

## **Note from the Chair for the April 2, 2014 Steering Group Meeting**

Dear colleagues,

Our preparations for the Annual Conference in Marrakech are drawing to a close, and the main focus of our meeting is to review and consider for adoption the 2014 work products. Other agenda items include Working Group chair rotation, an update on the Marrakech conference, and the results of Steering Group (SG) member input about the 2016 annual conference host candidates.

### **Selection of new Working Group Chairs**

I will ask SG members to approve the new WG Chairs as described in the WG Chair Rotation overview. This overview was developed on the basis of the numerous expressions of interest. In the following all WG Chairs received the opportunity to comment on the Chair's suggestions and expressed broad support.

### **Approval of ICN Work Products**

On the call, each working group will briefly present their work product for SG approval. In doing so, I ask that the co-chairs describe the process for creating the work product, including the scope of member and NGA involvement, how the work product fits with the group's long term goals, and any plans to promote the work product.

Some of the work products have already been finalized and SG members are asked for their approval. For other work products approval will be sought at the next SG meeting. At that meeting SG members also will be asked to approve the results of this year's Special Project and the 2014 Executive Summary of ICN Work Products. The expected work products for Marrakech include:

### **Advocacy WG**

Competition Assessment Recommended Practices  
Benefits Project

### **Agency Effectiveness WG**

Confidentiality Report  
Update on the Chapter on Human Resources Management in Competition Agencies  
Update of the Chapter on Knowledge Management

### **Cartel WG**

Common Leniency Waiver Template  
Update of the Chapter on Drafting and Implementing an Effective Leniency Programme  
Update of the Chapter on Digital Evidence Gathering

**Merger WG**

Draft Interim Report on International Cooperation in Mergers

**Unilateral Conduct WG**

Recommended Practices on Predatory Pricing Analysis Pursuant to Unilateral Conduct Laws

**Special Project**

State-Owned Enterprises and Competition

**Advocacy and Implementation Network**

Activity Report on ICN Advocacy and Implementation Network 2013-2014

**Other documents**

Summary of ICN work products 2013 - 2014

**Annual Conference**

The Competition Council of Morocco (MCC) will provide an update on the conference planning, the logistics and the special project for the 2014 Annual Conference. The 2014 Annual Conference will be held in Marrakech on April 22-25, 2014.

The MCC will also provide a brief update on the pre-ICN conference.

I look forward to speaking with all of you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt