Dear NCSG Chair,

I am writing to express my interest in attending the upcoming ICANN82 meeting in Seattle as per the call for expressions of interest. I have a strong commitment to pivoting to NCSG policy development processes after my leadership role as NCUC chair.

**Engagement and following GNSO Council sessions Policy Deliberations** I have actively followed the GNSO Council deliberations around the next application round of the New gTLD Program policy discussions. My involvement also includes attending Policy Development Process (PDP) meetings, NCSG Policy Committee sessions, and as an observer to the GNSO council meetings (as NCUC chair- invited guest). These experiences have allowed me to develop a deep understanding of the issues

**Contributions to Policy Development and Governance:** I have participated in the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures (SubPro) and contributed public comment on the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP)Applicant Support Guidance Recommendation Initial Report.

**Importance of Physical Presence** Attending the ICANN82 meeting in person will enable me to:

1. **New gTLD round &** [New gTLD Applicant Support](https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/413761612/Class%202%20Term%201%20Syllabus.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1733424228000&api=v2)**:** I plan to participate actively in sessions that advance NCSG’s policy objectives concerning [New gTLD Applicant Support](https://community.icann.org/download/attachments/413761612/Class%202%20Term%201%20Syllabus.pdf?version=1&modificationDate=1733424228000&api=v2) and articulate its positions on this topic. As a participant in the ICANN policy development accelerator, I believe the alternate GNSO council role will be a practical session for all I have learnt in this accelerator program.
2. **Undertake Specific Tasks**: I will focus on tasks that support the absent GNSO councilor and would like to advance and give an adequate report to the councilor and community after the meeting. I will also attend all the sessions and engagements the councilor is supposed to be in.
3. **Commitment to Responsibilities** I am fully committed to attending all relevant sessions during the ICANN meeting, including NCSG meetings, constituency discussions, and GNSO Council sessions. Additionally, I will undertake the necessary preparatory work, including reviewing governance documents and attending pre-meeting sessions to ensure I am well-prepared. I will take briefs from the co-NCSG GNSO councilors for NCSG positions and guidance.

As required, I will provide a letter of recommendation from a serving Council member or the Chair of the NCSG Policy Committee to support my application.

In conclusion, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to NCSG’s mission, and my readiness to fulfill the outlined responsibilities makes me a suitable candidate for this role. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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