PREPARATION FOR ICANN'S 37TH MEETING TO BE HELD IN NAIROBI, KENYA

To ensure that everyone planning on attending the ICANN meeting in Nairobi can properly prepare for travel, the following information is provided:

VISAS

Travelers from most countries will require a visa to enter Kenya. Most travelers will find that processing time to obtain a visa will be between five and ten business days – to ensure enough time travelers are advised to apply for a visa as soon as travel arrangements have been made. For certain passport holders, however, the application process take up to three months because the visa application is not processed locally at an embassy or consulate but must be referred to the Department of Immigration in Nairobi. Countries whose passport holders' applications must be referred currently are:

Afghanistan	Jourdan	Senegal
Azerbaijan	Lebanon	Somali
Armenia	Mali	Syria
Cameroon	North Korea	Tadjikistan
Iraq	Nigeria (residing outside Nigeria)	

This list may be updated by the Kenyan government – the link to view the list on the Kenyan Department of Immigration website is http://www.immigration.go.ke/index.php?id=46 . Passport holders from these countries will likely need to begin the visa application process by 1 December 2009 to ensure a decision prior to the ICANN meeting.

The Kenyan Department of Immigration allows many passport holders who require a visa to apply upon entering Kenya (e.g. at the airport). Based on discussions with representatives from Kenya, the ICANN Constituency Travel Team strongly advises against waiting until arriving in Kenya to apply for a visa. There is no assurance that the visa will be granted – travelers turned away at the airport would not be able to attend the ICANN meeting and would likely be forced to leave the country.

In addition, certain itineraries may require lengthy layovers (see Travel Time below) – in those circumstances the traveler may be sent to a hotel between flights. Depending on the passport nationality of the traveler and the country where the layover is, the traveler may also require a transit visa for the country where the layover takes place.

TRAVEL TIME

Travel to Nairobi from most parts of the world will require making a connecting flight (generally either in Europe or South Africa). Depending on starting location, airline and connection, total travel times can exceed 24 hours. Travelers planning to attend the ICANN meeting should plan their calendars to allow enough time to get to the meeting in a timely manner. In certain circumstances layovers may be for extended periods – for lengthy layovers the traveler may be sent to a hotel between flights.

Travelers who are submitted to receive support from ICANN for the Nairobi meeting will receive a comprehensive Travel Summary with full details on how to make travel arrangements.