

**ICANN FY19 OPERATING PLAN  
AND BUDGET  
CCNSO-SOPC COMMENTS**

# From WG to Committee

- The Strategic and Operational Working Group (SOPWG) was created at the Cairo ICANN meeting in Nov 2008.
- Renamed the Strategic and Operational Standing Committee (SOPC) to reflect its permanent nature in Nov 2017.
- Aim: coordinate, facilitate, and increase the participation of ccTLD managers in ICANN and PTI's strategic and operational planning processes and related budgetary processes.
- The Committee may submit a relevant Rejection Action Petition against the ICANN and IANA budgets, as well as their Strategic and operating Plans as defined in the ICANN Bylaws, Annex D, section 2.1 (f), (g), (h) and (i) to the ccNSO as Decisional Participant.

# Committee members

- Giovanni Seppia, .eu (Chair)
- Wafa Dahmani, .tn
- Irina Danelia, .ru
- Stephen Deerhake
- Philip Du Bois, .be
- Russell Haworth, .uk
- Landry Kouadio Assi, .ci
- Roelof Meijer, .nl
- Rosalia Morales, .cr
- Andreas Musielak, .de
- Abdalla Omari, .ke
- Barrack Otieno, AfTLD
- Barbara Povše, .si
- Pablo Rodriguez, .pr
- Leonid Todorov, APTLD
- Mary Uduma, .ng
- Michael Vassilakis, .gr
- Liz Williams, .au

# Key comments over the past two FY and FY19

FY17	FY18	FY19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acknowledgement of improvements in presenting the Plan</li><li>• Need of more and/or clearer KPIs and timeframes</li><li>• Acknowledgement of inconsistencies regarding the content-style across the Plan</li><li>• Recommendation for a more prudent approach to expenses</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Need to significantly improve the narrative/flow to make the plan more accessible to any reader/stakeholder</li><li>• Ensure more consistency among the various sections</li><li>• ICANN estimates for new gTLDs and legacy TLDs growth are not in line with the industry' current performances. Recommendation to stick to low estimates</li><li>• Concerns regarding ICANN long-term sustainability</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new Plan format does not help the reader as information relating to the various goals, projects and activities are scattered across the various Documents that are also drafted inconsistently. Metrics and accountability indicators should be included in Document 4</li><li>• In terms of funding estimates, the SOPC recommends ICANN be more prudent when it comes to TLD growth estimates as the market is showing clear trends</li><li>• The SOPC fails to see the rationale behind the budget constraints vis-a-vis the further increase in headcount</li></ul>

# ICANN FY19 Budget

ICANN Operations	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Adopted Budget <sup>1</sup>	FY18 Forecast <sup>2</sup>	Draft FY19 Budget
<b>Funding</b>	\$135	\$143	\$135	\$138
<b>Cash Expenses</b>	\$128	\$143	\$137	\$138
<b>Funding from FY17 Savings (Approved by Board)</b>	\$0	\$0	\$2	\$0
<b>Excess/(Deficit)</b>	\$6	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)

# ICANN FY19 Budget

<b>Three Year Summary</b>	<b>FY17</b>		<b>FY18</b>		<b>FY18</b>		<b>FY19</b>	
<b>Expenses By Category</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>% TTL</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>% TTL</b>	<b>Forecast</b>	<b>% TTL</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% TTL</b>
Personnel	\$59.5	46%	\$69.5	54%	\$68.7	50%	\$76.8	56%
Travel & Meetings	\$18.1	14%	\$17.8	14%	\$15.8	12%	\$15.6	11%
Professional Svcs.	\$23.5	18%	\$27.7	22%	\$26.9	20%	\$23.4	17%
Admin & Capital	\$27.4	21%	\$22.5	17%	\$21.9	16%	\$17.8	13%
Contingency	\$0.0	0%	\$5.3	4%	\$3.2	2%	\$4.5	3%
<b>Cash Expenses</b>	<b>\$128.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$142.8</b>	<b>111%</b>	<b>\$136.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$138.0</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Some considerations

- “ICANN org could have done better in its long-term financial planning”
- “It is for the multistakeholder community to decide not just what work gets done and when, but also to help keep expenses within ICANN’s means and focused on our mission”
- “ICANN org exists to support the community’s work and ICANN’s mission”

***THANKS TO THE ALL WORKING GROUP !***

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