANN's 'GNSO Improvement' committee too. Other involvements, including board level in ISOC and ICANN are given below at the end of this section.

I am also a Committee Member of a local organization called 'ASHWASAN' ([www.ashvasan.org](http://www.ashvasan.org)). This organization works for the aged and lonely. I have long years of involvement in voluntary work with civil organizations, particularly of engineering and scientific organization in India. Some of the details, including Board level positions (here we call committee membership positions) are detailed below.

I am Life Fellow of The Institution of Engineers (India) ([www.ieindia.org](http://www.ieindia.org)), a mammoth organization of engineers and scientists in India having more than 100,000 members. I had been a Member of Executive Committee of Karnataka State Center of IE (India) for 18 long years (Management of IE is organized into State Centers, the geographical units of the country). I led a particular Engineering Discipline in the committee.

During these 18 years, I was Joint Secretary of the Committee for two terms of total 4 years. I am Life Fellow of Indo-French Technical Association (IFTA) and have been Founder-Secretary of Karnataka Chapter of IFTA. I served as Committee Member for a number of terms. IFTA is composed of those engineers and scientists who have taken training in France. Ten percent of membership is open to 'other eminent persons'. I being one such person was invited to join IFTA and organize Karnataka Chapter.

I am Life Member of Computer Society of India (CSI) and was represented in the Committee of Karnataka Chapter (called Bangalore Chapter – ([www.csibc.org](http://www.csibc.org)) for two terms.

I am Life Fellow of Astronautical Society of India (<http://www.asindia.org/>) for a long time.  
More on ISOC and ICANN:

I am a Global Member of ISOC for a long time. During those days, ISOC used to send circulars inviting feedback from its members on policy, program and budgetary matters. I used to participate and give my suggestions on these matters and will enter into one-to-one

communication with ISOC staff. I will also be in touch with other ISOC Chapters. Chairman of Chicago Chapter, a professor in Ohio University was such a person who was very active at the time in ISOC matters and we both used to exchange our opinions and discuss matters of interest to development of Internet.

I was invited to be a member of "ISOC Advisory Council" on the suggestion of that particular member. I served as AC Member for two terms during the years 2002-2007. It was the period when Public Interest Registry ([www.pir.org](http://www.pir.org)) was organized to manage .ORG registry. I have been, as part of AC, seized with laying down policy, programs and outreach programs for PIR. I had served as Chair of a sub-committee for a term and Vice-Chair of another sub-committee for one term.

Later, I served as Committee Member of ISOC Sphere project that worked for formulating policies for smooth communication between Chapter to Chapter at one hand and between Chapter and ISOC at the other. I had substantial and singular contribution in this area. I have been subscribing to ICANN mailing lists since about 2004 and have been participating regularly in Public Opinion and other matters called for—culminating to my membership in 'GNSO Improvements'.

**Poll Heading:** 4. List any relevant personal or professional web pages

(In most of ISOC documents and links, my name appeared as S. S. Kshatriy, taken from my yahoo id. In some other places, it appeared as S. S. Kshatriy as well as S. S. Kshatriya)

Google search of S. S. Kshatriy

<http://www.google.co.in/#hl=en&sa=X&ei=FmSCTIWod4jKccr1vLML&ved=0CBwQvgUoAA&q=S.+S.+Kshatr+iy&nfpr=1&fp=9b6eac6c91f48023>

--and Google search of S. S. Kshatriya

[http://www.google.co.in/#hl=en&source=hp&q=S.+S.+Kshatriy&btnG=Google+Search&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=S.+S.+Kshatriy&gs\\_rfai=&fp=9b6eac6c91f48023](http://www.google.co.in/#hl=en&source=hp&q=S.+S.+Kshatriy&btnG=Google+Search&aq=f&aqi=&aql=&oq=S.+S.+Kshatriy&gs_rfai=&fp=9b6eac6c91f48023)

--throw good light on my contributions, my writings, my board memberships and my suggestions on various matters.

