

Sub: Application for NCUC CROP Slot to ICANN 64

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I joined the NCUC during my fellowship at ICANN 63. While I am a fairly new member I am keen to engage with the policy making processes at ICANN. The various interactions with NCUC and its members at ICANN 63 was indeed helpful in knowing how I could get involved. As a member since November 2018, I volunteered to work on the drafting of:

- NCSG Comments on on Protections for Certain Red Cross and Red Crescent Names in All Generic Top-Level Domains
- Work Track 5 on Geographic Names at the Top Level - Supplemental Initial Report of the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process

Under Rafik's guidance and participation of other volunteers, I learned about how the discussions progress at ICANN and how we collated views over the mailing list to be able to contribute to the discussions at large. I am also observing the recent discussions on ICANN Budget and the NCUC Banking operations on the mailing list.

As an active member in the internet governance domain in Asia, I would like to attend ICANN64 representing NCUC to not only advance my learning and involvement at NCUC but also encourage and usher Asian participation and introduce them (specially youth and women participants at ICANN 64) to NCUC and its work.

At the conference, I plan to work with my NCUC mentor/buddy to enhance my involvement on the above tracks while also learn about other ones I can help with. I am looking forward to advance my work with the CCWP on HR at ICANN (headed by Collin Kurre). One topic I am hoping to learn more about is: New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process and wish to use my time at the meeting to attend relevant discussions.

While I continue to absorb more discussions and information on NCUC work, in preparation for the ICANN 64 meeting, I am willing to dedicate 4-5 hours each week studying issues and working groups proceedings to be able to better contribute to these processes. I compensate in enthusiasm what I lack in experience at NCUC and my thirst to know more, rapidly, is a greater motivation for me to become an engaged NCUC member hoping to be able to help new members (specially bringing in more from Asia).

I have read the travel policy and I am willing to comply. I would like to thank the EC for their time and consideration.