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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Welcome, everyone. This is Alejandra Reynoso, the ccNSO Chair, and as mentioned, this is a leadership call between the Registry Stakeholder Group and the ccNSO. This is a conversation we have kickstarted not so long ago, and the idea is for us to get together and find the topics that TLDs should cooperate with each other. And with that, I'll turn it over to you, Beth.

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BETH BACON

Thanks, friends, and sorry for the rocky start. We had moved this to a leadership-only meeting, but it didn't quite make the calendar, so I apologize for folks in the Zoom room for the back and forth, but we'll do our best and we're going to have the recording. It's going to be great.

We're very happy to be able to have such close coordination with the ccNSO, and we have folks that don't normally join. We have regular leadership calls in between ICANNs, and then we usually try and do a bilateral engagement. For this go-round in Mumbai, we are going to have that engagement be the ccNSO is having a DNS Abuse session, and they've invited a few registry participants, so Brian Cimboric and Chris Disspain will participate in that and share some ideas specific to DNS Abuses that PDP kicks off.

And so, this was converted just to a leadership meeting, but everyone is always actually welcome because we're not telling any secrets. We work for you, so that's fine. And then so we were going to just discuss and confirm for folks the cadence of the bilaterals going forward that we've discussed previously, and then we've chatted with our groups, and then we're going to identify some issues for collaboration.

So, for the meetings, we talked about starting in Seville, doing every other meeting cadence, so Seville and then Lisbon, and then whatever comes after that, every other, because I don't remember the cadence of meetings with all the locations. But so, we've tried

a few different and just figuring out meeting to meeting, but it gets very tight. And the ccNSO does a lot more advanced planning because you're just better, more advanced planning on each of your sessions.

So, it's easier for us to just assume every other, and then if we want to convert it to something that's specific or like the topic or we want to do a regular bilateral, I think that would be great.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Yes, exactly, Beth. And yes, the idea is for us to plan ahead because usually the schedules get filled so fast and it's best to have already a prepared slot than not, because otherwise it's harder to find the space. But with that, I wanted also to share that talking about the topics that we should start considering discussing together is something that was brought up yesterday at the council prep meeting is the root server system governance Working Group Final Report that it's, well, it went through Public Comment and now they have tuned it up. And my understanding is it's either with the board or going to the board, it's in their final stages.

So, there's a long way for it to still be a solid product, let's put it like that. But one of the things that we should think over that it's the structure of the council that they are proposing. It's, I would say, a rather large group of 24 people. Half of them would be root servers and half of them would be TLD registries.

And from the TLDs, we'll have CCs and have gTLDs. So, it's something that it's coming our way. So, we should keep that in mind in terms of coordinating on what the qualifications we think should those members have and future rules, guidelines and everything. So, I wanted to bring that to your attention.

BETH BACON

Thank you. So, I think really appreciate that because we have been following this in the registries and Kurt Pritz has been our guy who's been keeping us up to date on this. We did know that it was in the limbo between comments and finalization. But it's good to hear that you had more detail on the rules for the council because I didn't know, I sort of thought that the work had been done when they said we're going to have a, I'm going to go with very large council, very large.

They had also done the rules and regulations or the operating procedures. So, it seems that maybe they have it. So, that's something that I think we should absolutely coordinate on. And I had suggested that maybe we do a small group of the ccNSO and the registry folks just either monitor it and then they can advise us as to what they think is best. And then hopefully those folks will be, because they're already experts, we'll just want to join the council and we can figure out how we select all those folks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Well, yes. The way I understand it it's, there's a general guideline on how it should be, but not a definitive document on the written procedures. Let's call it like that. So, that's what I think we should think about. The other thing it's, well, I don't know if it's not too early to talk about Seville and if you have any suggestions on what topics we should plan for it.

BETH BACON

So, I think it's one nice thing about engaging with the ccNSO is that you focus a little bit more on Internet Governance topics in general, like ITU and WSIS and those sorts of things. So, it might be nice if we could add some of those going along to the agenda, because I think it's very pertinent to the work that your members do.

