
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Hello, everyone. Welcome to the ccNSO Council Meeting 185 on July 21st at 12:00 UTC. My name is Alejandra Reynoso, and I'm the Chair of the ccNSO Council. Please do remember, all Councilors that are joining right now, to add to your Zoom ID the word "Council" or "ccNSO Council" so we can look at you quickly in the participants list.

Kim, are we quorate?

KIM CARLSON: Hi, Alejandra. Yes, the call is quorate. And we've only received one apology, and that's from Chriss Disspain.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. Thank you very much. And noted.

As usual, I'm going to share in the chat the wiki where we have all documents related to this call so it's easier to reach.

And I would like to announce that I do have another business to be added to the Any Other Business. And I would like to ask if anyone else has any other business that I should be aware of, just to take note right now.

If not, I will ask this again when we get there, so no worries.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: And mine [inaudible].

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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Stephen, did you say you might have one?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Depending on where we go with the PDP3 stuff, yes.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. Noted.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: We'll see.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you.

Okay. So Item 2 is a relevant correspondence link.

Let's move right along to Item 3, which is the minute and action items. So our last call was in The Hague. So we have the transcript as our minutes, and the link is in the agenda. The to-do's are almost completed. We just have the application form that is pending on publication on the ccNSO website. But the request has been made, so it's only pending for technical things to happen. Also, there is an item for the Triage Committee to share with us what they're doing. And regarding the CSC, the coordination has been completed, but the approval is still pending. But all things are on their way. Also, the call for nominations for Council election 2023 are planned, but these will

happen in September, so that's why it's only planned. Everything else is done.

So moving right along to Item 4, we had no intercessional decisions since our last meeting.

And now moving to the updates from working groups, here we do have written updates from several working groups in Item 5 from the ECA, CSC, and CSC Review Team.

Are there any additional comments that would remain now?

I see none.

Okay. So moving to Item 6, please be aware that here we have several working groups that have specific items in the agenda. So please, let's wait until then to make any additional comments. For example, we have the Technical Working Group in Item 10. We have the Triage Committee in Item 14; GRC, Item 15 and 16; NPC, Item 18.

From any other group, is there any additional comments that you would like to share right now?

Okay. I see none. Thank you very much.

So, moving along, we do have updates from ccPDP's written updates.

Anything else that we should know about?

Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I don't know whether you want me to discuss it here or later regarding my recent conversations with the ICANN Board Chair regarding—

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I would say later.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Okay. That's fine. It's your call. [inaudible]. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Let me know when.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay.

And then, any updates from the liaisons besides the ones we have already received written updates [on]?

Okay. I see none. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Sebastien. I see it in the chat.

Now, moving to Item #9, it's updates from chairs, vice-chairs, Councilors, regional organizations, and the Secretariat. Here I do have a couple updates. One is that there has been a planning call regarding

ICANN75—general planning. And right after this call, we will have a second call to finish sorting out the block schedule. And we will know about health and safety measures in ICANN75 as well as what will happen with the slot on the ICANN plenary. There are several suggestions, so we'll see how that goes.

Also, in a separate note, there currently ongoing is the planning of a roundtable for ICANN75. And the proposal is to have two parts—one remote before ICANN75, and one in person at Kuala Lumpur. So that's it for now.

And, yes, Sebastien, thank you. Just to read from chat, yes, we agree to postpone the ccNSO and GNSO bilateral until ICANN76. And I will touch upon that when we get to that item again. So thank you, Sebastien.

Any other updates from vice-chairs or Councilors or anyone else?

Okay. I see none.

So let's move to the juicy part of the call, which are the discussions and decisions. So Item 10 is the update of charters and terms of reference. As we established some Council meetings ago, we will have this as a standing item until we manage to update all terms of reference and charters. And this time, we do have the Tech Working Group new proposed charter. The major changes are the adjustment of the scope. The main focus is to organize Tech Day and to disseminate information. And there is an administrative clarification on the appointment of the chair and co-chairs, and a reference to the membership on the webpage. So know that the membership has been consulted regarding this new charter and that everything is fine.

I would like to know if there's any questions regarding this item.

I see none.

May I have a mover?

