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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 6 December, 2017

Dear colleagues,

Let me begin with an organizational matter: as always we will start at 8:15, but we will meet in room CC20, the Château was not available this time.

In our meeting, we will focus on the planning of the 2018 ICN Annual Conference in New Delhi. The Working Group Co-Chairs will be invited to present their plenary and BOS topics and if they wish they can share plans for formats or ideas how to ensure speaker diversity, lively debates and how they brief the moderators. We will not discuss speakers at this stage. Speaker selection will be on the agenda on 24 January 2018 based on a list of possible speakers compiled and discussed by the working group co-chairs. We will also approve the press policy for the Annual Conference which will be provided to the press together with the invitation. The starting point is the press policy applied in Porto.

Another important topic we will discuss concerns NGA engagement. The Change Committee's NGA Engagement Team has received suggestions from NGAs including the idea of a more structured approach. The Team analysed the suggestions in the light of the ICN Operational Framework and the spirit of the ICN and summarized its findings in a paper which was already discussed in the monthly co-chairs call and which we will discuss next Wednesday.

The Advocacy and Implementation Network will present plans for future activities including a video promoting new work products that will premiere at the Annual Conference. A movie needs a good script, but also great actors. It is quite possible that you will be recruited in Paris!

I am looking forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt