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I have served in a number of capacities at ICANN since 2011 and am a founding member of the ICANN Global Stakeholder Engagement team. We are responsible for the support and participation of active ICANN community members in Internet policy making processes. Our team is also responsible for outreach and recruitment of volunteers to participate in what is perhaps the Internet's best-known multi stakeholder platform coordinating key Internet resources.

In establishing the Global Stakeholder Engagement team, we required that members be committed to *equal and balanced engagement* across stakeholder groups and experienced in cross-cultural and cross disciplinary problem-solving. Professionally, I am a "triathlete" having worked in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. I started as a U.S. diplomat and became a management consultant in the technology sector before joining ICANN. Furthermore, I have had the good fortune to have lived or worked on every continent. I am eager to deploy skills that I have further honed at ICANN in support of the IGFSa mission.

What my current role looks like in practice is forging consensus among governmental, civil society, private sector and technical stakeholders - facilitating understanding and building trust among participants. This can be over a thorny Domain Name System policy question or simply in organizing a panel presentation – the required skills are the same. I organized ICANN's participation at the global IGF for many years and have spoken, or coordinated events, at numerous national and regional IGFs as well. It is a crucial time for the IGF to be strategic in navigating geopolitical challenges and showcasing its value. It will require financial and public support, which I hope to help secure as an IGFSa Executive Committee member.

Last year, I was asked to become ICANN's Managing Director for Europe, where I have worked to build upon some of my achievements to date in both the Office of the CEO and as VP for North America. Growing awareness and winning support for the IGF will require some of the same approaches I have employed at ICANN. Some examples include:

- Assembling a coalition of over 60 businesses, teamed with seven human rights organizations, to successfully advocate for ICANN independence from U.S. government contractual oversight

- Recruiting a panel of 23 global leaders, including heads of state, technical pioneers, business leaders and rights activists from 17 countries to produce an authoritative statement of Internet Governance Principles
- Introducing multifaceted communications programs to reach an audience of 4500 subscribers
- Directing logistics and content for week-long ICANN public meetings in Los Angeles and San Juan, Puerto Rico, with 300 policy-making sessions and 2000 attendees from 160 countries.
- Establishing partnerships with the U.N., G20, World Economic Forum, GSMA, non governmental organizations, national governments, and other entities.

I am passionate about the mission and role of the IGF and NRIs, and eager to be part of the team that supports them in the years ahead. Thank you for your kind consideration.