

Replenishment Strategy for the ICANN Reserve Fund Webinar 1 March 2018 1700 UTC

Chat Transcript:

Xavier Calvez: (3/1/2018 08:54) Hello and welcome.

Joash Moitui: (08:55) Thanks

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Sebastien (ALAC): (08:56) Hello, Why we can't join the audio via Adobe?

avri doria: (08:58) we can

Xavier Calvez: (08:58) Hello Sebastien. We have enabled audio for participants. What appears to be the problem?

Sebastien (ALAC): (08:59) Now yes

Xavier Calvez: (08:59) Good!

Sebastien (ALAC): (08:59) Not before sorry Xavier and Avri

Vanda Scartezini: (08:59) hi everyone, now I am hearing someone digiting...

Sebastien (ALAC): (09:00) Thanks

Vanda Scartezini: (09:00) halo Xavier...

Xavier Calvez: (09:01) I think Joash Moitui' microphone is not muted. Could you please mute it when you are not speaking? Thank you.

Joash Moitui: (09:02) thanks done

Shahul Hameed: (09:10) Hello everyone

Alan Greenberg: (09:10) Question: I presume the reserve is invested rather conservatively. What is the typical annual rate of return on it?

James Bladel: (09:11) Question - The use of Auction Proceeds is under discussion by a CCWG. Is this one of the uses under consideration? If not, then it should not be included here.

Vanda Scartezini: (09:12) James, I believe it is considered as Xavier already said is expected from our CCWG

James Bladel: (09:12) Registries and Registrars would naturally and rationally pass these fees to domain name registrants.

Alan Greenberg: (09:13) @James, that of course also depends on whether the full amt of the Auction funds is within the scope of the CCWG, or just part of it (ie, the board can take some off the top to before funds go to the new distribution scheme

Vanda Scartezini: (09:14) how is the level of CCTLDs contributions nowadays? are all possible contribution from them?

James Bladel: (09:16) If ICANN can use its Reserve Fund with little restriction, and is allowed to replenish with Auction Proceeds, then this is just a roundabout way to using Auction Proceeds for routine operations/projects.

Alan Greenberg: (09:17) The ALAC considered possible strategies but decided that this PC was asking only about level and deferred giving opinions of sources

Alan Greenberg: (09:25) I wish my investment counsellor could get 6% with very conservative investments!

Alan Greenberg: (09:25) At 6%, \$70m grows to 88 in 5 year. More if we are also contributing on a regular basis

Alan Greenberg: (09:26) .

Vanda Scartezini: (09:27) yes ALan. it is not clear how the interest will be considered

Alan Greenberg: (09:27) Xavier says such income stays in the reserve.

Vanda Scartezini: (09:29) i can not

Vanda Scartezini: (09:30) this is something that we shall press a little in the public comment

Vanda Scartezini: (09:31) cctLDs specially those from wealth countries ,but in general all, shall contribute

James Bladel: (09:35) Correct, the controls on the use of the Reserve Fund become the controls on the Auction Proceeds, just one step removed.

Daniel K. Nanghaka 2: (09:39) I agree @james

James Bladel: (09:40) Understood, Xavier. But those controls/thresholds on Reserve Funds could be lower than those developed for Auction Proceeds.

avri doria: (09:41) James, this change of control would only be on that part which was allocated to the reserve fund. Is that correct?

matthew shears: (09:41) could we have scroll control - thanks

Vanda Scartezini: (09:42) this is a very relevant point james

James Bladel: (09:44) But if ICANN is working from the Reserve Fund, then some projects should be canceled and some staff should be furloughed.

Becky Nash: (09:44) @ matthew I have set the preference for scrolling. Can you confirm if it is working.

matthew shears: (09:44) not yet

James Bladel: (09:45) Thank you, Xavier.

Vanda Scartezini: (09:46) and savings in this 5 years first period till we achieve the full reserve fund for the today's expectation shall be more restrictive on growth than after we achieve this expected level of fund

Vanda Scartezini: (09:48) meaning almost not grow during this period ..

James Bladel: (09:48) Good point, and what would be the impact on overall registration volume (ie. higher fees --> fewer transactions)

judith hellerstein: (09:49) We do not have scroll control over the presentation

Vanda Scartezini: (09:50) judith guess in webinars.. has less control from the public but I am not sure

Becky Nash: (09:50) We are requesting access to permit scrolling

Vanda Scartezini: (09:50) ok thanks

John Poole: (09:51) Increasing fees on registrants should be a non-starter

Ayden Férdeline 2: (09:51) thanks XAVIER

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James Bladel: (09:51) I think this should be studied, in paricular given that FY19 still has fee/revenue proejctions that are still too aggressive.

judith hellerstein: (09:52) Thanks Becky now we have scroll control

Sebastien (ALAC): (09:52) You didn't realy answer my comments

Daniel K. Nanghaka 3: (09:52) Can the reserve funds affect some of the core programs of ICANN?

Becky Nash: (09:52) We have activated scrolling rights for all participants now

Daniel K. Nanghaka 3: (09:54) If the funds are sent back when not being used then allocation can be done to some of ICANNs core activities

James Bladel: (09:54) Right. there should be some recognition of that risk (likelihood & \$ impact)

James Bladel: (09:56) A reduction in operating costs could also yeild s surplus that would replenish reserves.

Daniel K. Nanghaka 3: (09:57) That is right

James Bladel: (09:58) Need to drop. Thanks again, Xavier.

Daniel K. Nanghaka 3: (09:58) Can we get a link to the presentation

Vanda Scartezini: (09:58) thank you Xavier for all this explanations. best to all

Lito Ibarra: (09:59) Thanks all

matthew shears: (09:59) thanks

avri doria: (09:59) bye, thanks

Sebastien (ALAC): (09:59) Merci

Daniel K. Nanghaka 3: (09:59) Thank you bye

Ayden Férdeline 2: (09:59) thanks