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RUSS WEINSTEIN

Hi, everyone. Thank you and welcome to prep week in ICANN Policy and Advice Webinar. I'm Russ Weinstein, ICANN's Senior Vice President of Policy Development Support. This webinar is designed to be a brief tour around the ICANN community to help you prep for the discussions ahead at ICANN86 in Sevilla, Spain.

The Policy team will provide information to reflect the various areas of work in each of the supporting organizations and advisory committees, as well as spotlight some of the key sessions related to that work. We try to do so in a fun, entertaining way, and we have our master of ceremonies, Dan Gluck, to help keep us moving.

To support your preparation, we've also just published three documents, the ICANN86 Policy Outlook Report, a complimentary report from our colleagues in the Global Domains and Strategy team, the PRSP Report, which focuses on implementation of community work, and a jointly produced status report we call the Consolidated Scorecards, which span the life cycle of policy from those in development, those under consideration by the Board and those in implementation.

This is the second iteration of that last report I just spoke about. We've received positive feedback so far, but we truly welcome any feedback you may have. ICANN86 is a policy forum, and we'll focus the community's time and energy on advancing key community-

driven projects. And the team is excited to tell you about this work and get you ready to participate.

As we continue to focus on how to continue to improve our support for the community policy and advice-making processes, we've focused an activity around sharing skills. We've arranged for 20 community participants selected by the SOs, ACs, and SGs to take part in a one-day workshop focused on building skills for chairing working groups.

We selected chairing skills as this has been one of the most frequent topics of discussion when we talk to community members about their experiences in the policymaking processes and what makes a difference in how those working groups go. A good chair can make all the difference, and so we want to arm the people who step into those roles with as much skill and preparation as they can.

This is a pilot project. We're giving it a try. The curriculum is based on the consensus playbook, and it's taught by the authors of that document from the Consensus Building Institute. So, we're looking forward to the participation in that and the feedback we get about the workshop, and we'll explore how we can maybe do things like this again in the future if it's a positive experience.

Before I turn it over to Dan, I have a couple updates about the Policy team. When I last spoke to you before ICANN85, we send congratulations and farewell to our longtime colleague, Rob Hogarth, who is leading the GAC support team since 2019. I now have the pleasure of sharing that as of the 1st of June, Lars Hoffman

will join the Policy team as our new vice president of policy development support in the GAC relations role.

Lars was selected via a competitive process with over 40 applicants from across the world. He will lead the team in supporting the GAC carry out their important public policy role within ICANN. Many of you know Lars from his current role in the New gTLD program, where Lars led the team responsible for producing the Applicant Guidebook on time and opening the application round on time.

Lars has started his career in the Policy team, so we're excited to welcome him home. Please give Lars a warm welcome when you see him in Seville. And one more staffing announcement to share, and this one more bittersweet. As I mentioned, we said goodbye to Rob at ICANN85, and at ICANN86, we will need to say goodbye to our colleague Bart Boswinkle, Vice President of Policy Development Support for the ccNSO.

Bart shared his intentions to retire in October, which will make ICANN86 his last ICANN meeting. And it's really hard to picture the ccNSO without thinking about Bart. He was a founding member of the ccNSO back in 2003 when he was with dot NL before he joined ICANN. He later joined ICANN in 2006 and has been leading engagement and policy support for the ccNSO ever since.

In September, Bart will enjoy his 21st anniversary at ICANN. He pursued both anthropology and a legal education before joining an LNET when it was just a budding ISP in the mid-90s. Bart's curiosity, motivation, and creativity have been an inspiration to the

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many who work with him, and he leaves these footprints in how the ccNSO operates today.

He's famous for testing new approaches to exploring topics and getting groups organized in unique and interesting fashions. His curiosity is ever present in the way that group operates. I think he's currently enjoying dinner with his family right now rather than on our call. So, in Seville be sure to say congratulations and goodbye to Bart.

I know that ICANN and the ccNSO plan to honor him with a variety of activities during the meeting so please check out their programming, and if we could please give Bart a round of applause for his dedication to ICANN's mission and a big congratulations.

All right. I'll now turn it over to Dan to get the tour of the community started. Thank you all.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you, Russ. I actually want to go back to you for one thing. Just one more thing. We're pulling out our Apple, but just one more thing, Russ, before you leave. Can you give us an update on what's going on with Review of Reviews as one of the ICANN Org reps to that group?

