

## Background

In 2017, the GRC started reviewing the current version of the ccNSO Travel Funding Guideline. The council decided during its 19 October 2017 meeting, to test the revised guideline and selection criteria for its effectiveness, before adopting the revised draft guideline. Based on this test-phase, the guideline could be further refined, if and where needed.

The relevant council resolution:

19 October 2017	Travel Funding Test Criteria	<b>Background 134-01:</b> As suggested by the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee, the ccNSO COUNCIL RESOLVED TO request the ccNSO Travel Funding Committee to test criteria to assess applications for travel funding and related mechanism as included in the latest version of the travel funding guideline proposed by the GRC on its effectiveness. The Travel funding committee is requested to report to Council and the GRC after closure of the next round application round.
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- Link to the current ccNSO Travel Fund Guideline: <https://ccnso.icann.org/about/travel-funding-guideline-07apr16-en.pdf>
- The revised draft guideline (with revised selection criteria) can be consulted here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/15AZSOkOSfbOK5qZdog\\_c8MP-gtHPpSrtZq4UYyDzcdo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15AZSOkOSfbOK5qZdog_c8MP-gtHPpSrtZq4UYyDzcdo/edit?usp=sharing)

## Revised Selection Criteria

In order to facilitate the selection of the ccNSO funded travellers by the ccNSO Travel Fund Committee in an objective manner, the revised draft guideline contained a set of selection criteria, which have been included below. For each of the criteria, the travel fund committee members need to answer on a per-applicant basis whether the applicant:

- a) meets the criterion
- b) partially meets the criterion
- c) does not meet the criterion

*Selection criteria:*

- Applicant expresses financial hardship
- Applicant is employee of, or has the support of, a ccTLD manager
- Applicant is a ccNSO Council member
- Applicant is a speaker/presenter at ccNSO relevant sessions during the ICANN public meeting for which funding is requested
- Applicant is a session chair at ccNSO relevant sessions during the ICANN public meeting for which funding is requested.
- Applicant is a ccNSO Working Group Chair actively meeting at the ICANN meeting for which funding is requested.
- Applicant is a ccNSO Working Group member actively meeting at the ICANN meeting for which funding is requested.

- Applicant is an observer, as described in the Guideline “ccNSO Liaisons and Observers”, published on <https://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines.htm>
- Applicant is a liaison, as described in the Guideline “ccNSO Liaisons and Observers”, published on <https://ccnso.icann.org/about/guidelines.htm>
- Applicant has a different ccNSO-relevant role
- Applicant is an active member of the broader ccTLD Community
- Applicant expressed an interest in becoming in the future an active member of the broader ccTLD Community
- Applicant provides specifics on why and how the applicant is currently contributing to the work of the ccNSO
- Applicant provides specifics on why and how the applicant intends in the future to contribute to the work of the ccNSO
- Applicant was previously granted travel funding, and previously fulfilled the condition placed upon them

The more positive answers an applicant received (whereby the criterion was met), the higher the likelihood to be eligible for ccNSO travel funding.

### **Evaluation of the applications**

For the ICANN61 selection round, an online survey was circulated with the travel fund committee members. The survey required the travel fund committee members to evaluate each of the candidates, against all aforementioned criteria. Moreover, the travel fund committee members were also invited to submit a proposed distribution of the available slots. The survey results can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-GJV8RTVW8/>

The ccNSO Secretariat collected all survey results, and presented a consolidated proposal to the travel fund committee members. The travel fund committee had an additional week to comment on the proposed distribution. Since no comments were received, the application process was concluded within the agreed upon timeframe. On Friday 08 December 2017, all those who applied for ccNSO travel funding have been notified about the final selection by the Travel Fund Committee. The details of the funded travellers have been submitted to ICANN Constituency Travel, and the list of funded travellers was published on the ccNSO website: <https://ccnso.icann.org/en/about/funded-travel>

### **Conclusion**

The selection of the ccNSO funded travellers for ICANN61 happened in a transparent manner, based on a set of clearly defined criteria. Suggested is to use the draft revised ccNSO Travel Funding Guideline (with revised selection criteria) also for future selection rounds, once the guideline has been adopted by the ccNSO Council. (link to the revised guideline: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/15AZSOkOSfbOK5qZdog\\_c8MP-gtHPpSrtZq4UYyDzcdo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/15AZSOkOSfbOK5qZdog_c8MP-gtHPpSrtZq4UYyDzcdo/edit?usp=sharing) )