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Dear Chair,

I would like to apply for this new travel support opportunity to attend ICANN 65 meeting in Marrakech - Morocco.

In fact, attending an ICANN meeting is a fantastic opportunity. Firstly, there is no better place than ICANN meeting to discuss key topics and issues related to Internet security, safety, stability and resilience. For me, it is just the best place because of the diversity of the participants: various Supporting Organizations, Stakeholder Groups, Working Groups, Advisory Committees, private sector, governments as well as civil society, all coming from around the world. I can imagine how interesting it is to interact with such kind of great people. On the other hand, attending the event physically helps to better engage in the meetings and 100% dedicate to the sessions. Unfortunately, this is hard to achieve when you are remotely following the sessions via the Adobe connect tool. I followed ICANN58, 59, 62, 63 and 64 remotely and I can testify how hard it is to be fully dedicated: time zone constraints, unstable Internet connectivity, agenda conflicts, ...

As an active member of [IGB@NET](#) association and [Internet Society Benin](#) Chapter, two major associations promoting ICT and Internet development in Benin, I am highly engaged in various activities which aim to reduce the digital divide and improve the local engagement on Internet governance and development. Since 3 years, I am a key actor in the organization committee of [Benin DNS Forum](#), an annual one week series of events related to the security, stability and resilience of Internet and its critical resources like DNS, DNSSEC, DANE, IP... We also explain the community who runs the Internet, why it is important to contribute and how to do so. I am also Vice-President of Internet Society Benin Chapter, we mainly work to maintain the Internet secured and available to all. To achieve this, we work with the government, ISPs, Regulator and civil society.

I joined ICANN community as [NCUC member](#) in May 2017. I contributed to various work by actively participating to draft NCSG public comments, translating the NCUC Onboarding Program course into French with two NCUC members, participated to the Buddy Pilot Program, regularly voted for our Constituency leadership positions and used to participate to NCSG and NCUC members calls as much as I can. Last but not the least, I also contribute to the NCSG technical team. Below are few URLs for your reference.

ICANN 65 is a policy meeting and as an NCUC member willing to be more involved in Policy Development Process, I am convinced that attending this meeting will help me jump into new or ongoing matters like EPDP and Geographic names. I will be available to attend all NCUC meetings and any other that could have a positive impact on our community. I will volunteer for any NCUC task prior to and during the 4 days event. I will also provide an attendance report. I will stay engaged and work closely with any assigned mentor to continue growing in NCUC. I am available and willing to serve as rapporteur for few workshops and will share lessons learned with other NCUC members.

The total budget i am submitting is estimated 2050 \$ US as detailed in the below table. I gently request a support of 1550 \$ US or more if possible. I will take care of the difference and any other expense like transportation, meals and insurance.

N°	ITEM	Cost (\$)
1	Airfare ticket Cotonou – Marrakech – Cotonou	1 250
2	Hotel: 150 \$ US times 5 nights (arrival on 23 June, departure on 28 June)	750
3	Visa	50
TOTAL		2 050

Few Links related to my participation and contribution.

1. My GNSO SOI: <https://go.icann.org/2U1lRv8>
2. Recognition received during NCUC Members Session at ICANN 62 Panama : transcript available at <https://go.icann.org/2WeQquF>
3. Participation to NCUC Africa Webinar 18 June 2018:
https://www.ncuc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/acchat_ncucaf_180618.pdf
4. Participation to Webinar 070818:
https://community.icann.org/display/gnsononcomstake/NCSG+Webinars?preview=%2F51414446%2F90771643%2Fatendance_ncsgwebinarsubpro_070818.pdf
5. Participation to NCUC members call 02 august 2018:
https://www.ncuc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/acchat_ncucmc_020818.pdf
6. Participation to NCUC members call 16 august 2018:
https://www.ncuc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/acchat_ncucmc_160718.pdf
7. Participation to NCUC LAC Members meeting on Friday 29 Sept. 2017:
https://www.ncuc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/acchat_ncuclac_290917.pdf