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**Subject:** [EC] Re: LDC Discount staggered waiver schedule.  
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**To:** Rupesh Shrestha  
**CC:** EC, Emdadul Hoque, MA Hakim, Gaurab Raj Upadhyaya, CEO ISPAN, Derek Spranger

Dear Rupesh,

Thank you for your email and for sharing the feedback from your community discussion.

As I mentioned earlier, the EC have listened and consulted widely on the topic, and invested a lot of time and thought in the process of constructing the fee discount schedule for graduating Least Developed Country (LDC) economies announced at APNIC 60.

The EC remains of the view that the phased discount balances our desire to assist account holders in graduating LDC economies with the duty to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of APNIC for all Members. We appreciate that our decision may not necessarily satisfy all Members' wants, as the intention is to support Very Small Members who are most sensitive and most in need of assistance to an increase in fees.

The Secretariat is now working to update its systems and processes to ensure the discount is applied correctly from 2026 onwards. I'd like to thank you, and the SANOG community, for your statement of support for APNIC and for continuing to engage constructively with the EC.

Kind regards

Kenny Huang  
APNIC EC Chair