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Thank you all for joining and I will now hand the floor over to Jonathan Zuck, ALAC Chair. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you, Yesim. Welcome, everyone. I would say the aim of the meeting is north by northeast, something like that. No, seriously, the purpose of this meeting is under constant refinement, but I think the best way to summarize it is compiling a to-do list.

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What are we need to think about? What did we learn here that we should act on? What things are going on that we might want to partner on? Who should we talk to get more information? So, think of the purpose of this meeting about what's next, really, more so than what went before in a summary way. It's more like what should we leave here having taken note of that we're going to take action on?

So, if you've been to a session and you want to report on the session, tell us the two things or the one thing that we really should take away and do something about. That's the idea. What a great meeting, though. Great venue, great country. It's been a blast being here. Let's jump right in and hear from our liaisons. So, since I've got one right next to me, I'll go to Justine Chew first.

JUSTINE CHEW

Thanks, Jonathan. This is Justine, for the record. I just wanted to highlight two things that's coming out of Genocidal Council, which is number one on the DNS Abuse PDP-1, associated domain name checks.

I think council has heard quite strongly the opinion about the timeline being a bit too long, but I think we've also been encouraging in council itself not to micromanage the PDP. So, just to make sure that the participants are aware that, and I'm sure they are already aware that there have been some concerns expressed widely about the length of the PDP.

So, I think that message will probably be given by council to the PDP Working Group leadership to handle with the participants in that Working Group. So, I don't think council is going to tell the participants that you have to shave off this much time or shave off that much time. Just general concern that people have about the timeline and for the Working Group members themselves to figure out how to deal with that. So, that's fine. Generally, other things in PDP, I think is going well. I don't think anyone has any other major concerns.

Now, the other thing that I wanted to raise was pertaining to the SSAD, the Standardized Systems for Access and Disclosure. Yes, there's SSAD. The next thing to note is council's mootings starting up another group or not. I should say the mootings reactivating the existing group that was already in place to do the work.

So, what's happened now is council and the Board have come to an agreement on what to do with the package of 18 recommendations from EPDP 2. I know some of this won't make any sense to you, but essentially, those recommendations should be treated as a package. Some of them are fine. Some of them are extremely problematic, but it's better to deal with them as a group rather than singularly.

Problems such as the features of what the earlier group had asked for was too complicated, too sophisticated, cost too much, things like that. So, those are the kind of issues that we need to fix now.

Because of that, that's why the Board intervened and set up the RDRS, the Registration Data Request System.

So, that's ongoing. But anyway, it hasn't been fully decided what moot this extra work is going to take place on. Sorry, I should roll back a little bit. So, the agreement that has been reached between the Board and GNSO Council is that the Board is presenting a resolution today at the Board meeting to not adopt the 18 recommendations pertaining to SSAD, the ones that are some problematic, some not so problematic, as I said. But the general agreement is to treat them as a package, deal with them as a package.

So, once the Board adopts that resolution, it will trigger a process within the GNSO, basically called the Supplemental Recommendation Process. So, what happens is the Board is effectively sending those recommendations back to the GNSO for review, rework, whatever that needs to be done. And then if something comes out of that, then those recommendations, the new ones, will get sent to the Board for consideration.

So, GNSO Council intends to set up something, potentially, as I said, could be what they had in place, to deal with the work coming down. My job is just to make sure that ALAC is at the table for whatever mechanism that they choose to do, to work with. Thanks.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Justine. Any questions for Justine? All right. I know Joanna is online, if you want to tell us a little bit about the GAC.

JOANNA KULESZA

Yeah, thank you so much. I truly regret not being able to join you guys, and thank you so much for enabling this remote participation.

In terms of a to-do list or items to follow up on, the bilateral was comprehensive and exciting, if I may say so myself, whereas it seems clearer that there is more room for discussions around how we might wish to support applicants.

With this in mind, a clear to-do is formats in which we might wish to follow up on that topic. You had kindly taken the lead in those discussions, Jonathan, so I'm certain that you, together with the leadership, might have an idea of how best to tackle that issue, whether it should be a communication, a joint communication, whether it's another meeting where we try to stay more focused and give ourselves more time with regards to how we best support applicants through both channels, the Governmental Advisory Committee's work on the and our ALSs.

A second to-do item with a broader agenda, as Justine just highlighted, clearly of high interest to both communities is DNS Abuse. The PDP work has just started. All parties seem quite content with the format and with the path forward. It might be too early for us to decide what the Action Item there is at this point,

whereas this is another open channel for communications, large convergence when it comes to making sure that end users stay safe online.

The dedicated plenary, At-Large plenary, that Justine kindly hosted included a significant presentation, very interesting one, from the colleague leading the GAC work, co-leading the GAC work within the Public Safety Working Group. So, that is clearly an open avenue for us to pursue. No direct-Action Item at this point, I would say.

I will report back once the GAC officially publishes the Communiqué with DNS Abuse issues, taking a large portion of that communication of that work. And then probably a third Action Item we might wish to review or recap is the format in which we meet with the GAC. We have successfully now for roughly seven months organized these regulatory updates briefings.

I would love feedback on whether this is a format we like to maintain, whether this is a platform we want to keep maybe expanding more into policy work, for example, to discuss Applicant Support issues, whether this focus on regulatory advancements is of value to the At-Large. We have been able to proceed with the sessions with significant and much appreciated support from the governmental engagement team within ICANN Org.

