

NCSG Feedback on “How We Meet” Community Dialogue

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Foundational questions:

1. If you or your group could change one thing about how we meet that will facilitate efficiency in how we deliver ICANN's mission while remaining sustainable into the future, what would that be? -

NCSG Response: One thing we could try to develop a bit more and think thoroughly is to focus resources on groups/individuals within ICANN that actually contribute substantially. I'm aware that creating criteria and metrics for what "substantial participation" may mean, but the idea here would be pushing the community towards a proper stimuli environment, rewarding work effectively done and discouraging people from resting passively on past laurels (and this should apply not only to individuals, but to community bodies as a whole.)

PC proposed Comments from the discussion and inputs:

NCSG Comments:

We think that reviewing the ICANN Meeting Strategy after ten years (considering how many important things happened in this period) is a good idea, even if we end up concluding that we should maintain the status quo.

While NCSG supports the general idea of reviewing the cost of how we meet or work, if the recommendation out of the review is to reduce sessions and/or travel, we think session/travel reduction should not be done in a blanket way across the board, since all community groups do not have access to equal level of funding outside ICANN. However, our members think the timing of the changes is poor, considering the upcoming new gTLD round and WSIS concerns. The last time we went into a round of new gTLDs, it was a London meeting where 6,000 people. It was apparently the biggest meeting ICANN had ever, ever hosted because there was massive interest, concern, and questions about the new gTLD program. If ICANN cut's back now, we will lose the very thing that we are trying to do, which is to get many more people involved in and interested in new gTLDs. Newcomers through the applicant support program, through the outreach and marketing are going to come in and they will have a million questions about ICANN. So ICANN needs those education and outreach sessions and we need them sometimes face to face so people can actually ask the dumb question in the hallway.

In addition, NCSG members would like to know what is going on financially with ICANN?