

19 January 2023

Subject: GGP Applicant Support Subject Matter Expert Input Request

From: Mike Silber
GGP Working Group Chair
To: Manal Ismail, Chair, GAC
Governmental Advisory Committee

Dear Manal Ismail,

As you may recall, the GNSO Council has [approved](#) the GNSO Guidance Process (GGP) [Initiation Request](#) to perform work on Applicant Support. The GGP Working Group is beginning its work with Task 2: “identify experts with expertise to aid in tasks 3, 4, and 5” (see pages 3-5 of the Initiation Request). The GGP Initiation Request envisioned that the Working Group has the flexibility/discretion to rely on the advice of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in specific fields to aid in deliberations for certain tasks pertaining to Task 3, 4, and 5 as detailed in the Initiation Request. But the Initiation Request also listed related experience and skills GGP Working Group members should have, suggesting a possible overlap between GGP members and SMEs. Thus, it may be that your organization has already appointed members to the GGP Working Group that you consider SMEs based on this guidance from the Initiation Request:

Organizations are encouraged to appoint individuals with skills, knowledge and experience pertinent to forming an effective Applicant Support Program. Council will provide guidance on the aggregated skill set that is needed for the group (for example: grant and reviewing, regional DNS participation, DNS marketplace economics, cost-benefit analyses, TLD operations, DNS cyber-security, and TLD investment).

The GGP hereby requests that, if applicable, your organization suggest SMEs by responding to gns-secs@icann.org. If your organization is participating in the GGP and your representative member is already an SME please also let us know. If you are *not* participating in the GGP and *not* suggesting SMEs it would be very helpful if you could respond accordingly. We respectfully request a response at your earliest convenience but not later than **03 February 2023**.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Kind regards,
The GNSO Secretariat on behalf of Mike Silber, GGP Working Group Chair