I see Pablo's hand on the camera. Thank you, Pablo.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I second.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Stephen seconds. Thank you very much.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: [inaudible]

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: So we have a resolution in front of us. Any questions regarding the resolution?

Okay. I see none.

So let's go for the vote. So if you agree with the resolution, remember to use your green tick to say that you agree. If you abstain or object, please use your red cross in the Zoom room. So I'll give you a few seconds to do that.

Okay. This is all green ticks. So thank you very much, everyone. You can now lower your green ticks.

And just for good measure, is anyone against?

I don't see any objections, so this has passed. Thank you very much.

Now, we're moving along to Item 11, which are appointments to working group—

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

Excuse me, Alejandra. My hand is up. I just want to thank everyone for their support as the liaison to the Tech Working Group. Thank you. Carry on.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you, Stephen.

Okay. Moving to the appointments to working group and committees, we are going to try to do a new thing here. As you may have noticed, we have one resolution to gather all working group appointments and also committee appointments. The idea is to make this more efficient. And I hope you like this format. So we have the appointment of Segun Akano as Vice-Chair of the GRC, the appointment of Brett Carr as a member of the Tech Working Group, and ... Well, we just approved the charter of the Tech Working Group, but it will become effective after the seven days. So, anticipating this amended charter, we appoint Eberhard Lisse as Chair of the Tech Working Group for three years. And also, we

appoint the Co-Chairs, who would be Ondrej Filip for a period of two years, and Jacques Latour for one year.

So any questions or clarifications regarding this item?

Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I fully support it and nominate Eberhard Lisse to continue on as Chair. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. That's what we will do after the voting. So thank you.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Oh, right. Sorry.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No problem.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: APTLD had me up half the night. Sorry.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No worries.

Okay. Can I have a mover?

I see Pablo's hand in the camera.

May I have a—

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I'll second.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Stephen seconds. Thank you, Stephen.

So any questions regarding the resolution itself?

I don't see any questions.

Pablo, I see your green tick coming up. Is that an anticipated yes?

Okay. Thank you, Pablo.

Okay. So moving along to the voting, please use again your green ticks if you are in favor of this resolution. And I'm going to check the list, so please, all Councilors, use your green ticks if you are in favor, or your red cross if you will abstain or are against.

I see only green ticks. Thank you very much, everyone. You may now lower them down.

And just for good measure, I would like to know if there is anyone who is against or abstaining.

I see none, so this has passed. And thank you, everyone, for joining the efforts of the ccNSO work. We really appreciate all the participants who

are joining their new leadership positions or membership in these working groups and committees. So thank you very much.

And I see Pablo's applause. Thank you, Pablo.

Since we're on this topic, just for quick feedback, how do you feel about this new way of appointing members? Do you like that they are all joined in one resolution instead of having one per appointment? Is that something we should keep up?

I see thumbs up.

Yes, Jordan?

JORDAN CARTER:

Hi, everyone. Hi, Alejandra. I think it's a great way to go when it's an uncontroversial set of appointments. And if there was something that we were doing that was a bit tense, or there was a dispute about who to appoint, it'd probably make sense to keep it separate so that we didn't have to say no to everyone if we ended up deciding to say no to that difficult decision. And that's the only thought I've got on that.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Jordan. Noted. And it will be considered for next time. Thank you.

There are no other hands.

And Pablo agrees with Jordan. Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much for the feedback.

So now we are moving on with Item 12, which again has a similar format to the one before in the sense that we're grouping two similar decisions on the same category. We have updates to the ccNSO membership as we received a notification that dot-bi was recently transferred. And therefore, when this happens, automatically the membership of the former ccTLD manager ends. And the idea is just to acknowledge this action and have it documented here and brought to the attention of everyone.

And we also received an application from the ccTLD manager of Guinea-Bissau. And here have a draft resolution—one where we confirm the administrative termination of the dot-bi, and one to approve the ccNSO membership of the gw.

Any questions regarding this item?

Okay. I see none.

May I have a mover?

Thank you, Pablo. I see your hand in the camera.

May I have a seconder?

I see Sean's hand up. Is it for seconding?

SEAN COPELAND:

Yeah.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Sean. So Sean seconds.

