
GISELLA GRUBER: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the ICANN71 At-Large What to Expect webinar on Monday, the 7th of June at 17:00 UTC. We will not be doing a roll call, as this is a webinar but we will be noting participants on the wiki page.

On today's call, we have French and Spanish interpretation. Could you therefore please state your name every time you speak to allow the interpreters to identify you on the other language channel and also for transcription purposes. And if you do wish to speak, please to raise your hand. I will now, without further ado, hand it over to MAUREEN HILYARD, chair of the ALAC. Thank you. Over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much, Gisella. I am hoping that everyone can hear me. I seem to have some audio issues. But welcome, everyone, to the At-Large and ICANN71 session on what to expect from At-Large during this ICANN 71 meeting.

Starting off, my name is Maureen Hilyard. I'm the chair of the ALAC, the At-Large Advisory Committee. And of course, just to remind everyone that the ALAC is made up of 15 people from around the world who are the key decisionmakers of our At-Large community. And what we've planned for ICANN71 is a range of policy and community topics that are of interest to end users. We hope that you find them of interest as well.

So can I have the second slide of the presentation, please, about Prep Week. Thank you. Okay. So this week is Prep Week for the At-Large

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community and we start off the week with this session, which will introduce what you can expect from At-Large during ICANN 71. And I've invited the moderators of each of the sessions to give a short, two- to three-minute explanation about what their session will be about and who will be participating, etc.

From this webinar, we hope to be able to give you an overall perspective of what is important to us as end users of the topic and decisions that develop within ICANN. And the perspectives reflect the three streams that constitute the work of At-Large. They are policy, outreach and engagement, and operations.

The first session after my own is a regional activity that has been organized by the European Regional At-Large Community, which is on tomorrow at 15:00 UTC. We have the chair of EURALO, Sebastien Bachollet to tell you about that session. I assume he's here.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. I am.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Just checking. I couldn't see your name. Sebastien can tell you a bit about what they have in store for this session. So, Sebastien, you may have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Maureen. Sebastien Bachollet, chair of EURALO. Chokri, if you can give me the floor, I will be happy. Thank you. I am

talking to you from Burgundy in France. We are in EURALO, 38 At-Large structures located in 18 countries and territories. And one of them is open to individual members from all around Europe.

This Flash Pitch Tour of ICANN and At-Large by EURALO was primarily tailored for the member of the EURALO ALSes. But it is open to everybody, as we want this session to be, as much as possible, open. And you are all welcome. I will be very happy to welcome you tomorrow.

This Flash Pitch Tour of ICANN at At-Large by EURALO is a one-time event. It's the good side of the COVID crisis. As we are all online, we try to innovate within this framework. That's why I asked the key leaders of ICANN to walk you through the structure in which they participate in 180 seconds, no one more. You will have the vice president for EUROPE of ICANN Org, then the chairman of the Board, and then the leaders of the various supporting organizations and advisory committees of ICANN. And finally, you will get four of the leaders of the At-Large representing the end users. One will talk about ALAC itself and the three others will talk about the three pillars that Maureen just described to you—organization, policy, and outreach and engagement.

We will have a short break and there is a possibility for each of the participants to go in one specific breakout room in different language. We will have in French, Spanish, English, and Russian. And there, you will be able to talk with your peers and with some of the leaders who will join those rooms, in the language you prefer, about any topics you would like to discuss. It will be for less than one hour. That's the goal. You will have, at the end of this session, a video from all the At-Large

EURALO leaders and I hope you will enjoy. Come to see us tomorrow.
Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Sebastien. It should be an interesting situation. Our first session of this week is related to one of the major work streams for At-Large. That's outreach and engagement. For this session, we have Daniel Nanghaka, who is the chair of the outreach and Engagement Committee.

And he will be followed by Natalia Filina, who is the chair of the Social Media Working Group for this ICANN meeting. The Social Media working group has a rotating leadership system of five regional co-chairs, which enables the vice-chair of the region in which the ICANN meeting is to be held to take on the key role relating to coordinating the social media activities leading up to the meeting. It's an opportunity for us to develop our leadership within the regions and within At-Large. To tell you more about what's happening in outreach and engagement, I'll pass you over to Daniel and Natalia. Daniel?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Hi, Maureen. Sorry. Not seeing Daniel on the line. We had a hand up but it looks like it just went down. You're on mute, by the way.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thanks.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Your phone should be ringing. One moment.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. It is ringing. Can you hear me.

ALAN GREENBERG: Maureen, you're on mute.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: One moment, everyone, while we try to fix this issue.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Right. Okay. Can you hear me now?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes. We can hear you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'm actually on the phone. Okay. That's good. Thank you. Is it better? Is the sound better? Sorry about this, people. We don't have Daniel, or Natalia on either?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Natalia is on the line.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Natalia, if you could take the floor, please. Thank you.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much. It's nice to meet all of you. I will replace Daniel for one minute of your time. Yes. Tomorrow, we will have an outreach and engagement session. This is a great opportunity to meet each other and we will also share the news of our Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee. I will tell about our social media work in social networks of ALAC/At-Large. And we will have a great opportunity to hear updates from each RALO about current outreach and engagement plans and implementation of them.

It will be great that we will have a new format of collaboration. We will have different rooms for discussions within each RALO, related to our outreach and engagement plan for the future. Thank you again for the opportunity to be a leader for this social media work for this ICANN policy meeting. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Natalia, for filling the breach there. That's great. Can I have the next slide, please?

Okay. So then we move on to the conference itself. On Monday, 14th of June, it starts off with a welcome from the chair to the At-Large community who are joining into the ICANN71 conference program. I'll be followed by the ICANN Board chair, who will also offer his welcome to the At-Large community from the EURALO region, in which the originally-planned face-to-face meeting would have been held. After

Maarten has given his few words, I'll then be able to give a very brief overview of the program that we're actually presenting today, by myself.

The second half of this hour-long session will include what is becoming an important part of our program for our community. This is the talking points, which ALAC's vice-chair of policy, Jonathan Zuck, will tell you all about.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Maureen. Hi, everyone. As Maureen mentioned, we've gotten in the habit of developing some talking points before each ICANN meeting. Originally, the idea is that a lot of what goes on in ICANN meetings happens in the hallways. So if you find yourself in a conversation about one of the topics that's a hot topic for that meeting, we wanted people to feel prepared with a little bit of background on that topic and a summary of where the At-Large community has landed in terms of its positions on that topic.

So at the beginning of each meeting, we've done a presentation of these background and talking points and also pointed out the sessions in which those topics are going to be discussed so that if it seems interesting to you, you know what session to go to, to hear about that topic. And potentially, if you're feeling up for it, make an intervention or ask a question that has its basis in those talking points and those positions that the At-Large community have taken.

So we do a presentation at the beginning. It's different with Zoom meeting, obviously. So it might be that you're making a comment in the chat, or a statement after raising your hand, or an intervention. But it

could be even at a social event online, where a topic of discussion comes up. It's important to have a little bit of background, especially if you're a newcomer, on the positions, and a little knowledge about where we landed after we had debated that issue in terms of our position on the topic.

So that's what our presentation's about. It's meant to equip you for those hallway conversations, even though we don't have any hallways, as the meeting takes place. Thanks, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Jonathan. As Jonathan says, it has become quite a tradition but also an important part of our work when we're within the community.

Following on from that, we will actually then move straight into our first policy discussion. This one is entitled End-User Participation in ICANN PDPs and Their Role Within the ICANN Ecosystem. And, of course, it's one of the very important parts of our work within ICANN. Hadia Elminiawi will be moderating the session and can tell us a little bit more. Thank you, Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Maureen. The objective of the session is to explore the rights and impact of Internet end users on ICANN policy development processes. This session will highlight end users' participation in ICANN's PDPs and their role within ICANN's ecosystem, explore their rights within ICANN's community and their impact on decision-making. The session

will start with an introduction about Internet end users' participation in ICANN's ecosystem. This is done by Roberto Gaetano.

And then, through a panel discussion, we will attempt to know how much the ICANN Board relies on the Internet user community in taking its decisions and to what extent the ICANN community has been able to gather opinions that is representative of the Internet end users. So we will have a panel discussion. The panel will include Göran Marby, ICANN CEO, Leon Sanchez, ICANN Board vice-chair, and Jonathan Zuck, ALAC vice-chair for policy.

Göran will talk to us about end users in ICANN's ecosystem from the ICANN Org perspective and how the voice of the At-Large community can have a bigger impact on ICANN's policies and decision-making. Leon will talk to us about to what extent the ICANN Board relies on the Internet user community in making its decisions and to what extent the ICANN community has been able to gather opinion that is representative of the Internet end users. Finally, Jonathan will highlight to us how the At-Large community has been able to gather opinion that is representative of the Internet users and what can be done to do this better. Thank you, Maureen. I hope you all join.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Hadia. Yes. I hope they do, too. I think it'll be very interesting, especially presenting the end user perspective. Then, I understand that Daniel has actually joined the call and I wonder, Daniel, if you wouldn't mind giving people an idea of what's happening at the

outreach and engagement section of the meeting during the Prep Week, this week.

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Thank you very much, Maureen. Apologies for me attending the session late. I'll just begin by saying that it's a good opportunity that ICANN71 is happening and this time it's being hosted by EURALO, under the regional leadership of Natalia Filina, who has done tremendous work organizing the social media strategy for ICANN71 and also the different outreach and engagement sessions closely.

One thing that is so special about this outreach and engagement session is that we are going to have the whole team—that is the GSE Team—coming together and the regional leaders coming together during this outreach and engagement session, whereby we shall be sharing various updates, including the ICANN Learn. The new ICANN Learn courses will be shared during this call. And then also, the activities of outreach and engagement will be shared by Natalia.

And furthermore, we shall now dive into the breakout sessions, whereby the EURALO leaders, together with the liaisons, will be able to discuss ways on how they are going to conduct collaboration in drafting their respective regional strategies. This is how it happened in Kobe but this time, we are going to have virtual breakout sessions for each of the regions and they will be posting their respective ideas on the Jamboard at the different sessions. Then, later on, they will be able to share.

This session will help in enhancing faster drafting of the regional strategies and faster approval processes, such that will begin the next FY.

We don't get caught up behind the time lag because the various strategies have [already] been approved or to reduce the back-and-forth communication in the approval process of the strategies. But through this, I'm happy to share that the main outcome of this session is that we shall be able to have various engagement sessions and also to hear what GSE has planned to be exhibiting high levels of collaboration from all of us.

I highly encourage all the members from the various regions to attend this session and we shall be able to at least have something good out of it. Thank you very much. I welcome any questions and I will hand the floor back to Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Daniel. That's one of the reasons why I was actually very keen for Daniel to be able to explain what's going to happen in that session this week. It's an opportunity. And as he explained, in Kobe, we actually had the GSE teams and the regional community organizations, as well as the meeting with the RALOs, to help to plan their outreach and engagement strategies and it was most valuable. So we're actually using the virtual environment and the breakout rooms this time to enable that to happen. I'm sure it's going to be a really an exciting time, just to see how all those sessions actually operate together.

Okay. So now we have the third session of the Monday program, which is an ICANN plenary. And then, we have Joann Kulesza, who's participating in that session, and I'm sure she can tell us more about that session as well.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you, Maureen. Thank you for putting this session on the agenda. It is indeed a plenary that was originally proposed by the Business Constituency and it is a cross-community session. So as much as the At-Large will have the opportunity to offer the motivator for that session, it is a cross-community effort and it has proven to be quite challenging because what we originally wanted to do was to try and understand how we, as the diverse ICANN community, can best attend to regulatory changes as they happen in different regions.

It's fortunate that the next meeting is happening within this EURALO ICANN sphere, so to speak, because the European Commission, European regulators have been particularly active. But it is by no means an opportunity for us to target those specific regulations—quite to the contrary. I welcome Nigel Hickson joining us here today. He's been wonderful in setting the agenda and inviting speakers. We will, indeed, have quite strong European participation during that session.

The session itself will be divided into two parts. In the first part, we will hear from the GAC members from the European Commission, who will speak on the current and recent European initiatives regarding potential impacts to the domain name system. We will also hear from the Council of Europe. As you might recall, the At-Large hosted a session focused on geopolitics and the work that the Council of Europe is doing with regards to the Budapest Convention. There is an additional protocol coming up. So we will look into that.

During the first part of the session, we will also hopefully enjoy input from non-European initiatives in that first initial part and the second part is devoted to community feedback. [inaudible] has kindly agreed to provide an end user perspective on those regulatory advancements as they happen in different regions. But as already said, this is by far not a focus on the European experiences, but rather an attempt to align the advisory committees, which is the At-Large Advisory Committee and the Governmental Advisory Committee, as we have attempted before, to best meet the needs of individual end users, by some referred to as citizens, the residents—and we like to call them individuals—and best understand and attend to their needs.

So if you are involved into those regulatory discussions in your region, do join this plenary session. Have your voice heard. There will be almost half an hour for a Q&A and all your input will be most appreciated. I'm going to stop here, again. Thank you, Nigel, for joining us. If there is anything I'm missing, do please feel free to chime in. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Nigel, anything to add.

NIGEL HICKSON: Well, yes. Just good afternoon. Nothing of substance but I'm just saying it's a pleasure to work with ALAC on this. This comes about through a proposal from the GAC, as well as an existing proposal that was in ICANN 70, that ALAC, of course, were involved with. So yeah. Hopefully it'll be an interesting session. And the views of the end user are just so critical in this. This isn't just an ICANN issue. This is broader issue. And we're so

happy—really grateful that Joanna is chairing. So yeah. Really great stuff. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much for that additional bit. And totally agree with you about Joanna and all our moderators for these sessions. I'm just thrilled.

So can I have the next slide, please? We're up to Tuesday. On Tuesday, we actually have another three sessions. The first one is another At-Large policy session, which will again be coordinated by Hadia. This time, it's looking at the end-user perceptions about an important organization within ICANN, and that is the Country Code Name Supporting Organization. That's ccNSO. And our At-Large community was recently introduced to the new ccNSO chair, Alejandra Reynoso. This session will be a further introduction into the workings of the ccNSO. Hadia will be able to explain a little bit more. Thank you, Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Maureen. So I must say that, actually, coordinating this with Alejandra was a pleasure. The title of the session is, ccTLD Governance Models: Testimonies from At-Large End Users. And the objective of the session is to explore the At-Large end-user experience with ccTLDs. So this session will try to highlight the At-Large end-user experience with ccTLDs, bringing together experiences about four ccTLD governance models. So we will be exploring a user experience with a ccTLD run by a governmental entity, a ccTLD run by an academic institution, a ccTLD run by a non-for-profit entity, and a ccTLD run by a for-profit entity.

So the session will start with an introduction about the various ccTLD governance models. This introduction will be done by ccNSO member [inaudible]. And after that, we shall have testimonies from At-Large end users about their ccTLD governance models. The At-Large speakers come from different At-Large regions and are going to talk about four different ccTLD governance models. Our panelists are Holly Raiche, Sebastien Bachollet, Alberto Soto, Humberto Carrasco, and Yrjo Lansipuro. And Olivier Crepin-Leblond will be moderating the discussion.

I believe this will be quite an interesting session because we will get to know how end users feel about their ccTLD governance models and their experiences with them. This could be, actually, the start of a series of webinars based on the discussion and the outcomes of this session. Thank you, Maureen. And I hope, again, you all join.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Hadia. Yes. Interesting session. It's nice to be able to interact with other constituencies within ICANN. It's something that we're wanting to do more. Sorry. I've got to end off my video.

Okay. So our next session is actually our second At-Large policy session. But this time, Joanna will explore a topic that remains very topical within ICANN and that is, of course, GDPR. This time, we'll look at implications for policy development, both within and outside of ICANN, and Joanna will explain more. Thank you, Joanna.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you very much, Maureen. Just to set the record straight, by no means would I ever endeavor to explain GDPR as a technology. I'll have people come over and try and do that. Christopher Wilkinson has kindly agreed to give us an intro. And we thought it was appropriate to look at the GDPR three years on. It's already been three years since the regulation has been in force. ICANN has been working tirelessly to try and implement it for the global community.

Speaking of regulatory endeavors that impact that DNS, we will look at GDPR as an example. Hadia has kindly agreed to give us a brief 15-minute recap of all the work that the EPDP has been providing. We will try to look at recent advancements with a technological approach to the GDPR. Is it specific enough to actually have a technology that is based on privacy by design, which would be a fix-all formula for the challenges with our community?

And I'm looking forward to a discussion because there is no simple answer to that question. Because the proposal has raised some questions on our Consolidated Policy Working Group mailing list, we thought it was a good idea to take it up during a plenary meeting. I'm going to stop here but it should be fun. So drop by. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

I'm sure it will be, too. Our third session for the day relates to our involvement in the second ICANN plenary of the week and it's entitled ICANN and the Internet Governance Ecosystem. And of course, we have had quite a bit of interest within At-Large in Internet governance. Marita

Moll from NARALO will represent the At-Large end-user perspective. So Marita, can I have you telling us a little bit more about what this session's going to involve At-Large in?

MARITA MOLL:

Thank you, Maureen. I don't know why there's a nice little rainbow on the side of my virtual but why not? I'm happy to be involved in this particular public session—public session meaning that there's no competition from other groups for these sessions. There are only about three public sessions in a meeting. Sorry? Anyway, there's no other groups having a meeting at this time.

So this particular session came out of proposal from At-Large—a proposal about exploring a little more about how we thought the multistakeholder system could evolve—and a proposal from the GAC, wanting to get a little bit outside of our own bubble and ask other people what they thought and how they thought the system was evolving and working within the global system. So we're going to be having representatives from various parts of ICANN and beyond to have the opportunity to exchange views on these sorts of things, especially on how ICANN is adapting and evolving and playing an appropriate role in the global Internet community.

And as you can see, from what you've heard already, there's going to be a lot of discussions on that topic—various aspects of it. I really think that by the time we get through this meeting, we're going to have a lot of things to think about as to how the system is evolving or people feel that it should be evolving. So as the description says, ICANN's playing a

crucial role as part of the global technical community and as part of the wider Internet governance ecosystem, supporting the domain name system. So we are going to be looking at various different aspects.

It will be a 90-minute session in two parts. One of them will be more ICANN-specific and a number of panelists will talk about how they feel about the multistakeholder system and why they're involved in it, what's good about it, and why it's important. And then, the second part of the session will be more on a larger scale, talking about how outside organizations are looking at it and how it should be interacting—how ICANN should be interacting with the other systems.

So again, I think it's going to be a pretty interesting session. The moderator we're getting is Olivier Crepin-Leblond and we're only giving him two hours to recover from the first session. He's going to have a very heavy day but Olivier is a great moderator. There are a lot of panelists here in this second session and he will be, if I can use the word, interrogating all of these panelists and keeping the session moving fairly quickly so that we can get a lot of different perspectives and views into the mix. That's all I'm saying.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Great. Do we have Oliver here? Does he want to add anything to what's going to be happening in that session, as the moderator? Olivier? If he's able to ...

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Olivier, if you're speaking, you're on mute.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I know. And one of the problems when you're on mute and you're using an iPad is that sometimes the iPad doesn't respond. I hope you can hear me now. Does it work?

MAUREEN HILYARD: We sure can. Thank you. Yes. We can hear you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND Thank you so much. Yeah. Hi, everyone. I think Marita did a very good rundown of what we're going to discuss. One of the concerns, I guess, is that the panel, in itself, originally, we thought we'd only have a handful of people speaking. But it's become a very popular session and a lot of the different constituencies, especially on the GNSO, are interested in chiming in and saying what they want to say. So we're going to have to juggle this around a little but it's good because it means that this is an issue that I think a lot of people have on their minds.

A few years ago, we had a session similar to this one about the future of the multistakeholder model and so on and only a subset of the ICANN community took part, while some parts of the ICANN community didn't feel too interested in this. Of course, with the changes brought by COVID, all the changes that we're seeing the world, it's good to see that this is something that's touching everyone, and somehow, not for the same reasons.

Every stakeholder group wants something different at ICANN. Some look at it in a more commercial way. Some look at it in a more civil society or,

of course, our perspective being from end users. And it's interesting because sometimes the challenges are not the same. Some are looking for more efficiency while others are looking for more participation. It's going to be interesting to see how we can bring these together and how we can, together, improve the model, especially in the face of the challenges that we're faced with at the moment, not being able to meet face-to-face and having to conduct these meetings in a rather, I would say, impersonal way, even though sometimes we see a moving face on a screen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much for that, Olivier. Okay. Can we have the next slide, please? Wednesday is actually looking a little bit different from our previous days, I must admit. It will all start off with a traditional joint AFRALO/AfrICANN meeting, which the AFRALO chair, Seun Ojedeji, can tell you about.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

All right. Yeah. Thank you. As Maureen has said, we will be holding our traditional AFRALO/AfrICANN meeting. As usual, it will be expected to feature our members from the AFRALO community who are participating and, of course, in Africa as a whole, and globally, members from the ICANN community.

As is customary, we normally pick a topic to discuss on. This time around, we'll be developing a segment related to DNS abuse mitigation strategies. We'll be having interaction with ICANN's CEO, members of the Board, ICANN GSE Team, and AFRINIC CEO will also be in attendance

to also make his remarks. And of course, the ALAC chair will also be expected to be among the guests that will be speaking to us. I'm not sure a lot of people know Makane. Makane Faye is one of the big contributors in IGF within our region and recently passed on. We'll give a brief tribute to him. And of course, we'll be hearing some updates from our AFRALO webinar series coordinators. That's Tijani and Bram.

And we hope that this will be an interesting discussion. We welcome everybody to join our session and, of course, participate in the discussions. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Seun. It's always really exciting to read what results from this meeting in regards to a policy topic that is discussed within the region in a public way. So thank you very much, Seun, and we're looking forward to your session on Wednesday.

Following this session, it seems to be RALO day, Wednesday. The last two sessions of the day are going to be taken up by EURALO. The first one is relating to an issue of concern to the region. And that will be moderated by Sandra Hoferichter. So, Sandra, the floor is yours.

SANDRA HOFERICHTER:

Maureen. Hi, everyone. Actually, I'm not the right person to give an update on this session because I wanted to contact Christopher this week—he was on vacation during the last couple of days—to discuss with him. He was basically the person drafting the agenda and putting

all of this together. So I see Christopher is on the call and he is the better person to give an update on this session. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. That's quite all right. I did actually have both of your names down anyway. So, Christopher, if you're available, if you could give us an idea of what the session is going to be about.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Christopher, you're on mute.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Yeah. Thank you very much. And thank you very much, Sandra particularly, for agreeing to moderate the session. You have been a little bit coy in the last few minutes but I'm quite sure that by the end of next week, you will be an expert in these matters. There is a short description of this session already on the wiki. But I agree that I only managed to finalize this and circulate it yesterday. And today, if you have difficulties understanding me, it's because I'm just recovering from a rather aggressive session with a dentist.

That being said, I would make two or three key points. The first is that the PDP failed to protect geographical term adequately. We know from experience with the previous round that this is potentially a source of significant political—yes, let's use the word—dispute. And I wish that ICANN could avoid that in the future.

Secondly, as we all know, there are different kinds of geographical names. For me, the G stands for “geographical.” For others, it stands for “generic.” And that is a fundamental philosophical problem in this area because geographical names are, by no standard, generic.

Thirdly, the particularly sensitive categories of names that we need to address include, first of all, other cities rather the capital cities. It includes the need for preventative protection rather than corrective protecting. It includes the protection of geographical indications, which are of enormous importance to the Internet users who run their commercial businesses on agriculture, particularly protected by geographical indications.

And finally—and I return to this because the PDP was quite wrong to reject the discussion of the protection of three-letter codes. All the currencies—and I don’t mean must the euro—but all the currencies, including GBP, and USD, and so on are represented on the Internet and in commercial transactions by the three-letter codes for currencies. And if these aren’t protected, it is an open door to abuse and misrepresentation of financial transactions. And individual users will be deceived. And there will be further problems in that area.

So I really think that this has to come back onto ICANN’s agenda. The ALAC response to the PDP report has been published and adopted by ALAC and submitted through the Board. And some of these issues are dealt with in that context. So I’m quite sure, actually, that the ICANN Board, when they realize what the implications are of the failure of the PDP to introduce significant protection for geographic names that we’ll have to do something about it. Thank you, Maureen. Thank you, Sandra.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Christopher. That's sounding as if it could be quite an interesting session to join in. For those who are available at that early hour of the morning, it should be a really good session to attend. Thank you very much, both Sandra and Christopher.

And then, of course, we have our third session of the day, which is a EURALO social. And I'm assuming we have Natalia, who's the EURALO secretary to explain exactly what's going to happen during the social event. Thank you, Natalia.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you very much, Maureen. I'm secretary of EURALO. And yes. Sorry for my previous mistake. It will be Wednesday, again. And we will invite all ICANN community members to join us, to join the ICANN71 EURALO social event. And we hope it becomes an awesome opportunity to enjoy this time together and to immerse into the atmosphere of Holland and to spend a great time, even virtual, there.

So what we will do ... At first, we will listen. Nice music of wonderful singer, Madishu. She's a nice and very talented girl. And she is, by the way, the daughter of Veronica Cretu, who you know. She's a former ALAC member. It is the first surprise.

Then we will take a virtual walk around Delft. And hopefully we will have great virtual weather for this. But we don't care about it, just our guide. We will meet there—even virtual but a little bit physical. We will meet there some of our colleagues in Delft.

And then, we will have GEMS rock intervention. And I think we will understand how we are missing GEMS pageant. But we remember that we are in ICANN and so we will invite people to play a short, funny game about domain names. And then, we will take a short drawing lesson. And as a result of this lesson, we may, or should, or have to share in our social media because the result will relate to ICANN71.

For now, no more details from me because we want to surprise all of you. And as usual, we will ask people to be registered, to be prepared, to be ready to enjoy with us, to sing with us, maybe dance with us. I hope it will be a successful event because for us, it's a first experience to organize such event in a fully virtual format with people who are so far away from each other. But hopefully all will be great. And we hope this EURALO social event will allow us to feel a little bit like in a face-to-face ICANN meeting. Thank you very much. See you in a week.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Natalia. If it's anything like the LACRALO social, that was an exciting time and I'm expecting the same to come from EURALO. Thank you.

Okay. Can I have the next slide, please? This is the final day. And of course, it starts off with the traditional joint ALAC and GAC meeting. And Yrjo can explain what we've got planned for that, as the ALAC liaison for the GAC. Yrjo, please.