I see Alexey here, which is wonderful. He was one of the pillars helping us decide which topics to include. And Rita was wonderful leading the work with regards to WSIS+20. But for me, the Action Item moving forward is whether we want to maintain this platform,

whether it is useful to the community, whether we want to adjust it, maybe more to directly policy-related items, or whether a general change in the format as needed.

That's three points. I apologize. That's one more than you kindly requested. Jonathan, that's all I have at this point. Thank you so much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Joanna. Any questions for Joanna? One thing I'll say is that I think one of the things that came out of that conversation with the GAC about Applicant Support is also something that was sort of embedded in the proposal from the Board, which is the source of funds. And so, it may be something that we should take up sooner rather than later.

I know Avri is the person that I've spoken to at this meeting that felt strongest about this issue. I don't know if you feel comfortable taking 30 seconds now to say why, but I think that would probably be an OFB discussion, but I think it's something we probably want to bring up. About plundering the auction proceeds, basically.

AVRI DORIA

Yeah. Thanks. In the past, I have been as strong against it as one could be. I think it's something I've given up on. We've already done it once. We've already done it once to take some money for Applicant Support. So, at this point, it's one of those battles that is kind of lost before you get into it. And indeed, if there is an

appropriate application of money from a previous thing, this would be.

Yes, it fits into the whole principle I've argued that as long as there's a pot of money and we haven't done a tight control on it, then there's going to be a million different uses for it and everybody's going to grab at it. So, I think that we have to learn. We're going to come up now to another round. And it's going to have auctions. And it's going to have money. And this fund has not yet been targeted, I don't think, as a recipient of future auction monies.

So I think at this point, as opposed to creating a fuss about something that is kind of close to okay, we've already sort of let it pass once. It's a battle we're going to lose to start thinking about the next onslaught and what do we think about auction proceeds and do we want to be more careful about pre-allocating certain acceptable uses.

Paying for Applicant Support in an absolute sense is as good a purpose as I can think of. It's certainly as good as some of the programs that they're going to give it out for. So, in principle, yes, I'm still no, we weren't supposed to do this and we're doing it, and so the principle still fell. But it has fallen. So, I would not recommend making this a battle. I would recommend, though, thinking about the future of how to regulate auction funds.

And perhaps Applicant Support getting together with the GAC, who is, when they're willing to get together, who has in the past, or which has in the past argued that there should be free applications

for a certain quality. And perhaps to sort of say, fine, you're going to take auction money for Applicant Support. Well, then, let's really do something real. Let's build a class of free applications for a certain kind of specified user. And basically say, accept the loss here, but build on it for something that makes sense.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Avri. Satish?

SATISH BABU

Thanks very much, Jonathan. Satish, for the record. This is something that came up in the GAC and ALAC session about the Latin diacritics, and I am speaking on behalf of Bill, who's not here with us today, but Louis, who's here with us, who have been kind of tracking this issue.

There is considerable anxiety about when this is going to come out and when it's going to be available for people to apply. And the not so good news is that the Public Comments has fetched us quite significant inputs, and some of them from ICANN Org, which is somewhat surprising since ICANN Org was part of the whole team all along, and for them to come up with such substantive kind of feedback was a bit of a surprise for the team. But that is what it is, and the team will, of course, start to work on it.

And the earliest we can think of the team handing over to the council, would be around Jan or February next year, which means after the Board it will be -- you're talking about the second half,

sometime the second half of next year for the actual implementation. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks for the great news, Satish. We had a way to bring the room down. Thank you. SSAC, do we have -- no, okay. So, I think that's it for liaison reports because Laura's not here, but has submitted a written one, so that's available. I think they're in their own wrap-up sessions is what's going on. Let's go into Working Group reports, starting with the CPWG with Olivier and Avri.

AVRI DORIA

Do we have an Olivier with us?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND

We have one Olivier. I don't know if it's the right one.

AVRI DORIA

It may be. So, good. I'll say little because the part we did that wasn't Olivier's project was just regular. There's nothing special. We're going to continue as we've continued, following all of these, hoping that people will continue to sort of be there to report. Those of you that are getting involved in new Working Groups do get involved, giving us reports.

The one thing I want to add before Olivier starts on the issue of the DNS Abuse mitigation is, I don't know, I guess his name's Michael, I'm not sure that I'm getting it, has brought up now Human Rights

several times and there being more Human Rights issues than just brought up by NCSG.

He and I had a conversation and what we're looking at is perhaps at the next meeting, seeing if we can't get something going, because one of the fundamental notions that we now have to get into, now that we know how to spell and pronounce Human Rights, we have to get into the notion of proportionality. And with this major abuse mitigation and the work going on in the room right next to us on Human Rights is, okay, so we need to finally get to the point where we're talking about what the proportionality is between the things we must do in several categories.

So, it kind of opens that up. Hopefully, Olivier won't object to that being one of the things that we start to learn about. But we're finally now able to spell Human Rights, so now let's figure out how to spell proportionality. I'm still not quite sure I have that one down yet, but that would be all I have to add on it.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Olivier, Justine just wants to comment quickly and then I'll come back to you. Yeah, that's fine.

JUSTINE CHEW

Yeah, thanks, Jonathan. Thanks, Olivier, for giving me the floor. I think I'm going to repeat what I said earlier this week. The plan for the At-Large is to look at both Human Rights and global public interest. I don't think we should be looking at one without the

other, because we also have a responsibility for global public interest. And the plan that I have in mind with my colleagues, Nati and Akinbo, is to put both those assessments, the Human Rights Assessment, impact assessment, and the GPI checklist onto the agenda for capacity building.

It may turn out that it won't be purely capacity building, but we need to first understand what those two checklists entail. So, that's the capacity building bit, but we can always change it. It's not set in stone, and in fact, I think Council is also going to have a review of those things. So, as far as if we have input to provide to Council, I'm happy to do that. But let's have the conversation and let's not just focus on Human Rights. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

All right. Olivier, go ahead, please.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND

Yeah, thank you very much, Jonathan. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking, and I'm actually also reading from the Action Items which staff have very kindly put together on the other topics that were discussed. But just closing off on the issue of this PDP, Steinar Grøtterød has taken notes as well and will come back with the feedback that he has received.

I wanted to thank Eunice Pérez Coello in particular for having put together a very good presentation and showing it to us, explaining the issues, and being able to collect the input from our community

as to what we are interested in. Of course, the Human Rights issue is one, and there are others that were mentioned during the meeting. So, that was one of the topics.

The other topics that were touched on were the Latin Diacritics, where Justine noted that the Standing Predictability Implementation Review Team, the SPIRIT, could be used to address outstanding issues once the Board approves the final report. Of course, we've now heard that things have moved on.

On DNS Abuse, Jonathan, you've noted that there were a lot of DNS Abuse activities, and obviously, there was also the DNS Abuse plenary, which took place a few days later. On the trademark, on the IRT, where the trademark clearinghouse name collision will be raised, Cheryl noted that the Applicant Support program is looking for mentors to help applicants who have applied with structural support, so not just money, but also help in doing things.

Of course, we went through the few Public Comments, which are at the moment happening, and so there's more work for us after this meeting ends, obviously. The policy power plan is ongoing.

Finally, just one small thing I wanted to add. At the time when we had the meeting, there was no update on the IANA intellectual property topic, and we have since received news from ICANN Legal that the innovation agreements to actually affect the transfer of the intellectual property from the IETF Trust to the IETF Intellectual Property Management Corporation has been received by ICANN.

ICANN Legal is reviewing them and will be in touch with our community representatives for their feedback. But that's something that's moved a little bit during this meeting. I think that's all, and Avri, let me know if I've forgotten anything else. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Excellent, Olivier. Thank you. Any questions for Olivier or Avri? Okay. Then OFB. I don't know, Bukola or Claire, who wants to go first.

CLAIRE CRAIG

Hi, this is Claire. I hope you're hearing me okay.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Yes.

CLAIRE CRAIG

So, I've been nominated to speak on behalf of the OFB. This is Claire Craig for the record. Thanks, staff, for putting together a nice little summary of what would have happened.

We did have a really good session with the planning team, and I think, as Tripti mentioned at our meeting with the Board, we had a good discussion on AI, but it didn't make it to our top trend that the Board needed to consider for its strategic planning session. But we did not get through everything in that environmental scan. And

maybe what we may want to consider is to invite the planning team back to the OFB if we think that it is important for that discussion.

We also ran out of time a bit, and so we didn't get into scheduling what we wanted to do with the ALAC and CIP with respect to the timelines. And so, there is some follow-up work that we need to do in that end. And I just want to say that it may also be the time for us to look at our FY27 ALAC strategic priorities to see whether there are any updates that we wish to make to that. So, those are the comments that I wanted to share coming out of our session.

And just a quick side note, which was not directly OFB, but it tends to fall under OFB. I think there was some really good conversations on the Review of Reviews. A lot of work has been done during this meeting on that. And I think the documentation on it is moving along very nicely. And thanks to our representatives on that committee, our co-chair, who is Avri, as well as Jonathan for the work that they are doing with that committee there.

So, thank you all. And I wish to say thanks to staff and to the team for giving me the opportunity to be able to participate remotely and almost seamlessly in these meetings. I do appreciate it. Thanks.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Claire. So, is that it? Nothing from Bukola? Is that right?

CLAIRE CRAIG

Yes.

BUKOLA ORONTI

That's correct. Thank you, Jonathan. That's all. Thank you, Claire.

CLAIRE CRAIG

You're welcome.

JONATHAN ZUCK

All right. Thank you. Any questions? All right. Next, we have RALO Highlights with Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you so much, Jonathan. Amrita, for the record. During the RALO meeting, there was more discussion than final takeaways. Some points were discussed. I think we need to explore more avenues to engage RALO members meaningfully, because there were discussions which came where there may be the regular participants coming in.

So, how can we improve the quality of people joining in was one thing. Exploring on synergizing discussions, webinars, et cetera, between RALOs was something, like everyone's doing things. But if it is of strategic interest, how can we leverage one RALO doing rather than everyone doing?

There were also some discussions, as in scratching on the surface, how we can improve our application process for ALSs or individual

members, reducing the time. Perhaps we need to see how we can streamline the processes further. We did have discussions with the GSE who shared how the collaborations are working in all the RALOs. But I think when it came to the financial year planning for 27, the RALOs would have liked to hear more concrete plans, which GSE has. But we just got a high-level sense of things.

So, yes, it's more of a wait and watch. We will continue to do what we are doing. That was it. Apart from it, I think many of the RALOs had their own individual member meetings. Being in APRALO, we had our meeting with the NextGen and Fellows. I think it was fairly interactive.

Staff and those who were there can mention. One of the tangible things we had is several people joining the WhatsApp group, which is our first step as we take since yesterday. So, yes, that is about it. If anyone has any questions, happy to answer.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Okay. Thank you very much, Amrita. Then Fellowship NextGen Highlights with Raymond here. And Alfredo, yes.

RAYMOND MAMATTAH

Thank you, Jonathan. So, the At-Large has been given eight mentees and fortunately all eight mentees have been on site. Then as part of the mentoring process, we had weekly orientation with them where I took them through the various stages of the mentorship, the fellowship process, what to expect before, what to

expect during the fellowship program, and what they will be doing after the fellowship program. And on site, they all participated very effectively.

Some of them have even done presentations, though they were first-time participants and I've been very proud of their engagement. My suggestion for further engagement with them, like the other ASOs and have done, they use slides to present and explain what their various constituencies have been about. But this time around, we did not do that.

So, I suggest that we continue to do the slide presentation, which gives more information. And I intend to continue to engage with them for them to be able to know more and know where to sit, especially when it comes to At-Large. Some of them are here with us to witness our closing ceremony. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you very much, Raymond. Is the format of the meetings that we're having with them working? We had kind of a shortened one that we shared with the SSAC. Do we need to try to go for our own session next time, or did you get feedback from the fellows on whether they felt like they got enough interaction with At-Large?

RAYMOND MAMATTAH

Yes, I've asked most of them about what they think about our engagement. And one of the feedback that I've gotten is what I've mentioned about the slide presentation, which will give them more

information about what they do. But I've been able to explain to them the various stages of At-Large, what it means to be an individual member, what it means to be a member through an ALS, and the various engagement that they can participate in. I've done that to them during the orientation process.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Amrita, go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you, Raymond. I do have a question. I tried to have an interactive session with the APAC fellows, and I understand you look at it. Did you get any feedback from them after yesterday's session, or is it continuing to what you mentioned? Did they also say that they didn't get feedback of how to join because we had past fellows explaining to them? So, I'm curious about what feedback they gave.

RAYMOND MAMATTAH

Okay, so I did not get direct feedback on that. But I've been comparing the presentation that we had from the other AC and the SOs, where they use light with concrete presentation, which we did not do. So, that is my suggestion that going forward, we should also do that, which will give more information to them.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Cheryl, go ahead, please.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR

Thanks, Jonathan. And it was an absolute. Cheryl Langdon-Orr the record, sorry. I'm not sorry, I'm Cheryl Langdon, or I'm sorry, I didn't say it first. Look, those NextGen presentations were outstanding. They really were on, I think, each case. Excellent pieces of work, indeed. Some more or less relevant to what we do in ICANN, and some more or less professionally presented. But I'm wondering, if these people just go and join an ALS, sorry, but we're going to get lost.

We're just going to be one of another 100,000 in some ALSs or 100 in another ALS member. And they have such talent and such potential. Can we look at proactively fast-tracking them, in inverted commas, into some shadow roles, some active roles? I know we've had some success, and I'm not diminishing that, within APRALO, bringing our NextGen and our fellows in to be very affirmatively engaged. But it just seems to me that we, there's a great group of them.

And we're missing an opportunity if we can't, I don't know, attach them to CPWG activities, or capacity-building activities, or OFB activities, if they're interested. Perhaps less onerous than giving them positions. But the talent pool there just shouldn't be squandered. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Cheryl. I mean, one of the things we should consider, potentially, is doing another post-'85 session we've done in the past webinar. And then we can give a little more formal presentation, potentially, if that's helpful, get more feedback from them, and stay in touch with them, and use that as an opportunity to explore who's anxious enough to get going that we might want to give special handling to. Hadia, you've got your hand up.

HADIA ELMINIAWI

Thank you so much. This is Hadia, for the record. And I fully agree with Cheryl. And actually, the three ICANN fellows from Africa who presented at the AFRALO African session are already AFRALO members, but individual AFRALO members. And also, all three of them also, one of them is already also part of the capacity-building group, a leader. So, we have already also started putting them in a sort of leadership position. So, this is what I, like, wanted to say. And I agree with Cheryl.

JONATHAN ZUCK

All right. I'm sure she appreciates it. Claire, go ahead.

CLAIRE CRAIG

Thank you. This is Claire Craig, for the record. I know this may not be the forum for this, but I'm taking the opportunity to send a message. We have heard so much about our NextGens, and their presentations, and how well they are doing. And I want to continue to say that the fact that we have not been able to have ICANN

meetings in the LAC region has been a disadvantage for our NextGens.

And if there is any way that something can be done so that some of our NextGens can attend meetings in other regions until a decision has been made to have a meeting in our region. So, just wanted to put that out there so that if there can be any assistance from this group to make that happen, we'd certainly appreciate it. Thank you so much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

All right. That's a perfect segue to our NextGen wrap-up from Alfredo.

ALFREDO CALDERON

How many hours do I have to talk about it?

JONATHAN ZUCK

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ALFREDO CALDERON

Well, I have to agree with a couple of things that Raymond mentioned. So, before I talk to you about that, I've been sort of an honorary member for the mentorship program for both programs, although I'm not a traveler funded. So, next year, there's going to be a Public Comment to review both programs and see what improvements are needed.

