ICANN *Multistakeholder Ethos* Award Pilot

Summary

ICANN proposes establishment of a pilot award program to recognize ICANN community participants for both multistakeholder collaboration efforts as well as years of service.

Called the ICANN *Multistakeholder Ethos* Awards, the pilot program will seek to recognize those who have demonstrated service to the ICANN community as a whole. The ideal winner will have served in leadership roles multiple ICANN working groups or committees and collaborated with more than one supporting organization and/or advisory committee in a significant capacity. The recipient will also have been a participant in ICANN for at least five years.

We are also looking for some further, intangible qualities in our winners of the *Multistakeholder Ethos* Award. We will be looking for candidates who recognize and demonstrate the actual spirit of collaboration as shown through empathy and a sincere desire to engage with people from other backgrounds, cultures, and interests. They have demonstrated time and again their willingness to reach out to new people, to listen and really engage with others who do not share their viewpoints or interests. They will be known beyond their own constituency or stakeholder group as someone willing to have a true dialogue and work toward consensus.

ICANN has been compared to a great forum where competing or special interests come to work together for a joint goal – to ensure the security and stability of the Internet's unique identifier systems. This usually brings spirited discussions and debates on a range of issues. Because of the presence of so many different opinions and interests within ICANN's policy-making structure, courtesy and collaboration are key. The *Multistakeholder Ethos* Award recognizes those ICANN participants who have deeply invested in consensus-based solutions and in the importance of ICANN's multistakeholder model to Internet governance.

Program Details

Frequency:	Annual, given at ICANN Public Meeting.
Number of award recipients:	1 to 3
Eligibility:	Can demonstrate at least five years as participant in ICANN community.

	Both individuals and organizations are eligible.
Criteria:	Candidates will be evaluated using a merit-based point system evaluated against three criteria: Demonstrated multistakeholder volunteer service via working groups or committees. (Maximum points: 10) Demonstrated the spirit of collaboration as shown through empathy and a sincere desire to engage with others who do not share interests or viewpoints. (Maximum points: 10) Demonstrated facilitator of dialogue and open discussion in a fair, cordial and collegial manner. (Maximum points: 5)
Community Input:	Public comment period to solicit community input on criteria and selection processes.
Selection process:	Convene the chairs of SOs and ACs on a conference call to select a winner or winners.
Evaluation panel composition:	Chairs of SOs and ACs.
Possible recognition elements:	Awards given at Public Forum and opportunity to give short remarks. Photo and biography included on dedicated award webpage.

TIMELINE

6 January 2014	Award criteria and selection process sent for Public Comment.
27 January 2014	Comment period closes
17 February	Reply period closes
24 February	Community nomination period open.
3 March – 17	Short list to evaluation panel; call scheduled to select winners

March	during this period.
18 March	Winners chosen; engrave awards
27 March	Awards given at Public Forum Website with winner biographies and photos goes online Winners featured on home page banner Announcement/blog post released
10 April	Video profiling winners goes online