DEVAN REED:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to our first session of At-Large Week, the At-Large Leadership Session: Welcome to ICANN72, Workstream Updates & Policy Talking Points on Monday the 18th of October 2021 at 17:00 UTC.

In order to save time today, we will not be doing a roll call. However, attendance will be noted from the Zoom room as well as the audio bridge. We have Spanish and French interpretation on today's call. If you need a dial out to the Spanish or French lines, please send a direct message to staff with your preferred language and phone number.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state your name when taking the floor each and every time, and to please speak at a reasonable pace for accurate interpretation, and to keep your microphones muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise.

With this, I turn the call over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Devan. And welcome, everyone, to the At-Large program for ICANN72 during ICANN's intersessional week which we're using, of course, for At-Large Week.

And just to explain to those who aren't sure why we've got At-Large Week, it was planned to spread the meeting over two weeks rather than cramming it in between other important events that occur during ICANN Week which we tend to miss out on because of our program.

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And as our community is one of volunteers, we have to consider their lives outside of ICANN which has been a bit of a burden to some of our more active participants.

But I do appreciate those from outside of our community who have joined us today. We hope that you enjoy what we've prepared for you this week. Next slide, please, Devan.

One of the things that I'd like to do to start off our welcome is a welcome to new leaders that are coming into At-Large this coming year. And just bringing your attention to them, we will be meeting our new leaders as well as our departing leaders later on at the end of the ICANN Week just before I wrap up, where we will be farewelling our departing leaders but welcoming these new leaders from the various regions.

And I'm thrilled of the people that we have here. I know that some of them are already very much engaged in ICANN activities anyway, so they're going to be hitting the ground running, I tell you, once they get started on [our work].

But welcome to Raymond, to Naveed, Carlos, Laura, Augusto, and Claire from LACRALO. And also—although not a new person to At-Large, but a new leader within the group joining us—Natalia Filina. Next slide, please.

So before we start on what is going to be a report from the three key work stream areas that we actually have within At-Large, I really just wanted to thank the leaders who are pictured here who've taken charge of these work streams and organized, within At-Large, the focus of our energies on important key outputs that contribute to the work that we

do within At-Large to contribute to the overall work of both Org and other ICANN communities.

And as this was the final meeting of the year, I felt it was important that members of the At-Large community and others got an opportunity to explain what they've actually done during the year because there has been a lot of work and a lot of achievements, which I really think should be recognized.

So I've actually sort of assigned them … They've only 10 minutes each, but I'd first of all like to ask Jonathan and Olivier—oh, Olivier if he's here, but maybe just Jonathan—to introduce the Policy section. Thank you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Maureen. I don't know whether or not Olivier is here or not, but Olivier, do you want to start us off?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, sure, Jonathan. Can you hear me?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yes, we can.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I didn't even come oof the lines since the last call that we had. I've been waiting for the past—was it—four days. No, just kidding.

I just wanted to mention a few things, I guess, as a starting point with regards to the Consolidated Policy Working Group. It meets every week and it goes on a rotating schedule so as to be able to not always have the same people having to wake up in the middle of the night or at terrible hours. But of course, the all the calls are recorded as well, so you do have people that listen to the recording afterwards.

The calls usually start with a single specific issue that we often have to address. Something that is the sort of star issue of the day, whether it's to do with any policy commenting process or whether it's to do with more background knowledge that could be of interest to our community or that indeed will be of interest to our community and future work.

The core part of the call is made out of two distinct parts, the work group updates. And the ALAC is involved in many policy development processes now. It started out a couple of years ago with the Expedited Policy Development Process on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data. And that was commonly known as the process that was launched in ICANN after the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) hit ICANN in the face, if you want.

And several other expedited policy development processes were created since. And so every week, we have an update from the ALAC representative on these working groups, whether they are ALAC members or alternates or observers. And in fact, those have their own little discussion prior to the weekly call so as to coordinate what they are going to present during the week. Each one usually get about 10

minutes. And so we cover, at the moment, the Transfer Policy Review for domain transfers. That's a policy development process taking place.

The Expedited PDP on the Specific Curative Rights Protections for Intergovernmental Organizations. We still cover the one about gTLD registration data which I mentioned a moment ago. And we also are covering an Expedited Policy Development Process on the Internationalized Domain Names, the IDNs.

And finally, there is also one on the, what was it? No, I think that's it. That's the four that we have at the moment. I might be missing one.

And then the second or third part of the call is looking at the policy comment updates. As you know, there is a steady stream of work that comes our way from the consultations that ICANN sends out there. And those consultations usually come out with some kind of a process for the ALAC to comment on the consultation. And for those people that are not aware, the ALAC works in a consensus way. So it's pretty hard sometimes to find consensus and find some text that will please everyone in our community and align itself so as for the statement to come out and be sent over to the commenting process. But what's important is that once we have found consensus, then the ALAC votes on the statement. The weight of the At-Large community through the ALAC statements is pretty strong and is, of course, taken as not just one person commenting, but obviously a good process with a lot of people that have taken part.

We've actually had some very good statements come out recently. I'll let maybe Jonathan go through some of them. But that's what I wanted

to just mention on my side, and I'll pass the baton to Jonathan who knows all the intricate details on these things.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Olivier. I just wanted to thank Olivier. The CPWG is, as you said, a weekly call and it's very well attended. And so it's become a kind of hub of activity around the At-Large engagement in policy. And so—

HOLLY RAICHE: Sound stopped.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: We lost him.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: You're muted, JZ.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I'm muted. Wow, and I was so articulate for those few brief moments. Now I'm lost and have no idea what to say.

Thanks, Olivier. As Olivier mentioned, the calls are weekly and they're well attended. And the CPWG call has become a kind of hub of discussion on the At-Large participation in ICANN policy development. And so it's become a real talk shop, if you will, on a number of different issues.

And so what I wanted to focus on, rather than the individual comments that Olivier mentioned, is sort of the process because, almost coincidentally, we've been working toward a process of iterative engagement and support of the volunteers that are engaged in policy development within ICANN.

