(61) Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society (TTCS)

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Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation

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Contact information

1. Organization's Name: Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society (TTCS)

2. Organization's email address: admin@xxxxxxxx

3. Organization's phone number (include country/city codes): 868-625-4294

4. Organization's address (location and postal address, if different): 112A Edward Street,
Port of Spain
Trinidad, West Indies

5. Organization's website (URL) (if available): http://www.ttcsweb.org/

6. Organization's contact for ALS application (email, phone, address): Dev Anand Teelucksingh
868-625-4294
868-684-1796 (cell)
admin@xxxxxxxx, devtee@xxxxxxxx

Description

7. Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation?
Yes ; although there are persons on our mailing list who do not live in Trinidad and Tobago.

8. Describe your organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/location, defining characteristic - e.g. profession for professional societies):
about 100 persons, the majority living in Trinidad and Tobago with others living in the US, Canada and UK. Membership in the Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society is open to anyone interested in computers, regardless of what computer hardware or software they use, or how much computer experience they have, or what job they have or whether they are still studying.

9. Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):
The eligibility requirements for anyone joining is to have an email address so that they can join our mailing list for announcements, and an interest in computing.

10. In what language/s does your organization conduct its business?
English.

11. Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):
Yes, the TTCS is self-supporting ; members participating in our activites pay a contribution fee to cover costs.

12. Describe your organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):
The TTCS is incorporated as a non-profit organisation in 2004 with three directors. The directors along with a core group of long-term trusted members are involved in the decision making process, along with consultations via our discuion email list and public meetings.

13. Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents'/membership's informed participation in ICANN?
Yes, we are committed to informing and allowing our members to participate in ICANN.

14. Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:
We have an announce mailing list (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ttcs_announce/) for all members where announcements/notices about the TTCS activities as well as information affecting computer users (e.g policies published by Gov't) are posted. Persons who reply with comments are received by admin@ttcsweb.org. There is also

a voluntary discussion email list (http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/ttcs/) where persons can comment about about the annoucement. Also, such topics are bought up at monthly meetings where persons attending can discuss. At times, special meetings are called to discuss and formulate a response to various computer-related laws and policies published for comment by the Trinidad and Tobago Government and related bodies (e.g the Telecommunication Authority of Trinidad and Tobago). The final comments are posted to the mailing list and on our website at http://www.ttcsweb.org/articles/computer-laws/

15. Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?
The TTCS website at http://www.ttcsweb.org/ also has information about the group, http://www.ttcsweb.org/about.htm. Also, our mailing lists ttcs announce and ttcs (discuss) are public mailing lists where anyone NOT on the mailing list can view the emails posted on the lists.

16. Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):
Dev Anand Teelucksingh (Director, Secretary, devtee@xxxxxxxx)
Paul Worswick (Director, pworswick@xxxxxxxx)
Colin Razack (Director, xrphile@xxxxxxxx)

Objectives

17. What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):
As mentioned at http://www.ttcsweb.org/about.htm: The Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society (TTCS) is a computer user group based in Trinidad. Formed in 1997, our goals are to:

- Be an informal forum where computers, related technologies and related social issues can be discussed.
- Keep current with the events in the local Information Technology (IT) and telecommunications industries.
- Network local computer users so that they can share knowledge and improve upon their experiences with modern technology.

18. What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:
One key issue is the handling of the .tt TLD

19. If formed, will your organization commit to assisting the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based in performing its function?
Yes.

Signature

Dev Anand Teelucksingh,
Secretary, Trinidad and Tobago Computer Society

Step VII - Certified as At-Large Structure