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My Statement To Attend ICANN64 In Kobe Representing NCUC

I'm using the internet to improve my community for the last 4 years. The city I born lacked in every development sectors and especially in education and learning opportunities. For that, I founded a non-profit organization named "Cox's Bazar Youth Development Society" back in 2014 to educate them. By using the internet, I and my team provided them with free online training and engaged them in different social development activities. So far, my organization has 200+ volunteers. It all happened because of the internet.

I believe in a quote 'think globally, act locally'. So, I have co-founded Lets Learn Coding (LLC), an organization which works for educating financially challenged dropouts with free web development training. At LLC, we also provide free web development courses in our YouTube channel and website for free in the local language so everyone can understand and learn easily. We also provide the students with free access to internet and laptops in our lab.

At the beginning of 2018, we started our online platform to empower the students across the country by providing free online courses. Currently, 2000+ students are learning online from my organization. We also launched Facebook Live free classes 2 months back and to my surprise, 50000+ students joined our classes so far.

In my journey besides studying, I faced so many challenges and gone through the process to overcome those. My experience of the last six years in national & global development activities taught me some valuable lessons such as to have patience, thinking critically, and communicating with people, emotional intelligence and many more. I can exchange my views and share my experiences with other amazing young fellow leaders as well as can listen to them.

Besides, I have been working to promote education through the internet and have similar experiences which are a plus and this program will be an amazing opportunity for me to connect such brilliant minds and learn from the topnotch mentors and analysts during this program.

On the other hand, I'm the first Youth@IGF2018 Fellow from Bangladesh and attended IGF 2018 in Paris last November. Throughout my fellowship journey, I've learned a lot online with Pantheon group as representative of the technical community and prepared a project on Digital Access & Inclusion. I'll contribute my knowledge to this program if I get selected. In addition to that, I'll contribute my time even before and after the event as required. I'll also like to volunteer NCGS members. Lastly, I can assure you that, I'll prove my worth by taking the best out of this opportunity if I get selected. Hope you'll consider me.