Naveed and I are working on that with Fernanda and Siranush. Now, in terms of what happened during this ICANN meeting, yes, I got the same comments from the NextGeners. There should be some kind of presentation so that they can have sort of a high-level understanding of how At-Large works. What happened in my case was that even some of the fellows came to me and asked me, since they know that I'm from At-Large, how things are done, how can I be an individual member, where do I have to go, what actually does the OFB and the CPWG, what have been the successes that they have done when submitting some comments.

The NextGeners, as everybody has mentioned already, a group, I mean, really engaged, really interested in becoming part of ICANN. Some of them, although they are NextGeners, they are already involved in ICANN, have been presenting. The presentations were superb. Something that's been happening for the last three minutes is that the NextGeners have a lunch with the Board and some executive staff, and believe it or not, everybody was impressed with them.

It's 11 group individuals that really know what ICANN is and how they can get involved. The next step is to get them involved as a fellow in the fellowship program, and a few are already looking for the window to apply for the October meeting, and for some unknown reason, they want me to work with them, but I can only work with four in the mentorship NextGen program. That's basically it.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Okay, thank you. We used to do presentation before and decided not to do it because the feedback was to do more interaction, so we're going to have to find a balance somehow, I guess.

ALFREDO CALDERON

Because if I may, Jonathan, probably thinking of asking Siranush, instead of 30 minutes for an hour, because they have a lot of questions, and I can give you a hint. They want to understand what's the difference of end user versus civil society, for example.

JONATHAN ZUCK

I have an answer. All right. Hannah, you've got your hand up.

HANNAH FRANK

Hello. Thank you so much. Yeah, I fully agree with Claire. In fact, we have been discussing this with the GCE. The last time we have NextGeners from Latin American and Caribbean region was in 2023 during Cancun. I was one of the NextGeners there, but I guess the goals of the program, both program fellowship as well as NextGeners are different.

NextGeners come from the region, they're students, and fellowship is global. But I guess we can work on something that's in the middle, and we can have more NextGeners from our region. I don't know where it's going to be. ICANN meet in Latin American and Caribbean, and I want to say that it's we need to have the

commitment each RALO to look for the person, for the fellows that are from our region.

For instance, during this ICANN meeting, we have two fellows on site of Latin American from Bolivia and from Chile, and the rest are online. And we need each RALO to look for them, but not how they are going to know the work. They have a bunch of mandatory sessions, but they need to deep dive more and figure out what they want to do within ICANN.

In our case, these two people that are from Latin American region, we look for them, and we are trying to reach from the At-Large community. Thank you so much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Hannah. Sebastien's next.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you very much. Sébastien Bachollet speaking. I have heard some very good feedback from the NextGen presentations, not only in this meeting, but maybe from the previous meeting as well. It would be good that during the NextGen presentation we do not have a clash of agenda, because we would like to listen to them. If they are so good, maybe we could participate in their presentations. Thank you.

ALFREDO CALDERON

And based on the Sebastien's comment, we had a large group of Board members this time that also participated, and we have executive people also participating, because the format we are following now is that we have a sheet with each one of the titles of their presentation, where they come from in the region, and that gives the participants an idea of what to expect.

So, we had good information that was shared from OCTO, from SSAC. RSSAC was there as well, and a few members of the Board that comment on their presentations. And there's already some ideas with them working as researchers, because we have undergraduates and graduate students as part of the NextGen program as well.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Alfredo. Lance?

LANCE HINDS

Thank you, Chair. I was wondering whether I should still comment, because Hannah had said a lot of the stuff that we were talking about a few minutes ago. But I thought I heard that because the interns and the NextGens are so bright and they're so qualified, there may be some special provisions being made for them, instead of getting, I think I heard, lost in the RALOs and the ALSs.

I think I accept some of that, but it's still a reality that the RALOs need to be able to survive and sustain themselves. So, while you are doing that special provisioning because of the talent that you're

getting, it is still useful to remember that the RALOs need them as well to continue to perpetuate themselves. That was just the observation of it. Thank you, Chair.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks, Lance. I think that's important as well. And I know a lot of the RALOs are working on their onboarding and things. I think the comment in particular was about ALSs, that going off and joining an ALS, you might get lost, because unless you're the representative to the RALO, then you're not informed about what's going on and things. Maybe it's just encouraging them to join as individual members right off the bat or something like that. Please, go ahead.

MACIEK PIASECKI

Maciek Piasecki, EURALO. I feel called out by Joanna in the chat with what we call the buddy program in EURALO. We've been discussing it in the mailing list. Nati and Natalia and Emilia were super helpful and engaged. And it's something that we conceive as an informal way to engage the very fresh newcomers with the energy of the not-so-fresh newcomers like myself.

So, it's something that I picked up in the policy development accelerator, that it might be a barrier for some people to be interacting with somebody who's much more experienced, of different age than them. So, it might be a good way to use our resources, because the mentors are, obviously, they have a lot on

their hands. And there's a lot of stuff in between what you can Google or find on the wiki and what you need to escalate to your mentor. And I think it'd be cool to get us involved.

JONATHAN ZUCK

That sounds good. This is obviously a topic near and dear to us. And I mean, let's tackle this in a comprehensive way. There's more that we can be doing. Oh, Hadia has her hand up.

