ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines Consultation

Background and Rationale

The ICANN organization supports the work of the ICANN volunteer community to ensure the Internet remains interoperable, resilient and secure. Volunteer participation comes in many forms—through working groups, attending ICANN Public Meetings, joining a stakeholder community. The ICANN organization is committed to providing the necessary resources to invest in a sustainable community. This includes capacity development, administrative and travel support, outreach and engagement.

Supporting diverse, global participation in ICANN's policy-making work is a key part of the ICANN mission. Demands are growing over time, driven by many factors including but not limited to increasing cross-community work, robust policy development and implementation, growth in working groups, and expansion of reviews.

As part of delivering these contributions, the ICANN organization recognizes the significant value provided to its mission and work by community leaders and contributing participants at ICANN Public Meetings. Likewise, the ICANN organization recognizes that individual community requests to increase permanent travel support levels at ICANN Public Meetings are important and strategic, requiring consideration as part of the overall Operating Plan and Budget.

As the community grows, we need to examine whether the current ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines are still fit for purpose. For example, over the past few years, several communities have experimented with increased levels of funding through the Additional Budget Request process. In a number of those cases, increased travel support was later incorporated into the Operating Plan and Budget.

These experiences and growing demand have revealed that the guidelines for community travel support are no longer comprehensive and need updating. The ICANN Community Travel Support Guidelines were last updated in 2013 for fiscal year 2014 and published on the Community Travel Support page. In the spirit of greater accountability and transparency, the ICANN organization seeks to begin strategic conversations with the community about travel support and community resources.

The long-term sustainability of community travel support requires strategic consideration by the entire community. As part of these strategic conversations, the ICANN organization is initiating a community consultation to examine and assess the best approach to review the purpose, value, and resources needed to continue supporting the community in its deliberations at ICANN Public Meetings. Through this process, the ICANN organization will collect feedback and views from the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees and their constituent groups. This information will guide resource planning for future Operating Plans and Budgets.

Summary Report

Community Travel Support Guidelines Consultation Process

Responses

Date	Group/Individual	Resource
3 October 2017	NARALO	NARALO Response
26 October 2017	Alan Greenberg	AG Input
1 November 2017	Carlos Raul Gutierrez	CRG Response
16 November 2017	ISPCP	ISPCP Response
17 November 2017	RySG	RySG Response
20 November 2017	NCSG	NCSG Response
25 November 2017	NCUC	NCUC Response
28 November 2017	GNSO Council	GNSO Council Response
5 December 2017	GAC	GAC Response
5 December 2017	BC	BC Response
10 January 2018	RSSAC	RSSAC Response
27 January 2018	SSAC	SSAC Response

Briefings, Meetings, and Teleconferences

Date	Group/Event	Resource (if available)
27 September 2017	SSAC workshop	

12 October 2017	GNSO Council teleconference	Final Proposed Agenda 12 October 2017
26 October 2017	Alan Greenberg, ALAC Chair	
29 October 2017	ALAC and Regional Leaders work wession, part 9	At-Large Meetings - Sunday, 29 October 2017 Workspace https://schedule.icann.org/event/CbJF/alac-and-regional-leaders-working-session-part-9
29 October 2017	SSAC Administrative Committee meeting	
31 October 2017	NPOC meeting	NPOC Constituency Day Meeting - ICANN60
1 November 2017	RSSAC meeting	

Documents

Community Travel Support Guidelines Consultation – Questionnaire (.pdf)

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