High level guidance for the IETF meeting policy
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What is the draft about?

• The IETF currently strives to have a 1-1-1-* meeting policy
  – the goal is to distribute the meetings equally between North America, Europe, and Asia
    • These are the locations most of the IETF participants have come from in the recent past.
• This policy has neither been defined precisely nor written into an IETF consensus document.
• This draft provides an initial definition of the policy
  – The goal is to eventually get a consensus-backed version published as a BCP.
Goal(s) of the meeting policy

• Primary stated goal
  – Distribute the travel pain for the IETF participants who physically attend meetings
  – Distribute the timezone pain for those who participate remotely

• Potential goal*
  – Attract new participants to the IETF
The 1-1-1-* meeting policy

- The 1-1-1 meeting policy
  - IETF meetings between North America, Europe, and Asia

- The 1-1-1-* meeting policy
  - slightly modified version of the 1-1-1 meeting policy
  - allows for additional flexibility in the form of a wildcard meeting denoted as a "*"
  - wildcard meeting can be used to experiment with exceptional meetings without extensively impacting the regular meetings
    - e.g. wildcard meetings can include
      - Meetings in other geographical regions,
      - Fully virtual meetings
      - Additional meetings past the three regular meetings in a calendar year
Finer points

• It is not required to strongly adhere to the 1-1-1 policy every calendar year
  – Allows for handling of logistical issues
  – Fine as long as disruptions in a year are compensated for over a longer term

• The policy would need to be periodically evaluated and revised to ensure that the stated goals continue to be met
  – to account dynamic nature of participant distribution in the IETF

• IAOC will be responsible for the implementation of the policy
Open issues for discussion

#1 Should attracting new participants one of the stated goals of this policy?

#2 Do we need a more precise definition of the geographical regions?
   - If so, how do we go about it. (UN, RIR based etc.)

#3 Do we need to specify a mechanism in this draft to initiate wildcard meeting proposals?

#4 Should the re-evaluation be periodic or need based?
Questions?