



FY18 COMMUNITY REQUEST FORM

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Please remember that the deadline for FY18 Budget consideration is **30 January 2017**.

REQUEST INFORMATION

Title of Proposed Activity

GNSO PDP WG Chairs Support Pilot Project

Community Requestor Name

GNSO

Chair

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REQUEST DESCRIPTION

1. Activity: Please describe your proposed activity in detail

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 these 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. However, it has come to the Council's attention that in certain limited cases, chairs of these PDP WGs are not able to travel to ICANN meetings and lead these efforts which can pose challenges as it is not ideal for a chair, who has lead and supported previous meetings, not be present when the deliberations get to a crucial stage and/or to try and lead a meeting remotely. As a result, the GNSO Council requests eight travel slots per ICANN meeting for FY18 (24 travel slots in total) that the GNSO Council leadership can allocate at its discretion to PDP WG Chairs to participate in the F2F meetings of the respective PDP WG and any related updates and/or meetings at an ICANN meeting.

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.

At the end of FY18, the GNSO leadership together with the GNSO Council would evaluate this pilot in order to determine whether to continue this request for FY19.

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 eight individuals per ICANN Meeting (i.e., twenty-four individuals per fiscal year). Note, the # of hotel nights would be limited to the # of days relevant to the PDP WG meeting.



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

Recurring activity – eight funded individuals per ICANN Meeting (i.e., twenty-four 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.

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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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 24 GNSO community members per fiscal year. The full travel support funding (i.e., airfare, hotel, and per diem) would be allocated for maximum 8 individuals per ICANN Meeting.

Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution:

None