

Paola Perez – Motivation Letter to ICANN60 Fellowship

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Dear NCUC Fellows Selection Committee,

As a growing professional in the area of policy work development and technologies for development I hereby submit herein my expression of interest for consideration by for the ICANN60 NCUC fellowship.

I believe that the sum of my vast experience in policy development and interest in the use and access of Internet makes me squarely suited as a recipient of the fellowship to attend the ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi.

1. Experience with Sustainable Development Goals and Internet

In the last three years I have been passionate about computer networks. I have been working on BGP networks, cybersecurity, TV white spaces (to deliver affordable Internet access to underdeveloped communities), Internet Governance and Public Policy Internet issues like "Internet Access Policies". These skills and interests helped me become active in various local and regional Internet organizations, including: Internet Society Venezuela, IPv6 Venezuela, IGF Venezuela, IGF Global, IETF, DiploFoundation, LACNOG, IT-WOMEN, LACNIC Community, REDAC (Human Rights Activism), OAS Cyber, GCO (Governance CyberSecurity Observatory).

I am past Fellow to IETF92 - Texas, United States; participated in the NGL e-Learning course; was also selected as a Fellow to LACIGF8 in Mexico City; participated in ISOC leadership activities at LACNIC 24 - LACNOG 15 Bogota, Colombia; ISOC IGF 2015 Ambassador João Pessoa, Brazil; LACIGF9 - San Jose, Costa Rica; LACNIC 27 - Foz de Iguacu, Brazil; Moderator in panel of "Reaches and limits of the Human Rights online" in the SEMINAR INTERNET AND HUMAN RIGHTS GOVERNANCE - Lima, Peru, Exhibitor in panel of "Access for Inclusion and Development" in the IGF2016 - Bogota – Colombia, Exhibitor in "Peering Tutorial" at LACNIC26 - LACNOG 2016 - San Jose, Costa Rica and Fellow in the Cybersecurity Summer Bootcamp by OAS – Leon, Spain.

I have been the manager of a Chapterthon 2016 with the project "Empowering the people of Los Nevados in Merida, Venezuela through the use of ICT for social benefit" which represented Venezuela against Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). I successfully executed the goals of the contest related to the development of the region: Connectivity to rural areas to improve the quality citizens life and I was the winner in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) with 56% of the vote for the best project developed. (<https://www.internetsociety.org/blog/community-grants-community-projects/2017/07/connecting-los-nevados-roof-andes>)

Beyond work on the ISOC projects, I also participated the Google Policy Program 2015 in Lima, Peru. And now I lead the ISOC Venezuela Chapter and the LACNIC Public Policy forum where I conduct and prepare the discussion of the Public Policy Forum and the Policy Development Process in general, evaluate and suggest changes to the texts proposed during the Public Policy Forum prior to the call for consensus. and suggest the discussion conclusion of a particular topic in the Public Policy List and decide on leave a policy.

2. Commitment to the ideals of NCUC

I have been a committed member of the NCUC from month ago. I want to be involved in the development of the NCUC structure and general group upkeep. I subscribe to the ideals of the NCUC and believe that the Internet should be for everyone, and be a truly public resource forming the bedrock of human development in the future. I am convinced there is room to leverage ICTs in the achievement of civil society organizations and individuals in the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) through promoting and engaging.

3. Integrating of my current work with the NCUC Agenda.

The current work I am engaged in LACNIC uniquely places me at the intersection of Internet adoption in the development space. It provides access to influence a cross section of civil society and individuals in my region on the Internet based solutions in the development landscape. On the other hand my current position in the current executive of ISOC-VE gives me leverage to be able to push the agenda of a free and accessible Internet, with the benefit of information and understanding of the background civil society and individual issues. I feel I would be a good candidate for this fellowship, given my vast experience in the human development sector employing and promoting the use of Internet.

4. My Experience and Capabilities

I have strong experience in Internet technical issues, Internet governance and Internet policy issues. The sum of my experience draws largely from time spent in senior management. This has given me a good understanding of policy issues, how influence them and their place in shaping the implementation space. This has afforded, me opportunity to fine-tune my skills in diplomacy and the subtle quintessential art of diplomatic engagement. I have advanced communication skills, both oral and written with, full English language proficiency. I further believe my sharpened networking skills will be an asset at a meeting such as this, where engagement is both critical and desirable.

5. My Conviction

I believe that the Internet represents the final frontier of human development in our time, and is a catalytic turning point for equalizing skills and opportunities across the disparate levels of development globally. This is however only possible if communities in the developing world can trust online engagement and have a good and unfettered access to the internet, have the relevant skills to draw value out of it and are able to integrate seamlessly into the global cyberspace, doing so safely without risk of exploitation and or manipulation.

My interest in attending the ICANN60 is two-fold (i) Draw from the experiences of the other participants how they have promoted the full engagement of the Internet in the road to achieving the ICANN work (ii) Represent the positions and values of NCUC, which are the sum of trust in using the internet and progressive growth in accessibility.

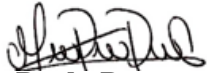
6. My Availability and Commitment

Furthermore as a development practitioner I am no stranger to volunteer work and working for the good of others, values which permeate the core of my professional life. I am committed to attending sessions,

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prepare assignments to value add my presence at the ICANN60 meeting in the furtherance of NCUC principles, missions and positions ahead of the ICANN60 meeting and well as post the meeting, as the discourse fits well with my current work with ISOC VE and LACNIC Public Policy Forum. I am therefore ready and committed to be at the meeting.

Kind Regards,



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