

Comments on Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget

I am a researcher from China. I have some comments shown below on Draft FY18 Operating Plan and Budget:

1.To achieve the first Strategic Objectives initialed in section 7 of the Proposal, there is an increase in the FTEs in the plan. But we found that there was a decrease on the numbers in the Singapore Office in the executive-team-reports-march-2017-public.pdf, compared with a continuous increase in NA area. So, what would ICANN do to improve the current situation? Chinese community and other communities in AP region need more people and more opportunities on the local engagement support from ICANN. And we also need your clearer purpose and more acts.

2.For the goal 2.3 Support the Evolution of the Domain Name Marketplace to be Robust, Stable and Trusted, I strongly suggest that ICANN should launch a DNS market research on AP region with cooperation with local partner, especially after your finishing some similar reports on other regions. Since AP region is the fast growing market and about half of New gTLD registrations occurred in China, Chinese community and other local partner hope that ICANN start the research as soon as possible with finance support.

3.Please increase budget on the capacity building, Universal Acceptance outreach, Technical engagement in the AP region especially in China, since there are huge users and high finance contribution to ICANN.

Yours,

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