The deadline for FY19 Budget consideration is **31 January 2018.** All questions and completed forms should be sent to **planning@icann.org**.

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| REQUEST INFORMATION | | |
| Title of Proposed Activity |  |  |
| GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session |  |  |
| Community Requestor Name | Chair | |
| GNSO | Heather Forrest | |
| ICANN Staff Community Liaison |  | |
| Marika Konings |  | |

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| request description |
| *1. Activity:* Please describe your proposed activity in detail |
| As part of the FY18 ABR process, the GNSO Council was granted funding to organize for the first time a 3 day face-to-face planning session in January 2018. This first GNSO Council Strategic Planning Session just concluded prior to the deadline for submissions for the FY19 ABRs. From the attached agenda, the reviewers of this request can see that a significant amount of planning has gone into this meeting. We expect the written report required as part of granting the request to be submitted shortly, including the evaluation of the meeting by GNSO Council members, to be submitted shortly but initial feedback suggests that this meeting achieved the objectives set out and enabled the GNSO Council to have focused and dedicated discussions that have significantly aided its planning for the year ahead as well as ensuring a common understanding of the possible challenges ahead and how these can be addressed. As such, the GNSO Council would like to request the continuation of this pilot for FY19 that would allow the GNSO Council to organize a second Strategic Planning Session in January of 2019. As noted in our previous request, the objective of this session is to develop a work plan for the year ahead and beyond factoring in the existing workload as well as the new responsibilities following the transition and as part of the Empowered Community. Although the GNSO Council meets face-to-face at ICANN meetings, there is never sufficient time to focus on long term strategic planning. The GNSO Council Development Session that is organized immediately following the ICANN AGM is specifically designed on introducing and integrating new GNSO Council members and as such not suitable to conduct this type of discussion. |
| *2. Type of Activity*: e.g. Outreach - Education/training - Travel support - Research/Study - Meetings - Other |
| Strategic Planning Session - Full travel support (i.e., airfare, hotel), meeting support (meeting room, AV facilities, catering) as was as facilitation for 1-5 days for the GNSO Council (21 members + GNSO Liaison to the GAC) and support staff. |
| *3. Proposed Timeline/Schedule:* e.g.one time activity, recurring activity |
| Continuation of trial as a pilot with the intention that this become a recurring activity. |

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| request objectives |
| 1. *Strategic Alignment.* Which area of ICANN’s Strategic Plan does this request support? |
| This request strategically aligns with:  1. Evolve and further globalize ICANN  1.3 Evolve policy development and governance processes, structures and meetings to be more accountable, inclusive, efficient, effective and responsive. |
| 2. *Demographics.* What audience(s), in which geographies, does your request target? |
| The target audience is the GNSO Council. |
| 3. *Deliverables.* What are the desired outcomes of your proposed activity? |
| * GNSO Council strategic plan * Agreement and understanding of the priorities for the GNSO Council for the year ahead. |
| 4. *Metrics.* What measurements will you use to determine whether your activity achieves its desired outcomes? |
| * Assess impact of strategic plan on Council’s ability to manage workload and prioritise its activities accordingly * Measure implementation of strategic plan against objectives set (assumption is that metrics would be further defined as part of the strategic plan development) |

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| Resource Planning – incremental to accommodate this request |
| Staff Support Needed (not including subject matter expertise): |
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| Subject Matter Expert Support: |
| Facilitator, outgoing Council Chair/leadership. |
| Technology Support: (telephone, Adobe Connect, web streaming, etc.) |
| Telephone, AC, internet, AV facilities |
| Language Services Support: |
| Not applicable |
| Other: |
| Meeting room, Catering |
| Travel Support: |
| Full travel support (i.e., airfare and hotel) for 3 days for the GNSO Council (21 members + GNSO Liaison to the GAC) and support staff. |
| Potential/planned Sponsorship Contribution: |
| Not applicable |