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Root Server System Advisory Committee

Response to ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines Questionnaire

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

The RSSAC does not have any guidelines for support travelers that differ from the ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines.

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

In general, RSSAC supported travelers are satisfied with the current level of support for ICANN public meetings as part of the core budget. Limited travel support for RSSAC workshops is now a line item in the core budget. This initially began as an additional budget request along with travel support to IETF meetings (whenever the RSSAC Caucus convenes there).

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

The number of designated slots for RSSAC meets the needs of the group.

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

RSSAC supported travelers would welcome greater flexibility for selecting itineraries early in the booking process. This is especially relevant because RSSAC supported travelers typically attend IETF meetings immediately after ICANN meetings, leading to complex itineraries. Also, support for registration fees for IETF meetings should be clarified.

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

The RSSAC Co-Chairs are eligible for travel support. All remaining slots are allocated through a random lottery should there be more requests than available slots. All RSSAC members including newcomers receive the same notice and deadline.

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

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The RSSAC support staff works with RSSAC members directly to provide information about travel support.

- 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?**

RSSAC supported travelers are expected to participate actively in RSSAC sessions at ICANN meetings. In the past, the RSSAC has asked its supported travelers to present tutorial sessions on root server operations at ICANN meetings. RSSAC Caucus supported travelers have provided written reports from IETF meetings as required by the additional budget requests process.

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

Per diem and/or stipends work well for the RSSAC supported travelers, though the ICANN organization should make an effort to account for imposed fees.

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

Technical events such as regional network operators' group and potentially regional Internet registry meetings may provide opportunities for broader outreach and participation in the work of the RSSAC Caucus.

- 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?**

The RSSAC—with the help of its support staff—aligns its planning for ICANN meetings with the timelines established by the Constituency Travel team. Since IETF meetings tend to align with ICANN meetings, the planning timeline is similar. Workshop planning typically begins four months prior to an event.

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

The RSSAC appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback after the deadline.