Travel Support Workshop

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Goal

- Create documented, consistent approach that makes it clear when, for whom, and how ICANN will provide travel support

- Use this session as an input/discussion session

- After Delhi, provide an on-line forum for additional comments

- Staff recommendations will be presented to Board, and changes, if any, implemented along with the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) budget on 1 July, 2008

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What has changed

- ICANN has more resources, thus an opportunity to reconsider expense support
- Ongoing desire to increase participation, and to developing world
- Pace and breadth of ICANN work can be intense
- ICANN becoming more mature institution; what approach to participation/travel support is sustainable?

What are the challenges?

- Balancing organizational maturity and "professionalization" with volunteer roots/spirit
- Heterogeneity of ICANN participants; some supported by business/academia/government, some pure volunteer
- Ensuring valid use of registrant-derived revenue, and budgeting a level of expense that makes sense
- Diverse views across constituencies, and sometimes within constituencies

Scoping the Discussion

- Focus is on:
  - Travel to primary ICANN meeting
  - Travel by community members (not contractors, ICANN staff, support staff)
- Excludes
  - Nomcom meetings (today, expenses funded)
  - Intersessional GNSO meetings (today, some support funded)

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Exploring Financial Impact

Decreased Funding Support

Increased Funding Support

Reduced:
Board Only

Status Quo:
Board
ALAC
NomCom
Appointees

Increased-1:
Board
ALAC
SO Council
   Members

Increased-2:
Board
ALAC
SO Council
   Members
Other ACs

Note that this continuum could include many other possible outcomes, e.g. Status Quo plus needs based-funding

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Assumptions: Key Group Composition

Organization	Nomcom Appointed	Elected or Named	Liaisons	Total
Board	8	7	6	21
GNSO Council	3	18	2	23
ccNSO Council	3	15	2	20
ASO Council	0	15	0	15
ALAC	5	10	0	15
SSAC	0	26	0	26
RSSAC	0	12	0	12
GAC	0	60	0	60

Note: Some numbers are approximations

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Assumptions: Budgetary costs

- Assume:

Average business airfare	$5,000
Average coach airfare	$1,000
Hotel stay/meeting	$2,000
Other costs/meeting	$1,000
Average total meeting cost with business class air	$8,000
Average total meeting cost with coach air	$4,000

- Costs may be quite different for a particular meeting, but should equalize as the meetings move around the world
- Some people play multiple roles (e.g. AC chair and Board liaison); projected costs will be slightly overstated for this reason

Scenario: Status Quo

Organization	Members supported	Meeting - business	Meeting - coach
Board	21	168,000	84,000
GNSO Council	3	24,000	12,000
ccNSO Council	3	24,000	12,000
ASO Council	0	0	0
ALAC	15	120,000	60,000
SSAC	0	0	0
RSSAC	0	0	0
GAC	0	0	0
Total per ICANN meeting	42	$336,000	$168,000

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Scenario: Reduced

Organization	Members supported	Meeting - business	Meeting - coach
Board	21	168,000	84,000
GNSO Council	0	0	0
ccNSO Council	0	0	0
ASO Council	0	0	0
ALAC	0	0	0
SSAC	0	0	0
RSSAC	0	0	0
GAC	0	0	0
Total per ICANN meeting	21	$168,000	$84,000

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Scenario: Increased-1

Organization	Members supported	Meeting - business	Meeting - coach
Board	21	168,000	84,000
GNSO Council	23	184,000	92,000
ccNSO Council	20	160,000	80,000
ASO Council	15	120,000	60,000
ALAC	15	120,000	60,000
SSAC	0	0	0
RSSAC	0	0	0
GAC	0	0	0
Total per ICANN meeting	94	$752,000	$376,000

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Scenario: Increased-2

Organization	Members supported	Meeting - business	Meeting - coach
Board	21	168,000	84,000
GNSO Council	23	184,000	92,000
ccNSO Council	20	160,000	80,000
ASO Council	15	120,000	60,000
ALAC	15	120,000	60,000
SSAC	26	208,000	104,000
RSSAC	12	96,000	48,000
GAC	60	480,000	240,000
Total per ICANN meeting	192	$1,536,000	$768,000

