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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 14 March 2018

Dear colleagues,

I am looking forward to seeing you in New Delhi in less than two weeks! Next Wednesday we will have our last SG meeting before the 2018 Annual Conference. We will focus on the work products. I know how much work went into the written work products and the organization of the workshops, webinars and of course the annual conference. Many thanks again to the working groups for all the hard work, many thanks to CCI for hosting the conference, and of course many thanks to the ICN Secretariat.

We will then discuss co-chair rotation. It was not an easy task this year, but due to the flexibility of some of the agencies that expressed interest, we found a proposed working group leadership. For next year, we might consider reviewing the process of co-chair rotation to ensure sufficient continuity of work and people. We will also update the respective guides for new co-chairs and may combine them into a co-chairs "handbook" to facilitate getting familiar with the new role.

CCI will provide an update on the 2018 Annual Conference and the website team will inform us about the launch of the new website.

As many of you know last summer, UNCTAD has established a discussion group on international cooperation. Several ICN members and the Chair's Office participated in the process and offered to share the ICN's experience and knowledge. To ensure complementarity between the two organizations I feel that it might be the right time to establish a formal liaison with UNCTAD as we have for ICN and OECD.

I am looking forward to talking to you next week.

With best regards,

**Andreas Mundt**