All questions and completed forms should be sent to controller@icann.org.
Please remember that the deadline for FY15 Budget consideration is **March 7th 2014.**

REQUEST INFORMATION

Title of Proposed Activity	
GAC – GNSO Liaison – Pilot Project	

Community Requestor Name	Chair
GAC / GNSO	Heather Dryden / Jonathan Robinson
ICANN Staff Community Liaison	
Olof Nordling / Marika Konings	

REQUEST DESCRIPTION

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

The GNSO Council and the GAC have formed a joint Consultation Group on GAC Early Engagement in Policy Development Processes aimed at developing mechanisms to encourage and facilitate earlier engagement of the GAC in GNSO Policy making. One of the mechanisms that is being explored is the establishment of a formal GNSO liaison to the GAC. As initial feedback has indicated that it could be desirable to have this position filled by a recent GNSO Council member, who may no longer be funded for travel to an ICANN meeting, it was agreed to submit this request to allow for the establishment of a pilot project that would fund the GNSO liaison to attend the ICANN meetings in FY15 to be able to participate in GAC and GNSO meetings. The GNSO and the GAC are in the process of working out the requirements for this position but are of the view that providing travel support for this position will be essential to its success.

2. Type of Activity: **e.g. Outreach - Education/training - Travel support - Research/Study - Meetings - Other**

Travel support

3. Proposed Timeline/Schedule: **e.g. one time activity, recurring activity**

Travel support is requested for each ICANN meeting in FY15. Following the review of the pilot project, the GNSO Council and the GAC would decide whether to continue with this project. If so, they would consider whether this should continue as another special budget request or by recommending its inclusion in the FY16 budget.

REQUEST OBJECTIVES

1. *Strategic Alignment.* **Which area of ICANN's Strategic Plan does this request support?**

A Healthy Internet Governance Eco-System / Multi-Stakeholder Evolution (Optimize Policy Development Process)

2. *Demographics.* **What audience(s), in which geographies, does your request target?**

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

Ongoing smooth and timely information exchange between the GAC and the GNSO, including a document process for such exchanges.

4. *Metrics.* **What measurements will you use to determine whether your activity achieves its desired outcomes?**

Assess effect of liaison function on early engagement of GAC in GNSO policy development activities through feedback obtained from the GAC and the GNSO Council.

RESOURCE PLANNING – INCREMENTAL TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST

Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise):

N/A

Subject Matter Expert Support:

N/A

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

N/A

Language Services Support:

N/A

Other:

N/A

Travel Support:

Description	Timeline	Assumptions	Costs basis or parameters	Additional Comments
Travel funding for liaison to attend ICANN meetings in FY15		It is estimated that the average costs for a travel slot per ICANN meeting are $3,000	3 x $3,000 = **$9,000**	

Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution: