CLAUDIA RUIZ:	Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone, welcome to the ICANN 71 planning committee call on Thursday the 27th of May 2021 at 21:00 UTC.

On the call on the English channel we have Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Jonathan Zuck, Eduardo Diaz, Alfredo Calderon, Daniel Nanghaka, Sébastien Bachollet, Yrjö Lansipuro.

On the French channel, we have Olévié Kouami.

We have Harold Arcos on the Spanish channel.

We have received apologies from Christopher Wilkinson, Natalia Filina, Alberto Soto and Maureen Hilyard.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Gisella Gruber and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management.

We have Spanish and French interpretation on today's call. Our Spanish interpreters are Claudia and Alice, and our French interpreters are Aurélie and Isabelle.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name when taking the floor for the transcription purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channels. Please keep your microphones muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise. Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks very much. Welcome, everyone. This is just meant to be sort of an efficient check-in call with all the various plates that we have in the air and sessions that we're running at the next ICANN meeting.

So welcome, everyone. We are once again deeply engaged in the ICANN meeting with a high level of involvement across a variety of sessions, so it should be another great meeting [inaudible] the AtLarge community.

Without further ado, I guess we just jump right into what the At-Large-specific sessions are at ICANN 71. If you look in the agenda, you'll see a link to the virtual policy forum workspace where there's like a central hub of information. I've also placed a little URL shortener into the chat there, atlarge.wiki/icann71. [You always want to] find your way back to that page.

We're going to have a welcome session at the beginning of ICANN 71 in which we discuss the upcoming sessions and talk a little bit about what sessions people might want to see based on their interests and get a little bit of a flash presentation as Sébastien has come to describe it [inaudible] sessions from their session leads so that folks might know what they might be interested in. We'll also go over the hallway talking points and possible options for intervention at these sessions as we have come to do in the last several ICANN meetings.

At the wrap-up session, we'll go back over some of the sessions and hear reports back from our session leads as well if there's time form folks that attended or intervened in other sessions around the meeting and try to come up with next steps. In other words, if there were takeaways from any of these sessions, that we as either a policy body or

just an ICANN structural body need to take into consideration as we move forward from ICANN 71.

So let's dive right in and talk about the sessions that are coming up. I don't see Joanna in the list right now. Is she on the phone or is she not on the call?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi Jonathan, no, Joanna is not on the call yet.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I'm sorry, and Heidi, I see your hand up, so please remind me of anything I forgot to say.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. I know that you went over the welcome and wrap-up, but because we are now going to start finalizing the agendas and inviting all of the people there, if we could just quickly look to those two meetings, the welcome and the wrap-up and just get confirmation that those agendas are okay, please. Claudia, if we could just go to the Monday. And again, you'll note that on this workspace that I've just put the link in, the agendas are being posted thee.

Perfect, thank you. So I'm not sure if I've discussed it here with this group or with Maureen, but this is the agenda basically that was discussed, so it's pretty much as it was in the ICANN 70 with Maureen opening rather than León welcoming us virtually to Mexico, we thought it would be a nice touch if we could get Maarten to welcome us to the

Netherlands, so that is there, just for a few ten-minute opening comments there from the Board chairman.

Then we have about 20 minutes or so for Maureen to go over her slide deck of aims and overview of At-Large at ICANN 71, and then we hand it over to u, Jonathan, for the rest of the session to go over the talking points. I see Sébastien has his hand raised.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sébastien, go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much. I don't have any requests, but when it's the staff, it's the vice president from the country who open the meeting. Therefore, I consider that as we are invited Maarten, that's a good move. Let's do the same for European member, wherever, from vice chair of the ALAC, from the chair of the RALO, whoever you want, but it's a good idea. Why we do that for the Board but not for ourselves? But I would prefer that it's Joanna doing that, of course. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I was just looking for clarity, Sébastien, I'm sorry, I didn't understand your request. Was it to get someone in addition to Maarten to provide some welcome remarks? Was that your request?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It's not in addition. Remember in ICANN meeting, it's opened by the regional vice president from ICANN. Here, from the Board, we invite the chair because he's from Europe. Let's do the same for our own talk. Therefore, I suggest that we replace Maureen by Joanna. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Oh, I see. We can take this under advisement. I think we won't probably get this resolved on this call, but I understand your recommendation now. Thank you. Any other questions or comments? Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. Thank you for that. That's noted. And then we can go Thursday, the wrap-up, please, Claudia. And again, you'll recognize this type of agenda. It's with Maureen going over the highlights of ICANN 71 and any ALAC actions, then we have Göran and Maarten and León giving their highlights from the Org and Board perspectives.

Then this time, we go over to Natalia to provide the feedback and announcement of the social media contest winner, and then we have about [50] minutes to discuss steps towards ICANN 72. Any comments there?

