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| **Charter Question #6** | Should any priority or preference be given to organizations from developing economies, projects implemented in such regions and/or under represented groups? |
| **Initial Responses (summary – for full responses, see** [**here**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QN7zarCr2c-2BVv3pfa6Z5O10pDcgHSIQ5Q3CBdX2WE/edit)**)** | * It's an important criteria, but beyond the organization's location, we should look at the beneficiaries'. Global organizations typically have programs in developing countries and for minorities, and funds can be earmarked within them. * It depends. The funds shouldn’t be restricted only for organizations from developing economies, projects implemented in such regions and/or under represented groups, but they should be given the support to have an equal footing to participate at the stage where the proposals are developed. Provide localized guidelines, applications forms, make wide promotion of the opportunity is key. So, if during an application process, only proposals from developed countries are received, then a stronger effort to get proposals from developing countries should be done. * A lot of the key infrastructure that might benefit from applying to some of this funds is located in developed countries, that are currently facing a lot of uncertainty and instability that might affect them if their funding comes from government agencies. Proposals should be judged based on merit alone, not from where they come from. Institutional capacity might vary, but that offers an opportunity to provide support to strengthen organizations in less developed countries. It depends on the purpose. * It is relevant - developing economy are the ones not contributing much to the ICANN income and this is due to lack of knowledge, limitations of resellers as a survey in the LAC region showed. * Subgranting organisations with sufficient capability and track record should be used by ICANN, where-ever they are located. Then Project-proposals can be issued to these subgranting organisations, again from issuers where-ever they are located. * If we read the introduction of the ICANN strategic plan for the fiscal years 2016-2020 we find the mention of global inclusivity and its importance to ICANN stakeholders worldwide for ICANN to fulfill its mission, in the vision statement there is also a mention of cooperation among stakeholders worldwide to facilitate ICANN coordination role and the first strategic objective states " evolve and further globalize ICANN," To that end I believe that priority should be given to underrepresented communities and developing economies underrepresented in the stakeholders community. |
| **Order in which this question should be dealt with** |  |
| **Sub-questions or clarifications needed** |  |
| **(External) Expertise required?** | Legal and fiduciary requirements. |