

## **Note from the Chair for the March 18, 2015 Steering Group Meeting**

Dear colleagues,

I invite all of you to participate in one of the most important Steering Group (SG) meetings we have every year. In the call we will discuss the Working Groups' (WG) work plans and will thereby lay the foundation for the next ICN year. We will begin with an update from our upcoming Annual Conference in Sydney, Australia.

### 2015 Annual Conference

The ACCC will provide an update on the conference planning for the 2015 Annual Conference.

### Work plan discussion

The main focus of this SG call is on the discussion of the WG work plans. The Horizontal Coordinator and the Chair will lead a discussion on the WGs draft work plans. Based on a first brief analysis of the short versions of the work plans, SG members will be invited to discuss priorities, strategic planning and overall work load. In this context, SG members are invited to also reflect on the current ICN year and to share their impressions of the work plans for this year. WG Chairs may be asked for elaboration of their future work plans to facilitate the discussion.

### Unilateral Conduct Workshop

The TCA will advise on the planned 2015 Unilateral Conduct Working Group Workshop.

### Membership WG

The Membership Working Group Co-chairs received an application for ICN membership from the Trinidad and Tobago Fair Trading Commission. The Co-chairs will seek SG approval.

### Other business

The Chair will update the Steering Group on the progress of the response to the OECD Survey "International Regulatory Cooperation: The Role of International Organisations". He will also provide an update on the Working Group Chair Rotation, and the re-election of the Chair's position for another two-year term. The ICN Secretariat will provide an update on the 2017 Annual Conference Host Selection Process and producing Conference reports.

I look forward to speaking with you next week.

With best regards,

Andreas Mundt