

Dear All,

Over the years, the Board has heard from many of you on the need to make the Constituency Day interaction between the Board and Constituency/Stakeholder Groups at ICANN Public Meetings more effective for all of us.

The Board has listened to you and intends to revise the manner of our interaction with Constituencies on a pilot basis at ICANN 53 in Buenos Aires unless there are strong objections from you. This revised structure will be for all Constituencies/Stakeholder except the GAC, whose meeting with the Board will remain the same.

We intend to keep the basic structure where the Constituencies meet with the Board at set times in one designated room. However, we will make the following two key changes:

1. Individual Meetings with Constituencies on Unique Topics of Interest
 - a. Unique topics of interest to each Constituency/Stakeholder will be identified through collaboration between each Constituency/Stakeholder and Board Support Staff in time to allow for sufficient preparation by the Constituency/Stakeholder and the Board to enable in-depth discussion.
 - b. The format of these individual Constituency Meetings with the Board will consist of one roundtable comprising several members from the Constituency and a comparable number of Board members. We have in mind six from each, but there is some flexibility if needed. The audience, consisting of the remaining members of that Constituency, the Board, and interested members of the ICANN Community, will be seated theatre style around the roundtable.

2. A Plenary Session for all Constituency/Stakeholder Groups on Common Topics of Interest
 - a. Common topics of interest across the Constituencies/Stakeholders will be identified through collaboration between the Constituencies/Stakeholders and Board Support Staff to allow for sufficient preparation by the Constituencies and the Board to enable in-depth discussion.
 - b. The Plenary Session will likely be scheduled during a portion of the Public Forum held on the Thursday of the ICANN Public Meeting with key inputs available on the website at least 7 days prior to the meeting

Given that this revised structure will be a pilot in Buenos Aires, the Board will be very interested in hearing any feedback from you. We will seek your feedback following this experiment to see if this is an improvement.

In the meantime, as we continue the preparation for ICANN 53, I hope you will support this proposed restructuring and work with us to successfully implement this approach.

Board Support will continue to liaise with you to schedule each Constituency's individual meeting with the Board.

We look forward to enhanced interaction between the ICANN Board and Constituency/Stakeholder groups.

Regards,

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