

**SUMMARY and ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
COMMUNITY TRAVEL SUPPORT GUIDELINES
(8 APRIL-7 MAY 2010)**

KEY POINTS

- Community feedback was solicited for the FY11 Travel Guidelines
- Several comments were received about the Fellowship Program process
- Several comments were received about other matters and those comments were forwarded on to the relevant persons responsible.
- Some comments expressed concern about the efficacy of travel support at all, and suggested more cost efficient and accountable remote participation tools be used.

Source: The text of comments may be found at <http://forum.icann.org/lists/travel-support-2011/>.

SUMMARY OF INPUT

Fellowship Program-Selection Committee.

To make the selection process more transparent, the names of the independent selection committee members, including their background and statement of interest, should be available on the ICANN website. How they are selected, if there is a regular call for applications and how long they serve in their positions should also be made known. *O. Cavalli (19 April 2010). M. Abalo (20 April 2010). A. Piazza (23 April 2010).*

Fellowship Program-Selection Process.

The geographically weighted process sets aside candidates from locations that are geographically very far way from most of the main cities of the world –e.g., the southern cone of South America (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay). Candidates from these countries have usually less chance of being selected than others. A different selection process should be developed in order to solve this geographic gap. *O. Cavalli (19 April 2010). M. Abalo (20 April 2010).*

It is important to communicate to the applicants the results of the selection, even when the selected candidates list would be available on the web page. *M. Abalo (20 April 2010).*

Travel program overall

ICANN's travel program is a travel club for those who want to vacation in exotic locales. The travel program should be eliminated. *G. Kirikos (7 May 2010)*

Need for more metrics

No metrics exist for the impact on policy development efforts with no written comments from those provided with travel support. *G. Kirikos (7 May 2010)*

Transparency

As remote participation is recorded, it provides more accountability. *G. Kirikos (7 May 2010)*

Response to Comments on Travel Support Guidelines

Issue	Response
<u>Fellowship Program Selection Committee/Process</u> --Publish the names of Selection Committee members & their backgrounds --Details needed on how Selection Committee members are chosen & how long they serve --Change Fellow selection process to address geographic gaps --Communicate selection results to applicants even if results are posted on website	Thank you for the suggestions. --The publishing of selection committee members is in process and will be complete by Brussels --These details are available on http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships/ --The Fellows selection process already includes a method to address geographic gaps as noted in the selection criteria on http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships/ --We appreciate this comment on reporting results and will take it under consideration -- We'll include all of these comments in our discussion at the yearly face to face meeting of the selection committee, slated for this June at the Brussels meeting. Keep posted on this topic and other fellowship selection topics by clicking: http://www.icann.org/en/fellowships/
<u>Travel program overall</u> Travel club should not be funded.	The purpose of the travel support is based upon the core principal to increase policy making efforts and ensure inclusion for those who might not participate otherwise.
<u>Need for more metrics</u> Policy making efforts should be demonstrably improved from travel support	Thank you for the suggestion. Certain groups supported by travel have anecdotally shared information providing justification for the travel support they

	receive. Including concrete metrics will be considered and this suggestion is being forwarded to responsible staff.
<u>Transparency</u> Need more remote participation.	Thank you for the suggestion. The Public Participation Committee (PPC) and the meetings team are taking up this idea more strongly than ever in FY11.

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