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Maryam Bakoshi: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. This is the NCUC discussion on special budget requests call on Tuesday 24 of January, 2017 at 1400 UTC. On the call today we have Farzaneh Badii, Rafik Dammak, Tapani Tarvainen, Tatiana Tropina. And on the phone bridge we've got Anna Loup. And from staff we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much. Over to you, Farzaneh.

Farzaneh Badii: Thank you, Maryam. So Farzaneh Badii speaking. And welcome to this meeting which is about, well, I kept calling it special budget request but it is actually additional budget request. And I think we are all familiar with what it is. We have to propose as to what kind of financial help we need to carry out our tasks for NCUC.

A couple of things that I should say before going through this proposal is that looking at the rules – and Rafik can kindly correct me if I say anything incorrect here – looking at the rules it seems that we cannot ask for direct

funding. For example, we cannot say that we want to pay an NCUC member to, for example, carry out this task.

This makes our – making the proposals more difficult because we have to think of other ways to incentivize the members to carry out the task. And when we are going through this document what we have to have in mind is how do we get support for NCUC in a way that can also get our members more engaged with us without asking for – to directly pay back.

So now Maryam has put the links up. You can see NCUC members additional budget request. You can click on that and you will see the NCUC request starting from Page 2. There are no page numbers and I'm going to fix that now. So what we do is I have so for the first suggestion it was the events.

The events that are mentioned here are either – can be covered by CROP, which is a program that is – that covers expenses for traveling for outreach. And – or they are like too soon – they are going to happen too soon so we cannot reach the financial – we cannot actually cover it by FY'18. So that is why, as you can see, I have struck out the events that we cannot cover, but it can be covered by the – by the CROP.

Now, I'm going to get rid of the other events but I'm going to consider – but we need to consider these for the future at PDPs. Okay so okay but as you can see there is the Internet Governance Forum that we can – that we can have. And we can – it's like in the past also Rafik has a couple of times submitted proposals for getting funding, travel to go to IGF meetings.

We have been successful in getting those requests approved. Before there were four travel – there were two travel slot in the proposal in the – last year proposal. But this year it is four slots. The reason behind this is that we have –

we had a very successful – we had a very successful event this year. And we want to be – we want to be even more successful in IGF 2017.

I have written – Tatiana and I worked on a description of what we want to do at IGF which is on page Number 8. If you can – and Rafik, it's great that you're here. I was wondering if you could help us with a couple of questions we have. Did everyone find page Number 8 and the IGF description? Okay.

You know, feel free to take the mic I mean, it's not – you don't have to put your hand up or anything. I don't think we're many people that will create noise conflict.

Okay, this is the IGF description, Page 8. No, no you don't have to. The question is that, Rafik, that we are wondering if – so especially the second question it says, “type of activity” whether it's outreach, education training, travel support, so we were thinking do we need to also say travel support because we are asking for travel or should we just say outreach and workshops and stuff like that?

Rafik Dammak: Can you hear me?

Farzaneh Badii: Yes.

Rafik Dammak: So...

Farzaneh Badii: We can hear you, Rafik.

Rafik Dammak: So it's basically outreach. I don't think we (unintelligible). We can use that – what we did before and that's (unintelligible) continuous outreach for NCUC and so on. But (unintelligible) use it travel support per se.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. Tatiana, your hand is up.

Tatiana Tropina: Yes, thanks. I don't know if we are recording this meeting but, Tatiana Tropina speaking for the record. What really got me puzzled is that when I look at the approved requests from the last fiscal year, I see that ICANN approved \$8000 for the IGF participation of the NCUC. So this is why I was wondering, is it a kind of travel money? Is it the kind of money which covers travel and comes like brochures printing and so on?

So do we actually have to put any money here, for example, travel support column, which goes in any request? Do we have to ask for specific amount of money there or is it up to ICANN to decide how much we would be given once they are approving this budget request if they approve it indeed? So this was my question because describing what we want to do, describing the deliverables is one thing. But, yes, as Farzaneh already said, is it the travel support or not? And second then, do we have to write the amount of money we are requesting or they are going to decide on their own? Thanks.

Farzaneh Badii: Thanks, Tatiana. So for the travel support it seems like Tapani said travel support is not the type of activity. So that's that. As your question, but I will re-confirm that with Rob. I can just confirm it with him because he has to also look at this proposal. And also Maryam might have an idea.

