FY18 COMMUNITY REQUEST FORM

All questions and completed forms should be sent to controller@icann.org.
Please remember that the deadline for FY18 Budget consideration is **10 February 2017.**

REQUEST INFORMATION

Title of Proposed Activity	
ALAC Discretion to use Allocated ICANN Meeting Travel Slots	
Community Requestor Name	**Chair**
Alan Greenberg	Alan Greenberg, Chair of the ALAC
ICANN Staff Community Liaison	
Heidi Ullrich	

REQUEST DESCRIPTION

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

The ALAC has been allocated travel slots to attend ICANN meetings for 15 ALAC Members, 10 RALO Leaders as well as for the Liaisons to the GNSO and ccNSO.

The interpretation by ICANN staff has been that the ALAC could freely re-allocate any of the 15+10 slots if the original designated traveler cannot attend a meeting, but that the Liaison slots could be used only for the designated Liaison.

If the Liaison is already funded through some other means (such as being an ALAC Member), the Liaison slot could not be use at all.

Notably, the other AC/SOs receiving travel support have no such restrictions for the use of their travel support slots (other than the requirement to fund NomCom Appointees). We specifically note that the GNSO has 22 unrestricted travel slots, whereas there are only 21 GNSO Council Members – the 22nd slot was originally designated for the Liaison sent from the ALAC to the GNSO, but the GNSO has never used it in that way. We also note that according to recent travel reports, the GNSO currently receives more than 55 travel slots despite the guidelines setting their limit at 22.

We believe that the ALAC should be given full discretion about how they can use all of its travel slots.

The ALAC and RALOs currently reallocate travel slots when an ALAC Member or a regional leader cannot attend a meeting. The replacement traveler is selected based on a combination of who will be able to contribute most to the At-Large meetings and sessions, and who would benefit most from this participation. A similar process would be used for filling the "Liaison" slots.

The ALAC notes that since this request involves no additional budget allocation, it might be considered one which should be resolved purely within the Constituency Travel processes, and the ALAC agrees. However, since that process has not provided the needed flexibility, the ALAC is following this unusual process.

This same request was made last year. The Formal response was "YES", but the text that followed was a repeat of the current interpretation saying that we could not reallocate slots. That notwithstanding, we were allowed to reallocate these slots for recent meetings. The ALAC was also told that it could "trick" the system by having the Liaison use the Liaison slot and then re-use the ALAC slot (in the above example). This is problematic because the RALO has control over the RALO/ALAC slots from their region, but the ALAC reallocates the Liaison slots.

The ALAC requests that ICANN eliminate the disputed interpretation and allow travel slots to be used most effectively. There is NO budget implication, but gives the community control over resources that have been allocated to it.

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

Although this travel allocation might on occasion be used as a form of education/training for the traveler, in most cases it would be used to enhance our meetings by allowing a volunteer to travel who contributes heavily to the day-by-day teleconference/Wiki/e-mail At-Large activities but does not otherwise qualify for travel to ICANN meetings.

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

The timeframe will be the whole FY18 (All three ICANN meetings) and all future years. If the request is honored, there seems little reason to not allow it for the remaining FY17 slots as well (since there is no budget implication).

REQUEST OBJECTIVES

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

3 Advance organizational, technological and operational excellence.

ICANN seeks to mature our organization—to improve the skillsets, processes, and technologies through which we operate to deliver services to the ICANN community and the public. We seek to develop a greater ability to meet the speed and scale of innovation happening around us and deliver with excellence in everything we do.

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

All geographies

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

● Provide needed flexibility to the ALAC for the allocation of their 27 allotted travel support slots
● Harmonization in ALAC travel support guidelines with those of other AC/SO.
● Participation by key leaders of the At-Large community, including WG Chairs, in ICANN Public Meetings
● Remove arbitrary rule imposed by ICANN staff with without any substantive rationale and with no benefit to ICANN**.**

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

● Additional participation and engagement in ICANN Meetings by At-Large leaders
● Increased effectiveness of At-Large sessions due to WG chairs being in attendance at ICANN Meetings.

RESOURCE PLANNING – INCREMENTAL TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST

Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise):

Description	Timeline	Assumptions	Costs basis or parameters	Additional Comments

Subject Matter Expert Support:

None.

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

None.

Language Services Support:

None.

Other:

None.

Travel Support:

No additional allocation.

Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution:

None.