YRJO LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Maureen. As you said, the ALAC and GAC meetings at ICANN public meetings are traditional. They have been a fixture of these meetings since 2016. And actually, you might think that ALAC and GAC are the two opposite poles in the ICANN universe but in actual fact, we have very much in common because the groups whose interests we try to serve—that is to say, end users and citizens—are pretty much overlapping and the same people.

So it started from information exchange and a few joint statements but now we have achieved a stage where these groups and their experts make substantive concrete cooperate on the policy issues—on EPDP and on SubPro—which have been the standing items at our meetings. However, there's a paradox here because the deeper our corporation has become, the more the things are developing complex, and technical. And only experts and public [leads] are able to discuss them.

So the challenge now ... And we have been discussing this intersessionally between the leaderships of the GAC and ALAC. The challenge is to make those things more concrete and case studies, perhaps, where we can engage more people from both advisory committees, not only the experts. The second is, of course, to find more items—more issues where we can try to find common ground. So this is what we've tried to do at this session. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Yrjo. It's, as always, an interesting session to attend as well for our At-Large community.

The second session is actually another plenary, which is actually the second plenary that At-Large put forward to the ICANN Planning Committee. And we're very please that they have accepted it. And Steinar Grøtterød from At-Large will be able to tell us about understanding blocklists. Steinar?

STEINAR GRØTTERØD:

Thank you very much. The idea here is actually to go a little bit beyond the discussion about what is DNS abuse and so on and into the area of what kind of tool do we have to find and mitigate suspicious behavior? One of the most important tools is the so-called reputation blocklists, or RBLs. So in this session, we are going to have representatives from three major blocklist providers and we will have representatives from the Contracted Parties, from ICANN, the Octo Team, and also from end users.

All we're trying to do is take our end user hat on and ask, "Why is something happening to my spot on the internet? Is there something I can do to prevent this? Where to do make the contact if something happens, etc.?" So we have, in total, 90 minutes, which is quite a long time. So there will be, definitely, a good opportunity to ask questions and go directly to ICANN Org, reputation blocklist providers, and the plenary—questions like, "Have you ever experienced some security threats and so on? What can I do when I discover these things? Am I responsible for reporting security threats, etc.?" putting your Internet user hat on and ask the reputation blocklist providers, which are very [inaudible] in the governance ecosystem. I will enjoy this session.

The moderator will Mr. LG Forsberg, who is the CTO from iQ.Global and he is [both a techie] and been working with Registries and Registrars, and also knows a lot of people in this business. So definitely looking forward to it and happy to take any questions at this session. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Steinar. This, of course, leads us up to the final event for At-Large at ICANN71, which will be the At-Large Leadership Wrap-Up. I usually chair that. This is usually a debrief on how the sessions at ICANN71 went but also allows us time to talk about the current meeting and how it went with the ICANN Board, as well as ICANN Org.

So we usually have Maarten Botterman, Leon Sanchez, and Göran Marby coming along to this final meeting with us. That's becoming a traditional as well, which is good. But it is an opportune time for At-Large to get some idea of the Board's view of future ICANN meetings as well, which is pretty much uppermost in the minds of many of us in ICANN. But it gives us an opportunity to do an overview of the week as it has been at the ICANN meeting and to prepare for the next meeting, which always seems to rush up very quickly.

But I would like to thank everyone who's participated in the session today. It's been really interesting for me, just to get everyone's views and explanations on what's happening. I hope it's been interesting for you, too. And you'll notice that the program's been minimal but we wanted to make sure that we also gave time for members of our community to participate in some of the other sessions that are happening within the meeting as well.

So I think it's going to be a short meeting but an exciting one as well. And I hope that everyone enjoys our session as well as other sessions that they may also participate in. We look forward to seeing you all. Because we're past the top of the hour, I'd like to say bye and see you next week. Take care. Thank you very much.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you all.

UNIDENTIFIED PARTICIPANT: Thanks. Bye.

NATALIA FILINA: Thank you all. Bye-bye.

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

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