

GNSO PRINCIPLES FOR ALLOCATION OF TRAVEL SUPPORT FUNDS FOR ICANN MEETING

Allocation and Control:

The total GNSO Travel support budget (less the amount allotted to the NCAs and GNSO Council chair) should be divided to the extent possible on an equal basis among the GNSO constituencies.

The use of travel support funds is for travel to ICANN meetings, including regional, inter-sessional, and face-to-face working group meetings.

The use of travel support funds is to be solely determined by each constituency independently as it sees fit to most effectively progress the work of the GNSO.

The GNSO Council has no role in deciding how these funds are allocated to individuals.

Transparency and Reporting:

The names of all who receive travel support must be made known publicly. What is covered for each (e.g. air fare, accommodations, per diem – not the dollar amounts) must also be made public.

Everyone who is supported must make known (e.g. in a report) publicly the dates of travel, accommodations (which hotel) and meetings attended and/or work accomplished. Note: This should take less than a page to describe.

**Meeting with Doug Brent and Liz Gaster
Tuesday Nov 3rd, 2008
Cairo**

Council members present in the meeting: Robin, Zahid, Olga

Notes taken during the meeting:

Stakeholder groups will allocate council seats in GNSO after restructuring.

GNSO must define how to allocate travel funds from today until June.

Funds may go to other participants not only councilors.

This assignment will be defined by GNSO.

Flexibility and partial funding for using funds could be possible, Doug will try to find a way to solve this demand.

The problem with partial funding is that in ICANN there is fiduciary control that makes it difficult.

DB will contact ICANN CFO to find an intermediate solution for the partial funding and flexibility issue.

DB said it could be very useful for him and other staff members that GNSO may set up a group that provides input about this travel issues, in both phases (until June and after).

DB expressed that this group should also define a set of principles in order to help them with the definition of the travel support policy.

DB would like to have in 3 or 4 week GNSO input about the use of travel funds.

General Comments from us

Funds should be divided equally between existing constituencies (after subtracting NCA travel) between now and June 09.

We could propose that funds should be divided between constituencies or stakeholder groups as may become clearer closer to June 09 once the restructuring of the houses is firmed up and allow discussions in Mexico feed into the policy.

We should continue to work towards a longer-term policy.

We stress to staff that we REALLY need to find a way for flexibility and that legal fiduciary duties really do not require the DEGREE of rigidity that we have seen in the past. There can be some middle ground and we hope to find it.

Comments sent by Kevin Wilson after the meeting with Doug Brent in Cairo:

Per diem

- \$80 per day
- Travel itinerary dictates the number of days per diem is paid out
- ICANN pays for travel days

In cases where ICANN hotel and airfare support are split between two individuals applying for ICANN travel support, per diems are bundled with the hotel costs. If the hotel provides meals and in room Internet without additional charges, the per diem will be adjusted down for those items.

Updated table of travel funds for GNSO Council

Constituencies	Cairo Meeting	Mexico City Meeting	Total per Constituency	Total Available Per Year	Remaining for Sydney
NCUC	2	2	4	5	1
ISPC	1	3	4	5	1
RyC	1	0	1	5	4
BC	3	1	4	5	1
RrC	1	2	3	5	2
IPC	0.5	1	1.5	5	3.5
Total	8.5	9	17.5	30	12.5