Constituent Stakeholder Travel Guidelines Update & Review
Tuesday 9 April 2013, 16:00 – 17:00
Room Function 11

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Since the ALAC Policy discussion Part 2 finished at 16:15, I arrived to the travel guidelines meeting late, and missed the first part of the presentation done by Steve Antonoff who was accompanied by Sévrine Louis (French speaker and based in Brussels), Joseph de Jesus and Xavier Calvez, the ICANN CFO.

Steve announced that he will be exclusively in charge of the ICANN human resources, and thus is leaving the constituency travel team. He will be replaced by Diane Schroeder (the former board secretary). Also, constituency travel will be reporting to the CFO (that's why Xavier was there).

He spoke about an automation of the travel support data treatment for more efficiency. Also, Steve said that they already received comments from the community on the draft travel support guidelines under public comment now. They are waiting for the last comments to update the guidelines.

Sandra Hoferichter asked that the guidelines permit to the travelers to choose the itinerary operated by their preferred air companies to make use of the frequent traveler advantages, even if it is not the cheapest one. But Steve and Xavier explained that the difference may be thousands of dollars, and when it's not that expensive, it's always accepted.

I raised the following points:
- Internet availability in all premises we use during our travel (hotel rooms, meeting venue, transit hotels)
- Visa procurement that should be facilitated by the host country according to agreement with ICANN prior to the meeting.
- Authorized arrival and departure date for the supported travelers that should be decided on in close consultation with their constituency leadership and the staff

More discussion regarding the level of travel data automation and its implementation: Xavier thinks that it's still an idea, and its implementation would take time.