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Subject: Re: [soac-chairs] Updated Paper on Recommended Strategic Changes to Future ICANN Public Meetings

Dear Tanzanica,

Please find attached comments on the Recommended Strategic Changes for Future ICANN Public Meetings summarised by the ccNSO Council. In preparing this response, the ccNSO Council worked closely with the ccNSO Meeting Programme Committee (MPC) and sought direct input from the ccTLD community by email and by conducting two interactive webinar sessions.

On a personal note, I would like to express my concerns and frustration with the process itself. I appreciate that the Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact which none of us could have imagined. However, that does not justify demanding communities to organise and respond to a proposal in less than two weeks, and then ask them to wait another month for a basic schedule - that would give us only two months to organize our meetings during or around the ICANN70 meeting. I have noticed that our volunteers get the feeling that they are forced to spend time on consultations for which they never volunteered. They want to organize sessions for the ccTLD community to strengthen the ccNSO as a global platform. Currently, they have the perception that all their efforts since ICANN69 have been a waste of time. That worries me a lot.

Kind regards,

Katrina
Dear SOAC Chairs:

Thank you again for participating in the roundtable discussion on the evolution of ICANN Public Meetings last Thursday. One of the action items from this call with Goran was for ICANN org to publish the updated paper on recommended strategic changes to future ICANN Public Meetings for additional community feedback. You will also recall that we agreed to a deadline of **Friday 18 December 2020** for any further community input.

We are therefore asking that you circulate the attached paper to each of your community groups at your earliest convenience. As was the case with the meetings survey, we also ask that each Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee submit a single response consolidating the feedback you receive from your constituent structures and stakeholder groups. This will greatly facilitate our ability to collate all community feedback into a proposed final draft report. We will distribute this report to you prior to submitting the final version to the Board in January 2021. Please send your group’s response to Tanzanica, at tanzanica.king@icann.org.

You will see that the paper reflects the key findings from the meetings survey. We’d also like to draw your attention to the proposed enhancements for future ICANN Public Meetings that we presented to you last Thursday and that ICANN org is suggesting based on the community’s initial feedback.

As Goran has noted previously, including on the call with you last week, ICANN org’s role is to support the community in its work. How we improve on and enhance that support depends on ICANN org and the Board receiving broad feedback from across the community, through you as their leaders and representatives. We thank you for your time and for continuing to work with us on this important effort.

Best regards,
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