

Dear David,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the GNSO Council to ask for your support to have the GNSO Council arrive a day early at ICANN77 to be able to continue making progress and deliver on the four work items that have been requested by the ICANN Board by the end of ICANN77 (see <https://gnso.icann.org/sites/default/files/policy/2023/correspondence/sinha-to-ducos-16mar23-en.pdf>).

The Council is fully aware that these deliverables are of key importance as they form the critical path for ICANN org to produce the Implementation Plan which will be the next important step towards opening the next round of new gTLDs.

As you may be aware, the Council has already created a small team that is working through a plan and timeline for consideration and resolution of all Outputs contained in Section B of the Scorecard (“the 38 pending recommendations”). Similarly, work is already underway for the three other work items. Nevertheless, the Council anticipates that it will need additional time at ICANN77 to ensure it will be able to finalize and deliver these four work items by the end of ICANN77.

As Council members are already funded to travel to ICANN meetings, I expect the resource impact is expected to be limited to an additional hotel night and meeting space so that the Council would be able to meet for a full day session on Sunday 11 June 2023. Of course, we do hope that the necessary staff support would be made available as well as the attendance of Board liaisons that have been participating in these efforts can be facilitated.

I appreciate your consideration of this request with the necessary urgency as I am aware that planning for ICANN77 is in full swing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindly,

Sebastien Ducos
GNSO Chair