

ICN Steering Group meeting, 14 December 2011

Note from the Chair

8 December 2011

Dear colleagues

There are four items on the agenda for our call next week:

- (i) Working with courts and judges;
- (ii) NGA Liaison;
- (iii) International Coordination; and
- (iv) 2012 ICN Annual Conference.

Should Steering Group members wish to raise any additional items for discussion, please inform the ICN Secretariat (Secretariat.ICN@bc-cb.gc.ca) by Monday 12 December.

Working with courts and judges

During our last two discussions on this topic, we agreed that the project should focus on identifying practical and shared issues that agencies face in working with the judiciary.

Our project leaders have circulated a document for discussion next week, which seeks to summarise some of the key issues that SG members have raised to date and group them into a small number of high-level themes. It also identifies a number of possible areas for future ICN work that might result from the project.

The purpose of our discussion next week is to (1) check whether there is agreement on the scope of issues, high-level themes, and possible actions outlined in the document; and (2) identify any other things that should be added.

Coming out of this discussion, if SG members agree on scope, the next steps will be for project leaders to flesh out the ideas in greater detail in consultation with members, and produce a more thorough version of the paper for discussion at our February meeting. This paper will also consider which group(s) in ICN might be best placed to address the issues further in the future, and how this work might fit in with that of other international organisations.

Set out at the end of the discussion document are three questions which I would invite SG members to consider in advance of the call. To ensure an active

discussion I would like each SG member to come prepared with a response to at least one of the three questions.

NGA Liaison

The Autorité de la concurrence will provide an update and ask members to approve the revised NGA toolkit. The toolkit has been updated to reflect feedback received at the 2011 Annual Conference in The Hague.

International Coordination

CFC Mexico, as leader of the SG project on International Coordination, will provide an update on the ICN-World Bank project on competition in transportation services.

2012 ICN Annual Conference

CADE will provide an update on the planning of the 2012 ICN Annual Conference, including the status of funding for social events.

I look forward to speaking to you next week.

Best regards

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