But as your second question, which is my question, and when I had the meeting with Rob and Benedetta, I asked them, so we had \$8000 approved and then we got two travel slots, or what that happened. He said that was the estimate that was done by the finance people. And it doesn't matter if you spend less. You ask for two travel slots and you've got two travel slots. That's what he told me.

So what we have to do here, that's why I thought it's better to increase the number of travel slots that we are asking for and not just mention any money. And then the other thing – the other thing that I am wondering if it's a good thing is just to be kind of project-based instead of doing it all the expenses, and how much we need because we really don't know.

That's my question to Rafik. And I think Tapani has done this as well. Is it okay if we just – the like project based proposals, provide project-based proposals that – and do not mention how much money we want for them and leave it to the finance to decide?

Rafik Dammak: Okay hello. I don't think you need to put an estimation about the budget. But just wondering jumping from two travel slots to four travel slots you need some specification why you need so more than usual because, for example, NCSG asked for three because we kind of argued that each chair will get the travel slot, something like that. So I think you need some justification why you need now four travel slots for outreach or something that we did before, we just get two so.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. Great, thank you. So we don't have to – we don't have to give money estimate, which is great because we are no expert in that. But the thing is the justification that we have for four travel is –well some of the members had to pay out of their pocket to come and do – and carry out NCUC tasks which we don't want to happen. And we also had – we were also very effective in the outreach activities. We had two workshops and we had a booth and we want to do all this. And as Tatiana says, we want to do even more.

So okay, well it does have guidelines and caps, I know, I understand that. I wrote that – I think I have copy pasted the principles. What they are going to

do is – I don't think – are they just going to – if they say oh this is too much travel so you're asking for are they just, you know, just say no to the whole thing or are they going to say, no, we give you two travel slots instead of four?

Tatiana Tropina: Yes, that's a very important question actually because if there would be a rejection because there are too many slots maybe it would be better to go for three, (unintelligible) four. Thanks.

Farzaneh Badii: So I can clarify that with Rob. So we will see. I think it's quite justifiable, to be honest, and also we have – we have used NCUC money before to fund our members and they are quite the event, as you saw, like Rachel was very active in crowd sourcing NCUC (unintelligible) there and also she's a – so I think we can justify it. The only risk would be that – the only risk that we don't want to face is if it gets rejected because we have asked too much like they reject the whole thing, but I can clarify that.

Rafik Dammak: So just as a reminder, the, I mean, the approval will be such that we – the workshop to be approved by the (MAG). So that's the thing, we are getting – we got the travel support before because the workshop. So I think, since we said an outreach and you want to add more folks attending, I think you need to describe more in details what kind of task or work they will do for outreach beyond the workshop. So something like that may be you need to elaborate more in the – I mean, in the request.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. So we can – I can see Tapani's hand up, but we can of course say the ideas that we have for the future NCUC workshop proposals and also we can say that these are like new and we want to discuss these pressing issues in the IGF. Tapani, the floor is yours.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thanks. Can you hear me? Does my mic work?

Farzaneh Badii: Well, it's very bad.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. Any better now? Or should I just type it? (Unintelligible) more details just so that a workshop may not work, they would like to have the subject and description of the workshop. It's not likely to pass. So a bit more detailed description of the activity would probably help getting it approved at least last time we made a workshop proposal (unintelligible) title and description of the workshop was included in the request. I'm not sure if it's essential but it will probably help.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay, well we only have one week so – we could ask the NCUC members what they think is important we discuss and just put some of the ideas in. Yes. Okay, so that – thank you for that advice. So I am going to go to our second idea which is capacity building program. That one is on Page 2 as well.

And so in the capacity building program, NCUC members had the idea that we need to have webinars, we need to have like hands-on capacity building programs in various aspects so that members can get involved with policy. What I did was I took – I talked to Rob and Benedetta and also Rafik pointed out some of these ideas are already covered by ICANN budget. So we can have series of webinar if we want if there is someone to do it and there is time.

But okay, yes, okay Tatiana, you want to intervene now?

Tatiana Tropina: No, finish. Thanks.

Farzaneh Badii: Oh okay. All right, so what I was – what I tried to do to say that we want to have hands-on capacity building program in policy-writing. And a kind of policy advocacy and, you know, these programs that they come and train you

and they – you kind of like gain some skills and confidence to hold the pen when you want to write a public comment.

Now, I have to say at the – that there is a capacity building proposal that Klaus, Tapani and I worked on for NCSG and we submitted it to financial committee. I don't know where that is going. That one is different. That one requires like a two-day session and role plays and stuff like that. This one is specifically about being able to write and know how to write both in writing procedural rules for our governance, for NCUC, and public comments and such.

And I can see Rafik's hand is up. Here you go, Rafik.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks. Just a question here, I think we tried something similar last year and so the question here, are you kind of planning to do something like Day 0 before ICANN meeting? Because, you know, this is kind of (unintelligible) and can be (so) against the proposal because, for example, in Day 0 and knowing that the meeting team kind of they are really limiting providing room – meeting room outside the official schedule.

So here is more – need more clarity what you are asking for, a meeting room, travel support, and what, you know, kind of services do you need for this drafting practical because what they were – there is some – can be some restrictions or constraints that you want to have in mind. Are we just asking for budget and then you spend that budget to organize by yourself not using what is – can be provided by ICANN directly.

Farzaneh Badii: Thanks, Rafik. So what we – what I actually had in mind was to kind of like get ICANN to hire one of these kind of training schools or something like that that would train the members on how to write effective policy documents,

how to think about procedures internally. And not to go into the substantive things that we work on, just, you know, give them the skills.

And that, I think, we can do that online and also what we could do is – we could do like if you want an in-person session, someone such as – we could do it in – during one of the IGFs as a side event or have it like a separate thing that many NCUC members attend and then do it like that.

Oh, I can see Rafik, Tatiana and James's hand up. So Rafik, go ahead and then Tatiana and then – oh okay Rafik – that was an old hand. Yes, yes, Rafik, exactly. It's like the leadership program but it's about writing skills. Tatiana, the floor is yours.

Tatiana Tropina: Oh thank you, Farzi. I was trying to write something here this morning when I went through the proposals and what was not exactly clear for me – and I think it has to be clarified in this request is that we are asking to hire external trainers. So I think this should be clarified. I made a note there. And I also think that we have maybe to clarify or to write the ideas where and how it's going to be held.

Another question of mine about this particular request is that I saw the trained NCUC members will help shape NCUC policy committee. Does it mean NCUC appointees to the policy committee? Does it mean NCUC – NCSG policy committee? So I was just wondering do we have to – it's a very specific question – do we have to correct something here? Is there such a thing...

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: Yes, so, we are going to have a policy committee in the future.

Tapani Tarvainen: Oh okay. Okay, okay.

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: The reason that I said help shape – I should have said help shape policy committees. I didn't want to say policy committee members because of the reason that – because, you know, then they say oh, do you want to individualize it and just give it to the policy committee members? So I just wanted to be kind of more neutral which I might not have succeeded, but if you think like another wording would kind of show the meaning but is better than (unintelligible) change it. James, it's your turn.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thanks, Farzi. I think we got to change this. I don't know about policy committee, maybe NCUC engagement in policy work including policy committee, something like this. But we can think about it. It was just a bit confusing for me. Thanks.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay, thank you. James, it's your turn.

James Gannon: Okay, can you hear me okay?

Farzaneh Badii: Yes, we can hear you fine.

James Gannon: Good. If you will allow me I'm going to play a little bit of a devil's advocate on this one, and this may have been discussed at the start. I'm sorry I was late. I have a feeling that this might be rejected on the basis that there is already funding available for policy writing, which was the pilot that we turned down.

So not saying that we should not do this, I'm saying that we need to, in our application, counter off that potential rejection somehow. We need to have counterpoint in the proposal to them coming back and saying, well, there was already funding available for policy support, which was the policy writing program. And we need to show why that wasn't suitable for us and why this was – why this would be.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes, that is actually a very good idea.

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: I also tried to, in other proposals, say yes we know that you're offering this and that, but we are bringing this – we want this and it's different with that regard. And I think this is a very good suggestion, but I'm going to be brave and I'm going to ask you if you could come up with a text.

James Gannon: To be honest, probably not by the deadline.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. So okay let's – we will work on the text later. What – okay, let's move to the third request. This is a request that was – okay, funding for drafting materials about the non commercial registrants. This was a request that (Kathy) had in mind. And I did it a bit. Yes, so I did it a bit to kind of say we don't want to take these members, but what we want to do is to get them to these ICANN meetings. But they have to draft materials about non commercial registrants, which is needed.

And my purpose was that we get ICANN to fund one, two or three people to go to ICANN meetings but in exchange of that they have to write these materials. And then I thought maybe we can say they contribute to ICANN Academy, which is something that no one contributes to.

Yes, and that's what I was thinking that we combine this thing that (Kathy) has suggested, that funding for drafting materials, with the contribution to – sorry – to ICANN Academy and just have it as a standalone proposal that if you fund these members we – if you fund, for example, one or two members for three meetings, then they will contribute to ICANN – ICANN Learn – why am I saying ICANN Academy – I'm sorry – ICANN Learn. So that's what I'm thinking we could do.

But I am not very creative here. The only thing that I can think of is to ask for travel slots for our members to do something. So if you can be more creative, if you can be more creative than me here, that would be great. So there should not be asking for direct funding of members, because they won't do that, they don't give money. But we have to think creatively how we can incentivize our members by using this program, by asking for, yes, like either travel slot or something like training, stuff like that. Any idea? Oh wow, this is quiet.

Anna Loup: Sorry, this is Anna for the record. I can't type. So I think this is a really intriguing request, but I'm still – I'm looking at the ICANN Learn and I actually have some stuff on the ICANN – the ICANN Learn Website. And so it might be helpful if we're a little bit more specific because rights and responsibilities is – they don't – that's not the sort of vein of information they have on there. So it might be better to tailor it a little bit more closely to what they already have on the Website, which is more of a get started intro entering the space kind of set of information.

So I'm trying to figure out how we could word that. And I would definitely, you know, if we wanted to put this proposal – and I could help sort of, you know, that one first sentence I could, you know, make it a little bit more detailed.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes, that is a very good idea. Thank you. We will look at the ICANN Learn Website and provide information as why this is needed. Rafik, please.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Farzaneh. I'm usually kind of cautious about asking for more travel support because the finance team tend to kind of reject at really high rate all – any requests for additional travel support, whatever the reason. Except I saw that last year they gave some slot when it was about bringing the leadership, something similar to that, from developing countries. So I understand that we want to create some incentive for our members but I still see that can be kind of a problem.

And so we may need to develop more on that area. So kind of risky to ask for travel support. On the other hand, if we are about (unintelligible) in ICANN Learn, I know that, what's her name, (Elizabeth), she's looking for to help and whatever we ask like (unintelligible) or something will be directed to ICANN Learn.

So I mean, the issues that we want our members to create content and to create some incentive for them, but we need to see if we can get another way travel support. I'm kind of really concerned about travel support because it – the kind of title they tend to be rejected. So, can you ask just, I mean, the idea is that we want to develop (unintelligible) to ask for some support to – I mean, the goal at the end, is it really to create the content or to get our member more involved?

And then based on that we may have to trade off on what we are asking exactly because if it's about content we may just ask for some support in that even if it's by third party. But if it's just about creating incentive, that's a different matter.

Farzaneh Badii: Thank you, Rafik. The problem with getting someone to write the content, an outsider, is kind of similar to getting consultants and to write – to help us with our policy work. So and we saw that what happened with that proposal, with that service so we – NCUC decided not to use that service for policy.

So I don't think it's about – I think it's both about creating content by NCUC members. And I think if they create – are they in the process of it, they will learn as well. So I had in mind that we might want to have some kind of people who would get involved with research and get involved with writing up things and then to incentivize them to do so, we ask them for – we ask for travel support so that we can get them to these meetings to understand better also how things are being done.

And that can help them with their – can help them with coming of the content. But – you are saying what about (unintelligible) this practical? I don't know what you mean.

Rafik Dammak: Okay, so we are asking about trying to kind of have a capacity building team or whatever to get people to draft policy procedure and so on. So if it's really about getting the content or material on the registrant rights, what just – I mean, that should be kind of maybe a practice for the (unintelligible) in term of drafting and that – the idea is really to get them kind of practice while they learned by drafting that. So to not have this kind of separate, but just kind of getting that content as your outcome of that practical or capacity building we want to have for our members. And I'm not sure - I don't recall if you are asking travel slots for the (unintelligible), you know.

Just about having separate just one request and to get Board members involved with (unintelligible) and kind of practice (unintelligible) material.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. That's actually a good idea. I think we could bundle them together and have one proposal and that we want policy skills - policy writing skills for our members, a program like an external program.

And in return what they are going to do they are going to write on ICANN Learn and also they are going to get involved with Policy Committee and public - and writing - and becoming pen holders and stuff like that.

And we are going to shamelessly ask for more travel slot than if they were like individual proposals. I think that's a very good idea. If everyone else agrees, I just bundle these two together.

Anna Loup: May I add something...

((Crosstalk))

Anna Loup: ...learn Web site? There are...

((Crosstalk))

Anna Loup: ...and focus on the ICANN Learn Web site. So I actually - there's a whole section on there that I helped, you know, to get going. And there's a heavy focus on video.

So it's not just people writing. They have documentation. There's PDF documents but there's also a stress on if we really want to have a section, you know, such as, you know, Internet diplomacy, you know, Welcome to ICANN, getting involved.

They do like to have videos. So that's maybe something to take into consideration because it's not just participating in writing up documentation. It's also developing, you know, sort of video, you know, YouTube style where people can watch and learn.

So there's a lot more that goes into the creation of ICANN Learn content. So I think just to be safe, you know, I worry about asking for travel support because it's less - I think we might want to ask for support in developing, you know, video content because that gets really pricey really fast.

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: Thanks Anna.

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: Thanks Anna for that. Yes. This is very good information. But if we ask for video, they're going to refer us to (comms). And say - I guess they are going to tell us go out and talk to them.

So what we need to do is - what we need to do is to kind of say that in the proposal that we are going to also develop videos. And go - with using ICANN communication help. We are going to develop videos and we'll have writing policy as well as writing documents for ICANN Learn.

But what I'm a little bit worried is that we are wanting too much from the members who (actually) might get funding. But yes. Rafik, I see - is that a reject button or is that a busy button? It's a step away button. All right. I now know what the step away button is.

All right. Okay. But so let's think about this a little bit more and work on merging these two proposals together and consider also Anna's comment about videos and what sort of material ICANN Learn wants.

Okay. Let's go to the other request that was written by (Kathy). (Kathy) said that - in Number 7 in the Google docs, (Kathy) says that funding to ensure that our key subject matter experts are present at the ICANN meeting.

So this is asking for travel support again. Thank you Rafik for attending anyway. I understand it's very late for you, sorry. So (Kathy) wants to - the experts of PDPs to be present at ICANN.

And this is a very - it's a very valid point. It's a very valid request. But still asking for travel support. And I think it might get rejected. We have to write it in a way that ICANN Board looks at it and then see okay, whether they want to support it or not and then see if it gets rejected or not. But I think we have to submit it anyway. Let's just submit it. James.

James Gannon: James for the record. I disagree.

Farzaneh Badii: Not submit it. You are saying that we should not submit.

James Gannon: Yes. So this one is going to get rejected. I mean it's not going to get rejected on the basis of it being an NCUC request for NCUC members. It's going to get rejected because it sets a precedent. And even if the Board would agree that, you know, there are disadvantages that NCUC has to getting our members to meetings.

If we put this in and it comes before them, they are going to have to take into account that every other constituency will then come and ask (for) and that's something that they won't be able to stand over.

So I understand that, you know, it's something that we have a position on and we would like to have. But I think that overloading the system with requests that we know are going to be rejected will lessen our chances of getting the other ones approved. (Unintelligible).

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. Yes. Tatiana, your hand's up.

Tatiana Tropina: Thanks. I'm finding myself in a violent agreement with James. I really - I don't see any particular justification for this to be approved to be honest. So I don't know if we better just submit it or not. Well, was (saying) but my answer is rather well no. (Let's see). Thanks.

Farzaneh Badii: So what I saw, and I might have done it wrong is I saw that sometimes if the rationale behind our decisions was that yes, we could - yes, you need travel support and we understand this but you should have asked for travel support for the officers in the main - in the core budget.

And we have missed the deadline I think for the public comment on the core budget. So probably we have to consider this next year. And as for travel, I don't know if someone has done this before and has never gotten anywhere. But as for like the officers - like increasing the officers' travel slot like that.

With that, okay. With that - great. Thank you for agreeing with me. So let's go - and now I can see that (Kathy) has actually changed her - so when I actually - when I actually comment on the proposal, I told (Kathy) that look, we have

to come up with something that - like we can't ask for support just - we have to say what sort of support we want.

So (Kathy) Number 9 says that so these subject matter experts they go to these - they go to these conferences and then they are going to produce some material, which is kind of something similar to what we were discussing.

Now I'm wondering if we have covered this request by (Kathy) as well in bundling the - yes. It is similar to the previous one Tapani. I think (Kathy) took my suggestion, tried to kind of tweak it in a way that said that these experts are going to provide materials.

Now the problem is that if the experts want to create the materials and we going to have this one separate and the policy writing skills and contribution to ICANN Learn - are we going to have two standalone proposals, (Kathy)'s Number 9 proposal and our policy (practicum) as Rafik suggested?

So I can see that - yes, it is a big word. I have to say it has a lot of (P) and A and (P) in your name. So I'm not - I cannot really distinguish. But anyhow, do you have any idea on this?

Do you have any opinion on whether we should have (Kathy)'s proposal as a standalone proposal and the policy (practicum) as another one and just see? But I think James is going to say no. James, do you want to take the floor and discuss this one as well? Standalone.

James Gannon: To make it clear the difference. If these both reads to somebody who hasn't went through this process that we're doing here of trying to understand them, if they read similarly, one of them is going to get rejected.

So we need to - first of all, I would suggest and this might be a little controversial, that we put in what our priority is between these two things that are relatively similar and into the request because one of them may get rejected and we want to make sure that whichever one gives us most value gets approved.

And also let's make sure that we differentiate between them pretty well so that a blind reader who's coming straight into it is able to understand why we're applying for both of them. So compromising (for you). And (slow) as far as the (unintelligible).

Farzaneh Badii: I was - I just was - I'm using my mic. I was talking to myself (for a long time). So I think that's a great suggestion. I think we need to - we need to understand the difference. We need to show the difference and have to go back and rewrite it.

I'm never speechless (personally) James for some. So okay. That's good. We know what we're going to do next. We have Number 10, a budget for visa contact point.

This was the idea that to do this came from one day that I saw someone was struggling to get ICANN invitation letter. And send an email and I said why are we not having more support.

Then we (decide) why don't we just request for more support. And I have (another to do) to write the paragraph on what exactly we need. We don't want travel support - ICANN travel department to be in charge of these invitation letters. Or if they want - if they want to be in charge, that's fine.

We want a contact point that can constantly troubleshoot the problems for people that need to be there. And that could be from visa information to getting their invitation early and stuff like that.

See I know that there was discussion that NCSG wanted to ask for the same. Tapani, maybe you can enlighten us on this later. But I can see Tatiana hand is up and then James.

Tatiana Tropina: Thank you first on that. Tatiana speaking. Well I think we have to be very clear here as you said what we actually need. I mean because there might be misunderstanding that we want like for example external company, which will be giving these visas.

And I have to admit that having worked with quite a number of such companies during my kind of career, you know, I know that mostly these companies and what ICANN can hire would be oriented for the Western passport holders like for Germans or like Americans who want to have visa to China or to some country where they cannot travel visa free.

And I think you are right. The problem of most of our members is that they can easily go to the embassies themselves. They can take care about their visas but they just cannot get the document sometimes. They cannot get the invitation on time.

So we have to ask exactly for support for getting the documents on time and for addressing urgent requests concerning the documents that's our responsibility of ICANN.

So we don't want anyone to guard the documents and to send them to the embassy. We don't want anyone to provide specific visa advice on how to get,

I don't know, the visa to Puerto Rico from (unintelligible) no we don't want visa. We just want the invitation and accommodation and flight confirmation and time so our members can go to the embassy and apply for the visa themselves.

Do you think it would be worth to make this clear? Like we don't want the (unintelligible) company. We just want someone who will send the documents on time.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes. I think that's a very good point and I think we should clarify that. And we should clarify that why it's needed and why the current travel department is kind of - well, they say that they are - they have too much to do and that I totally understand it that they have too much to do.

So they need more support. So they need one person in charge of this. Not that one person be in charge of ticketing and hotel and booking hotels and everything else and also send invitations.

But then there is one thing before I give you the mic James. Then there's one thing that I think we have to take in consideration is that because travel department is in charge of getting the tickets and issuing the invitation.

We have to be clear what our contact person will do, you know, because they are going to tell us but the travel department is in charge of issuing the invitation letters.

And how can this contact person kind of expedite this process? So I don't know how we can overcome that. Well, maybe James has a magic solution.

James Gannon: I may do. It's James for the record. So going way, way back and I should have followed up on this. This is a mistake on my part. In Dublin I had a discussion with (Nancy) from the Meetings Team and a couple of Board members about not this issue but issues around travel planning and everything else in general.

And the feedback from the Board back then was that if the community asks for FTEs for constituency travel that would be taken very kindly. Of course what we will not get, and I can guarantee you it, is a dedicated resource for visas.

However, what we can put in a request for, and I think would be taken pretty well by the Board, is a request for (personal) FTE for constituency travel like a staff member, not external consultant. One extra staff member who's part of their job responsibility will be managing complex visas and making sure everything that you just said is in line with the timelines that are required, et cetera, et cetera.

And so I think if we put in a request for (personal) FTE for constituency travel, part of which their job description will be to assist with complex travel arrangements such as these issues that we've encountered. And then we can point to the work that you did with - and research around these issues, et cetera.