And it's something that registries, gTLD registries can learn a lot about and then hopefully contribute. So, maybe something like that. I think DNS Abuse is going to, not just the PDP, but what's next and the issues to make sure that we don't just do a PDP and then do another one. We want to make sure that that's flowing and that there's other items for best practices or other paths. Maybe that's something we could discuss. Those were my initial thoughts. Do you have anything?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Well, I agree on those topics, Beth. The other thing that came to mind the other day of trying to find common topics is, I don't know if you guys do any discussion. I know you work on this, but I don't

know if you have any particular group on, for example, Universal Acceptance.

BETH BACON

I would like to try. This is being recorded, right? We do not engage on that very much. It's just not a topic that is very easy to align on in the gTLDs. There's a lot of different views. So, it doesn't mean we can't talk about it. It just means that there's a lot of different feelings within the registries. It's not something we're super aligned on. Bruce was like, demand is low. And I said, yes, yes. Demand is not... we're not chomping at the bit to talk about that.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Well, it just came to mind because the two committees that the ccNSO, let's say, opened or started running were the DNS Abuse one and then the Universal Acceptance as a requirement from the broader community. So, that's what it came to mind. Maybe we could explore that area. At least once. If it works, it works. And if it doesn't, well, we tried.

BETH BACON

And I think that's fine. I'm happy to do that. And especially if there are any of the CCs that have more insights, I think that would be really helpful to the registries, gTLD registries, if they're putting things in place and figuring out the bugs and kinks that sometimes go along with that.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

In the ccNSO, the philosophy is more like, okay, let's share what's out there and check every TLD or to put it in a general term, should figure out whether it helps them or gives them ideas to do further work. Any other particular topic?

BETH BACON

So, something we've been bringing up with folks is the code of conduct on SOIs for the ICANN one that they put in place. And I keep doing this from a selfish chair point of view. We are trying to put something together for the registries that is a process for if a complaint is made or something like that, so that we know what our rules are. Because I don't want to make that up as I go.

If someone says, hey, chair, and also if it's someone in the registries wants to make a complaint for someone in the ALAC, but they don't feel comfortable doing that and they ask the chair to do it, I want to make sure those paths are at least mapped out. And then also it's very clear if you have violated the rules, what the registry's recourse is, maybe we remove you from a list, maybe for a period of time.

So, that's all very clear and predictable. So, we're trying to put some of that in place. We're still working on it. It has some work to do and just drafting it out. But we're just asking and being curious as to what other groups are doing. So, if you're thinking about it or you're not.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Well, actually, we are. Well, we develop our own, how do you call it? No, SOI. What's the...?

BETH BACON

Statement of Interest.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. I'm like the statement of interest guideline. We do have that one. And we did that before the Code of Conduct of ICANN came. So, what we have done recently, it's checking whether we are aligned with the ICANN one. And it turns out we mostly are. It's like not perfect match, but we are adjusting it just a little bit.

So, definitely we can share our experience on that. We will publish it as well. We will send it to you if it's helpful or at least to give you an idea of where to start. But yes, we've been dealing with it. So far, we have not had the need to enforce anything from it. But as you say, it's good to have something written down just in case anything comes along. So, that's done. And it has two parts. One is this Statement of Interest part and the other, I don't recall. But it applies to councilors. So, if it's worth for you to have a look at, definitely, yes.

BETH BACON

That's great. Be very happy to look at it. Appreciate it. Because we do, as part of the GNSO, we have the GNSO Statements of Interest.

And then through the Code of Conduct, it's just that we now have to have that enforcement kind of path and process, which I think is great. And registries are very supportive of getting that in place. But so yeah, any tips or tricks, we welcome. But then maybe we can just have a chat about it and see where we're aligned.

And yeah, be great. Does anybody else have any thoughts or feelings? Anything that you would like to discuss issues with the ccNSO? Chris, do you know what the ccNSO is? Are you familiar? Just pick it. Just pick it on you. Just pick it on, Chris. It's early in the morning. I need something to do.

CHRIS DISSPAIN

I just want to say, I know that we've kind of stumbled a bit getting this going, but I just think this is really important. I'm glad we're doing it.

BETH BACON

No, much agree. And I think it's the ccNSO, because we're, it's funny because we're very similar, but also very different. So, I think that the differences are, there's a lot to learn from each other in the differences, even if we're not going to ever be exactly the same. I think that's still fine. But I think it's really nice.