HADIA ELMINIAMI

This is a quick one. This is Hadia, for the record. Just quickly to answer, Lance, that we actually try to empower both ALSs and individual users. And currently, also, we started forming a group, an advisory leadership group that would include the representatives of ALSs. I guess it's the choice of the member to choose whether to be an individual member or a member within the ALS, if they actually belong to an ALS.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Yeah. I think the focus of our next atlas will be around ALSs and things. And so maybe this onboarding thing should be part of that discussion as well. The next is sort of an open discussion about people's experience in the sessions they attended and the things that we ought to take notice of from those sessions. And the first one I have here is Maciek from the experience with the GAC.

MACIEK PIASECKI

Hello. Maciek Piesiecki again. So, it's very interesting that the GAC -- so mostly, I've been observing sessions related to the access to non-public registrant data by law enforcement and other authenticated agencies. So, GAC will be standing on the point that these agencies, once authenticated, they will be authorized to access this data in less than 24 hours. I have addressed that with GAC at the session and with my public forum comment.

And GAC agreed to get a report from you regarding the state of disproportionate law enforcement action against legitimate users in the past. So, it would be wonderful to do it not only in my personal capacity, but to get mandate for you if we could cooperate on that.

And I think a lot of people in the community might be reluctant to listen to the non-commercial stakeholder group in the sense, because of what I would say, they're very principled approach, but we could be here the voice of reason and not necessarily reference Human Rights, but reference the local laws of our respective countries, which might, of course, differ.

But in Poland, courts have been generally on the side of protecting legitimate users rather than enforce policing. To reference Bruce Schneier, the law enforcement has different things in their toolkits. So, relating to that also, I encourage you to check out Project Jake that has been discussed with SSAC.

And it might be enough reason that it's being piloted by Steve Crocker, but it creates a framework for this kind of data access. And

also in SSAC, there was an interesting session about the BGP, so internet routing. And I think that affects users as well, because this can result in internet blackouts, which are affecting our users.

This is not under the scope of DNS Abuse, but as I've been told by the author of the presentation, it's very relatable and it's being tackled on the European Commission level. I am a member and some members of SSAC are also members of the multi-stakeholder group for the implementation of the NIS2 standards.

NIS2 is the European cybersecurity regulation, and you can also join. It's open to people from outside of European Union, because if you have legitimate interests as a company that's doing business in Europe or your country is introducing laws compliant or based with European laws, and that would be it. Thank you very much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thanks for the update. Thank you very much. Steinar, I think is next.

STEINAR GRØTTERØD

Hi, this is Steinar for the record. I just want to point attention to a session that was yesterday held by the registered stakeholder group about the DGA, and because I find it kind of tricky to understand how this works and how it will help assisting mitigation DNS Abuse, but there was a presentation from a guy, which I should have put the name on, but he's from Verisign, that was actually

very, very useful and it's worthwhile listening to the recording and see the slides.

There was also following up by CSI show. We also had by the registered stakeholder group where we had six or seven cases of DNS Abuse that we should try to find out whether it was and what's the action to be taken. Kind of funny, more. So, that's the good part for the long flight back home.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you. All right, thank you. Pari?

PARI ESFANDIARI

Thank you. Pari Esfandiari speaking for the record. My comment is very overall and general. I want to point out that finally the issues of geopolitics of DNS have moved to center stage, in this ICANN meeting I saw that many sessions acknowledged what is happening and the issue of resilience of the system became also important.

Another issue that I like to point out is the governance and institutional processes. Almost everywhere I noticed that every stakeholder is discussing, reflecting. We have been doing that but I think more of it is even better. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Yes, that even came up in our meeting with the Board as well. Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI

Okay, this is Hadia for the record and I raise my hand to report on the AFRALO/AfrICANN session. So, we basically discussed two main topics, DNS Abuse and security as well as IDNs, Universal Acceptance and the Multilingual Internet. And the presentations were given by four AFRALO members. They are ICANN fellows coming from Africa, Godsway, Asteway and Millennium, as well as Mutegeki and Godsway is with us today. The possible outcomes that we discussed out of this session included two things.

The first is to take one or two of the outcomes of the session and make a deeper dive and present a statement that is research evidence based on that outcome. The other possible outcome, the second one, is to look at the 11 accountability and transparency statements that AFRALO previously had and come out, develop a new statement that could actually feed into the current work of the Review of Reviews.

The second thing, and since we were talking about SSAC and the presentations that they had, there was a presentation given by PIR, the registry, and it's linked to the agenda and the presentation is there, but they basically show how they look at the amount of abuse coming from each of the registrars and based on that, they start to penalize the registrars with high abusive registrations. And this could lead to stopping registrations from a certain registrar for certain periods of time. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you, Hadia. I have Aziz next.

AZIZ HILALI

Thank you very much. I wanted to raise the topic of the ASO. Everyone knows that a document, ICP-2, is being drafted. We are discussing the change between the recognition and de-recognition of RIR and the creation of a new RIR as well. This is a document that has generated a lot of discussion as AFRINIC. We want to give our opinion on this topic. We would like to see some conditions being applied on the de-recognition of an RIR and created a proportionality of the members from this RIR and other RIRs.

We are talking of the majority, superior majority, so four RIRs out of five. This is linked with the crisis that the African RIR found itself because we could not vote. We did not have a Board and we did not have a CEO either. We also speak about audits, continuity within RIRs.

We also spoke about Ad Hoc commissions to reduce the threshold needed to ask for an audit, the threshold of members who ask an audit and getting to 15% of these members. Thank you very much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you. Sebastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

Thank you. I will be speaking in French. Regarding what Aziz just said. It's a very important topic, especially because the first time that we have a high-level political topic that concerns At-Large directly, my topic, as you may imagine, is the revision of the revisions. Thank you very much to Avri for having organized this session.

