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Dear Chair,

Non Commercial Users Community,

**Application for Travel**

I, Benjamin Akinmoyeje, a member of NCUC /NSCG since 2013, writes to apply for partial travel support, I have been a participant and on the mailing lists of the NCUC/NCSG space for three years now.

I am an ICTD & IT Manager for an international NGO, [www.msh.org](http://www.msh.org/), a non-profit that has worked in over 150 countries over 40years – saving lives and improving the health of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people by closing the gap between knowledge and action in public health.

I work to ensure that MSH Nigeria uses Information Communication Technologies, especially the Internet as they tackle difficult public health issues such as Tuberculosis, HIV&AIDS and Gender issues in Nigeria, in order to achieve better and sustainable outcome. At MSH Nigeria, I initiated MSH Nigeria Idealab as an innovative space to co-create and iterate with open source applications to address public health issues.

I am a co-founder of the IT Health group – a professional support group of IT administrators working for International NGOs in Abuja. In this group I have conducted series of NCUC and ICANN outreaches in order to encourage their engagement in ICANN and local ICT and Internet policies discussion; this has led to their activation participation at the Nigeria IGF.

Recently I have been active member of the Alliance for Affordable Internet in Nigeria to ensure that the Communication Tax is not introduce by participating in the social media campaigns #NoToCommTax  campaign,  an active member of  the working group  Internet Consumers Protection group of the A4AI.

At the Nigeria Internet Governance forum 2016, event - I ensured that stakeholders participation was captured and analysed. I volunteered to invite volunteer facilitators, highlight the importance of participating in ICANN GNSOs.

As a member of ISOC Nigeria, I have led attempts to create ISOC Abuja, in order to cater for the policymakers, government officials and other stakeholders in Abuja are engaged.

I am presently enrolled as a master’s student of Information Technologies at the National Open University of Nigeria, where my thesis is about Patience records and data protection. In the past, I have taken Diplo Foundation CyberSecurity courses.

I hope to use ICANN 57 Hyderabad meeting to relaunch my participation in NCUC, where I have been a member of the Membership Engagement Team, especially to enable African members to contribute effectively to the many ongoing conversation beyond playing the role of silent majority.

I plan to actively conduct outreaches and public enlightenment campaigns within and outside my networks once I return to my country especially to university students and social innovators to participate in the domain name space discussion especially as it requires protecting the rights of non commercial users.

I am applying for partial funding of about 1500 dollars to enable me purchase airline ticket to attend this meeting.

I look forward to your positive consideration.

Benjamin Akinmoyeje

On Sat, Jul 30, 2016 at 12:04 PM, Rafik Dammak

Dear NCUC members,

ICANN 57  will be held in Hyderabad, India from 3 to 9 November 2016. NCUC members can apply to receive funding to attend the meeting. The travel dates can be ideally from 2  to 10 November.

The budget for each meeting for travel support is the maximum of  $4,000. $4,000 is to be divided amongst the participants who are chosen to receive the support, i.e. it is not allocated per person.

Covered travel expenses may include conference-related airfare, visas or related fees, lodging, and airport taxis. If the actual cost of these items is greater than $2,000 the member will be responsible for the difference. NCUC cannot provide a per diem or cover any other expenses.

Selected travelers must make their own travel, accommodation,visa, and related arrangements and be reimbursed after the trip. NCUC cannot provide funds in advance of the meeting, or any administrative support.

The recipients of NCUC travel support would be expected to send their blog posts within 4 weeks from the closure of ICANN meeting. According to the NCUC Travel support Policy, supported travelers could only be reimbursed once they have delivered meeting reports or blog posts.

Interested members should read carefully the terms and conditions of the policy available at <http://www.ncuc.org/participate/ncuc-travel-support/> and send a proposal as to why they should receive funding to attend this ICANN meeting.

They should also indicate the approximate amount of travel funding.

Requests can be sent both for full funding and partial funding.As we want to support as many attendees as we can, partial funding requests will be given priority.

The deadline for application is 21 August 2016.

Please apply by replying to  Maryam ([maryam.bakoshi@icann.org](mailto:maryam.bakoshi@icann.org)) and myself ([rafik.dammak@gmail.com](mailto:rafik.dammak@gmail.com)).

Best Regards,

Rafik Dammak

NCUC Chair

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