RUSS WEINSTEIN

Yeah, absolutely, Dan. So, the review of the reviews, there is a prep week session tomorrow on that. And so, I definitely encourage everyone to tune in for that. This was a group that was chartered

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in late August, and it brought a cross-community group together with representation from across the ICANN SOs and ACs, the organization of which I'm one of the reps, and the Board.

And the team is working on a three-phased approach that's analyzing why we do reviews and how we should do them going forward. That work, again, started about last September. In the first phase, we thought about the purpose of reviews, and that work was completed late in 2025.

The second phase is nearly complete. At ICANN85, the group up-forwarded some proposals to the community for input and has gathered a lot of good feedback about which reviews we should do and the cadence at which we should do them. We've since further iterated on those proposals. They've gone out and gotten more feedback and we continue to iterate, and a new draft will come out before the ICANN meeting.

In the third phase, we'll prepare a more detailed set of proposals based on all the feedback gathered, and turn that in ideally before the end of August. So, a lot going on at a quick pace in that group, a really important work. Again, if you're interested in this work, I encourage you to attend the prep week session and also the cross-community session on Monday in Seville.

DANIEL GLUCK

Muchas gracias, Russ. y bienvenidos a todos. Welcome to the ICANN86 Prep Week Policy and Advice Update. I, as always, am Dan

Gluck of the ICANN Policy Development Support Team. And I'm welcoming you here now for our tri-annual study session. This time we're getting ready. for the ICANN86 Policy Forum in Seville, Spain.

This prep week session will feature updates from all of the supporting organizations and advisory committee support staff that participate in the multi-stakeholder model of policy development here at ICANN. This is a decentralized governance model that allows for community-based, consensus-driven policymaking.

Supporting those organizations and committees are the ICANN Policy Development Support Team, and we'll be there for 112 of the 154 sessions in Seville. Seville is a city known for its characters, may that be Carmen or Figaro, Rosina, even Don Juan. The opera set in Seville have provided centuries of stories to be told, songs to be sung.

Today, I'm going to introduce you to a few new characters who will be popping up in Seville, but on the other side of the proscenium arch, from those that I just mentioned. We're going to start off today with the Generic Name Supporting Organization, before moving over to the Governmental Advisory Committee, then the Country Code Name Supporting Organization.

We'll take a quick intermission, and then we'll hear from the At-Large, the Address Supporting Organization, Security and Stability

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Advisory Committee, and then finally the Root Server System Advisory Committee.

Now, Act 1, Scene 1, entering in from stage left and joining us once again for the Prep Week Policy Update is Saewon from the Generic Names Supporting Organization Policy Development Support Team. Saewan, how's it going?

SAEWON LEE

Hi, Dan. Nice to see you here.

DANIEL GLUCK

All right. Let's get down to brass tacks. There's a lot of people here today, and I'm guessing a lot of them have a common policy in mind for the Policy Forum. They want to hear about the DNS Abuse Mitigation Policy Development Process.

SAEWON LEE

For sure. It definitely is a hot topic. But before I dig in, I do want to share with everyone here that, well, especially for those who are seeking more detailed information, there was actually a dedicated webinar session for this PDP earlier today. And so, please go and watch the recording if you need more information. And I see Andrea has already put the link in the chat for you. So, please do go ahead and check that out.

But for today, just to get back to this topic, this PDP-1 focuses on the Associated Domain Check. And this is a framework requiring

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registrars to proactively pivot to investigate domains linked to malicious actors. And this is particularly in those cases of high-volume domain registrations used for DNS abuse campaigns.

So, this work actually began the deliberations at ICANN85, and since then, it has been progressing very, very fast, all due to the fact that the working group has been working very hard and effectively.

And some of the great progresses include finalizing their work plan and a goal to publish the initial report by 2027, early 2027, mind you, and then conducting deliberations on seven of the nine charter questions, developing a strawperson text on charter questions one to six, and they've covered substantive discussions on potential Associated Domain Check triggers, possible approaches to defining association, and potential investigation steps when conducting Associated Domain Checks.

So, at ICANN86, there will be four dedicated working sessions, or since Dan has mentioned and my favorite of all Carmen, acts, so they have these four acts to work towards their initial report.

DANIEL GLUCK

How perfect is that, four acts just like Carmen. But next up, you might have to curb your enthusiasm a bit for the LD PDP. What's that?

