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LETTER OF MOTIVATION

Application for Meeting Strategy Working Group Membership

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My motivation to serve on the Meeting Strategy Working Group (MSWG) on behalf of the ALAC is to contribute in the definition of a new strategy for ICANN meetings, and bring the point of view of the end-users.

As the most important thing in my opinion is the inclusiveness of those meetings, I am really excited to participate in the strategy definition bearing in mind that the so called meetings should be the most accessible to all the ICANN community, and more broadly the Internet community.

My first ICANN meeting was Paris 2008. I then attended Cairo and Mexico, but couldn't attend Sydney because of a visa problem. I was obliged to send my passport to Cairo to get the visa for Nairobi..... The visa issue is in my PoV an important element we need to take into consideration.

I also made 5 of the 7 Internet Governance Forums (IGF), and saw how the visa issue was addressed by the IGF secretariat to allow all those who can and want to attend regardless their country of origin.

One of the strength points of the ICANN public meetings so far is that they are organized in the 5 regions of the world. I believe we should build on this successful experience and consider the rotation as an aspect that we should keep in our new strategy.

Of course, the other aspects of the ICANN meetings should be taken into consideration too (logistic, cost, length, period, interpretation, remote participation, etc.).

I will be honored to be part of this effort, and commit to put the necessary time and energy for a new meeting strategy that permits to all willing persons to participate in the ICANN face to face activities.