ATRT – Recommendation #18

Multi-lingual Access
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Rec. 18: Board should ensure access to, documentation within, policy development processes & multi-lingual access to maximum extent feasible.
Multi-lingual Access means:

• Make information about ICANN and its work accessible to those who speak languages other than English in ways that enhance participation in and the effectiveness of the multistakeholder model.

• Make ICANN more effective as a global organization.
Multi-lingual Access provides:

• Updates to ICANN Bylaws to be synchronized in all six UN languages.

• Translation and posting of all Board-related documents to be completed and published within 21 days.

• Creation of ICANN Language Services Policy & Procedures document (rules and processes for translation, interpretation, scribing, transcription and related services).
Achievements and Accomplishments

- ICANN Language Services Policy & Procedures document has been completed - Public comment period began May 18th and will continue until July 2nd.
Multi-lingual Access:

• A substantial number of the policies and procedures contained in the document are already being implemented
  – Extensive language support for the new gTLD Program
  – Expanded and improved Teleconference Interpretation for Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees
  – Additional Language Support for the GAC (translations, interpretation and transcription)
  – Extended Transcription support for sessions during ICANN meetings
Thank You
Questions