



FY19 COMMUNITY REQUEST FORM

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

REQUEST INFORMATION	
Title of Proposed Activity	
GNSO Additional Community Travel Support Funding	
Community Requestor Name	Chair
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ICANN Staff Community Liaison	
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REQUEST DESCRIPTION
1. Activity: Please describe your proposed activity in detail
<p>The Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) is responsible for developing and recommending to the Board substantive policies relating to generic top-level domains and other responsibilities of the GNSO as set forth in ICANN's Bylaws. As part of that responsibility, the GNSO oversees the progress of GNSO Policy Development Working Groups (WGs). Most of the work of these WGs takes place in the form of weekly conference calls. However, the ICANN meetings at times form an important opportunity for WGs to take advantage of face-to-face time to address and resolve tricky issues that may have come up in the course of its deliberations. In order to take maximum advantage of face-to-face opportunities, the GNSO Council has at recent meetings carved out substantial blocks of time for PDP WGs to conduct their deliberations. During the FY18 Additional Budget Request cycle, it came to the Council's attention that in some cases, members of the Leadership Teams* of these PDP WGs were not able to travel to ICANN meetings and lead these efforts for financial reasons. This negatively impacted the progress of the PDP WG effort, as it is not ideal for a chair, who has led and supported previous meetings, not be present when the deliberations get to a crucial stage and/or to try and lead a meeting remotely. Given the extremely positive feedback (see attached) from travelers supported under this pilot, who have highlighted how this program provided an opportunity to participate in person that would otherwise not have existed, the GNSO Council is again requesting four (4) travel slots per ICANN meeting for FY19 (twelve (12) travel slots in total) that the GNSO Council leadership can allocate at its discretion for members of PDP WG Leadership Teams to participate in face-to-face meetings of their respective PDP WG and any related updates and/or meetings at an ICANN meeting.</p> <p>The GNSO Council leadership would be responsible for determining which individuals are chosen through an open and transparent process. Recognizing that there are existing travel support funding options and this pilot is not intended to replace those options, there would be certain criteria that would need to be met. For instance, the individual must not have any other funding options and would not otherwise be able to attend the ICANN meetings. Furthermore, the individual's attendance must be critical to the success of the meeting or an aspect of the meeting.</p> <p>At the end of FY19, the GNSO leadership together with the GNSO Council will evaluate this pilot in order to determine whether to continue this request for FY20.</p>



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*The composition of PDP WG Leadership Teams vary. For the purpose of this request the Leadership Team is intended to include PDP WG Chairs, Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs as well as Sub-Group or Work Track Chairs, Co-Chairs and Vice Chairs.

2. Type of Activity: e.g. Outreach - Education/training - Travel support - Research/Study - Meetings - Other

Full travel support (i.e., airfare, hotel, and per diem) for four (4) individuals per ICANN Meeting (i.e., twelve (12) individuals per fiscal year). Note, the number of hotel nights would be limited to the number of days relevant to the PDP WG meeting.

3. Proposed Timeline/Schedule: e.g. one time activity, recurring activity

Recurring activity –four (4) funded individuals per ICANN Meeting (i.e., twelve (12) individuals per fiscal year) on an annual basis.

REQUEST OBJECTIVES

1. Strategic Alignment. Which area of ICANN's Strategic Plan does this request support?

This request strategically aligns with:

1. Evolve and further globalize ICANN
 - 1.3 Evolve policy development and governance processes, structures and meetings to be more accountable, inclusive, efficient, effective and responsive.
4. Promote ICANN's role and multistakeholder approach
 - 4.1 Encourage engagement

2. Demographics. What audience(s), in which geographies, does your request target?

The target audience is GNSO community members that would otherwise be unable to attend ICANN Meetings, and for whom their presence plays a critical role in the success of an ICANN Meeting. Selection criteria is not based on geography, but rather, based in part, on the area of greatest need as it relates to the GNSO's ICANN Meeting activities. However, this request could potentially benefit individuals from any of ICANN's five geographic regions.

3. Deliverables. What are the desired outcomes of your proposed activity?

- To ensure that individuals that play an important role in the GNSO's activities at ICANN Meetings are able to attend and contribute their expertise to a given effort.
- To expand the resource pool for critical GNSO activities

4. Metrics. What measurements will you use to determine whether your activity achieves its desired outcomes?

- Evidence that the selected individuals would not otherwise have been able to attend the ICANN Meeting
- Evidence that the selected individuals, at a minimum, added value to the ICANN Meeting activities for which they were considered critical.



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RESOURCE PLANNING – INCREMENTAL TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST

Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise):

Description	Timeline	Assumptions	Costs basis or parameters	Additional Comments
None				

Subject Matter Expert Support:

None

Technology Support: (telephone, Adobe Connect, web streaming, etc.)

None

Language Services Support:

None

Other:

None

Travel Support:

Travel support funding and assistance is needed for twelve (12) GNSO community members per fiscal year. The full travel support funding (i.e., airfare, hotel, and per diem) would be allocated for a maximum of four (4) individuals per ICANN Meeting.

Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution:

None