

Dear DPRD,

As an Alumni of ICANN fellowship program, I 'm pleased to find that the ongoing feedback process of all involved in this program is being considered in this review.

In this document, I would like to pass to you my personal comments.

**Editing note I:**

There is no footnote for note 2 in the following paragraph under the "FY17 Improvements" column in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row of the table.

*"Accepting applications from all nations, using a merit based system that relies on the knowledge and experience documented within the candidate's applications and personal statements as well as their needs, but giving priority to those currently living in underserved communities<sup>\*2</sup> with financial needs."*

**Suggestion:** The note <sup>\*2</sup> could be changed to <sup>\*1</sup> (i.e. pointing to footnote 1)

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**Comment I:**

Can we include "countries experiencing political instability" with underrepresented groups? Is the research carried out by DPRD project team identified those countries?

**Suggestion:** To move note <sup>\*2</sup> in the quoted paragraph of the **Editing note** above to "...all nations<sup>\*2</sup> ..." then adding the following Footnote<sup>2</sup>:

<sup>2</sup> Including "countries experiencing political instability"

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**Comment II:**

Since the Fellowship program is targeting the following two types of applicants:

1. *"The program is targeted at individuals who are either new to the ICANN environment, are familiar with ICANN but have yet to attend a face-to-face meeting,"*

or

2. *"have started participating in ICANN through the program or by other means but are in need of travel funding in order to broaden their knowledge and deepen their engagement. Candidate backgrounds are diverse: government, the ccTLD community, civil society, academic, technical, and security, commercial and non-commercial sectors."*

In order to identify that the second type of applicant is an active community member with any of ICANN SO, AC, SG or Constituency, I'm suggesting to add the referee quote to the Application Form after the following two questions:

*“Are you currently a member of an ICANN Supporting Organization (SO), Advisory Committee (AC), Stakeholder Group (SG) and/or Constituency within ICANN's Multistakeholder Model? Please select from Drop Down List*

*What work or efforts are you specifically involved with in the SO, AC, SG or Constituency in which you are an active member?”*

**The suggested addition:**

**Name of and a quote from the community SO, AC, SG or Constituency member/leader that you are involved with:**

This suggestion will help separating the two types of applicants to be handled differently during the application assessment process. Also, the referee community quote, might target active contributor participant to ICANN community enhancing the membership engagement.

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**Editing Note II:**

In the “Revised Fellowship Application Form Questions”

The following quote from a community member for applicants to the Coach is good to keep. It might just been missed out.

*“Name of and a quote from a community member/leader and/or ICANN regional engagement staff member who can support your participation in the role of Coach for this meeting”*

Thank you for giving the opportunity to comment,

Best wishes,

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