If you happen to take the brilliant ICANN Learn course on At-Large participation in ICANN policy development, you know that we use the metaphor of a train with a number of different stops on it along the way in the policy development process. And the At-Large community participates at each of these different stops along the way, which includes defining the problem. It includes working on the working group. And then when the working group presents its findings, we are engaged in public comment periods. And then sometimes we actually do comments or specific Board advice after the fact as well.

And so each of those stages along the way sort of runs through the Consolidated Policy Working Group. And so what we endeavor to do is use the CPWG as the place that we define sort of what our positions are, what our objectives are on a particular topic. And then, when our volunteers come back from a work group in which they're participating with a question or a compromise that needs to be made or a new development to the work group, then we address that.

And there's this kind of virtuous cycle that goes on at each stage of policy development Because our objective, frankly, is to never have to give advice or submit a controversial public comment. Ideally, our participation in the work group itself is the best place for us to engage in

ICANN policy development. And so that iterative process is designed to facilitate that.

So for those of you that have not yet dip your toes in ICANN policy development, I highly recommend it. And please join us on the CPWG calls.

Maureen, I pass the microphone back to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, Jonathan. I was actually just wondering if you might be able to let us know what you are proposing for 2022 because I know the end user survey is something that you might mention. Jonathan?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sorry. My doorbell was ringing constantly throughout that entire presentation, so I thought I was done. I ran to get it. Please repeat your question. What's coming up for 2022?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. I was thinking of the end user survey, for example.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Oh, sure. There are a number of things that are coming up this year, substantively, that are critical. And perhaps the biggest topic for discussion is a possible new round of applications for top-level domains such as the one we had in 2012.

There's been a five-year process of the Subsequent Procedures Working Group in which At-Large volunteers participated. We've submitted comments. We submitted advice, etc. But here's a lot of work to be done to advance those questions. We'll be talking about it during this meeting and we'll be talking about it for the next couple of years, probably.

And one area where we applied for additional out-of-budget money is on a survey of individual and users because it's the job of the At-Large community to represent the interests of individual end users when, in reality, everyone involved is a slightly more sophisticated than average end user. And so the question becomes, is there a way to speak to those that are not actively involved in these processes and gain an understanding of what their challenges and priorities might be?

And so we're doing a pilot poll that we've been in discussions about a little bit to begin to explore that as a possible vehicle for the At-Large to reach out beyond its own numbers to look at what some of our priorities should be. And that's one of the things that will be coming up in the year ahead, is that poll and answering some questions particularly about one of the At-Large priorities which is more inclusiveness of these domains through better acceptance of what are so-called Internationalized Domain Names; domain names that are in non-Roman characters like Cyrillic for Arabic or Chinese character sets and how to make that a more central part of a future round.

So that'll be one of the conversations that we're definitely having in the coming year.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much. Yes, I've been part of that survey team and they've had some very interesting conversations. And I've learned a lot more about our community through the discussions that we've had. So I think there's going to be some really good outputs from that, eventually. And there's a lot of work to be done in the meantime. But thank you so much, Jonathan and Olivier. Sorry for interrupting your rushing to door.

Okay, so now we move to Holly Raiche and Ricardo Holmquist, who have been in charge of our Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group. Over to you, Holly or Ricardo.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: I prefer Holly to start. I don't know if we have the presentation very quickly, [Devan]?

HOLLY RAICHE: We do. Sorry, I was on mute. Thank you. Okay, a little bit about what we do and what we are planning to do in the coming year. We are the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group. It's a subgroup of a larger finance and budget group. Next slide, please.

What we do. We actually do four things, not just one. Some people may associate us with just finance, but actually we [do] operations and finance which is two things, really, or four.

First of all, and perhaps most importantly, we do coordinate input into the Additional Budget Requests which many of you are very familiar

with. They are the things that we ask for additional money for to achieve our objectives. Clearly things like the survey. Other things are the kinds of things that might go there. But eventually, things that will go into the budget, it's the task of—as I talked about—the Finance and Budget Subcommittee which we're a part of. And it's formed by an ALAC member and all the RALOs as an oversight. So we are a subgroup of that.

We draft statements, and we have here the budget process. But let me talk about the, really, two budgets. There's first the PTI IANA Budget. And that's the phase we're in now. I'm sure most of you remember the Transition where we actually now have the contractual relationship with the PTI. They develop an operating plan and budget every year. That process actually is usually open for public comment around September, October, as it is now. And we have input into that.

Then there is the IANA Operating Plan and Budget which will be coming up starting in November.

And then the third part of what we do is the actual ABRs. So really, for about six months of the year we are tied up in developing, understanding the budgets or the budget requests, and developing plans and input into those processes.

The other important thing, though, and this is what we had concentrated on in the earlier part of the, really I'd say June, July August, the Operating Initiatives. There are like 14 of them, the initiatives in the budgeting process. These are the things that ICANN look at to actually achieve its own strategic goals.

And in the next few slides, we'll talk about them and how what we did as a working group was to go through them and identify the ones that are of complete relevance to ALAC. And we do have input there into the initiatives and to the strategic plans. That process really starts after we've done the ABR.

So in fact, we have a fairly full year in what we do in terms of contributing not only to the budgets, but also to the operating initiatives and plan. We have been fortunate this year to have a great deal of input from the ICANN Planning Team to understand better how they plan and how we can contribute to that plan. Next slide, please.

Okay, this is a graphic illustration of the actual planning process. This is a slide that the ICANN Planning Team … We spent at least one or two sessions on this where we start, or ICANN planning starts with looking at the trend identification. This the sort of things they look at to develop the analysis and impact assessment for the planning process. And at this point, we start to discuss with them what does the operating initiative start to look like, what projects …

Now when we talk about planning, we're not talking about an inputting into the budget process. We're not talking about the budget in terms of the ongoing costs that they incurred, things like travel costs or salary costs. But once those have been paid, what are they spending money on to achieve their goals? And this is where we look specifically at about … Well, [I will] talk about the ones that we identify; the things that are relevant to us and how we can contribute to those initiatives and then goals.

So we start to look at during—this is the April to July—start to look at the initiatives and how they relate to the budgeting process and achievement of the goals. Starting July, November. This is the start with the PTA IANA Budget. And this is where we are now.

In fact, the IANA budget which Ricardo will talk about, as well as the ICANN budget, has been released for comment. The comments are due on the 24th. We've already had one meeting, and we've had a briefing from the chair of PTI in terms of what they're doing and how we can contribute to that budget.

Our next meetings, starting in November, will be about the much larger ICANN budget. And we will be seeking comment from the working group and everyone else on how the Operating Initiatives that we have identified as important to us might be financed.

And then again, finally, December to February's is the ABRs. So you can see that we've got a full schedule, not only commenting on budgets but Operating Initiatives to achieve our specific aims. Next slide, please.

Okay, so that's what we do. We contribute to the planning, most particularly the Operating Initiatives that we find important for ourselves, for ICANN, for the achievement of ALAC goals. That's primarily sort of the April, May, June, July.

So starting in August, we're looking at the IANA and PTI Operating Budget Plan. And after that, coming up in November, will be the ICANN Operating Plan and Budget. So those are the sorts of … Our year is pretty much divided into three, in the sorts of things that we discussed.

And we're very grateful for the input we have had from ICANN staff in terms of assisting us in dealing with and understanding at least those three main elements. Okay, next slide, please.

In a strategic plan—and remember, this is what we look at starting we've done the ABRs—we look at the Operating Initiatives. There are 15 of them. What we did in the earlier part of this year which was, I think, in July, we took a poll amongst ourselves to say, which are the ones that are most relevant to ALAC? The things that we think we need to understand better to contribute to for the work that we do.

So from the 15, we identified the top five for us. First of all, the multistakeholder model. I think everybody would understand that that is absolutely top priority to facilitating the diverse and inclusive participation. So for example, Jonathan talked about a survey, how to better understand the perspectives of our community. The sorts of initiatives that will contribute to the way that we contribute to ICANN.

And we have had a presentation from Marita Moll—thank you, Marita, a very good one—on what that might mean for us. To strengthen ICANN's decision-making process is obviously the second thing. And again, this is what are the sorts of things that we as ALAC believe will assist us in contributing to that process?

Universal Acceptance. A subset of universal acceptance is the Internationalized Domain Names which Jonathan just referred to. These are the domain names in, not the ASCII script, but in the other linguistic scripts. Which means that our communities from different language

speaking areas will have the ability to have domain names in their own scripts.

Obviously, planning at ICANN. This is something that we do, but in the larger sense, ALAC does in contributing to the planning through our discussion and implementation of the initiatives.

And finally, monitoring any legislation, globally, that might impact our mission.

So those are the things that, in terms of initiatives, are the things that we feel are important for ALAC. And, therefore, when it comes to responding to budget requests, these are the things that we look at and how we can do that.

Now I think you will also hear from a subgroup a great deal more which have gone through many of the reviews of ALAC—including the ATRT3, Work Stream 2, the CCTRT, the SSR2—all of the recommendations and identifying the sorts of recommendations that are of varying importance to ALAC. And we'll hear from that later. Next slide, please.

DEVAN REED: And Holly, just to jump in really quick. We are running a little bit low on time, so we'll need to finish up this portion.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Ricardo is on. Okay, Ricardo, over to you for, this is the PTI IANA Budget, and your slide.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Thank you, Holly. As Holly mentioned, we have two operating plans and budget that we take care of. One is the PTI IANA one that's currently under construction, the comment from At-Large. It does include the PTI itself, the IANA core services. Although the image is kind of complicated, it's a very simple budget, fortunately.

Starting last year for FY22, IANA began to have an operating plan that's in line with the strategic plan of ICANN. Next slide, please.

ICANN Operating Plan and Budget. We made comments last year for FY22 and this current year [in line] for the AGM. Now we're about to do the same for FY23. It includes the Operating Initiatives that we just looked at, these 15 Operating Initiatives. The idea for this FY23 is to be prepared to comment more on the initiatives instead of only in the budget.

For At-Large, we want to see that the incomes and expenses are consistent over the years, that the different reserves are consistent, and that the resources—the money and the people—is dedicated to the strategic activities. In particular, the ones close to the user needs.

It doesn't matter how much we talk in the CPWG or how much we talk about any given comment, if there is no money for that, it won't happen, anything. Yeah. Look at the next slide, please.

And that's all from our side. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Holly and Ricardo. It's actually sort of like getting to be quite a technical little team in there, but they have had some really great input from the ICANN Finance Team. And they've got a busy year ahead.

Okay, so now we move to the Outreach and Engagement Team with Daniel. And I've included Hadia because she also has put input into this particular section of our work. So over to you, Daniel.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much. I also want to [welcome everyone from the pandemic moment] as we still are still in transition and adapting to the new normal. There are a lot of things that have been going on in reference to outreach and engagement. There are a lot of changes that are taking place, and I'd like to share that outreach and engagement has various sects or sections.

There is the outreach component, and then there is the engagement component. But if we go deeper into each of those, we have been constantly sharing, communicating, and engaging with people in various sects. But going further, there is the element of capacity building. During the pandemic, it has redefined the way we have been conducting our capacity building and building the knowledge base around ICANN.

So I'll just simply invite Hadia to be able to tell us about the capacity building webinars and how they have been able to evolve through the pandemic times. Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you so much, Daniel. Thank you, Maureen and all. The At-Large Capacity Building Working Group has been organizing a series of webinars throughout the year. We started the year in February with two webinars in February. The first was Social Media Best Practices. And the speakers were Alexandra Dan. Alexandra is Communications Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at ICANN.

And the second speaker was Lilian Ivette de Luque. Lilian is a regional leader and a member of the Social Media Working Group the Outreach and Engagement Sub-committee.

The second webinar was on the 15th of February, and the speaker was Jonathan Zuck, ALAC vice-chair for policy. Jonathan showed us how to create a promotional video in PowerPoint.

And then in March, we also had Jonathan with Giving Better Online Presentations: Forming Old Habits in the New Reality.

And then in April, we had Melissa Allgood. Melissa is a Conflict Resolution Specialist at the ICANN Policy Department. Melissa talk to us about the Consensus Playbook focusing on At-Large. The webinar included breakout sessions, and it was really interactive.

In May we had Jonathan again with Creating Videos with PowerPoint. And in July we had Melissa back with At-Large Facilitation Skills. And this also included breakout sessions.

In July, we had APRALO Webinar on IDNs: Advancing the Internationalized Domain Names Agenda for a More Inclusive Internet. The speakers were Emily Taylor, Sarmad Hussain, and Justine Chew.

And then in line, we have two webinars. One is actually serious. It's the DNS Abuse Users Education Program. Joanna and myself will be coordinating this. So it is one webinar set by At-Large, followed by a series of webinars contracted by each RALO. This is the idea behind this education program.

And then we also have, in line, a webinar with Sandra Hoferichter. And the webinar is about Intercultural At-Large … It's an intercultural workshop for the At-Large community.

And then in addition to the capacity building webinars, At-Large also has two specific courses on ICANN Learn. The first is, ICANN At-Large: Welcome to our World. That's the title of the course. The course provides an overview about the At-Large communities and where it fits in the ICANN ecosystem. The course covers the history of the At-Large community, the purpose of At-Large and the 15 ALAC members, as well as how to start participating. A prerequisite for this course is Policy Development Fundamentals.

And then the second specific At-Large course on ICANN Learn 506, ICANN Policy Development: A Guide for At-Large Participants. This course builds upon the Policy Development Fundamentals and ICANN At-Large: Welcome to Our World courses. It presents a deeper dive into how the At-Large Advisory Committee develops policy advice and forms policy positions, as well as the various opportunities the At-Large community enjoys to participate in policy development at ICANN.

So please, if you would like to be part of At-Large, start with these webinars. They are, as I mentioned, on ICANN Learn. Also, you're all

welcome always to our webinars, and we look forward to your suggestions and input. Thank you.

[MAUREEN HILYARD]:   Thank you, Hadia.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much, Hadia, for that. [I discovered] that Hadia has been working closely with the Capacity Building Working Group—that is Joanna and Alfredo—in designing all this. So in the outreach and engagement, we have the Consolidated Policy Working Group, and we have also the Social Media Working Group.

I'm happy to share that there has been rotation of leadership in the Social Media Working Group, based on the location of which the ICANN meeting is going to be held. So you'll discover that during ICANN72, we have NARALO leading Outreach and Engagement and coordinating the activities of Outreach. And then also, in ICANN73, they'll still continue to be leading this respective deliberation.

So still, the Social Media Working Group is under the leadership of Denise de Aclantara Hochbaum who is taking lead for the next two meetings.

I'm also happy to share that during all this outreach and engagement, the respective regional liaisons have been very busy working on their strategies which has gone through GSE approval, and activities are still running and being monitored respectively throughout the region.

Also, in reference to outreach and engagement, there is still a lot that is being done. And the fact that we are looking forward to when things will be able to return to normal and a lot of changes will be taking place. And also the budget process has been submitted, respectively, various activities will be shared with it. [We] can't wait for the new normal [to go out], to come back so that we can be able to have those face-to-face meetings.

Also still, in reference to the IGF, still there is a … We have limited participation because of the troubles, but at least I'm happy to say that at least some of the At-Large members will be present at the IGF and they will be sharing, respectively, inputs and reaching out to various stakeholders within the IGF.

I'm also happy to mention that at least with the communications policy, a lot is being done to be able to enhance our communication within Outreach and Engagement, and also to leverage on various channels that are available.

I'm also happy to say that there's at least a slight adjustment in outreach and engagement, and we shall be co-chairs together with Natalia Filina who will be collaborating the various activities at the regions, especially the regional Outreach and Engagement activities. And then also, I will be leading the Capacity Building and the Social Media coordination throughout all the respective Outreach and Engagement.

With that, those are just a few remarks regarding Outreach and Engagement. Let me give the floor back to Maureen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Thank you so much, Daniel and Hadia. It's a very busy time with him, and I'm actually hoping that they've encouraged you, for those people from within our community who are not geared into a working group, that you might be encouraged to attend one of those work group sessions and get involved in the activities that they incorporate into the work. There's a lot to do, you know, but that's our job. Okay, so can I have the next slide, please?

What we're going to go on to now is what's actually on at ICANN72. And I'm just going to ask the presenters to do a very brief two minutes or so on what happening in their session. It's really just to try, again, to encourage our community to engage in these activities, find out more about what we're doing. But also find out more about what we're doing with other groups within our community that's really important as well.

I'm first up, and the session that we're actually in at the moment is the Welcome Session. And following this section, there will be Jonathan Zuck who will introduce the Talking Points which he will explain when it's his turn again. But I won't take up too much time. What I'm going to do is pass on to Jonathan who's got the next session. And I would like just to save a bit of time if each speaker could introduce the next speaker. That would just save the toing and froing back to me.

But passing on to you, Jonathan, about Closed Generics.

JONATHAN ZUCK:	Thanks, Maureen. I'm back again. Jonathan Zuck here, ALAC co-vice-chair for Policy Development. One of the things that happened with the five-year long Subsequent Procedures Working Group is that some things made it out of the group in somewhat unresolved form. We did a session on applicant support two meetings ago because we thought more discussion was necessary on that, prior to discussions of implementation.

And kind of continuing down that path, and we have a discussion coming up, actually after this one, at, well, 3:00 pm my time—I don't know what time that is UTC, someone will put it in the chat—on closed generics.

And close generics are a type of application that appeared during the previous round in 2012 for a string that's like an everyday word. So an example might be .insurance or .book. But they were applied for by applicants who wished to totally control them. And so there was a lot of pushback against them, including from the ALAC on the notion that a single company should control .jewelry or .book, etc.

And at the time, the Board put a temporary ban on them and then put it back to the community to decide what their fate should be in a subsequent round. And unfortunately, the output of the Subsequent Procedures Working Group was "no consensus." So it's sort of being dropped back in the Board's lap again to decide what the fate of these so-called closed generic applications should be.

And so, as the convener of many conversations and guardians of process, the At-Large are holding a session coming up on closed

generics where we discuss what some of the scenarios are the Board might consider when talking about closed generics; whether they should be just allowed in an unrestricted way, whether they should be prohibited altogether, or whether—as the GAC suggested in 201—there should be some sort of a public interest exception to a prohibition.

And so we're going to have people from both sides and also a little experiment in audience interaction. So I hope a lot of you come to the session because we're going to have a second-screen experience in which you'll be able to kind of vote as you're listening to people speak to kind of move consensus one way or another on a particular topic. Rather than outright poll, this more similar to the humming that the IETF does. So I hope that you'll join for this experiment in audience participation at the next session.

Thanks, Maureen, for the opportunity to present. And with that, I will pass the microphone to my co-vice chair of the ALAC and the organizer of the DNS abuse session, Joanna Kulesza. Dzień dobry.

JOANNA KULESZA: Dzień dobry. Thank you very much, Jonathan. Thank you for this lovely introduction. Two minutes, says Maureen. I'll try to stick to that one. Thank you, Maureen, for organizing this session. It's very useful indeed for us to learn what's in store for the At-Large community over the next few days.

We originally proposed a plenary on DNS abuse, one of the topics that the At-Large feels very strongly about and one that has proven

contentious even though it is not, in itself, and a policy topic, thus far. But it does come up in conversations regarding various policy issues.

So we thought it might be useful to have sort of a roundtable around DNS abuse to make sure that the ICANN community is able to produce synchronized policy perspective outside the ICANN community itself so when we as community members are confronted by governments, by individual end users, by business with regards to the somewhat ambiguous notion of DNS abuse, we have answers that are comprehensive and ready-made and agreed upon by the entire community.

So we did propose that session as a cross-community plenary, but there seems to be somewhat concern about the notion being too contentious as it is. I'm glad to report that the prep meeting we had a little bit earlier today seems to indeed be based on a growing consensus. So tomorrow's session DNS abuse, so rather than a round of preaching about DNS abuse, hopefully will turn into a roundtable. I will not read out the agenda. I encourage you to look into the Wiki where you will find a detailed agenda and the speakers who will come to present the state of play within their individual communities and discuss the way forward.

It is clear that, at this point, DNS abuse is a matter of a consensus policy. It is a voluntary measure. However, we in At-Large, working together with the Governmental Advisory Committee, are also aware of certain regulatory advancements to target what we refer to as DNS abuse— cybercrime, cybersecurity.

We will welcome participation from the Governmental Advisory Committee as well as Registries and Registrars. You are more than welcome to join. The format indeed is of a roundtable. Our speakers in the agenda will start us off with a few statements about their perspective on DNS abuse. But then, if you do have an opinion you are willing to share, you will be granted the opportunity to share your ideas and thoughts on DNS abuse.

And this debate will be skillfully steered by our Consolidated Policy Working Group co-chairs Jonathan and Olivier. So all is in safe hands.

And with that, I hand the floor over to Andrei who will host the SSAC/ALAC joint meeting. Thank you very much.

ANDREI KOLESNIKOV: [Thank you], Joanna. I will be talking shortly about tomorrow's session which is during At-Large Week. I'm really happy to say that a joint meeting between ALAC and SSAC is back on track. And tomorrow we'll have the pleasure to listen and discuss two documents in particular, SAC118 which is a document of recommendations regarding the EPDP Phase 2. Tara Whalen and Steve Crocker will be our speakers. And also, the second document will be SAC119, and we'll talk about the GNSO Transfer Policy Review. And it will be presented by Steve Crocker.

However, as we always do, I think that the beginning of the meeting will start with a traditional SSAC activities update which will cover a couple of other things. It will be introduced by Rod, I think.

So you are welcome for tomorrow's session. It's always cool. It's always interesting. It's always a lot of questions regarding the documents and recent publications. And also, there will be a chance for the questions and answers, of course.

And it's a little bit outside of the ICANN meeting core timing. However, I think it will be much more convenient because it will save people a lot of time. And according to the logistics, I think it will be much more appropriate to run it before the ICANN meeting.

Also, I should say that there are still a lot of activities in the SSAC, and I believe my colleagues will share it with my At-Large community. So you are welcome.

And also, I hope that the links to the Zoom will be posted timely because I haven't seen it yet and I think it must be distributed among At-Large and SSAC communities. Thank you very much.

And with this, I will give the microphone to Sébastien Bachollet, talking about ICANN Accountability, the never-ending story. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Spasibo bol'shoye, Andre. Like the other policy session, it was a proposal for the plenary session. And here, even if it's not included as a plenary, we aim to try to have a voice of each and every SO, AC, SG, RALO. And we get at least, yeah, almost everyone.

Therefore, it will start with … It's ICANN Accountability and Transparency and the Reviews. It will be in two parts. The first one will be a [three]-minute talk from different participant or speakers. And the

second part will be a discussion with the participants and with the speakers. We will start with a six-minute video explaining what was the ATRT3 recommendation, the Board action, and where we are.

And then we will start with the two co-chairs of ATRT3, starting with Cheryl Langdon-Orr. And then we will go to two Board members, including León Sanchez, the CFO VP of Planning—I guess is his title—and then one representative for a lot of SOs/ACs/SGs.

And we will end this part. It will take one hour. And after half an hour of rest, we will go to the second part with an introduction and then exchange with the participants. And we will have the conclusion by Göran Marby, ICANN President and CEO.

You have to register for this session. Please do it. And it will be, I guess, like the others in English, French, Spanish, and Russian with interpretation. And I hope that we will have people participating from other parts of At-Large. And the goal, really, is to try to have the inputs of each and every.

