

## **Guideline for Voluntary Contributions of ccTLDs to ICANN**

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- ICANN and the ccNSO each recognize the value the ccTLD community and ICANN bring to their relationship
- ICANN and the ccNSO recognize and acknowledge the value exchange model, with specific, shared and global value categories, which has been developed cooperatively, as the basis to allocate expenditures
- The ccNSO recognizes that ICANN undertakes expenditures that are of direct and specific benefit to the ccNSO community and recommends that ICANN be reasonably compensated for these costs
- Consistent with its public interest mandate and not-for-profit status, ICANN is encouraged to continue to its efforts to improve its management practices and be cost efficient
- ccTLDs function in a wide variety of operating environments using differing business and governance models
- The ccNSO has developed the attached 'banded model' for voluntary contributions to ICANN, however, the level of contribution that any ccTLD registry makes to ICANN should continue to be determined between ICANN and the individual ccTLD manager
- Where a ccTLD agrees to initiate payment of contributions or to an increase in contributions, either as a result of the adoption of this guideline or in time, after reaching a higher band, these amounts could be phased in annually or over a period of three to five years
- Where a Registry is responsible for managing more than one ccTLD, it will have the option of determining its ICANN contribution on the basis of either
  - the total domains under management, or
  - the sum of the contributions of the individual ccTLDs
- ICANN and the ccNSO have agreed to have a discussion on the need to review the model and its results, after a minimum period of five (5) years.

## Revenue Bands

<u>Band</u>	<u>Domains Under Management</u>	<u>Suggested Voluntary</u>
<u>Contribution</u>		(\$US)
Band A	Greater than 5 million	
\$225,000		
Band B	2.5 million to 5 million	\$150,000
Band C	1 million to 2.5 million	\$ 75,000
Band D	500, 000 to 1 million	\$ 25,000
Band E	250,000 to 500,000	\$ 15,000
Band F	50,000 to 250,000	\$ 10,000
Band G	Less than 50,000	\$ 500