



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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HE. Ravi Shankar Prasad
Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
Republic of India

Dear Minister Prasad,

We would like to once again thank the Government of India for hosting the upcoming 57th ICANN Public Meeting (ICANN57) in Hyderabad.

Since the ICANN56 meeting in Helsinki, where we received the delegation led by then-Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DEITY) Secretary Aruna Sharma, both sides have been working hand-in-hand to ensure plans are underway. With the establishment of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), I have also written to Secretary Aruna Sundararajan to underscore our commitment to work with her to ensure a successful ICANN57. We expect a number of international delegates to attend ICANN57 to see first-hand, India's ICT leadership and the rollout of Digital India.

I would like to highlight an issue and seek the Government of India's support. Earlier in our discussions, we were hopeful that international participants to ICANN57 requiring visas would be able to avail of the e-Tourist Visa. We note that the e-Tourist Visa can be issued to over 150 countries for the purposes of, amongst others, "casual business visits" which might apply to ICANN57. Further to this, however, we understand that this option is not available for ICANN57 attendees, and participants are advised to apply for a Conference Visa. We hope to work in close coordination with your colleagues to facilitate for ICANN57 attendees' visa applications, so that they can visit Hyderabad for a successful meeting.

My colleagues have reached out to MEITY to work on a visa application guide for ICANN57, and to set up a dedicated query channel to address queries from visa applicants who may encounter specific difficulties.



In addition, my colleague, Samiran Gupta, who is based in New Delhi is in close touch with the MEITY team. We would be grateful for your support in this matter to ensure that we can assist visa applicants in the best way possible.

I look forward to working together with you and your team in making ICANN 57 meeting in Hyderabad a showcase for success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Göran Marby", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Göran Marby
President & CEO ICANN