As you remember, maybe, that some two months ago, Steve DelBianco from the Business Constituency came to us asking where and what to do about this Holistic Review proposed by ATRT3. And that's why we set up this session. I hope it will go well, and I hope you will be with us. Thank you very much.

And I give the floor to—who is next—I guess it's Eduardo. Please, take the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you, everyone. We're going to have a couple nights for fun and learning about At-Large and other things. And so, this coming Wednesday, October the 20th at 20:00 UTC, we have a trivia night where we're going to use Kahoot! to go around and have 20-21 questions about ICANN At-Large. And the idea is to have fun and learn a little bit about the organization, and not only ICANN but the At-Large organization.

So please come. It starts at 20:00 UTC, and there will be prizes. So I'm going to let you come and find out what the prizes are going to be.

And then during the ICANN72 Meeting, we have a beer night. It's a social beer night. We have Tim Lorang from Seattle. He is a connoisseur of beer, and he will be sitting in one of Seattle's most-known beer breweries called Obec. And he will go through the history of beer and how it's made and the different types.

In fact, we're asking everyone to buy the four types of beers, which I'm going to send the link to a video to give you more information in the chat later on. But buy these four types of beers, and he's going to go through each one of them. And we're going to have a tasting at the same time he is going to tell us about. Just instead of a wine tasting, this is going to be a beer tasting.

And so it's going to be fun, so I invite you all to come. Also, this is going to happen Wednesday. Wednesday is October 27th, but the UTC time is October 28 at 01:00 UTC. So you can find your time zone using that information. So that's all I have to say. And we will hope to see you there. Thank you so much.

And the next person now is Maureen. Back to Maureen.

DEVAN REED: Maureen, if you're speaking you're muted.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you for telling me. I was trying to try to keep it nice and quiet here and I forget to unmute myself. But, yes, thank you so much, Eduardo.

And I'm just moving on to the ICANN meeting week itself. And of course, the first session that we've got of the ICANN meeting week is our ALAC and Board meeting. And for that one, we're actually meeting with the Board. They've given us to question. Well, yeah, two questions. They actually posed to the two questions to all of the communities because they want to get feedback on how they can be more effective as a Board, which is nice.

But the first question was how do we in At-Large think that the Board could efficiently identify and work more closely with governments globally, as well as to educate, train, and interact when it comes to geopolitical issues. This is going to be …

It's sort of a pretty big question, but the response from At-Large will be given by our GAC liaison, Yrjö Länsipuro, in collaboration with Joanna Kulesza who is going to be the incoming liaison. They've prepared an interesting combination of suggestions for the Board in response to this question.

The second question is in two parts, but it's to do with the advice that the ALAC sends to the Board. And first of all, they asked if there is any further explanation or comments that we'd like to provide the Board regarding that advice. And we've got Alan Greenberg, the former ALAC chair who is a regular contributor to ALAC advice to the Board, who's going to be responding to that part of the question.

But the second part is, you know, when I talked about the fact that the Board wants to be more effective in the way that it actually does its work, the second part is actually looking at if we have any other comments to add to the new process that the Board is actually developing with regards to how they deal with advice that we send them. And I've assigned that to Olivier Crépin-Leblond who will present probably a little bit of an overview of a discussion that we actually had with David Olive about the process. So that will be just a small input in regards to that.

So normally with the ALAC/Board meetings, when we have them, they asked us for our own questions. And I was just talking to Maarten last night, and I sort of indicated that we don't actually have any specific questions to ask them this time because what we would like is a conversation between the Board and the ALAC on the two questions that they've given us. Because I think that they're quite important questions anyway. So that will be the ALAC/Board meeting.

And what I'd like to do is pass over to Yrjö because, as the GAC liaison, we've got a very important GAC/ALAC meeting. And he'll tell you all about that. Thank you. Yrjö.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you. Thank you very much, Maureen. The meeting is three topics. The first is ICANN and governments, which refers to what Maureen just said. The question that the Board has posed to all SOs and ACs on working closer with governments of the world. So this item, we basically are comparing notes, comparing the approaches between the ALAC and the GAC here.

The second item is DNS abuse and beyond. This is one of the many discussions on this topic, and this has been proposed by the GAC. And the formulation was interesting—the fraudulent websites and other DNS nuisances which are sometimes outside DNS abuse categories. So I guess we are, here, going to probe the borders of this, what is sort of allowed when we discuss DNS abuse.

The third item is reflection on public interest processes when it comes to the PDPs that we have been mostly occupied with last year. That is to say SubPro and the EPDP on registration data. The idea is to reflect on what has happened and how we have managed to defend public interests in those processes.

I'll stop here, and I give the floor to Seun. Please.

SEUN OJEDEJI: All right. Thank you, Yrjö. Can you hear me? Okay, I see.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Yeah, we can hear you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: So as usual AFRALO will be holding an AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. It's usually for the sake of those who are attending for the first time. It's usually a session which we hold at every ICANN meeting where we have members of the African community within ICANN. And of course, any other person within ICANN or outside joining us to discuss matters of importance to the African community within the scope of ICANN.

The topic we'll be discussing this time around is data security. Normally, before we have that particular session, we do have a couple of activities before that meeting. It includes holding webinar on the topic of discussion, and those are coordinated by Bram and Tijani. And of course, we also do call for a drafting team. And of course, we eventually come up with a statement on the topic of discussion.

This session will be held at 17:30 UTC on Tuesday. And of course, we will be having the usual guests joining us, such as the CEO, the chair of ALAC, and of course the ICANN Board members and the ICANN GSE from our region, and of course the members of the Internet and ICANN community.

As is our practice, we do use the opportunity to also recognize some of the leaders from our region who are outgoing and, of course, those who will be incoming as well. We use that session to also kind of recognize them.

And as is the case with our last At-Large sessions, this session will be open to anyone who's willing to join any discussion. The statement itself

will be in English and French. So if you would like to contribute to the development or the improvement of it, please, you are welcome.

