



ICANN is committed to the safe and secure operation of each ICANN International Public Meeting (Meeting). The personal safety and security of the participants at an ICANN Meeting is an important consideration in the selection process for meeting locations. The evaluation of host city proposals by ICANN includes an assessment of security risks associated with each proposed site. As part of their proposal to host an ICANN Meeting, local organizers are required to address those measures needed to provide safety and security. Following selection of a Meeting site, ICANN evaluates the probable security threats and the mitigation measures necessary to provide reasonable safety and security for the Meeting.

As part of efforts to ensure transparency in the Meeting selection process, ICANN typically will publish the reports and other information used in assessing security risks for proposed sites. This information will generally be based on publically available safety and security ratings of cities and countries by government agencies and private security organizations. This information may also include proprietary reports obtained from consultants and advisors under contract to ICANN. In cases where a report contains specific operational recommendations or planned security measures, a summary without details will be published where publishing details might reduce the effectiveness of those measures.

Security Advisory

For each ICANN Meeting, a general security advisory will be posted on the ICANN Meeting website. This advisory will provide a summary of general safety and security information and recommended measures to improve safety for all Meeting participants.

Security Risk Assessments

As part of the Meeting site selection process, ICANN staff conducts a preliminary assessment of security risks. In most cases this assessment involves review of outside security ratings, such as traveler security notices issued by national governments, advisories from international organizations such as the United Nations and reports from private consultants. If these reports do not highlight significant security threats, ICANN will post the general security advisory for attendees described above.

If the Staff Assessment indicates one or more candidate sites to be rated as having significant security concerns, ICANN will engage an outside expert (private security consultancy or risk management firm) to conduct a comparative threat assessment and issue a report on that assessment (Expert Assessment Report or Report). The Expert Assessment will include consideration of existing, relevant and potential security, logistical and medical/health threats to the safe and efficient conduct of an ICANN Meeting for each of the candidate sites under consideration.

The Report will cover, as applicable, an overview of potential threats to the Meeting associated with political, socio-economic and criminal activity as well as specific security

threats to the area surrounding the venue, local airport(s), taxi services, designated hotels, availability of emergency medical resources, etc. ICANN will publish this Expert Assessment Report, or a summary of the Report, following Board review and selection of a site for the ICANN Meeting.

In addition to the above reporting, if specific traveler alerts or security warnings are issued and disseminated by governments or other reliable sources, ICANN will highlight those advisories to the community as they are received.