

ICANN Meetings Strategy 2011-2013

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Published ICANN Meeting Dates

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– 19-24 June	No. 41	Asia (Tentative)
 23-28 October 	No. 42	Africa (Tentative)

• 2012

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24-29 June	No. 44	Europe (Tentative)
 14-19 October 	No. 45	North America (Tentative)

2013

07-12 April	No. 46	Asia (Tentative)
14-19 July	No. 47	Africa (Tentative)
17-22 November	No. 48	Latin America (Tentative)



Number of Meetings

- What is the "right" number of ICANN Meetings per year ...
 - A move from 3 to 2 "ICANN Meetings" is being considered,
 with additional, smaller conferences to fill the void.
- This has been proposed twice in the past ...
 - It has never moved past the debate phase due to lack of consensus.
- What factors need to be considered?
 - Policy development work.
 - ICANN work that supports the community.
 - ICANN community needs.



Proposed ICANN Meeting Dates

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Other Conferences

- What additional conferences will be needed if we eliminate the summer ICANN Meeting?
 - Policy development meetings for ccNSO, GNSO, ALAC, GAC, etc?
 - Regional Outreach Meetings?
 - Meetings for the technical (IANA) community?
 - ICANN/ISOC/IETF joint meeting at an IETF meeting?
 - ICANN participation in others' conferences?
 - ITEF, IGF, ISOC, ITU
 - Etc.



ICANN Meeting Bid Process

- Does the current "bid" process continue to meet the ICANN community's requirements?
 - Issues:
 - ICANN facility requirements have increased in the past year, and are likely to continue to grow with the advent of new IDNs and new gTLDs.
 - Many locations, especially in developing markets, are too small to host an ICANN Meeting
 - Much work for a host to submit a bid. Only one can be accepted, resulting in disappointment.
 - Who is disadvantaged if the bid process is eliminated?



ICANN Meeting Bid Process

- Does the current "bid" process continue to meet the ICANN community's requirements?
 - Pros:
 - Early buy-in from prospective hosts.
 - Good geographic and internet community support.
 - Cons:
 - At times, locations proposed are less than ideal.
 - Facilities
 - Security
 - Air and ground travel



Hub City Concept

- Use central locations with large conference facilities, while maintaining geographic rotation
 - Ease of travel
 - Favorable contract negotiations
- Continue to hold ICANN Meetings in developing markets, but less frequently
 - Continue outreach



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Next steps

- Research with all constituents
- Thorough proposal to be develop by January 2010
- Public comment period
- Implement resulting recommendation beginning in 2011





Thank You

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