This time around, the statement will not just be addressed to the ICANN Board. It will also contain sections that actually concern the end users directly. So thank you very much.

I'll hand it back to Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. We'll give it to Judith on the hybrid meetings.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, hi. So I am talking about the hybrid meaning, but Devan, you're trying to share a share and we don't see anything. So if you could maybe stop sharing the screen. Then that will be better. Thanks so much. Yeah, it was just spinning a wheel.

So I'm going to be talking to you about the hybrid and meeting. And what we decided to do is, there was a long discussion about when this was going to be a hybrid or not. There's been a Meetings Team that's been meeting every week for the last couple of months to decide on program, and what we have is that we're going to spend a lot of time talking with three different groups.

One is Sandra who headed up EuroDIG. And she's done a lot of work on different hybrid meetings and has some great experiences on that. There's Barbara Povše from CENTR. And she will have just finished a hybrid meeting from her organization.

And then there's Chengetai Masango from the IGF secretariat. And as you may all know, the [global] IGF will be a hybrid meeting, the first time. And they've been spending a lot of work on trying to create a good atmosphere that would work with virtual and non-virtual, since they're only about to have about half the number of people. And they designed some apps and other [inaudible] that would work where everyone would be joined together.

And after that discussion and breakouts, Ashwin Rangan is going to talk about the readiness of ICANN Org during our hybrid meetings. And then we'll get some perspectives from different groups: the GAC, from [inaudible] and Nigel Hickson are going to present about specific perspectives for hybrid meanings. And then we'll open it up to general discussion which will be ably moderated by Chris Disspain. And so he will discuss about different issues relating to hybrids. Is ICANN go to go back to full public meetings? What lessons can be learned? What do we need for the future? What's critical? What kind of tools are we going to use? What other tools [do the] people want? How are we going to equalize in-person and remote?

And some of those topics will have been discussed by the presenters earlier, so it should be a lively discussion. And we're looking forward to different tools that we could use and different other areas. So some of these tools could be an improved whiteboard and Jamboard. Several of the other SOs and ACs have been using these tools in their general meetings, and so we hopefully will integrate some of these tools into all of our working groups and meetings.

So I'll hand back over to Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Judith. Glen, did you want to mention anything more about the NARALO social event? I know that Eduardo did mention the one you were going to. No? Okay. Great, because we're actually really, really, short of time and Jonathan has actually not got that much timely for his talking points. But I just want, one minute, mentioned that the last two events of our ICANN72 At-Large program is the Leadership Transition which is going to be a short session where we actually say farewell to our departing leaders, but give an opportunity to welcome our new ones. We've actually had to break them up into two sessions. We would normally have it as part of the wrap-up, but according to the program we have to do that separately. And then of course we'll have to wrap-up where we'll have some members of the Board—the Board chair, the vice-chair, and a new member of the Board from the At-Large community. He's actually in several communities, but he's been very much important to us. And that's a Edmon Chung.

And we'll do a debrief and have a discussion about what's happened at ICANN72 and looking forward to ICANN73 already, and of course 2022.

So that's our wrap-up. And thank you so much, everyone. I know it's sort of been a bit of a long haul, but it does give the community a really good idea of what's actually happening and how the community can become involved. And I really do appreciate everybody's contributions to the session.

And I'm going to give the last few minutes of this session over to Jonathan to talk about talking points which are really important to us. And I'm sorry that we've actually intruded into his time on this.

Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Maureen. Staff, if you could showcase my video, then people will be able to see the slides. Thanks.

I won't go into huge detail on this, but just talk about them generally and sort of go through them quickly. I will hope that Evin or someone can post a link to them in the chat because it will be something you'll want to read since we're going so quickly here.

But just briefly, these talking points are just a sense of where the At-Large has ended up on a number of policy-related issues that are likely to be discussed in the course of this meeting so we've been doing this for some time where we start the meeting off by kind of letting you know what the hot topics are going to be for the upcoming meeting and what positions, if any, that we have developed on those so that if you end up in a private discussion with somebody during a networking break, or a one-on-one Zoom call that they facilitate now, or you find yourself wanting to raise your hand and intervene in the session, you have a sense of where we stand and also some of the sessions in which those talking points might be useful.

So if we look at them, there were a number of different things we wanted to talk about. One is the Future of ICANN Meetings. It's the only

surviving plenary for this session, and there are a number of talking points there, including the importance of the reimbursement program for folks that have slow Internet connections and others. And this will go on being important in the context of hybrid meetings as well. So it's a good precedent that we'll want to carry forward.

We're fans of the alternative streaming. The YouTube streaming of the important sessions means that folks with a lower bandwidth have the capacity to follow along live. And in addition to YouTube, Eduardo does stream onto Facebook, etc, so that there are alternative ways rather than the relatively bandwidth-heavy Zoom meeting.

We like the fact that additional tools have been made available, such as Zoom Breakout Rooms, Google Jamboards, etc., but hope that there's greater use of machine language/translation when interpreters are not available, and that other tools that are available are used over time.

We think that hybrid meetings present a risk to create discrimination between those that can make it to meetings and those who can't. And so I think that's a session that we should all be participating in when that plenary happens, to brainstorm about how to improve on remote participation in a face-to-face meeting, whether it's with a big megatron screen or something that shows the person that's participating, better audio, etc. But that's definitely going to be an important issue for the At-Large going forward.

So this session, this plenary, it on Wednesday, the 27th of October, next week. So please make a point to check out that session and participate in that brainstorming.

Another issue that's a pretty constant discussion is the EPDP on GDPR compliance. We've advised the Board to reject the SSAD recommendation. It seems like an overly-bloated system for a fairly simple result. But we recommend the Board accepting the Phase 2A recommendations, which is to create a new field for natural vs. legal entity. Even though we're not satisfied with the results of Phase 2A, we don't want to forego the hard-won concessions that were made. Consumer protection remains the At-Large priority in this context, and that's something to continue to bring up whenever it comes up.