SAEWON LEE

Well, the Latin script gurus will actually be excited to know that the Latin Script Diacritics PDP, though it's short for LD PDP, is also

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making steady progress. And it's making steady progress as it's worked towards its final report.

The working group is reviewing currently their public comment submissions for 54 of their preliminary recommendations. And this also started since Mumbai in ICANN85. And just as a reminder for those who are unfamiliar with this topic, the goal of this PDP is to create an exceptions process and establish an appropriate mechanism that allows for a single registry operator to simultaneously operate both an ASCII and its Latin diacritic version of a gTLD, because if not, they are actually visually confusingly similar.

And just for those who may not be familiar, ASCII is short for American Standard Code for Information Interchange, and gTLD, Generic Top-Level Domain. So, at ICANN86, the working group will continue its work and they will hold one working session to prepare for its final report.

DANIEL GLUCK

That sounds great. And I'm really happy to hear about the progress there. What else do you have for us?

SAEWON LEE

Another excitement as we are going in that theme is that the GNSO Council begun work on supplemental recommendations through the Council's Standardized System for Access and Disclosure Supplemental Recommendations Team. Because it's too long, I'm

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going to shorten it to SSAD Supplemental Recommendation Team from now on.

And the team is discussing currently how to modify the 18 SSAD recommendations where it's actually expected to provide supplemental recommendations on all SSAD recommendations, advise the GNSO Council on any specific questions or issues to raise during meetings with the ICANN Board concerning SSAD, and base the supplemental recommendations on the recommendation rationale provided in the final findings report that the Registration Data Request Service, RDRS, Standing Committee had provided.

At ICANN86, this team actually has quite a lot on its plate. It has a jam-packed demanding schedule where they'll be meeting for a full day meeting on day zero of ICANN86, and then we'll have three additional meetings during, and this is obviously to make significant progress.

DANIEL GLUCK

Looking at the agenda we have on the screen, it looks like the Standing Committee on Continuous Improvement is up next.

SAEWON LEE

Correct. Shortened as SCCI. So, SCCI is currently knee-deep in phase one work of the Continuous Improvement Plan, short for CIP. And since ICANN85, it also has been working hard towards stabilizing the CIP assessment framework and this will continue at ICANN86. They will have one working session and they plan to

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stabilize the CIP assessment framework and maybe also going into developing the assessment plan.

DANIEL GLUCK

There's the mute button. All right. So, we've gotten through that, our time is coming up to an end. Do you have any other sessions you'd like to plug today?

SAEWON LEE

Yes, very short. I can't let you go without sharing some information about the GNSO Council meetings. So, at ICANN86, the GNSO Council will hold three public meetings. And the council really aims to prioritize its work effectively and work towards improving the efficiency of its PDP. So, whether you're in Sevilla attending in-person or via Zoom, there will be ample opportunities for you to participate. So, we all look forward to seeing you soon.

DANIEL GLUCK

All right. Thank you so much. Any questions for Saewon? All right. Not seeing any. Just a reminder of what we have available to us with our chats, Q&As, raising hands. We'll take questions if you got them. But if not, we could hold them to the end and we will get back to you then.

All right. Next up, we have the Governmental Advisory Committee and Julia is joining us for that. How's it going, Julia?

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JULIA CHARVOLEN

Good. How are you, Dan?

DANIEL GLUCK

Doing okay. Doing okay. So, I guess my first question to you is within the GAC's priorities, how are the GAC's strategic planning framework, how is that shaping its policy priorities going into ICANN86?

JULIA CHARVOLEN

Thanks, Dan. Well, the GAC's approach going into ICANN86 reflects the continued implementation of its multi-year strategic plan and annual operational planning framework, which has been in place since 2024.

The objective of this framework is to strengthen the committee's preparedness to provide timely and effective advice, to improve prioritization across policy areas, and enhance clarity and predictability in its engagement with the ICANN processes.

So, through this framework, the GAC has identified a number of priority issue areas that continue to guide the GAC's work, which include the next round of New gTLDs, DNS abuse mitigation, and domain registration data issues.

DANIEL GLUCK

So, since the last time we've heard about the GAC in one of these webinars, we've had the ICANN meeting in Mumbai, and there's also been a GAC leadership retreat. Can you let us know if there

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have been any changes to shape the GAC's policy priorities going into ICANN86?

JULIA CHARVOLEN

So, since the ICANN85 in Mumbai and the recent GAC leadership that took place last month, as you mentioned, there has not been a shift towards new policy areas. Rather, ICANN86 reflects the continuation and further implementation of priorities that had already been identified through the GAC strategic planning process.

In that sense, the focus going into Seville is very much on structured continuity. and implementation preparedness rather than reactive engagement into additional policy topics.

DANIEL GLUCK

Structured continuity. Love that. The next round, obviously, is a major focus across the community. From the GAC side, what's moved forward since ICANN85?

JULIA CHARVOLEN

So, since ICANN85, discussions across the community have increasingly shifted from high-level policy discussions toward operational and implementation readiness for the 2026 next round. Within the GAC, efforts have focused on strengthening preparedness for the community input and advisory mechanisms

available to governments under the Applicant Guidebook and the ICANN bylaws framework.

And this has included continued discussions and capacity development activities related to GAC early warnings, to GAC advice, to public comments, objections and appeals awareness, as well as procedural timelines and considerations associated with application review.

There has also been increased focus on practical implementation topics, including applicant categories, community input timelines and processes, registry service provider consideration, and Applicant Support Program related discussions.

So, looking ahead to ICANN86, the GAC will continue these implementation preparedness efforts through dedicated capacity development sessions focused on the application process, on program requirements, on community input mechanisms, and the practical role governments may play throughout the next round.

These sessions are also expected to include interactive discussions opportunities really to help participants engage and seek clarification on implementation related topics.

DANIEL GLUCK

All right, so let's shift now to our second bullet point on the agenda, which is Registration Data. Complex space, and we've heard about the standardized system for access and disclosure from Saewon

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just before, but we've also heard in the past that urgent requests are a key issue of importance for the GAC.

JULIA CHARVOLEN

Right. One important area of engagement for the GAC has been the work related to urgent requests for the disclosure of registration data, particularly in circumstances involving imminent threat to life. The GAC Welcome the consensus reached on the 24-hour response timeline for these requests and the recent update of the Registration Data Consensus Policy reflecting that agreement.

The committee is now focusing its attention on the development of the associated authentication mechanism for law enforcement requesters with testing expected in the near future.

Another key area of engagement is the work of the newly formed SSAD Supplemental Recommendations Team, in which the GAC is actively participating, and consistent with previous GAC comments on the RDRS Standing Committee Report and the RDRS Policy Alignment Analysis, where GAC representatives are advocating for the establishment of a permanent, centralized, and globally accessible mechanism for registration data disclosure.

So, this includes support for measures aligned with the ICANN Board's policy enlightenment roadmap, including mandatory participation by gTLD registrars, the ability to request underlying privacy and proxy customer contact data, and accreditation or authentication mechanisms for law enforcement authorities.

DANIEL GLUCK

Is the GAC participating in the associated domain check PDP? Are there any other additional efforts that we're going to see at this meeting regarding the GAC and DNS abuse?

JULIA CHARVOLEN

Right. Well, DNS abuse continues to receive significant attention with the GAC going into ICANN86. So, yes, the GAC is actively participating in the DNS Abuse PDP Working Group on Associated Domain Checks, with four GAC representatives and more than 10 observers currently involved in the deliberations.

At the same time, the GAC remains attentive to discussions regarding future work on petting policy gaps identified in the DNS abuse issue report. And this includes areas such as transparency of reporting by contracted parties on DNS abuse reports received and mitigation actions taken, proactive measures to prevent DNS abuse, and the accuracy of registration data.

So, looking ahead to ICANN86, one particular area of focus will be Registration Data Accuracy, specifically the gap between a domain's registration and the point at which a registrar may validate the registrant's contact information, often referred to as the 15-day timeline.

And as it's been reflected in the Mumbai communique, the GAC's objective remains to address this issue in a swift and effective

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manner, taking into account the findings of the INFERMA study and the recommendations of the GNSO accuracy small team.

The GAC had initially requested also that trilateral dialogue between the GAC, the ICANN Board, and the GNSO be convened during ICANN86. It was recently agreed, however, that this dialogue would take place after the meeting, and that an informational session instead open to all the interested stakeholders, of course, would be held during the meeting.

DANIEL GLUCK

All right, well, we have a busy spring handle. Looks like there may be a busy summer ahead as well. Do we have any questions for Julia at this time?

ANDREA GLANDON

I don't see any, Dan.

DANIEL GLUCK

Okay, then I think we can move on. Thank you so much.

ANDREA GLANDON

Thank you.

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DANIEL GLUCK                      We now move on to the Country Code Name Supporting Organization. And Claudia is back with us for her second appearance on the Policy and Advice webinar. Welcome, Claudia.

CLAUDIA RUIZ                      Hello, Dan. How are you?

DANIEL GLUCK                      Doing all right. What's going on for ICANN86 and the ccNSO? What's happening?

CLAUDIA RUIZ                      So, there are three sessions that I would like to highlight. First is on Tuesday, the ccNSO programming team organized a major session with two parts focusing on one theme, regulatory trends on DNS resilience and how they may affect ccTLDs. This session is a co-production of three ccNSO groups, the Internet Governance Liaison Committee, TLD Ops, and the ccNSO Disaster Recovery Study Group. In the first part, three keynotes will provide an outside perspective.

The session is going to start with cybersecurity trends and the related evolution of regulation related to it, followed by an overview of current developments in regulations across the globe affecting DNS and the main areas of attention from ICANN's perspective. And it will end with a presentation on the impact of recent EU regulatory developments on the DNS and relative

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services through the eyes of an open-source implementer of DNS software.

And in the second part, the perspective is going to shift to ccTLDs will share their experiences on how they are dealing with the changing and increasing requirements related to DNS resilience, cybersecurity, and business continuity and disaster recovery. These requirements are increasingly affecting CTLDs and they are expected to continue.

And this session is going to conclude with a consultation among the ccTLDs on the extent to which they are affected by these environmental changes and how they are addressing them.

DANIEL GLUCK

All right. I love to hear resiliency so early into the webinar. I think we'll also be hearing it a bit later as well. Something I saw when going over some of the ccNSO agendas was study groups. That's not something I think I've seen before. Can you tell me what the study groups are?

CLAUDIA RUIZ

Yeah. So, the ccNSO has recently launched two study groups. One is to explore the purpose, accuracy and possible mechanism to improve the accuracy of the IANA public records. The second one is to explore the potential role of IANA with respect to the business continuity and or disaster recovery of the ccTLDs.

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These groups will advise the ccTLD community on next steps, if there are any. And on Wednesday morning in Seville, both groups will present their initial findings and consult with the ccTLDs present on the next steps and the overall direction of travel. The outcome of these consultations will then be discussed during the working group session on Thursday.

DANIEL GLUCK

Sounds great. I guess the other thing would probably be the joint session with, was it the registries maybe?

CLAUDIA RUIZ

Correct. Yeah, we're going to have a joint session with registries. And in this session, we are going to explore how we can learn from one another in three common areas of interest, internet governance, DNS abuse mitigation, and the possible role of TLDs in the root server system governance structure.

DANIEL GLUCK

All righty. Last question I would have would probably be around GNSO policy. I think the last time you shared that the ccNSO was participating in the PDP. Is that still true?

CLAUDIA RUIZ

Yes, correct. The ccNSO is participating in the PDP.

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DANIEL GLUCK

All right. Anything else that you'd like to share for the ccNSO ahead of the, I guess, questions?

CLAUDIA RUIZ

Like always, the program committee, as they organize two ccNSO, I'm sorry ccTLD news sessions, and Tech Day, of course, on Monday has two blocks.

DANIEL GLUCK

All right. Ending off with some fun sessions to check out if you are interested. And we'll pause for some questions here. I see that Sebastien had one that Mary answered in the Q&A pod. But if anyone like to get one quickly. But it doesn't look like we have any questions at this time. So, I think that means we all get to take our quick intermission. And Ozan is going to join us for a little bit of an update on the Working Group Chairs reception.

OZAN SAHIN

Thank you, Dan. This is Ozan, and I would like to briefly talk about the community recognition event during Tuesday's community networking session at ICANN86. As some of you may recall, ICANN launched the Working Group Chairs recognition to make sure that the hard work of the working group leaders is acknowledged.

And in this sense, the ICANN Board will host a reception at ICANN86. That is Tuesday, 9th of June. And this is in order to recognize the chairs and vice chairs of the current ICANN working groups. And in total, we will recognize the contributions of 61 working group

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leaders in this event. And all ICANN committee members are invited to attend this reception on Tuesday. Please join us. Thank you, Dan.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you, Ozan, and stay right there because we get to speak to you a little bit more on maybe a bit more policy topic. We could talk about the At-Large and some of the things that are going on in Seville. So, I don't really think we need to get the pleasantries out of the way because you're already on the screen. So, let's jump into it. The At-Large, a bunch of policy going on, what's going on? Do you have some highlights for us to share there, sides with on the screen right now?

OZAN SAHIN

Sure, let's do it. At ICANN86, the At-Large community will host two plenary sessions. The first one is Universal Acceptance as a policy imperative bridging the gap between technical readiness and real-world adoption. And this plenary aims to explore the Universal Acceptance not as just as a technical issue, but as a policy challenge requiring coordinated action from governments, private sector actors, and the ICANN community.

And this session will also examine whether existing ICANN frameworks sufficiently promote Universal Acceptance and what policy interventions are needed to accelerate adoption. This plenary also aims to highlight the experiences from emerging

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markets where lack of Universal Acceptance or UA readiness continues to limit digital inclusion and also local content development and access to digital services. So, that's the first plenary.

In addition, we have the Consultative Pulse Working Group session or CPWG. And this session will feature an overview of the policy working group activities and implementation review team activities. The CPWG meeting will also include a focus on the DNS application PDP-1 with a review of key PDP issues and a discussion of At-Large perspective on global public interest, human rights impact, consistency with ICANN consensus policies, and data protection.

The At-Large input is expected to contribute to the DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP-1 sessions throughout the week. And furthermore, At-Large Advisory Committee or ALAC representatives to DNS Abuse Mitigation PDP-1 and System for Standardized Access Disclosure Supplemental Recommendations Team or SSAD SRT will be active throughout the week during their meetings and they will also take part in the GAC cross-community sessions on these topics.

And last but not the least, there will be a joint session with Security Stability Advisory Committee or SSAC, and the session will include a discussion of the most recent SSAC research and topics of mutual interest, such as the Safer Cyber Campaign. So, these are the policy activities of the At-Large community at ICANN86.

DANIEL GLUCK

So, we've heard about our first plenary and we've heard about some of the policy considerations, but the At-Large also addresses operational issues. So, what's being planned there? I think we have a little bit of a hint on the agenda slide.

OZAN SAHIN

Yes, there will be some activities and the other session is called At-Large Preparations for the Next Round Commence Injections and Community Engagement, and it will build up At-Large communities preparations to review the next round of the New gTLD applications and with a focus on the development of the ALAC procedures for filing comments and objections.

So, this plenary will highlight the coordination between the gTLD Applications Review Group and the Regional At-Large Organizations or RALOs and the ALAC and explore practical approaches to enabling meaningful community participation. The second plenary will also provide space for discussions on how RALOs can engage effectively in reviewing applications and contributing to this process.

And At-Large, of course, has an operations finance and budget working group or the OFBWG. This group will hold a session, and the session will include an update on the activities related to ALAC's Continuous Improvement Program and the development of ALAC's fiscal year '27 strategic priorities, and also an update on the

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review of reviews work. So, these are the operational considerations for At-Large community at ICANN86.

DANIEL GLUCK

So, that's two of the three At-Large work streams down, one more to go, and that is community engagement, I believe. Can you tell me about that?

OZAN SAHIN

Yes, many sessions involving engagement at 86. First of all, there will be an ALAC open house that will feature presentations, a representative from RIPE NCC, Hisham Ibrahim, with the Internet Trust Anchor, and also Greg Aaron of Interisle on domain name registrations for cybercrime.

There will also be an At-Large regional leadership meeting. This meeting is to discuss issues which require joint regional and large organization strategies and actions and plan alignment among the engagement plans for fiscal year 27, and in addition we will see some updates from ICANN organization global stakeholder engagement function during this session.

And as the host regional At-Large organization, European Regional At-Large Organization or EURALO will hold some sessions. And we will see a EURALO General Assembly, which will bring together EURALO members in a hybrid format to review achievements and discuss strategic priorities for fiscal year 27 again.

And EURALO will have a session with the NextGen at ICANN86 participants and European Fellows to provide a deeper understanding of EURALO and where the opportunities may be. And there will be another EURALO networking event focused on engaging with all EURALO members and Fellows and again with NextGen participants.

And last but not the least, we will see the African Regional At-Large Organization event building upon the success of the past AFRALO African meetings over the past 10 years. The ICANN86 meeting will be held with the focus on the topic ICANN Transparency and Accountability. And the session will serve as an opportunity to conduct structured analysis of the past AFALO statements on these topics.

And the aim of the session is to develop a consolidated AFRALO perspective on next steps for improving ICANN accountability and transparency mechanisms. And so, these are the engagement activities of the At-Large community at ICANN86.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you so much, Ozan. I see that we have a good amount of At-Large members here in the presentation. So, if there's any of them that have any questions or anyone else that has any questions, we'd love to take them if we got a second. I do want to note that I think EURALO is blue. So, I think that's Ozan getting ready for today with his shirt. So, that's great to see.

OZAN SAHIN                      That's what I figured, yes.

DANIEL GLUCK                      Yeah, there we go. How about that. I'm not seeing any hands. So, I'm going to let you go, Ozan. Thank you so much.

OZAN SAHIN                      All right. Thank you.

DANIEL GLUCK                      And Andrew, before we start, I just want to pop in with a little bit of an advisory. We have a few community sessions during this ICANN meeting. And again, not plenaries because this is a policy forum. So, just take an eye out on the ICANN SCED website for the three plenaries or community sessions. I'm sorry. I confused myself even after I correctly said what it was.

But we have Review of Reviews, we have a cross-community dialogue on the feasibility of a platform for Applicant Support Programs supported New gTLDs. That's going to be the last day, Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>. Review of Reviews is Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>, along with one that we'll hear a bit about from Kathy after Andrew speaks about the coming impact of artificial intelligence on DNS Abuse, I think.

So, now that we have gotten that out of the way, I will gladly be corrected if anyone wants to pop that in chat if I got those wrong.

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But if not, we can move right over to Andrew now for an update on the Address Supporting Organization. What's going on, Andrew?

ANDREW MCCONACHIE

Thanks, Dan. So, yeah, as Dan mentioned, my name is Andrew McConachie, and I'm going to be speaking about the Address Supporting Organization, otherwise known as the ASO. So, in late 2023, the ASO's Executive Council asked the ASO's Address Council to begin working on updating the Internet Coordination Policy 2, which is otherwise known as ICP-2.

Since then, the ASO has been hard at work. They've produced a principles document and two draft versions of what we're calling the RIR Governance Document, which is the successor document for ICP-2. And since ICANN85, the ASO has continued their work on Version 3 of the RIR governance document. So, they're still working on Version 3 at this moment.

At ICANN86, the ASO will continue this work, and they've got 15 planned work sessions. The expectation is that the ASO's work on the RIR governance document will finish by the end of 2026, so that's this year.

If you're interested in this work, if you're interested in RIR governance, I would encourage you to attend either the open work session on Tuesday, Block 3, which is going to be one of the ASOs opening up one of their work sessions, or the ASO information session, which will be held on Thursday, Block 3. And that's it for

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me, Dan. I don't know if you have any questions. I don't know if we have time for any.

DANIEL GLUCK

Well, I personally have tons of questions, but I can't be asking those right now. So, I think we'll have to... yeah, I'm not seeing any from the chat. So yeah, if we have any, pop them in the Q&A pod, in the chat pod, and we'll get to those later on. Thank you so much, Andrew.

ANDREW MCCONACHIE

Thank you. Have a good one.

DANIEL GLUCK

As we continue on with our technical communities, we move on to the Security and Stability Advisory Committee. And Kathy's joining us from the Policy Development Support Team, supporting the SSAC. So welcome, Kathy.

KATHY SCHNITT

Thanks, Dan. Happy Wednesday, all. I'm just going to give you a little brief highlight of what is expected from the SSAC for ICANN86. Again, we're going to continue with our partnership with the Root Server System Advisory Committee, also known as the RSSAC, where we actually host an open mic session. So, we really do encourage folks to come prepared with any question that you have for both the SSAC and the RSSAC.

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And Dan, as you know, the SSAC is quite busy with work parties. And for ICANN86, we're going to actually host sessions for three out of five of those work parties. The first one is going to be the DNSSEC Operational Considerations Work Party. And they are actively working on their report.

They hope to write an informational advisory describing the practical realities of deploying and operating DNS security extensions, and to make recommendations that may be directed to both the registries and the registrars, as well as ICANN with best practices for DNSSEC adoption.

The next work party, which you are very well aware of, is the DNS Transparency Work Party, and they seek to lay out a technical framework to enable security firms, researchers, internet users to better study and combat security and stability threats to the DNS.

And finally, the last work party to meet will be the DNS Abuse and AI Work Party. They're actually at their very early stages of exploring a rapidly important issue within the ICANN community and beyond, the impacts of generative AI on DNS abuse. This work party will potentially inform and share recommendations on enhanced mitigations at this stage of the development of AI.

Great progress has been made so far and serves to complement other efforts. And along those lines, you kind of gave a little peek, a giveaway of our next session that I wanted to highlight and which I know should not be calling a plenary. But the SSAC and the business constituency of the GNSO are hosting a community

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session, and you'll never guess on what, current and coming impact of artificial intelligence on DNS abuse.

This session is intended to educate the ICANN community on the rapidly emerging role of artificial intelligence in accelerating and transforming domain name system abuse. This session will bring together technical experts, security practitioners, and policy stakeholders.

And they wish to examine, one, how AI is currently being used in DNS abuse campaigns. Secondly, how the threat is expected to evolve over the next three to five years. Next, what this means for registries, registrars, and the broader DNS ecosystem. And finally, where ICANN can play a constructive role in coordination, awareness, and mitigation.

And then, that's it for the sneak peek for the SSAC for ICANN86. And I believe I hand it back over to you for the final act.

DANIEL GLUCK

That's right. I get to close this out today, but not before I get to check and see if we have any questions for you and the SSAC. Folks, we have a lot. We'll get to a general Q&A after this. We get a lot of time. Please, questions.

KATHY SCHNITT

Shy group today, Dan. I don't know what the deal is.

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DANIEL GLUCK

You know what it is? I don't know where everyone's living, but the weather's cruddy by me, so maybe it's just bringing the mood down a bit. But I'm going to bring the mood back up with a little bit of an update on the Root Server System Advisory Committee. Everyone's favorite. I don't know. But for me, at least, it's pretty. We're having a good time.

The Root Server System Advisory Committee is working on two work parties for this upcoming meeting. One for the RSSAC Caucus. That is the top one there, RSAC 001B3, Service Expectations of Root Server Operators. That's updating a document and a lot of wordsmithing going on there. But that's been a fun work party to support.

The next one is an RSSAC Work Party, so not really using the RSSAC caucus to write this. These are the Roots for Operators and Sales Writings document and that is amending the operating procedures. There is some other work going on for the Continuous Improvement Program, but you probably won't see it in person in Seville.

Finally, ICANN86 activities outside of that. There is of course the RSSAC monthly meeting that will be happening in in Seville. And then finally, the joint open mic session with the RSSAC and the SSAC, as Kathy mentioned. Those are really, really interesting meetings, and it's a great opportunity to engage with the technical community.

So, I invite everyone to come to that session if you can, especially because this is a policy forum, so there aren't really other options for Q&As, so might as well get out of the way there. It's a fun time. All right, and that's all the updates I have on the RSSAC for this time.

And I'm just going to shot in the dark here. I don't think there's going to be any questions for me on the RSSAC. So, we get to move on to a general Q&A now because we have some time. I do want to make sure that everyone knows that in the chat pod, Andrea has a survey link. We would really appreciate if you fill that out and let us know how we are doing as I stall and speak a little bit more as I try to get someone to ask some questions. That'd be really cool.

But if not, yeah, maybe Carlos is right, it might be time for a siesta. And I'm not seeing anything. So, I think I just get to pass it back to Russ to close us out and give us back a little bit of time. I want to thank everyone from the Policy team that's been supporting us with the links in the chat and definitely the interpretation and meeting technical service teams, those are always superstars here. So, thank you so much. And over to you, Russ.

RUSS WEINSTEIN

All right. Well, thank you, Dan. We should give Dan a round of applause for his great emceeing of this, as always. Thank you, Dan. And thank you to all of you. We're looking forward to hopefully seeing you or seeing you online at our fully hybrid ICANN86 policy forum and wishing everyone safe travels for those that will be

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traveling and wishing you all a productive meeting and helping to drive work forward. Thanks all.

DANIEL GLUCK

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