

## **Proposal for an ICANN77 session to celebrate ICANN and the evolution of ICANN's bottom-up, consensus-based, multi-stakeholder model**

### Background:

The ICANN77 Policy Forum in June 2023 represents the first time that ICANN will be holding a Public Meeting in Washington D.C. In addition, 2023 will be 25 years since the creation of ICANN, 7 years since the IANA stewardship transition, and 20 years since the creation of three of ICANN's community structures: the At Large Advisory Committee (ALAC), the Country Code Names Supporting Organization (ccNSO), and the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO). ICANN77 is thus a timely opportunity to celebrate the birth and evolution of ICANN's multi-stakeholder model.

To mark these important milestones and anniversaries, ICANN org would like to propose a session at ICANN77, to look back at the creation of ICANN and commemorate our collective progress towards where ICANN is today, as a successful multi-stakeholder organization.

### Proposal:

We propose opening the session with a keynote speech highlighting the history of ICANN and the early visionary ideas for the ICANN model of multi-stakeholder bottom-up consensus decision making. A panel discussion featuring leaders and stakeholders from across the ICANN community will follow, during which panelists will share their experiences of and perspectives on ICANN's journey from its inception through the successful IANA stewardship transition and up to the present day.

### Format & Time:

As ICANN77 is a four-day Policy Forum, with no Welcome Ceremony or Public Forum, we propose a 2-hour session on Day 1 (Monday), in the afternoon.