## **SECTION C. Internet Involvement and Interest in ICANN**

**Poll Heading:** 1. Describe how you meet the criteria for the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position

Requirements for the Board of Director's position can be broken down in four sections, namely: ICANN Requirements, Non-Com Requirements, At-Large Requirements and Time Commitment. I will proceed to describe how I full-fill each one of it. I may be excused if you may see some repetition from previous sections,

#### ICANN Requirements:

I am rated as a person of highest integrity who can be depended upon. My rise in the career and being successful has been largely due to my superb intelligence and sound judgment. My success and popularity with the subordinates and colleagues as well, has been due to my quality of open mind and thoughtful group decision-making.

I am presently in the Working Group of 'GNSO Improvements', starting January 2009 having led a Task subgroup successfully. Incidentally, ICANN has given the responsibility of GNSO Improvements to GNSO itself and the working group is heavily represented by Supporting Organizations, I being the only external expert out of one dozen members. To start with, representatives of SOs took a stand as if they were there protecting the interests of their SOs and voting for 'no change'. I brought round the members to realize that they were there to follow ICANN guidelines and that they should look at the larger interests of GNSO and ICANN and long in future. And I was successful. I have been successful in past too in such situations.

I am well acquainted with ICANN mission and its policy and programs and also, how ICANN actions affect Internet community at-large. I am subscribed to various ICANN newsletters for a number of years. I have been taking part in 'Public Opinion' on a regular basis. I have also tried in past to contribute at committee levels and am presently represented one such committee-albeit at a lower level-"GNSO Improvements". My continued and un-wavering interest in ICANN work demonstrates that I am committed to its success. I belong to India, a country in Asia-Pacific region. India itself is a diverse nation with multitude of languages, cultures, religions and casts. Having born and educated in northern part of country and settled in South; I am a person exposed to diversity. Looking Internationally, I am well travelled and have worked in other countries with persons of various nationalities and culture. Added to this, I am an engineer, a rocket and space scientist, a project and management expert, a popular writer and author and an Internet Expert. I believe that I will represent broadest cultural and geographic diversity in ICANN Board.

Yes, I am familiar with various registries and registrars. My familiarity has come about while working as ISOC Advisory Council Member and formulating the policy and programs in the initial stages of Public Interest Registry ([www.pir.org](http://www.pir.org)), the registry that took over management of .ORG domain name. Later, while working in the committee of GNSO Improvements, I came across to work with representatives of various registries and other interest groups and understood their interests, requirement and stand.

Yes, I am willing to work as volunteer without any remuneration. My track record reveals that I have been working as volunteer for a long time and even along with demands of my career. I am now freer to devote time and energy.

I am at home in working with English language, both written and spoken. I have great command of English language. Not only that I have studied and have used it in day to day work, I am a popular writer and author in English language. It's a medium of communication within my family and friends. With my travels abroad and working with people of English background, I have good command over communication in the language. I am good at making draft, correcting and improving on other's reports and putting a viewpoint clearly and precisely. Websites cited by me

point to my keen eye on correcting submissions from experts and consultants alike.

**NomCom Requirements:**

I am committed to ICANN Mission and have demonstrated capacity for group decision making and sound judgment. This has been described above paragraphs in detail in this section.

Having worked at senior levels in Government and scientific/technical environment and exposed to sound governing principles, I am confident to contribute immensely in ICANN Board work. In addition to my professional career, I have held important positions at Board/Committee levels. I am exposed to and have been responsible in exercising powers, controlling assets, and conducting and directing business and affairs of voluntary bodies/Institutions.

**At-Large Requirement:**

I have been associated with ICANN, its functioning and issues for more than half a dozen years now, and am well aware of At-Large's structural, communications and decision-making processes. I am also aware of impact of ICANN's decisions on communities represented by At-Large.

I have demonstrated track record of working to build consensus with a diverse and conflicting set of interests working together on complex policy issues. This has been explained in detail in above paragraphs in this section.

**Time Commitment:**

I am aware of time and efforts needed in the work of ICANN Board Member. I am also aware that total involvement may exceed the one estimated as a Member may be called upon to represent in other committees/works not foreseen now. I am also aware that I have time and efforts to spare for the work as will be required in being an ICANN Board Member.

Presently, I am not employed in a salaried job and have no intention of taking any such assignment in future. I spend my time in Voluntary work as Consultant on Internet and Management subjects like arranging and giving lectures in Seminars, Workshops and meetings. No employer, No affiliation. As such, I have no binding on my time and energy. I am free to take out required time and efforts for the post of ICANN Board Member.