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Scenario Summary
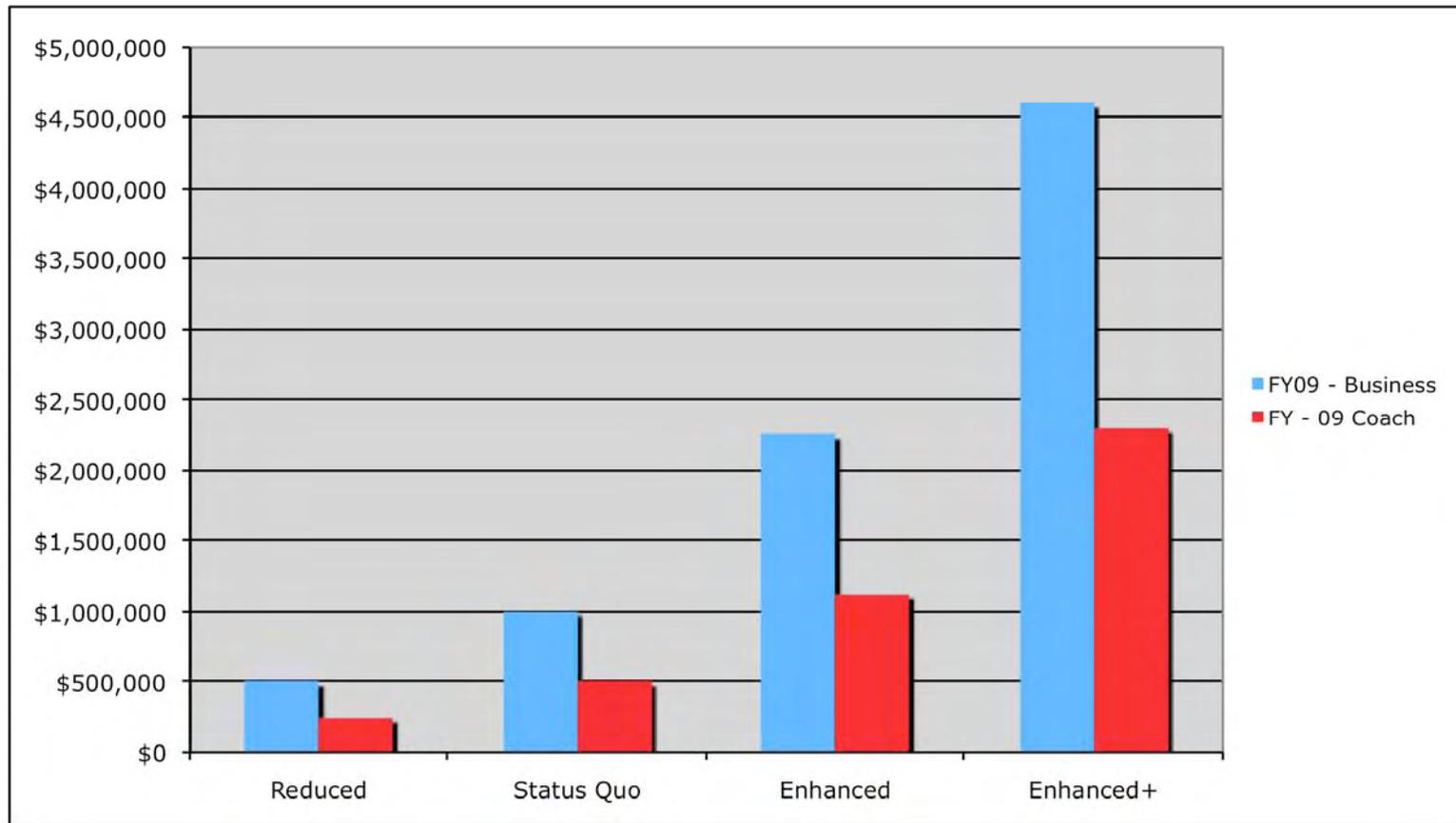
Scenario	Supported Travelers	Meeting - Business	Meeting - Coach	FY09 - Business	FY - 09 Coach
Reduced	21	$168,000	$84,000	$504,000	$252,000
Status Quo	42	$336,000	$168,000	$1,008,000	$504,000
Enhanced	94	$752,000	$376,000	$2,256,000	$1,128,000
Enhanced+	192	$1,536,000	$768,000	$4,608,000	$2,304,000

Some expressed viewpoints

- Travel expenses should be ICANN funded but constituency directed, perhaps with matching funds model
- Travel support for a constituency should be proportional to its ICANN contribution
- ICANN should provide some general need-based travel support fund and require supported individuals to report on accomplishments/work conducted
- Change the frequency or centralized nature of the meetings – reduce need
- Pay for travel but not hotel; partial funding
- An external body to assess need based on some clear criteria

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So…next steps

- After Delhi, provide an on-line forum for additional comments
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- Your comments – Open Microphone

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Thank You

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