

Travel Support Questions.

1.- What guidelines does your Group have for supported travelers? How do these differ from ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines?

The ISPCP Constituency follows ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines, but exceeds them by requiring strong participation levels in order to qualify for ISPCP travel support.

We assign the number of travel support established in ICANN's budget first to our Executive Committee members that require support and the remaining are distributed to our top working group participants. Before each meeting, we re-review needs and participation levels to ensure that we are providing support to the candidates providing the most active value to our constituency. Should ICANN at any time decide it wants to track participation levels as an additional metric to qualify for travel support, we would be willing to coordinate with ICANN on this and would have no problems with compliance.

2.- What aspect of the current ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines work well for your group?

In general, the Guidelines work very well and we haven't have any major problem with them within our own constituency. Everybody who has received funding has been an active participant and the funding was deserved. However, we have observed that elsewhere in the community there may be travel support that has been provided in ways that haven't been able to demonstrate clear value to the community. We would support ICANN investigating a tracking system that ties travel support to participation metrics.

3.- What specific area of the ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines affect your group the most?

Sometimes the itineraries proposed by the travel agency that works for ICANN does not comply with our members requirements. Our members have to coordinate their participation in ICANN's meeting with their work schedule and this sometimes require them to include the trip to the meeting with other work related trips. This is very difficult to do due to ICANN's instruction to the travel agency and many times results in additional expenses for our members, sometimes more than if would have been if the trips were taken separately.

4.- What area might be added to the ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines to provide additional support to your group?

The participation metrics we discussed above would not add support for our group, but we acknowledge that they may improve support for the community as a whole.

Additionally, there should be more flexibility in allowing the members to buy their tickets and being reimbursed for the cost, or at least a quicker way to get the authorization to do it. Usually it takes some time to get the authorization, which usually means an increase in the cost of the tickets.

5. How does your group allocate its community travel support slots? How are members prioritized? How are newcomers to ICANN considered?

Our travel support slots are assigned first to our Executive Committee members that require them, then to top Working Group members. In some circumstances, we have assigned a slot for a promising brand new member or potential new members from less developed countries. We have also been able to obtain travel support for some members from less developed countries through the CROP program

6. What, if any, educational and informational activities does your group conduct to inform participants of ICANN community resources?

We inform our members of the possibilities they have to access travel support, be it the Fellow program or the New members program, etc..

7. What are actionable and measurable expectations your group or leadership has for members who receive travel support? Are there follow-up reporting requirements for members who attend ICANN Public Meetings and/or receive Community Regional Outreach Program (CROP) funding?

Up till now we have none, but since they are members of the Executive Committee or Working Group Members we have the results of their work as a follow up the support they received.

8. Instead of reimbursement for travel-related expenses, would your members prefer to receive a stipend or per diem from the ICANN organization?

We usually receive a per diem from ICANN and it works fine, we don't see any need to change it.

9. Are there categories of travel and events that you are not presently able to support?

There are some events in which we cannot be represented due to our inability to support our participating members, particularly regional events.

10. How does your group plan for upcoming events? What is your planning cycle for deciding on whether ICANN community or organization resources might be used?

We try to adjust our planning cycle to ICANN's budget planning cycle in order to be able to request the necessary support and have it included in the budget.

You are welcome to append any general comments on the community resource consultation.