Unfortunately, it was maybe a bit too short to have this discussion. I think we need to keep on having this kind of work being done, maybe not in the middle of one meeting of the OFB. I think we need to dedicate enough time to this topic, because right now we have different proposals. We need to understand how they will be integrated or not, which one we will integrate or not, and how collectively we can push for a result of the future revision that could actually answer to the needs of final users and public policies and finally Human Rights. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Avri, do you want to respond at all? Okay. Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Thank you. Thank you, Aziz, for sharing what AFRINIC is thinking. As far as I understand, for ICP-2 --

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET

It's not only AFRINIC. It's already -- no.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY

Let me just complete my question. What I understand, and you can correct me, is the final drafting of the ICP-2 is between the RIRs, the NRO NC, or the ASO AC. It is not open to anyone outside, because the commenting period has been done twice or rather thrice. So, I think it's an internal drafting or whatever the RIRs feel which is being done. I don't think we as a community can comment anymore. That is my understanding from what I heard from that community. You can correct me if I'm wrong.

AZIZ HILALI

Aziz speaking. Thank you, Amrita. Indeed, what you've just said corresponds to what Sébastien said, and I agree. I believe we should include this topic in our discussions, either within the CPWG or the OFBWG, so that you have the information about what is currently happening. We are discussing this document, and us as Africans, for example, we have made 10 comments about this document.

You know what worries us. We discuss about the percentage of IRR needed that needs to be reached to de-recognize an RIR, and it is 25%. But the problem is that in Africa, it is sometimes easier for one member. Sometimes a member can be faced with frauds, and this percentage can reach even 30%. And these are major, significant problems, and I believe it would be good for us to discuss these problems within the ALAC, because this is not a problem that only concerns Africa and the other regions, but also the end users.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Do you see any other hands up inside of the Zoom? Zoom? Does anybody see? I don't see any more here. Thanks, all. Those were great session updates. I think we had a good session, as Sébastien said, on Review of Reviews here in the room. I think that went really well, and so doing more like that, even if we're virtual, got people really engaged, and I think was a really positive thing, and I think a lot came out of it, but we'll have to keep working on getting those suggestions integrated into the final result.

So, the next topic is ICANN86. This is the one that sneaks up on us pretty quickly. So, yes, if you're not already there, if you're not already in Seville, then it's too late. But the most exciting thing about that is we're going to be starting our days at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m., so I'm very excited about that. Yes, because dinner goes so late there. I hope it's just an experiment and we do that forever, but that's just happening in Seville so far.

So, we need to begin thinking, forming our committee. I don't know if EURALO has any thoughts on what you might want to do there in terms of special sessions, etcetera, not to put you on the spot, but we need to get on those things very quickly this time. This is a short period of time. If we want to have some kind of a plenary, or do we want to push for a community-wide plenary, and what would that look like, and should we continue to press on the DNS Abuse issue, should we get into the proportionality issue, we should be thinking about these things very soon.

So, if people have ideas, happy to hear them. We just have a couple of minutes left, but 86 is going to come up on us quick. So, we'll get that planning committee formed right away. Any questions, suggestions, ideas, things that we want to pursue there? All right, Frederic, and then Judith. Frederic, go ahead.

FREDERIC TAES

Thank you, Jonathan. Frederic, for the record. So, from EURALO, and EURALO will also coordinate the cross-hallow for ICANN86 in Sevilla. We are collecting now the different inputs and ideas. One that came already now during the meeting in Mumbai is to have the do and don'ts for more community engagement, and to share really the best practice within the community.

So, that's for sure a topic that will come, and so open to everyone to come with suggestions. There are many, maybe too much, and then we need to collect all ideas to see what is important from the people, and to select the right topics. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Okay, thank you. Judith?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN

Yes, Judith Hellerstein. I also think for Seville, in the DNS Abuse, we may also want to look at something with DNS Abuse and identity issues. As we get more phishing scams and all that, what are we looking at? And I know some other groups have done some interesting research about that, and so that's something I thought

about that we could also focus on, because that is really a different end user impact.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Okay. Thanks. Thank you. Avri?

AVRI DORIA

Just quickly, while we're at the moment gathering all the stuff from our conversation, at the next meeting we will actually be putting the concrete draft recommendation on the table, so we'll probably want to talk about it at least a little.

JONATHAN ZUCK

I think that's fair. I think that's likely. I think I have Akinbo?

ADEBUNMI AKINBO

Akinbo for the record. Okay, so during the RALO meetings, I had an interjection or intervention, and I was proposing that there will be an activity with AFRALO in particular before we pass it to other RALOs, where we get members to begin to engage actively at meetings, at various meetings, rather than having a high number of members or ALSs, and we don't get the feedback that we want to get back from them as either RALO or as At-Large.

So, I just want to put this up as a reminder, so that by the time we get to Seville, we'll be able to put it as part of our discussion. Thank

you. The pilot phase, anyway. You get the report of the pilot phase.
Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK

This is Akinbo. Hannah?

HANNAH FRANK

Thank you so much. As we have seen yesterday during the session, the APRALO session, about the ALAC objections of the New Round of gTLD program, we are working towards, and during ICANN86 in Seville, we are going to present more work and strategies to carry out this group of At-Large gTLD application review group of GAC. As I said yesterday, we need to form this group with two or three people from each RALO. They need to have English proficiency, and parts of the conflict of interest, as well as the legal expertise is also may require.