Even if my involvement exceeds the time estimated by ICANN, it wouldn't be a problem for me as I am willing to shoulder any such additional workload.

**Poll Heading:** 2. Describe current and past involvement in, contributions to, and leadership roles in activities and organizations involved in the development and operation of the Internet, its naming and addressing infrastructure and/or its security and stability

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**Poll Heading:** 3. Provide a statement about what you would contribute in the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position to ICANN and its mission

On being selected and before taking my seat in ICANN Board, I will enter in to consultation with retiring and past Board Members to understand the issues before the Board. About the same time and after taking seat, I will get briefings from concerned ICANN staff on the functioning of Board. Thereafter, it would be a continuing process of learning and contributing in consultation with other Board Members, going deeply in to the issues put up for discussions in the meetings and working in harmony with the Group.

I will draw upon from my experience of past involvement in similar matters and similar situations. I am aware that my responsibility shall be the interest of ICANN and its mission, and to keep in mind impact of our decisions in long run. I have no narrow views and interests to advance in the board and my endeavor will be to settle amicably any differing and conflicting issues.

I am confident that I will be successful and will be able to make singular contributions to the cause of ICANN as I have done elsewhere.

**Poll Heading:** 4. Provide a statement about what you would contribute in the At-Large selected ICANN Board Director position to the At-Large Community

In the event of my selection to ICANN Board, and before taking the seat in the Board, I will get in

touch with ALAC to familiarize myself with past ALAC Liaison to the Board and also current issues on which ALAC is keen to represent to the Board.

Thereafter, while being in touch with ALAC on continuing basis, I will work on such issues as running of IDNs, introduction of new gTLDs and fair and smooth transition from IPv4 to IPv6 whenever such issues are taken up in Board meetings, committees and other forums.

While keeping the mission and core values of ICANN in mind and not acting in a partisan way, it is possible to further the cause of At-Large community and act as their voice whenever and wherever there is an opportunity for me as a Board Member.

**Poll Heading:** 5. Please describe specifically how and why you will be able to advance, at the ICANN Board, the interests of the At-Large Community and the broader global community of Internet end-users

First, why I will do that? Answer is simple. It is not because they have selected me; it is because I am one of them. I have always thought myself as a simple (a bit informed) Internet User. I have worked earlier to that end in various forums and more particularly in my writings. (More on writings in section 6 below).

How?

As I will be in touch with ALAC, I will also keep in touch with At-Large Structures and RALOs. I will also try reaching of those multitudes of Internet Users who are not yet represented in At-Large. I will workout some two-way communication process that while I reach to them, they too can reach to me. This way, I will be able to gauge the current issues on which Internet Users wish to draw ICANN attention.

I am sure to be successful in serving the interest of Internet User Community as a whole.

**Poll Heading:** 6. Is there any additional information you would like to submit that would be helpful to the BCEC in making its decision? If so, please summarize it here

Yes. There is one small thing that reflects by make-up and success at the same time. I believe in the maxim that: 'Anything can be learned by Study'

And my own that: 'One can be successful in anything with study and hard work'.

Beyond this, I will like to detail my Internet Journey and how I served Internet Enthusiasts (not users at the time) and Internet Users.

I used to write in print media in India on science subjects on regular basis. When Internet started appearing in India in a small way in 2006, my publishers wanted me to contribute on Internet. I had an opportunity to travel to USA and study the subject starting from its beginning and its progress over the time. While I returned to India, my son, then a student in an American University kept me posted with the developments.

I then started writing articles and later columns in Indian print media suited to un-informed readership. I also started organizing lectures later seminars on the subject using the platforms



provided by Professional Bodies where I was represented in Committees. Thereafter, Web publications started in India and my thought provoking articles appeared in large numbers in Indian as well as foreign media.

I was recognized as 'Pioneer of Net Journalism in India'. I also penned a book on Indian Internet/Technology stalwarts in Silicon Valley; their biographical sketches and details of their work. Founder of Hotmail is such a person featured in the book that became huge success in India. It found market in US Universities and in other countries.