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RE: ATLAS III Next Steps

Maureen Hilyard, Incoming Chair of the ALAC  
Alan Greenberg, Chair of the ALAC

Dear Maureen and Alan,

I would like to follow up on the discussion we had on ATLAS III during our call on 22 August 2018.

As we discussed, I understand that the At-Large would like to begin the organization of ATLAS III which is being planned to be held during ICANN66 in Montreal 2-7 November 2019. The key issue raised during our call was the urgent need for ICANN org to sign contracts for the required meeting space for ATLAS III. Thus, a commitment for funding is needed now rather than in May 2019 when the FY20 Operating Plan and Budget is scheduled to be approved.

I wanted to let you know that I did raise this with the Board and asked for direction on the appropriate course of action to allow ICANN org to move forward with the contracts and planning of ATLAS III.

I am very pleased to let you know that the Board provided ICANN org with the authority to contract for ATLAS III meeting space at ICANN66.

I would like to encourage you to plan and implement ATLAS III in a cost-effective manner with a targeted envelope of \$400,000.

I have asked David Olive, Senior Vice President for Policy Development Support, and Heidi Ullrich, VP for Policy Development and At-Large Relations, to manage the budget for ATLAS III. Heidi will lead the At-Large Policy support staff in working with the ATLAS III Organizing Committee and the relevant ICANN org teams on the logistical, language, and travel requirements needed to ensure the effective organization and implementation of ATLAS III.

We wish you all the best in planning for a successful ATLAS III.

Please let me know should you have any questions related to this issue.

Best wishes,



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