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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a student of Masters' degree in Computer and Information Engineering at Sakarya University, Turkey. My research focuses on IoT (Internet of Things) Security, particularly node and thing security. I did my bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Kabul University, Afghanistan. My major then was Information Technology and I completed my dissertation on how to design a green datacenter for KU. Alongside being a student, I worked as a Senior Network Administrator at IT Center of Kabul University. I have led and completed many projects including building the IT Competence Center of Afghanistan and designing computer networks for private universities and companies through private contracts. These make up for three years of professional experience in computer networks and administration fields. Besides researching on IoT Security, I spend many hours learning innovative technologies including Blockchain applications and Data Science.

Alongside these, I am an active member of ICANN community in NCUC (Non Commercial Users Constituency) through NITPAA, ISOC Afghanistan chapter member and executive board member of NITPAA (National IT Professionals Association of Afghanistan). I have attended one ICANN meeting (one time ICANN fellow), MEAC-sig (Middle East School of Internet Governance) and many webinars and training sessions organized by ICANN and APNIC throughout the years.

As an ICANN and MEACsig fellow, I have had the courtesy to have a good understanding of the structure and operations of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO); as I have attended many of NCUC and APRALO sessions during ICANN 61. As a post-meeting goal, I have continued my efforts to stay an active member of the community by taking part in mostly webinars and providing input during public comment periods regarding several issues. Attending the GNSO Policy Development Process - One Day Training Workshop would enable me to better understand the policy development process within GNSO in regards to what role the bottom-up multi-stakeholder model takes in this process, what are the responsibilities of the community members, how conflicts and issues are solved and how can a member be more engaged in terms of taking part in working groups and take part in the overall process.

Attending this workshop would be a professionally rewarding experience. In addition to socializing with colleagues from other institutions and a trip to a possibly exotic locale, the 4 main benefits for me to attend this workshop are being able to learn, network, analyze content and share by hearing presentations and conversing with community leaders and colleagues from across the region. Listening to presentations will inform me of what others are doing in the field of internet governance and PDPs will inspire me to be an active and engaged member of the community.

As a member of NITPAA (National IT professionals Association of Afghanistan), this workshop will enable me to meet and interact with community leaders and IT communities professionals in similar roles and organizations around the region. I will be able to take the pulse of what peer organizations are talking about and planning for, and how they are accomplishing specific goals or activities. Our organization needs to anticipate, understand, and adapt to changes both in the policy environment and in professional practice. Attending the GNSO Policy Development Process Workshop will enable me to see how different countries in this region operate in regards to internet names, how they cope with new technologies and policies, and specially to learn the ways to engage on a global level through ICANN communities.

Sincerely,

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