

I support the Board's proposed replenishment methodology with certain caveates.

The strategy is:

- The replenishment period should not exceed 5 years, in line with principle (i).
- Over the 5-year period, the ICANN Org should plan for operational savings in order to make a contribution of US\$ 15 million in total, in line with principle (ii)
- A contribution from the Auction Proceeds should be considered. The amount under consideration would be US\$ 36 million, corresponding to the total amount of withdrawals from the Reserve Fund to finance the IANA Stewardship transition.
- The remaining shortfall of US\$ 17 million (\$68m less \$15m and less \$36m above) could possibly come from one of the following sources, in no specific order of preference:
 - Contribution from leftover funds from the new gTLD program, if any.
 - Additional contribution from ICANN Org.
 - Additional contribution from the Auction Proceeds.

My caveates:

- \$36 from the auction funds should be subject to a limit of 25% of available funds. So if we do not have access to any .web funds, the amount allocated to the reserve should be reduced.
- I believe that a temporary increase in the registrar per-domain fee should be considered. An increase of just \$0.02 per domain per year for five years will yield ICANN approximately \$18m. This fee will no doubt be passed on to registrants, but \$0.02 per year is not an excessive or even noticeable amount.