6 April 2023

RE: Board Listening Sessions With the ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees

Dear Security and Stability Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair,

On behalf of the ICANN Board and the Board President and CEO Search Committee, we are writing to invite the SSAC to a Listening Session with the full Board on **Tuesday 9 May at 19:00 UTC (12.00 PDT).**

As you know, the Board has established a Search Committee to put together, for the full Board to consider, a viable list of candidates (a "short list" if you like) to be ICANN's next President and CEO.

Our immediate task is to create a candidate profile, which will be published before ICANN77 and presented during the meeting. To gather input from different parts of the ICANN Community and the broader Internet ecosystem, we are holding a series of Listening Sessions, the first of which took place last month during ICANN76.

To assist with the creation of this candidate profile, the Search Committee is seeking the Community's input on ICANN's future, the challenges and opportunities ahead, and what qualifications, characteristics, and qualities we need in our next leader. We encourage feedback that is succinct, positive, focused on describing what is desired and, above all, forward-looking.

During the upcoming April Board Workshop in Brussels, the Committee will hold separate Listening Sessions with the ICANN Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees. Here is the schedule:

Thursday, 27 April 2023		Friday, 28 April 2023	
Group	**Time (UTC)**	**Group**	**Time (UTC)**
GAC	12:15–13:00	ccNSO Council	12:00–12:45
ALAC	13:05–13:50	RSSAC	12:50–13:35
GNSO Council	13:55–14:40		
ASO Council	14:55–15:40		

Your session has been scheduled during your Leadership workshop in Los Angeles (9 May 12.00 LA Time).

For our session with the SSAC, we would ask that you confer with your membership to gather feedback in advance and encourage participation at the session. During the 45-minute session, we ask that you share with the Board the compiled feedback from your membership.

Please note that only the SSAC leaders are invited to actively participate in the session, but all of your members are naturally very welcome to join the session as observers. We will provide the Zoom link for you to distribute to your membership.

We know that the times of these Listening Sessions may not be convenient for everyone, so we appreciate your understanding and participation. We are also planning another open session in May, in which anyone from the Community may participate.

Please visit the Search Committee webpage for more information about these upcoming Listening Sessions as it becomes available. The Community may also submit feedback at any time by emailing ceosearch2023@icann.org.

On behalf of the Search Committee, we very much look forward to hearing from you during the Listening Session with the full Board on Tuesday 9 May.

Sincerely,

Tripti Sinha, ICANN Board Chair

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