

Letter of Motivation  
Accountability and Transparency Review Team  
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I am writing to express my interest in serving as a volunteer member on the Accountability and Transparency Review Team. Pursuant to the terms of the Affirmation of Commitments, the ATRT 2 process is due to start early 2013. It is scheduled to take place at a juncture where ICANN is implementing the new gTLD's program triggering great expectations worldwide while under the leadership of a newly appointed CEO. During the IGF 2012, Mr. Chehadé stated that ICANN is open and transparent, thus reiterating its willingness to emphasize the fact that transparency and openness as core institutional values. I believe that this "new season at ICANN" as mentioned by the new ICANN's CEO provides a unique opportunity for the ATRT 2 to perform its duty and make pertinent recommendations in a more receptive environment.

I have been involved with the ICANN only until recently. While still keeping the fresh eye of a newcomer who can identify more easily the strengths and flows of an organization, through my active involvement first as a member of the Not-for-Profit Operational Concerns constituency (NPOC/NCSG/GNSO) and then in my current role as Program Committee Chair in NPOC's Executive Committee, I have become gradually more and more familiar with its bottom-up, consensus-driven model as well as with its complex structure and the key issues at its heart. NPOC the most recently created ICANN constituency provides a unique view of the Not-for-Profit community within ICANN. I have also joined the GNSO Working Group on "thick" Whois.

Outside ICANN, I serve as a member of the Advisory Council (2012-2015) of the Public Interest Registry.ORG. Earlier this year, I have acted as a consultant/expert on Child Online Protection with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), specifically with their ICT applications and cybercrime department. Before that, as the coordinator of the Digital Citizenship Section in one of Costa Rica's oldest and most respected foundations in the field of innovation and education, I was responsible for all aspects pertaining to the management and execution of the educational programs and projects in the field of civic education. This is when I came to realize how important ethical standards are to most community members, in particular, how transparency and accountability in a public or private entity are perceived as a sign of honesty and how they increase confidence in an organization.

Having recently completed a two-year CISCO training in computer networking allows me to grasp some of the technical challenges attached to ICANN's mission in coordinating the Internet DNS. This combined with an academic and professional background in the legal field that led me to research, write and publish on issues such as the regulation of civil and criminal liability of ISP's in various legal regimes in cases of illegal contents, the international regulatory frameworks protecting the rights of children on the Internet, and aspects of privacy and data protection regulation. I believe that these combined experiences provide a set of skills and a base of knowledge that could well-serve the review team.