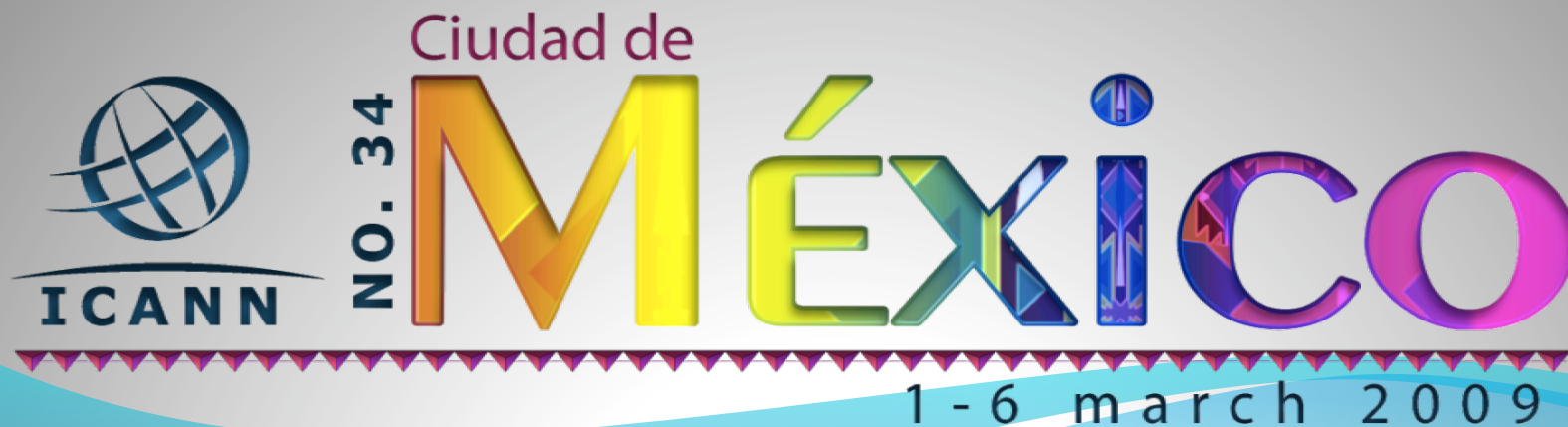


# Board Committee on Public Participation 4 March 2009, 4pm



# Agenda

- INTRODUCTION
- DISCUSSION PAPERS
- INTERACTIVE FEEDBACK
- SUMMING UP

Public Forums

Language

Document deadlines

Board visibility

# Public forums

THOMAS NARTEN: A vital part of the public's participation at ICANN meetings comes in the various public forums held during the week. The format for these forums is important for their effectiveness.

Where have we come from?

Where are we now?

Where are we heading?

- Different formats?
- What does the community want from the public forums?
- What do the staff and Board want from public forums??

# Language

KATIM TOURAY: How does the use of language – both jargon and the use of English itself – impact participation?

Where have we come from?

Where are we now?

Where are we heading?

- More translation, more interpretation?
- More educational documents?
- Greater notice of report release dates?

# Document deadlines

DAVE WODELET: Meetings usually focus around recently published documents. Does the community have sufficient time to read documents before arriving at meetings to discuss them?

Where have we come from?

Where are we now?

Where are we heading?

- Document deadlines?
- Schedule six weeks prior to a meeting?
- Agenda and presentations published before meeting?

# Board visibility

DENNIS JENNINGS: The Board spends most of its time broken up, coming together only for the public forum and Board meeting. Is this the most effective way for the Board to gather the views of the community?

Where have we come from?

Where are we now?

Where are we heading?

- Board in one room for most of meeting?
- Open Board Committee meetings?
- Less formal Board and community meetings?
- Public forum focused on discussion, rather than addressing Board?
- More individual Board comments?

# Interactive feedback

You can vote by:

- Text message
- Smart phone
- Online

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