And yes, I think that will be taken very well by the Board and they specifically indicated to myself and (that'd) be back in Dublin but that will be something that if it came from the community, they could send over pretty easily.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. That's great. Thank you for this suggestion James. We can work on that. So I'm just going to put in FTE in front of this request. But the question -

the other question. Should we go with NCSG - write up the proposal and ask NCSG Tapani to submit or shall we just go like to like NCSG asked for and we ask for it?

James Gannon: I would...

((Crosstalk))

James Gannon: If we can get NCUC to put in a request for this, NCSG to put in a request for this, NPOC to put in a request for this, if you want to reach out to colleagues in the CSG and (TBH) and ask them to support it, the more that the Board can see the community wants this and ALAC colleagues. The more that the Board can see the community wants this as a whole, the easier it is for them to sign off on an FTE.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. Okay. That's a great idea. So we just added some words to our (unintelligible). All right.

((Crosstalk))

James Gannon: ...you know, the communities and a email saying look, you know, deadline is coming up. We're putting in a request for this. If you want to put in a request saying we also support the NCUC, NCSG request, that's something they can simply add to theirs. You know, and that's a simple blast out to the (SO agent) list.

Farzaneh Badii: Actually that's a very good idea. I am going to - I'm going to just say it's on the leadership list. And also I can - that's a very good idea. Okay. So oh yes, that's true Rafik. We can (make a) joint request.

The problem is that we are a little bit short of time where we have to be like more - we have to just speed it up. Okay. And it's either a joint request or whether we can go like, you know, and ask others to go separately and submit something like this.

Now next goal to - I think there - these are other - translation and interpretation services. This will definitely go and they will argue that we have translation and interpretation services already. It's covered in the core budget.

And so Number 12 is IGF intersessional work support could be a research grant. We're also making studies and actions in a specific dynamic coalition. You know, travel support, attend IGF open consolidation.

Also funding for the NCUC group to develop capacity building. Right. I don't - and so for IGF intersessional work support I think what (Renata) means is that - is the IGF (original) words. But I don't know what sort of support she needs.

And I definitely think that it's out of ICANN mandate to support people to go to MAG meetings and open consultations. I don't know. It's my guess we just - it has to be more elaborate.

And also funding for NCUC (booths) to develop capacity building. If this is not - so if this funding for the NCUC (booths) to develop capacity building, if we're not only having NCUC (booths) in IGF, that comes for free.

But we could - see and ask if you could have exhibitions in different events but normally they could say that if you are getting CROPP, you might also get the (booths) for free. So they might not - they might not give us this budget

request. So they might not approve the request. So I - did I just say that (Renata)'s three proposals might be rejected after all? Yes. Okay. So I'm going to talk to (Renata) about these three proposals.

Okay. So Tatiana is saying that we can do this ad hoc and to get the (booths) and all that ad hoc. And then next year come up with a proposal that we can cover if there are any costs associated with the holding exhibitions and groups.

Now also - oh, (Renata) is considering capacity building strength and Rafik has commented that would be requested. And we were asked to reach out to staff. And we don't need the budget request for. So yes.

It's - I think we just covered everything to my surprise. That was great. Thank you for attending. If there are no other issues, then I think we should go and I'm going to start my day job. But yes. So we have covered everything. And yes, exactly. James, what is a day job? We have covered everything...

((Crosstalk))

Tapani Tarvainen: ...just like to have a (unintelligible). I understand he had some plans for Johannesburg. I'm not sure if you have been (unintelligible) those or you are aware of them. I'd like to hear about them (Tato) if you are willing to explain (us) what's going on - the plans in Johannesburg.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes. Thank you Tapani. Actually that's a great idea. (Tato), if you would like to take the mic. I am - I will be in touch with (Tato) about the (our) event and we are going to - we are going to use the CROPP event for Johannesburg. That has been approved by - I just have to follow up on it and arrange it.

So (Tato), is it possible for you to take the mic and tell us more about outreach? I wonder if (Tato) can hear me. Okay. So (Tato) cannot use the mic. So I can - you can either write in the chat and I will read it to the group but I'm just going to give a little bit of background on what this CROPP event is.

This CROPP event is - so we were (entitled to) - we were entitled to - (Tato), actually Maryam can call you if she wants. But I'm just going to briefly say what this CROPP event is in Johannesburg.

