

Subject: Final Report of the Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) on new gTLD Auction Proceeds

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Attachments: New gTLD AP CCWG Final Report_29 May 2020.pdf

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Dear Chartering Organizations,

On behalf of the Cross Community Working Group (CCWG) on new gTLD Auction Proceeds, we are pleased to share with you the CCWG's Final Report.

According to the CCWG's charter (<https://community.icann.org/x/DJjDAw>), "Following the submission of the final output, each of the Chartering Organizations shall, in accordance with their own rules and procedures, review and discuss the output and decide whether to adopt the proposals and the recommendations contained within. The chairs of the Chartering Organizations shall notify the chair(s) of the CCWG of the result of the deliberations as soon as feasible. . . In the event that all Chartering Organizations support the (Supplemental) Final Report, and only if so recommended by the CCWG, the Leadership Team of the CCWG shall submit the (Supplemental) Final Report to the ICANN Board of Directors."

We appreciate your consideration of the Final Report and ask the Chartering Organizations to respond with the results of deliberations within 60 days. If this is not feasible, please let us know when you expect to be able to provide your group's response.

This Final Report contains responses to 11 questions presented in the CCWG's charter that address different areas of the CCWG's work. The Final Report includes a series of recommendations as well a set

of proposals that are intended to guide the implementation phase of work. Assuming adoption of the Final Report and its recommendations by all the Chartering Organizations and subsequently the ICANN Board, the implementation phase is the next phase that will translate the current work into concrete operation. Annex C of the Final Report provides additional guidance on the review and selection of projects to receive funding once the mechanism for allocating auction proceeds is in operation. The CCWG emphasizes that it expects the ICANN Board to follow the recommendations and guidance provided in the CCWG's Final Report, as it is the culmination of more than three years of work by members and participants, drawing on the contributions of experts in the field of charitable giving and input from the broader ICANN community.

To support your review of the Final Report, we are planning to hold an informational webinar for Chartering Organizations in the near future. Details will be shared through a separate message. If there is an interest, we are also available to hold smaller question and answer sessions with individual Chartering Organizations, following this informational webinar. Please let us know if you would like to schedule such a session.

If you have any questions about the attached Final Report or the work of the CCWG, please do not hesitate to contact us or your members serving on the CCWG. We appreciate all the support you and your appointed members have given to this effort over the last few years. We look forward to receiving your response.

Kind regards,

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