

IETF Plenary Meeting Venue Selection Process Human Rights Review

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Research focus and goals

Reviewed: draft-ietf-mtgvenue-iaoc-venue-selection-process-16

- Achieve further clarity in statements regarding:
 - Inclusiveness
 - Affordability
- Request additions to section 3.2.2. Basic Venue Criteria:
 - One gender neutral restroom with stalls on each floor
 - At least one dedicated infant feeding room and one family restroom
 - Full accessibility for non-smokers and those with respiratory conditions
- Encourage discussion on matters to be ideally clarified and acknowledged in the draft:
 - Childcare space and services
 - Process in case of conflicting requirements

Response to the review

Our review catalyzed discussions on the Mtgvenue list on the following topics:

- Affordability of meeting venue
- Accessibility for non-smokers and those with respiratory conditions (with reference to issues encountered at a previous IETF meeting in Singapore)
- Childcare facilities and services (with reference to issues encountered at a previous IETF meeting in Seoul)
- Gender-neutral restrooms

Outcomes

- Several items included in our review struck a chord with folks and addressed issues experienced by IETFers in previous meetings
- The organizational matters we addressed were deemed more relevant to the event management than to the venue selection criteria. As such, they were not added to the draft in question
- Looking at the interest and engagement shown in our recommendations, we think that the matters raised should be considered for further discussion in regards to:
 - Documentation related to the event management
 - Information provided to participants on venue accessibility and service infrastructure

Questions or feedback?

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