

## Response to Documentary Information Disclosure Policy Request

To: Asvatha Babu on behalf of the Centre for Internet & Society

Date: 23 November 2016

Re: Request No. 20161024-6

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Thank you for your Request for Information dated 24 October 2016 (Request), which was submitted through the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Documentary Information Disclosure Policy (DIDP) on behalf of The Centre for Internet & Society (CIS) on 24 October 2016. For reference, a copy of your Request is attached to the email forwarding this Response.

### Items Requested

Your Request seeks the disclosure of documentary information relating to the NETMundial Initiative. Specifically, you seek the following:

- 1) Correspondence between the World Economic Forum (WEF) and ICANN related to NETMundial and the NETMundial Initiative.
- 2) Correspondence between CGI.Br and ICANN related to NETMundial and the NETMundial Initiative.

### Response

Your Request seeks the disclosure of correspondence related to the NETMundial Initiative. This is the third DIDP request from CIS regarding the NETMundial Initiative. (See DIDP Request No. 20141228-1-NETmundial at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/20141228-1-netmundial-2015-01-28-en> and DIDP Request 20150722-1 at <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/20150722-1-2015-08-21-en>.) As noted in response to DIDP Request No. 20141228-1-NETmundial, ICANN is one of just many participants in the Internet governance realm, and ICANN is not the home for implementation of the NETmundial Principles or the evolution of multistakeholder participation in Internet governance. (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/20141228-1-netmundial-2015-01-28-en>) The NETmundial Initiative has been developed – external to ICANN – and its mission is “to provide a platform that helps catalyze practical cooperation between all stakeholders in order to address Internet issues and advance the implementation of the NETmundial Principles [...] and Roadmap [...]. (See <https://www.netmundial.org/terms-reference>.) Although ICANN is one of the founding members of the NETmundial Initiative, the NETmundial Initiative is not a part of ICANN. Information on the operations of the NETmundial Initiative is not housed within ICANN; it is available on the NETmundial Initiative website at <https://www.netmundial.org/>.

ICANN's coordination with WEF and CGI.Br on NETmundial culminated with the entry of a Memorandum of Collaboration, which reflects all of the understandings and intentions of the parties in supporting the initiation of NETmundial. That MoC is available at <http://netmundial.org/sites/default/files/MOC-%20CGI.br,%20ICANN%20&%20WEF.pdf>. There are no other formal letters between or among WEF and ICANN or CGI.Br and ICANN that ICANN is aware of at this time.

To the extent that this Request is seeking communications between representatives of WEF or CGI.Br and ICANN relating to the NETmundial Initiative this request is quite broad and seeks information that is not easily identified, and is ultimately of a low value to produce. The culminating documents are of the most value.

### **About DIDP**

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We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further inquiries, please forward them to [didp@icann.org](mailto:didp@icann.org).