Okay, perfect. Thank you so much, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. Agendas look good. Thanks, folks. Back to the primary agenda, I think somebody was about to say that Joanna is not on the call, so I would go ahead and jump ahead to the next session here, which is

Hadia. You want to give us a little bit of an overview of where things stand in terms of agenda and speakers and invites and things like that for the commercialization of ccTLDs?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Sure. I think we have [inaudible] on the agenda and on the speakers, and we need of course to finalize and get out the invitations. So the session would start with a history about the issue and about the development of policy within the ccNSO, and this would be done by Christopher. And then we will have three speakers or panelists, Alejandra, ccNSO chair, and Lucky who is the CEO of dotAfrica, .za, South Africa, and Kieran McCarthy. They will both be responding to the questions set in the agenda. And then the moderator would be Olivier, and I would be the rapporteur.

So that's basically how the session is structured. I don't know if Christopher is with us, if he wants to say a few words about this, or maybe Olivier, but that's basically what it is. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Hadia. I don't see Christopher on the participant list. I don't know if he's on the—he's an apology, okay. Olivier, you've spoken on this before. I know you're trying to monitor two meetings at once. I know your admonition was to try and make this as nonspecific as possible given the tensions surrounding the issue. I don't know if there's any comments you want to add to those in this talk.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much, Jonathan. No, at the end of the day, I think we're just going to try and keep this as open and possible and not actually focus on specific problems for specific registries, because otherwise, you're just going to end up with sort of an outlay of people complaining about this problem and that problem, and I don't think it's conducive to good, interesting dialog with everyone. That's all.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Makes sense, Olivier, especially in such a short session. If we were spending a whole week on it, then we could roll up our shirtsleeves. Hadia, go ahead.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: I would just confirm what Olivier just said. I was just pulling out the two questions—they're not specific ones. The two questions posed are very general, actually. So I don't have them in front of me right now. The two questions are what is the impact of [ccTLD] registries' commercialization on consumer protection, competition, of the stability of the DNS, and the other one would be, does the commercialization of ccTLD registries affect Internet end users?

So we are focusing on the topic from an end user perspective, and we are definitely not like referring to specific cases. If you want, I could talk also about the next session.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yes, that was going to be the next thing I ask, so go ahead and talk to us about end user participation in ICANN PDPs.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. Here, we have not really finalized the speakers, but the overall idea was first to have a panelist talking about the participation of end users in ICANN's ecosystem, and we were thinking that Cheryl or maybe Maureen could actually take this role [inaudible]. We would have three or four panelists discussing and attempting to answer two questions. The first is how much does the ICANN Board rely on the Internet user community in taking its decisions, and the other one is to what extent has the ICANN community been able to gather opinions that is representative of Internet end users?

So the suggested panelists are Jonathan—so Jonathan, of course, all four panelists will be attempting to answer both questions, but maybe Jonathan could focus more on the ability to gather opinion that is representative to Internet end users. So maybe that's where Jonathan would be coming from. And then also, we were thinking of having maybe Göran Marby in order to highlight or reflect how actually end users' perspectives are implemented or actually have an impact on ICANN's performance.

And then we would also need to have someone from the Board, the Board chair or maybe León and Mandla in order to speak to how they actually take end users' perspectives and how they weigh and value their advice and how this is taken into consideration when the Board is making a decision.

So basically, we are here having people speaking from the user community and then actually having those who decide on the policies

and those who implement the policies also speak to how end users' perspectives are considered and actually implemented. Thank you. And I want to say also that Jonathan is also organizing with me this session as well as Sarah, so maybe he would also like to add a few words. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I was going to let it go with just you, Hadia. I saw in the chat that we really need to get an agenda and speakers handed in soon, so let's make sure we get on a call or a Skype or something like that to finalize some of this. There are a lot of good ideas in there, but it's still a little bit amorphous for something that's coming up relatively soon. So let's let the three of us put our heads together and finalize this agenda.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: So Jonathan, should we do this just after this call, or do you have something after this call?

JONATHAN ZUCK: I can. I have another thing at 3:00, but I'm free from 2:00 to 3:00.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, so maybe we can Skype just after this call.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Okay, sounds good.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, great.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Hadia. Are there other questions? Sébastien, I see your recommendation, Roberto as a potential panelist. Thank you for that. We'll take note of that. Any other questions or comments about this session? Okay.

So next, I guess EURALO events are down below so we'll come to that after I hand the microphone to Gisella and Heidi to talk a little bit about the intersessional week sessions.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Gisella, do you want to take this one?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sure.

HEIDI ULLRICH: And I do see that we have Daniel on the call, so he can handle that one. Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes, thank you So yes, intersessional week will be the week of the 7th of June, so that is between next week's prep week and the actual ICANN 71 week. So just as a reminder, we don't have any prep sessions as such,

but please do look at the prep week webinars as there are many interesting ones and again, as I mentioned on the ALAC call and on many other calls, we have to register for those sessions. So please don't forget to register.

On Monday, the 7th of June at 17:00 UTC, we have the At-Large at ICANN 71. Maureen and those with sessions during ICANN 71, moderators or leaders, they will be asked just to give a brief presentation on their session during ICANN 71, and then, apologies, Claudia, if we could just go back to the page that we had up. Thank you.