We are approved \$7500 U.S. to go - to hold an event - up to \$7500. It means that if they see that we don't need \$7500, then they are not going to give us. So the budget is very limited. And so the budget is very limited but we need to reach out to the network - to the African Civil Society Non-Commercial Users Network.

And I think that's where (Tato) can - we can collaborate with (Tato) and see who is out there that would like to come to our event and do an outreach and - do an outreach event like that.

And so - and I have to be specific here that we cannot fund outside projects with the \$7500 that ICANN says that they will give - well, they will just fund the event.

So okay. So (Tato) is saying the plan was to implement the - sorry. Someone trying to speak?

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: Yes. Okay. So the plan - so (Tato) is saying that the plan was to implement the outreach before ICANN 59 focusing on Johannesburg with remote participation from other African countries and people around the country.

We want to enroll other members of NCUC like Avri and (Anrea). That is actually our plan as well (Tato). So what we are going to do is we are going to reach out to our African members. It should not be exclusively to South Africa or Johannesburg.

It will - we reach out to our African members. We ask them about their civil society network. And then we of course involve any NCUC member that wants to be involved with the organization of this.

So (Tato) is saying that they're waiting for approval from the NCUC. I'm wondering what sort of approval you mean (Tato). What we have to do is to work together.

So what we do is we will have a meeting in a week or in two weeks. We will announce first on the mailing list that we want to hold this event in Johannesburg. Who wants to join the coordinating group?

And then when people join the coordinating group, you can volunteer then and then in a week or in two weeks we discuss how we want to proceed. We're into a whole day. What should be the agenda, how do we send the invitations out?

Yes. I think it's a good idea to meet with (Anrea) as well as Tapani suggested. But let's do this in like harmony with NCUC. So and be a part of the NCUC program because we cannot later on argue that oh this was an outside project and it should be funded because ICANN won't fund us like that.

And do we have any other member in Johannesburg? I'm not very sure. I know someone from Cape Town. But we can find out. (Anrea) can find out. And as I said, this is like an outreach for Africa I would say.

So we should kind of expand it. Of course it's going to be expensive but we should see within our budget how we can expand it. But that's something that I need to talk to Executive Committee first. And then we will announce it on the list and then we will have a coordinating group and you are welcome (Tato) to join the coordinating group. Okay. That is great. Yes.

Anna Loup: Yes. This is Anna for the record. Anna Loup for the record. I have a quick question actually about funding for these outreach events. So do we get money for one outreach event per calendar year or is - or do we get - do we get - can we, you know, divide it up between several events or how does that work? I'm just - I'm not too familiar with the \$7500.

Farzaneh Badii: So this is a part of CROPP. You know, the CROPP that I kind of explained in our first meeting.

Anna Loup: Yes.

Farzaneh Badii: We have - yes. Exactly. So what we do is you can either ask for five travel slots for the members to go and do (outreach) or you can ask for two travel slots and an event.

And this time we asked for two travel slots and holding an event. And that event can be funded up to \$7500. And it has to be held...

Anna Loup: Okay. (Right). Okay.

Farzaneh Badii: ...yes. It has to be held before I would say FY18 before June or something like that. Before July. So we are good for Johannesburg. I talked to (Rob) and (Benedetta) and they told me that it was actually okay. We can hold it in conjunction with ICANN meeting. It's fine. So we're good.

Anna Loup: Oh cool. Sorry, I just got...

((Crosstalk))

Farzaneh Badii: Yes. No problem. So Rafik, you can either have two events like 3500 event (here), 3500 event and another one or you can have one big event. I think considering that - I think doing a big event in Johannesburg would be better than, you know, because it takes more energy and time to do two events. It's better to just kind of concentrate our effort on one and make that happen. Rafik, please take the mic. Sorry.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks (first). And maybe I need to check the guidelines but I think it's either you get all like the five CROPP travel slots or you can have a (meet) as we did one event and two travel slots. Or you - I think some groups do - they just get two events and it's for - I think \$7500 each.

But just for our case we get one event because we spent one slot in last July. But it's possible I think in next fiscal year to check if you want to use that instead of having the (meets), which we - the travel slot and event.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes. Thank you Rafik. Yes. We go with that. I think we - because this is a pilot program, they are kind of being very flexible with how they do things. But yes. So it might be that also like, you know, it's either two events or one event and two travel slots.

So with that, we can - I think we can close this meeting and wrap it up. And I can see a great action item draft by Maryam that we need to work on the request. And thank you for attending. This was a very, very good meeting. Now we know what to do with the additional funding proposal. And with that, goodbye.

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