On DNS abuse, Further DNS Abuse Mitigation Prior to a New Round. We feel strongly that whenever there's talk of doing more gTLDs, that's a great opportunity to really be pressing this issue. So we want more to happen before a new round.

Ransomware, phishing, etc., are on the rise. This is a topic of great debate, but this a problem that isn't going away. There's a lot that's being done now by the Contracted Party House and the DNS abuse institute that Maureen serves on, etc. But we want to keep the pressure on the contracted parties and ICANN Contractual Compliance on DNS abuse.

We're committed to individual end user education. NARALO and EURALO have done a lot to do education of individual users on the issue of DNS abuse, and we're going to continue to do more along those lines.

There's plenty to accomplish with a strict definition, so on Joanna's session we spent some time making sure that we weren't going to just have a rehash of what the definition of DNS abuse should be because

while that's an ongoing discussion, even accepting a fairly strict definition of DNS abuse, there's plenty that can be done.

We're focused initially and primarily at this time on the registries and registrars with high percentages of abusive registrations. So it's the outliers or what we sometimes called the "bad actors" that we're more focused on than the folks that we have become friends with and see at these meetings three times a year. And, instead, working with those groups to figure out how to bring the less professional contracted parties under the tent and make them into good actors.

There are several sessions on this. There's Joanna session we talked about. There's a meeting with the GAC in which this will come up. And then there's also going to be a report out from the Contracted Party House DNS Abuse Work Group. So all three of those will be interesting sessions in which you should attempt to participate.

Again, I'm going really quickly, so don't bother taking notes. Just download them.

All right, ICANN Reviews the Multistakeholder Model. ALAC has been working to prepare to engage on the prioritization of all the recommendations that ICANN has received over the past 10 years, basically, and how we sort them out and determine what should go first and last, etc. This is an outgrowth of the ATRT3 recommendations around prioritization, and there's been a small group that's been focused on this.

The CCTRT, SSR2, and ATRT3 recommendations are a priority for the At-Large, and objective progress measures are essential. We need to really

start to quantify progress on some of the things that have been recommended in order to hold the organization's feet to the fire in terms of implementation of these recommendations.

There are still ongoing structural issues in the multistakeholder model. These are very big issues that will take a long time to resolve, but one of the recommendations from ATRT3 is a holistic review that might take a broader view, ultimately, on the multistakeholder model as a whole within ICANN.

As far as the sessions, there's an ICANN session, part one and two, of the Accountability and Transparency that's, again, on Wednesday the 20th of October. So please check that out.

Universal Acceptance is something of great importance to the At-Large community. This the idea that websites and software should accommodate the new gTLDs that were added during the 2012 round and any new ones that we might add in a future round. This acceptance of these new TLDs because of the length of the string or because it's in non-Roman characters is still a very big problem.

Something like 80% of websites are not fully compliant with Universal Acceptance. It undermines ICANN's credibility to just be releasing new TLDs out into the world that people are not then able to use because they're not accepted on websites or e-mail programs. And so this continues to be very important for the At-Large. And again, we believe that these Universal Acceptance issues must be remediated, at least to some degree, prior to any new round.

Subsequent Procedures. We've talked about this a little bit. This is an ongoing conversation and will be for some time, but we'll be talking about how to make sure that any new round is a program that benefits all, which is why we focus on applicant support. And we focus on community priority evaluations, community applications, and also on IDNs, as I mentioned at the top of the session. We'll be focused on IDNs in terms of some of our polling research because we want to make sure that the next program is more inclusive than the previous one.

We're very focused on so-called Public Interest Commitments from the previous round. And they're now called Registry Voluntary Commitments in a new hypothetical round, but they need to be enforced by Compliance or they shouldn't be used in the first place. So this is something that we continue to stress as well.

Closed generics require further discussion. They didn't reach consensus in the Subsequent Procedures Working Group. And while the ALAC has taken a position on the public interest exception that the GAC proposed back in 2012, this is something the community still needs to deal with more, and we will start to do that in the next session.

Goals for the Applicant Support Program. We had a session on this. There should be measurable goals associated with an Applicant Support Program.

And then we've also proposed a notification tool for GeoName applications so that sovereign entities are notified when a region or area over which they have some sovereignty is applied for as a string so that they have the opportunity to object.

And we don't support private auctions. So, a big issue, but this is about people learning not to game the system in a new round.

The Transfer Policy Review PDP, will be talking about. We're really focused on the end user experience. We want the Losing Registrar to confirm with the registrant before they let a domain go. So this is a little bit of a point of contention with the work group that our volunteers are continuing to represent us on.

And we have to address the complexity associated with resellers in this issue of transferring domain names. Again, there's more background and the downloadable document. There's the session on Tuesday the 26th on the Transfer Policy Review PDP.

That's it for now, Maureen. I just wanted to go through them quickly. And maybe Evin can post that link again since it scrolled off what we call below the fold, in newspaper jargon. But, thanks. I hope that everybody will participate in these sessions. And feel free to ask questions and ask how you might get involved as At-Large week and the main ICANN week continue on.

Back to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Jonathan. And I see that you've landed us right on time. But we did have a question from Sébastien. I wondered if that could be a quick intervention before we close.

Before Sébastien comes back, I would like to thank everyone for the participation in this. It's been a really interesting session on how it is

we're actually going to be involved. And we're really encouraging everyone to come along and share in what it is that we have to offer our ICANN community for the next two weeks—this week being At-Large Week and next week being the ICANN meeting week.

I can't see Sébastien. Maybe he had to go.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, I am here.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, okay. Thank you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I am sorry, and I didn't want to have the last word. Sorry, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: [Go].

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I just wanted to say don't forget the five people ALAC sent to the NomCom. NomCom was a very deep work and hard work, and you have even one departing leader of the Nominating Committee in your team. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:	Okay, remembered. I've taken note of that. Thank you very much. And thank you, everyone, for your participation at this session, and I hope you enjoy the rest of the meeting. Thank you. Bye. Take care.
DEVAN REED:	This meeting is adjourned. Thank you all for joining. Have a wonderful rest of your day.

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