And there are areas where we can coordinate. And actually, I'm thinking of one right now. I think by Seville, the Review of Reviews is supposed to be mostly wrapped up, or at least have a report. I'm looking at my Review of Reviews friends on this side of the table.

But so that might be a time to revisit and review and see what's come out of that and talk about. Because at that point, whatever the product is, there's going to be repercussions, because then there's knock on effects, because there'll be, there's the CIP that was there. But then we have the Review of Reviews. So just understanding the cadence and where we can coordinate, because I think that's something that we will maybe align on.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Sure. I think it's a good idea to discuss it together and check our views on the final product. There will be a Public Comment on whatever comes from it. So, we can definitely include it. So maybe if you agree, we could already kind of set up a next leadership call, so we can well discuss, because as you may have received some emails, we are not even started the Mumbai meeting, but we're already getting emails regarding Seville scheduling.

So, I think the sooner, the better that we can find the best spot for it would help. So, that we don't conflict with anything in particular and then to, well, plan on the details on what that particular session should include. So, do you have any preference for our next call?

BETH BACON

No, I think that's great. And those are good points. And I think especially as we look at the time slot for Seville, I think that's going to be really important. And Nikki and Sue have written reminders

of like the things, preferences from ccNSO. And I think one of the things is that it's easier for registries to come to you since you guys are all in one room all the time. So, I think that's something we can keep in mind and then we'll just coordinate on what the best time slot is there so that we aren't conflicting.

And I think perhaps maybe the second week in April so that people, or first or second week in April when people will have returned, but also kind of decompress a little bit from Mumbai and have a little more, we have a little more idea of what's going to be on the agenda in Seville, I think would be fine with me. And then I had another thought, but it's escaped me. So, I'll stop talking and come back.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay. I'm just quickly looking at the calendar. So, the end of March, beginning of April, it's well, kind of close to Easter. And I don't know how complicated it would be that week in particular, but maybe we can from the 7th of April.

BETH BACON

Great.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

So, somewhere between this 7th and 10th of April, that would be great. Yes, that would be awesome, Sue. But I got to it from you, Beth.

BETH BACON

No, I think that's great. Perfect. And I'm very bad at holidays. In my brain, I'm like, it's fine, we'll just go. And then you get there and I'm like, oh, Easter. So, thank you for flagging that.

My other question was, so with Seville planning, the planning group for folks who are listening, chairs of the groups all participate in the meeting, the ICANN meeting planning group, where they talk about plenary sessions and that sort of thing. Do you guys have any thoughts or feelings around plenaries this time? I know that there were a couple of suggestions last time, but registries haven't really thought about it yet. Or we're planning on thinking about it, but we have not yet thought about it.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Immediately, no. But today we have a meetings program committee session. So, I will bring this up to them because, as you say, for the people who are listening, we got an email with a request of topic proposals. Not that it's mandatory, like if we don't need it, we don't need it. But if we do, there is a timeframe for proposing topics and there should be as detailed and as planned in advance as possible.

So, just an idea, usually it's not a great proposal because then people don't know exactly what it's going to be. So, it's good to think about it and especially because of the time constraint of proposing it. So after today, I think people on the ccNSO will start

thinking about that. But once we land on something, I'll send you an email because otherwise I don't think there's any other faster way to let you know. But from the top of my head, I don't think of any right now.

BETH BACON

I think that's perfect. And registries are doing much the same. And I think we've been aligned on the if we don't need it, we don't need it on the plenary and encouraging folks to be as specific as possible. So, very happy to continue to do that on the list. I think we've both been pretty aligned on that.

And the registries also, especially if it's a policy meeting like Seville will be, want to make sure that it is something that is policy based and not maybe something out of the realm of that. So, especially if we're going to take an unconflicted session, make sure it's something that's applicable to the whole community and it's well explained, lots of details. Yeah. Okay. I think we might have done it. Do we have anything else?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

I think we did. I don't have any other business. Do you?

BETH BACON

Just anyone in the room, feelings or thoughts? None.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

No, I think we're good. We did great. Yeah.

NIKKI SCHULER

Please end the recording. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you so much.

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