The deadline for FY19 Budget consideration is **31 January 2018.** All questions and completed forms should be sent to **planning@icann.org**.

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| REQUEST INFORMATION | | |
| Title of Proposed Activity |  |  |
| To participate in the yearly Middle East DNS Forum |  |  |
| Community Requestor Name | Chair | |
| Ali AlMeshal | Satish Babu | |
| ICANN Staff Community Liaison |  | |
| Heidi Ullrich |  | |

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| request description |
| *1. Activity:* Please describe your proposed activity in detail |
| The specific activities that would be carried out by the 1 or 2 member Outreach Delegation, jointly and individually, are:   * Participate as APRALO resource persons in different workshops. For this, the team members would be coordinating with DNS organizers which is MEAC strategy group. * Explore, and if possible, plan and execute an At-Large Outreach event jointly with other RALOs and local ALSes, if any, with Universities and other institutions. The objective of such an outreach process would be to introduce At-Large (and thereby, ICANN), and to stimulate growth and participation of local end-user communities in At-Large activities.   This request is being made given that the CROP is not sufficient to cover the size and diversity of the APRALO region. |
| *2. Type of Activity*: e.g. Outreach - Education/training - Travel support - Research/Study - Meetings - Other |
| The proposal seeks financial support for travel, accommodation, per diem and visa fees as applicable, for 1 or 2 members of the APRALO Leadership team for participation at the event. |
| *3. Proposed Timeline/Schedule:* e.g.one time activity, recurring activity |
| Re-occurring activity on yearly basis. |

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| request objectives |
| 1. *Strategic Alignment.* Which area of ICANN’s Strategic Plan does this request support? |
| 4.3 Enhance the visibility, credibility and trust in the multistakeholder model in general and for ICANN in particular.  APRALO's participation in such activities and events to will help strength our present in the ME region through the countries that come under the APRALO umbrella.   * Utilize the present in the event of MEAC through organizing workshops as well as by participating in workshops * Raise awareness about ICANN At-Large, and networking with potential At-Large members from the Asia- Pacific to encourage them to become members of the ICANN At-Large community * Help to engage with existing organizations and networks in ME in order to explore them becoming ALSes in the region |
| 2. *Demographics.* What audience(s), in which geographies, does your request target? |
| The proposal targets the global Internet Governance community for networking, and at the same time targets the ME community for interventions including formation of new ALSes from the broader Internet Governance community from ME that participates at the DNS forum. |
| 3. *Deliverables.* What are the desired outcomes of your proposed activity? |
| The proposal expects the participants to:   * Project the ME Community perspectives at DNS forum in general, and specifically in workshops related to topics of relevance for ME, including Digital Divide, Access, Diversity, Multilingualism, Universal Acceptance, Disability, Net Neutrality and Child Protection. * Provide enhanced visibility to ICANN's At-Large community in general, and APRALO in particular * Interact with members of the ME Internet Community, particularly, sister organizations. * Draw up new programmes in consultation with other community members and organizations |
| 4. *Metrics.* What measurements will you use to determine whether your activity achieves its desired outcomes? |
| * Identifiable increased involvement from ME stakeholders in DNS and other stakeholder groups within ICANN as a result of contact made at the DNS forum. * Enhanced recognition of APRALO and other ICANN Constituencies within the DNS forum. |

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| Resource Planning – incremental to accommodate this request |
| Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise): |
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| Subject Matter Expert Support: |
| None |
| Technology Support: (telephone, Adobe Connect, web streaming, etc.) |
| None |
| Language Services Support: |
| None |
| Other: |
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| Travel Support: |
| Travel support (flight, hotel, per diem, visa fees) for 1 or 2 members of the APRALO Leadership Team/Community to attend DNS forum. |
| Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution: |
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