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RE: Board Information Sessions with the ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees

Dear Country Code Names Supporting Organization Council Chair and Vice Chairs,

As you know, the Board continually seeks opportunities to reinforce its cooperation and partnership with the community. This includes the evolution of the format of the bilateral sessions held during ICANN meetings and the introduction of new engagement opportunities, such as the Board-community engagement breakout session during Prep Week.

The Board is eager to deepen its understanding of opportunities and challenges faced by the community. To do so, the Board would like to organize information sessions with each Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee on a regular basis, and at least once every three years. The aim of these sessions is to strengthen the Board's collegial understanding of the community, and also to develop board members' individual knowledge, particularly for those who join the Board from outside of ICANN's environment.

These sessions are not intended to duplicate or replace the public bilateral sessions that take place during ICANN meetings.

Each session will be 90 minutes long. The suggested format would include a presentation by each Chair and/or Vice Chair(s), focusing on the group's role in ICANN's ecosystem and how it fulfills this role. The presentation should allow time for a question-and-answer period to encourage interaction between the Board and the presenters. Each session will be widely promoted and open to the community.

The Board is mindful of ICANN's budget and will therefore hold these information sessions remotely or, when feasible, during Board workshops held at ICANN meetings.

Our Board Operations team will be in touch with you to start planning for the next 18 months.

We are very much looking forward to learning from your group.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ICANN Board of Directors