

## STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Internet Governance Forum Support Association

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I submit this Statement of Interest (SOI) for a position on the Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA) Executive Committee. Currently, I reside in Fairfax, Virginia in the United States and am a U.S. citizen. I am an independent consultant and sole principal of The Eastham Group, a U.S.-based management consulting firm.

I have been an active participant in the Internet domain name industry and in the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) bottom-up, multi-stakeholder community since 2003. I have worked for non-profit and for-profit Internet Top Level Domain registrars and registries and participated in numerous ICANN policy making processes over the course of 15+ years. During my professional career, I have engaged and developed relationships with leaders in government, industry and civil society who are active participants in Internet policy and governance issues.

I have a demonstrated track record of support for and participation in multi-stakeholder dialogues and policy-making processes. I also have long-standing commitment to the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) having participated in the United Nations Working Group on Internet Governance (WGIG) and the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in 2005. I have personally attended IGF meetings and ensured that the organizations I worked for supported and participated in the IGF and preparatory processes.

I support and advocate for the IGF's principles of openness, inclusivity, transparency, dialogue, and collaboration. I recognize the important role the IGF plays as a forum where various stakeholder groups participate as equals in discussions on public policy issues relating to the Internet. The annual IGF meeting provides delegates an opportunity to exchange information, create shared and common understanding on how to leverage opportunities created by the Internet and to address risks and challenges that arise.

The Internet Governance Forum Support Association (IGFSA) plays a critical role providing stable and sustainable support for the IGF Secretariat and in funding related activities. Its work helps to ensure that the IGF continues as an open and robust forum with a broad and growing base of stakeholder participants. My professional experience and relationships with government, industry and civil society stakeholders will allow me to effectively support the IGFSA in its tasks and help it achieve its goals. I am committed to supporting the IGFSA in its mission and actively participating in the IGFSA's tasks so that the IGF Secretariat, the IGF and NRIs have sufficient, predictable, and stable financial support going forward.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve the IGFSA Executive Committee. Let me know if you need any additional information from me as you consider my candidacy.