Budget:

Plan

Tuesday - review budget add to google doc and form into high level points
Wednesday - share with PC and FC
Thursday - assess progress and shape up text
Friday - finalize/share for approval?

Need:

Ed GNSO letter
Info on others views on budget
Matthew to follow up with Chuck on IANA

Resources:

https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/proposed-opplan-budget-fy17-05mar16-en.pdf

Concerns (following from call with Ed Morris):

**Start of possible comment [NOTE these really do need a double checking]**

We have a number of general level questions and concerns with regard to the FY17 budget:

- According to section 3.1 the largest percentage increase between FY16 and FY17 budgets is in headcount, to the tune of $9m. The numbers in the table in 6.1 seem to suggest that there will be a significant increase in the number of FTE headcount. We would appreciate a fuller understanding of the need for such an increase.
- While there is increased transparency in FY17 and the budget process there is an insufficiency of detail to enable the ACs and SOs to fully assess and understand the budget allocations and increases/decreases [NOTE is this true????? And if so is there a better way of putting this?]
- We are concerned with the disproportionate budgeting for Global Engagement (budget line 1.1 and 1.2 in FY17 by portfolio table) when compared to the budget for SO/AC policy and engagement (budget line 1.3 in same table). Given the huge pressures that the community is under with the vast range of PDPs, WGs, etc., and other work that is largely undertaken by volunteers, this difference is worrying and requires reconsideration.

(End with)

Important to be able to do comparisons with prior years not changing categories

Other issues/questions to be rewritten/elaborated:

1. How is Nora Abusitta's work funded and on what
2. SPeaker's bureau
3. WHy no academic funding
4. NPCH supporting intersessional and imperative to keep it in there (not sure that it will occur)
5. Top 15 baseline projects none oriented towards the community
6. Funding of the different regions - what are the criteria?
7. Business engagement?
8. DNS entrepreneurship center in Egypt?
9. IPv6 600K 1.2.3.8.7. + IPv6 elsewhere for 200K
10. Where is ICANN legal budget?
11. GNSO policy support 1.3.1
12. Many of the GNSO areas have been zeroed out - not much spend on MS model etc.
13.

Additional questions from skimming budget (Matthew) - with the caveat that I am no numbers person…..

3.1 What justifies an increase in FTEs from 316.7 to 366.5 p10
Similarly GSE is at 44 headcount to SO/AC policy and engagement at 30 p 11 as well as similar discrepancies in budgeting
3.4 Why is ICANN doing IPv6 work to the tune of 600K?

WIth regard to IANA functions post transition we have the following questions:

- On page 22 there is reference to a placeholder sum for transition costs of $6 to $9m. When will and who will provide the actual cost estimate?
- On page 23 we believe that the chart needs to be reviewed as the IANA functions will sit within the PTI subsidiary and not within ICANN post transition
- On page 27 we wonder whether the total costs for PTI should encompass all OCs not just names given the PTI will be providing services to all OCS
- There appears to be a discrepancy between the IANA Cost analysis (based on FY 2015 data) in Annex P of the CCWG Stewardship proposal and the estimated FY17 budget for PTI.
- We see no mention of nor reference to the provisioning for continuity of IANA services for FY17?
- In section 7.7 - 2.1 why are some IANA department operations in 2.1.1 - 2.1.3 listed separately and not consolidated with early IANA transition related work in section 4.2? In this section of the budget there is also a sum of $1.1m for implementation of the stewardship transition and accountability measures. Is this separate from and in addition to the amount on p22 that is still awaiting further detail?
- In section 7.21 - 5.2 there is a line item (5.2.4) that is dedicated to achieving ICANN's objectives w/r/t the transition - yet by the time FY17 budget is implemented the

transition will (hopefully) be completed and the community will be into the operational phase of PTI.  Are these funds for Workstream 2?

With regard to the GDD

- How are allocations for GDD being scaled down given the absence of another round in the next few years?  Can addtional FTE in other areas be offset by decrease in this area?

Appears that there are two distinct budget buckets that should be consolidated as all IANA functions will be undertaken through PTI.
P 53 - really unclear what this budget line and priority is all about….
P 54 - questions as to whether this is a good spend
P 56 - as above
P 59/60 - 5M being spent on supporting the Board?

1. Increased travel support for WG participants