



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.

PRIORITY #2

REQUEST INFORMATION	
Title of Proposed Activity	
Registries Stakeholder Group request for travel support for seven (7) participants to attend the 2019 GDD Summit (currently scheduled to be held late spring/early summer in the APAC region).	
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REQUEST DESCRIPTION																																					
1. Activity: Please describe your proposed activity in detail																																					
<p>As the fifth full year of the launch of new gTLDs approaches, 1,200 new gTLDs (92%) have been delegated and contracts of 98% have been signed. As evidenced since the start of the new gTLD Program Application Process, the Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) has expanded from a steady state of 14 members representing 21 gTLDs, to a membership of 83 Registry Operators representing over 75% of the new gTLDs delegated and/or under contract with ICANN. The current demographics of our membership follows (as of January 2018):</p>																																					
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With the significant growth of the RySG, and the Contracted Party House (CPH) as a whole, coupled with the myriad of concurrent and critical activities currently in play within the ICANN community and, specifically, within the GNSO, the value-add from the first CPH GDD Summit held in 2015 in Los Angeles, followed by the May 2016 Summit in Amsterdam and the 2017 Summit in Madrid, has continued to be evident. The 2018 Summit, scheduled for May in Vancouver, is currently being fleshed out and there is every expectation on the part of the RySG (CPH) and ICANN GDD staff this will be productive in moving through the challenges of the coming year by providing a productive and constructive forum for focused hands-on, in-person working sessions to address such critical issues currently facing the Registry Operators.

The RySG respectfully requests ICANN support funding of seven (7) travel slots for RySG participation in the planned 2019 CPH GDD Summit. The RySG Executive Committee will continue to closely monitor any travel requests submitted vis a vis the requestors to demonstrate their need, a statement of interest, how they can benefit by participation, a commitment to actively participate in the Summit as well as taking an active role in any follow-on activities from the Summit.

The travel support provided to the RySG for members to participate in the three (3) ICANN meetings each year has clearly demonstrated a growth in mentoring new members, a high level of participation on working groups and critical efforts within the RySG and CPH. There is every expectation this same outcome would be realized by providing those members who are otherwise unable to attend the 2019 GDD Summit by affording them an opportunity to engage in the focused and outcome-driven sessions, to enhance their knowledge base of topics more focused to the RySG (and CPH), and ultimately provide further volunteer participation in on-going and ever expanding critical activities within the RySG, GNSO and ICANN community.

In addition, this would allow us to develop and mentor leadership within the RySG, enable small registries or those with new business models to participate, and also provide the opportunity to outreach to those underserved geographic regions within the gTLD registries community.

In summary, the RySG respectfully submits a request for unrestricted support of seven (7) travel slots to participate in the 2019 CPH GDD Summit.

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

Full travel support (airfare, hotel and per diem) for unrestricted travel for seven (7) slots as outlined above to attend the 2019 CPH GDD Summit.

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

This would be a recurring activity.

REQUEST OBJECTIVES

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

This request strategically aligns with:

Competition, Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice: expand stakeholders; engage with staff on performance; expand inclusion and orientation of new stakeholders; enhance global outreach.

Core Operations Including IANA: Internationalization; strengthen regional presence.



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A Healthy Internet Governance Eco-System: increase stakeholder diversity and cross-stakeholder work; ease of global participation; retain and support existing community while attracting new and diverse community members; increase contributions to international forums; increase technical community communication and collaboration; widen international engagement; enhance communications, accessibility and participation via enhanced tools.

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

Based on the individuals who may benefit from this opportunity, this request could potentially benefit any one of the five principal geographic regions. In addition to requirements that any individuals granted travel support funding be active in RySG activities and in topics/issues/working groups for the Summit, the RySG will continue to adhere to self-imposed guidelines for individuals requesting support to travel to the Summit.

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

1. Active participation at the three ICANN global meetings by individuals who otherwise could not attend due to funding constraints.
2. More geographic diversity in RySG participation including from underserved regions.
3. More diversity in terms of types of businesses participating in the Summit (i.e., small registry, geographic TLDs, community TLDs, etc.).
4. Expanding the resource pool for the RySG in GNSO policy development efforts including preparing potential new leaders.

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

1. Increase in the number of participants.
2. Improved geographic diversity of RySG participants.
3. Addition of participants who have previously not been able to attend CPH Summits in person.
4. To ensure that the RySG requirements for receiving travel support are met and to measure the metrics above, the RySG Executive Committee will conduct a follow-on assessment/review of those funded travelers.

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:



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Technology Support: (telephone, Adobe Connect, web streaming, etc.)
None
Language Services Support:
None
Other:
None
Travel Support:
As outlined above, request for funding (airfare, hotel and per diem) for seven (7) participants to be used in accordance with the guidelines of the RySG.
Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution:
None known at this time. However, again emphasis is made on the fact that it is the RySG's practice to invite participants who request travel support if they could not otherwise attend/participate.