**Preamble**

The CCWG has attempted to define how the Open Internet can be understood, to guide the application and selection process for the auction proceeds fund.

The concept of Open Internet can be described from any angles and may have different meanings for different communities. There are technological, business, political, social and cultural aspects to consider. This preamble does not pretend to be a final definition, as the Internet continues to evolve in every level.

The CCWG agrees that at the technical level, the IP routing and numbering systems, the DNS, as well as the development of Open Standards, have historically been serving an Open Internet because of the opportunities they have provided to participate, innovate and compete without impediments.

From that broad description, the CCWG has considered to offer a definition of the Open Internet that is:

* aligned with ICANN's mission and core principles
* creates value-added for the Open Internet at large
* supports ICANN community processes and consensus approach
* in need of funding for more development support

An Open Internet is an Internet that is equally accessible to all people for all purposes, and at every layer, where:

* no impediments are placed based on the sender, recipient, content, application or type of data being transmitted
* policy and regulation promote, support, facilitate and guarantee equal access
* prices are affordable to all members of society
* education is available for Internet users about how to use the Internet effectively and strategically
* training is available about how to manage, operate and how to use the Internet
* participation on an equal footing at all levels is encouraged, specially by those that might be discriminated against