Then on the Tuesday, we have from 15:00 to 17:00 UTC, it's part of intersessional week but it is a EURALO session, the flash pitch tour. I will leave that, our next agenda item is touching on the EURALO session and events so I'll leave that to Sébastien.

And our third session that week is on Wednesday at 12:00 UTC. Note that'll be a 90-minute session, and that is an outreach and engagement meeting that will be led by Daniel and Natalia. So as we have Daniel on the call, Daniel, would you like to say a few words? And possibly then followed by Natalia. Thank you.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much, Gisella. Regarding to outreach and engagement session, as we are all aware that we are coming to the end of the FY, and just like how we did it in Kobe, we had to get the RALO leaders together with their respective [inaudible] to be able to discuss ways of how we can collaborate.

So during this session, we shall be having a breakout sessions with the RALO leaders together with the liaisons and the members, the teams of outreach and engagement, discuss ow we can further our respective agenda of outreach and engagement in the next FY.

Also during that period, we are looking forward to having their respective regional strategies discussed such that it will be like a glide through the approvals of these respective strategies so that they can begin to organize appropriate events. Hopefully once other regions will be coming back into action after COVID, probably expect physical outreaches to take place in case [so as to be in] compliance with ICANN travel guidelines or ICANN Org guidelines, in case all that comes [inaudible] all of this will be discussed as we are still not yet certain as some countries are also starting up their second wave, for others, also the vaccines are going on.

Still, during this session, we shall be having presentations from the various regions and also updates on the various activities that have been organized or planned during this respective FY. It will be more of like reporting and updates are still going on there.

Yeah, it'll be still a 90-minute session, and we hope to have at least maximum input. So I encourage all the leaders to be available on this call respectively. Thank you. In case there's something that I've missed out—also, the agenda has been set and I think that should be on the Wiki. Thank you very much, Gisella. Back to you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Daniel. Just before I hand it back to Jonathan, Natalia, anything to add to that session? Sorry, I was just checking [inaudible]. My apologies, Natalia doesn't seem to be on the call. I'll hand it back to you, Jonathan. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Gisella, for that overview. Next, a quick discussion of the EURALO events with Sébastien and Natalia. Sébastien, go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, I think it will be only Sébastien as Natalia is not with us, but from the last call, what I can tell you is that I am just missing one participant confirmation, but for the rest, all the ones who are supposed to participate gave their agreement, and it's now I think quote well organized for the flash pitch tour of ICANN and At-Large by EURALO.

Regarding the policy session, I don't know the last update, but as Sandra is with us, if she knows, she may wish to talk about this specific, but if not, it's starting to be well organized but still some names are missing. And for the social event, it's quite hard, as you know, but we are also progressing—Natalia is—we just had a call before this one and we have now good overview of what we want to achieve, and I hope that it will be finalized soon. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks a lot. Also, Natalia has circulated some information about the social event on the listserv as well, so take a look at your inboxes for that information.

	Then Maureen was going to talk about next steps. I might hand that over to Heidi. I think the big next step, given the looming headlines, is for folks that are engaged in organizing a session to get their finalized agendas to staff as well as getting invitations out to speakers, because time is growing short. Heidi, do you want to add anything to next steps?
HEIDI ULLRICH:	That is it, Jonathan. Basically, staff will continue to finalize all agendas. We do desperately need all of the policy sessions, and as you noted, the speakers as well. Daniel and Natalia—I know Natalia is not on the call, but I will add the agenda as we've discussed. We are in touch with the AFRALO team for their AFRALO-AfrICANN session, so we do need that agenda. Gisella, your hand is up.
GISELLA GRUBER:	Heidi, thank you. Just a reminder, once you have your guest speakers, please don't forget to CC me or just send me the list of the people and I'll let you know if I don't for any reason have the e-mails, and I'll make sure to follow up with the calendar invitation which I think could be quite useful and also make sure that they register for ICANN 71. Thank you, that's all from me. Always at your disposal to help you in any way I can. Thank you.
JONATHAN ZUCK:	Thanks, Gisella. I will add to that, on the topic of presentations themselves, if folks want help or want me to take a look at a presentation that they're creating as moderators, an introductory

section or something like that, I'm happy to look at it. The workshop I gave on better online presentations, I've just posted in the link. If there's a desire to do a little workshop where people are experimenting with the virtual cameras again to put graphics on top of their video feed, if that's interesting, I'm happy to find a time with the webinars team to do that if folks would find value in that, if they want to spruce up their presentations a little bit.

So let me know, and I'll work with Hadia to get something scheduled. But meanwhile, if you just want individual help, please let me know that as well.

Looks like the next meeting is on June 3rd at 18:00 UTC. Is there anybody else with Any Other Business? Okay, well, thanks, everyone. Look forward to your updates in the agenda, and let's make it a great meeting. We'll talk to you soon.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thanks, Jonathan, for stepping in. Bye. Thanks.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, everyone. Take care. Bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you all for joining. This meeting is now adjourned. Please enjoy the rest of your day.

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