Parameters for ccTLD Voluntary Financial Contributions to ICANN

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Introduction

This document sets out the Principles and a voluntary financial Contribution Model developed by the ccNSO Second Finance Working Group. It reaffirms the mutual value of the relationship between the ccTLD community and ICANN, and the voluntary nature of ccTLD financial contributions to ICANN.

The document reflects a collaboratively developed Cost Model that distinguishes between specific, shared, and global costs, and serves as the basis for the calculation of ICANN's costs which are attributable to ICANN's activities for ccTLDs. It also introduces a Contribution Model that accounts for the diversity of ccTLD operating environments, offering flexibility in determining voluntary financial contribution levels.

These principles and the model reflect a shared commitment to transparency, fairness, and continued cooperation, while respecting the autonomy of individual ccTLD Managers.

Principles

1. ICANN and the ccNSO each re-confirm and recognize the value the ccTLD community and ICANN mutually bring to their relationship.

2. ICANN and the ccNSO each re-confirm the voluntary nature of the ccTLD financial contributions towards funding to cover ICANN's costs.

3. ICANN and the ccNSO re-confirm the Cost Model with specific, shared and global value categories. The model has been developed cooperatively, as the basis to attribute expenditures.
    - Specific Costs are ICANN's direct costs of providing and supporting exclusively the ccTLDs. Examples of this include the costs of the ccNSO secretariat and ccTLD specific PDPs.
    - Shared Costs are the proportion of ICANN's costs of providing and supporting activities which benefit both ccTLDs and others in the ICANN ecosystem. An example of this would be the costs of running the IANA functions covering both ccTLDs and gTLDs.
    - Global Costs are considered costs of supporting the multi-stakeholder model and are considered mutually equivalent. This category includes items such as

ICANN providing ccTLDs access to a global platform to conduct work while ccTLDs strengthen ICANN's legitimacy in the multistakeholder model.

4. The ccNSO recommends that ICANN should be fairly compensated for both Specific Costs and Shared Costs. As in effect Global Costs cancel each other out, they should not be a factor in the voluntary financial contributions model. The ccNSO strongly believes that, at a minimum, ICANN should be compensated for its work in ensuring and supporting the global security and stability of the DNS, particularly for its policy making role related to the IANA Naming Function and the IANA Naming Services, which benefit all ccTLD Managers and ccTLD operations.

5. ICANN and the ccNSO recognize that ccTLDs function in a wide variety of operating environments using differing business and governance models

6. The ccNSO has developed the attached 'Contribution Model' for voluntary financial contributions to ICANN, which is based on the number of domain names under management by a ccTLD Manager. However, the level of financial contribution that any ccTLD Manager makes to ICANN should continue to be determined between ICANN and the individual ccTLD Manager.

7. Where a ccTLD Manager is responsible for managing more than one ccTLD, it will have the option of determining its voluntary financial contribution on the basis of either
    - the total domains under management, or
    - the sum of the voluntary financial contributions of the individual ccTLDs

8. Where a ccTLD agrees to initiate payment of its voluntary financial contribution or to an increase of its voluntary financial contribution, either as a result of the adoption of this document, or in time after reaching a higher band, the increases could be phased over a period of up to five years after reaching such a higher band.

9. ICANN and the ccNSO agree to an overall review of both the Cost and Contribution Models and its results, after a minimum period of five (5) years. They also agree to annually calculate ICANN's expenditures based on the Cost Model, and to compare that with the total level of voluntary financial contributions made by ccTLDs.

10. The ccNSO recognizes that the ccTLD Managers' voluntary financial contributions to ICANN is a matter between each individual ccTLD Manager and ICANN. ICANN is recommended to regularly and actively reach out to and engage with individual ccTLD Managers, informing them of this ccNSO approved "Parameters for Voluntary Financial Contributions of ccTLDs to ICANN" and to seek voluntary financial contributions in line with the Contribution Model.

Contribution Model

The following bands represent suggested amounts for a voluntary financial contribution. A ccTLD Manager may choose to contribute guided by this Contribution Model, based on what is considered appropriate.

Band	Domains Under Management	Suggested Voluntary Contribution
A	Over 5,000,000	$ 225,000
B	2,500,001 to 5,000,000	$ 150,000
C	1,200,001 to 2,500,000	$ 75,000
D	600,001 to 1,200,000	$ 35,000
E	300,001 to 600,000	$ 15,000
F	150,001 to 300,000	$ 10,000
G	75,001 to 150,000	$ 5,000
H	30,001 to 75,000	$ 2,500
I	10,001 to 30,000	$ 1,000
J	0 to 10,000	$ 500