So, I invite you all that during this previous, this prep week, months before ICANN86, we are going work, making some work. Well, a bunch of work. I don't think that it's some work. We need to make a bunch of work with the people that's, I guess, already been engaged during the small team of ALAC objections on this new round of gTLD. Thank you so much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

All right. Thank you. And thanks to all of you. I think this might be our best wrap-up meeting ever. And I know that Gissela wanted to

say, okay. Gisella wanted to say some things about ICANN86. So, I'm going to hand the microphone to Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER

Thank you very much, Jonathan. I hope you can all hear me. And I'm very sorry, I wasn't able to be with everyone in Mumbai. What an absolutely fantastic meeting. It has been in so many perspectives, and it looks beautiful over there. So, I hope you all enjoyed the hospitality from the local hosts as well.

And yes, for those attending Seville in person or even remotely, we look forward to seeing you there. ICANN86, this time in three months' time, we will have concluded ICANN86. Oh, my gosh. I see you, Cheryl. So, yes. So, we have very little time to set up the schedule. We have set up the ICANN86 workspace. Thank you, Yesim. And we will be working on the sessions.

If we take a format that we had in Prague, which was the ICANN policy forum last year, if we have similar sessions, well, our schedule is full. So, I think that at this stage, it is more about prioritizing which sessions we need. And as Jonathan said, also to make sure that the At-Large plenary is very much focused on whatever the hot topics are and towards the meeting that we're going to be attending. And I think a lot has come out of ICANN85 in that respect.

So, please bookmark this page. This is the page where everything will be made available. We will let you know how we go on with the

planning committee as the turnaround time is extremely short, the 6th of April being when we start submitting the meeting forms. We're going to work very closely with the other groups to try and avoid the major conflicts. And we do our very best. However, the policy forum, it's even more challenging as it's only four days.

So, that pretty much sums up ICANN86. And if I may, does anyone have any questions or anything else to say or ask with regards to 86? No. And I'm aware and in the interest of time, if I may also just say one last thing, it's not about 86 anymore. And I've got to keep my composition. I don't know if that's an English word. I'd just like to share with everyone here in Mumbai or remotely that this is the last meeting that Yesim Salam will be supporting us in the At-Large within At-Large staff as she's transitioning to another part of ICANN after 10 and a half years with At-Large.

She does think I forget her anniversary, but I don't. It's the 30th of November when she started with us 10 and a half years ago. So, over the years, she's covered the RALO calls, the ALAC calls, the Working Group calls. And then more recently, she's done the ALS applications and individuals as well as the voting. And oh my, we know how important that is. So, that is pretty much a major part of our support function. We do work as the At-Large support team, and she has been a major player in this team. And I think I can say that nothing is ever too much for Yesim.

So, these are huge shoes to fill. We are working on a replacement, or should I say in addition to the team, as a replacement is way too

difficult for me. And we always welcome new members to the team. However, I believe that Yesim will be hugely missed.

So, ICANN is not only, we're not losing her. On the contrary, she's going to bring all her skills to another part of ICANN. And I think that we're very fortunate within ICANN to retain such a wonderful person.

Again, thank you Yesim for your years of collaboration, support, and I will personally say friendship. We met in CANN when Eloise was less than two years old on her scooter as she trained in CANN. It so happened that that was the best pace for her training. So, we're very fortunate to have had her, and thank you so much, and very, very best wishes for your new adventures within ICANN. I know you'll never be far away. Before I hand the floor to you, Yesim, I believe I will hand it over to Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH

Thank you, Gisella. So, yeah, Gissela, you've taken my words. Yesim, we have watched you grow professionally. As Gissela mentioned you've taken member management to a new level, and the voting, it seems so easy for you. So, thank you for all of that. We've watched you grow personally with an engagement, with marriage, with your beautiful son.

So, it is very sad that you are going to be moving away from At-Large, but we understand that you wish to grow professionally, and

I'm thrilled that you are not leaving ICANN, but that we know where you are. So, thank you very much, Yesim, for everything.

JONATHAN ZUCK

All right, everyone.

YESIM SAGLAM

Thank you very much.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Yesim, did you want to say something?

YESIM SAGLAM

Sorry, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Go ahead.

YESIM SAGLAM

I'm sorry. I know we have passed the end time. Well, what can I say? I mean, thank you very, very much for all of your words, Gissela, Heidi, and everyone. And again, as Gissela has mentioned, I'm not going far away. I will be just working for a different team, different departments. And once again, thank you all for all your kindness and everything. Thank you. Back to you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you, Yesim. Thanks for all the work that you've done. Olivier, is that a new hand from you?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND

It certainly is, Jonathan. Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking, and I'll just take 15 seconds just to recognize that, again, this year, one of the people in our community got the Community Excellence Award, and that's Amrita Choudhury. And I think it's no small feat, the amount of work that she's done over the years. It's great to see this sort of thing happening.

And she's a DNS woman as well, so really something we should all be so happy about. And I've put the list of her achievements as listed in the announcement that was made by ICANN. I think, no, we couldn't finish this meeting without acknowledging this. Thank you, Jonathan. Bye.

JONATHAN ZUCK

Thank you, Olivier. And thanks. Congratulations, Amrita. And thanks, everyone. Great ICANN85. And with that, this meeting's adjourned.

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