



# Public Participation meeting

## AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2009, 4PM

- INTRODUCTION (Jean-Jacques Subrenat) – 10 minutes
- DISCUSSION POINTS
  - Public Forums (Thomas Narten) – 20 mins
  - Language (Katim Touray) – 20 mins
  - Document deadlines (Dave Wodelet) – 15 mins
  - Board visibility (Dennis Jennings) – 10 mins
- INTERACTIVE FEEDBACK (details at end) –10 mins
- SUMMING UP (Jean-Jacques Subrenat) – 5 mins

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## TOPIC

### PUBLIC FORUMS (Thomas Narten)

## OUTLINE

A vital part of the public's participation at ICANN meetings comes in the various public forums held during the week.

The format for these forums is important for their effectiveness. This is an opportunity to discuss the formats used and to see if there are improvements that could be made.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

### Where have we come from?

- Single microphone and line; multiple roaming mics
- Board on stage and off stage
- Open mic after presentations, open mic during presentations
- Chatrooms for remote participation
- Small discussion groups and one large room
- Limited time per speaker, unlimited time

### Where are we now?

- Single microphone for questions
- Roaming mics for comments
- Online Question Box prior to meeting and at back of room
- Dedicated open mic session

### Where are we heading?

- Different formats?
- What does the community want from the public forums?
- What do the staff and Board want from public forums?

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### LANGUAGE (Katim Touray)

## OUTLINE

How does the use of language – both jargon and the use of English itself – impact participation?

## DISCUSSION POINTS

Where have we come from?

- All English documents to translating many documents into 5 languages; some into 10 languages
- Completed documents published without prior notice, to range of explanatory publications (magazine, policy update, compliance newsletter) with an indication of future documentation coming up
- No interpretation to interpretation in more languages in more rooms

Where are we now?

- Interpretation in English, French and Spanish in ALAC, GAC, main room, other rooms
- Advance notice of most new documents, summaries of documents, clearly written announcements
- Translation of most main documents in Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian (for Mexico City: 66 documents, 38 in the five UN languages, over 1.5 million words translated)
- Meeting guide in English and Spanish
- Introductory sessions in local language

Where are we heading?

- More translation, more interpretation?
- More educational documents?
- Greater notice of report release dates?

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### DOCUMENT DEADLINES (Dave Wodelet)

## OUTLINE

Meetings usually focus around recently published documents. Does the community have sufficient time to read documents before arriving at meetings to discuss them?

## DISCUSSION POINTS

Where have we come from?

- Documents published during meeting
- Sessions added just prior or during meeting
- Few published agendas or presentations

Where are we now?

- Most documents printing at least one week in advance
- Schedule published three weeks out from the meeting
- Agendas published for some meetings
- Presentations published when available

Where are we heading?

- Document deadlines?
- Schedule six weeks prior to a meeting?
- Agenda and presentations published before meeting?

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### BOARD VISIBILITY (Dennis Jennings)

## OUTLINE

Currently at meetings, the Board spends most of its time broken up, coming together only for the public forum and the public Board meeting.

Is this the most effective way for the Board to gather the views of the community?

## DISCUSSION POINTS

Where have we come from?

- Ad hoc Board visits to sessions
- Formal Board meeting on Friday
- Board up on stage for public forum
- Board held own closed meetings (similar to SOs and ACs)

Where are we now?

- Scheduled Board member meetings with SOs/ACs
- Formal Board meeting on Friday
- Board up on stage for public forum
- Board Committee holding public meeting

Where are we heading?

- Board in one room for most of meeting?
- Open Board Committee meetings?
- Less formal Board and community meetings?
- Public forum focused on general discussion, rather than addressing Board?
- More individual Board comments?

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