Okay. We have a draft resolution in front of us. Any questions regarding the resolution?

Okay. I see none, so let's go for the vote. Again, use your green ticks to approve, or your red crosses to object or abstain. I'll give you some seconds there to find your buttons.

Okay. I see only green ticks. Thank you, all, very much. And for good measure—you may lower them down now—is anyone against or abstaining to this decision?

Okay. I see none. This has been approved. Thank you very much.

Okay. So now we are moving to Item 13 regarding the exclusion of ccTLD policy-related matters from ICANN's reconsideration and independent review processes. So we've been informed by Stephen, the Chair of the Review Mechanism ccPDP, about the questions brought from ICANN Legal in his April report in progress on this working group. And in June, Patricio, in his capacity as Chair of the ad hoc group that is looking into the retirement policy at the Board, mentioned that this issue needs to be addressed to get the retirement policy adopted by the Board. So to resolve this issue, we decided to write a letter with our own suggestions. So we have drafted the letter, and everyone has contributed to it. So thank you very much.

I would like to know if there are any questions or clarifications regarding this item.

Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Is this when you would like me to talk about it? Or ...

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: After we go through this voting, I will give the floor to Patricio to update us on this item, and afterwards I will call on you.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Excellent. Okay. It's your meeting. Cheers.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen.

So may I have a mover?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I move.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen.

And I see Jenifer has her hand up. I'm guessing it's for secondment.
Correct?

Yes, I think it is.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Yes.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Jenifer.

So any questions regarding the resolution?

Okay. I see none, so let's go for the voting. Again, please do use your green ticks for approval, and red crosses for abstention or objection.

I see only green ticks. Thank you very much. You may lower them down now. And as usual, for good measure, do we have anyone against or abstaining?

I see none. So thank you very much. This has been approved.

And as I mentioned before, now I would like to give the floor to Patricio to have a quick update from the ad hoc group. Please, Patricio.

PATRICIO POBLETE: Thank you very much, Alejandra. And hello, everyone. Thanks again for the invitation for the ad hoc working group to keep you updated on what we're doing.

Since I last updated the Council, we've had one meeting by the group where we finished considering all open points. There were just a few, and we finished their consideration with one caveat, which is that one of those points—actually, the most important one—was this carveout issue which you've just approved the letter of that will clear that issue. So we're very glad that we just passed that resolution.

Then we asked the staff to prepare a draft Board paper and a draft Board resolution, which are the two documents that need to be ready for the full Board to consider this. The Board resolution also includes the rationale that is published once the Board passes the resolution. And I'm glad to be able to report that both drafts are ready. I just received word that they're all ready and they're being distributed to the ad hoc group. And the group is meeting tomorrow, so we'll be just in time for the group to take note of those documents and begin their discussion.

And also, tomorrow I hope you'll allow me to inform the group of the resolution you've just passed about the letter. I don't know if the letter will re-arrive through regular channels, but I hope you won't mind if I communicate that to the group. And as I said, that was a final open point, so the way is open now for this to proceed. And we'll discuss the drafts, and I imagine members of the group will have some comments or observations that we have to consider. And we'll also discuss what the next steps are for this to come to the full Board. I think there's just a matter of a little time that that will take. Nothing major. But we'll have to see how that goes.

And we have another meeting scheduled the week after. Supposedly some of the discussion of the draft will not finish tomorrow, so one week later, we'll hopefully close or finalize all that discussion and have the final version of the papers ready.

So that's more or less our timeline for the near future.

Afterwards—I don't know if you are aware—there is a break. The Board is taking a three-week break. And support staff will hopefully will also

use the opportunity to have their summer vacations. So, if at all possible, we'd bring this to the Board before the break. But that's looking unlikely right now. Some of these things take a little time, as you are aware. Actually, the letter you just approved as a reply to ICANN is a reply to a question that ICANN Legal sent back in maybe early April. So with the best of intentions, some of the things do take a little time. I hope it will not be much. So if not before the break, I'm confident that, at the first opportunity after the break, we'll be able to bring this to the full Board and hopefully have a resolution passed to approve this.

Otherwise, the next available opportunity, I suppose, will be at ICANN75. So at the very latest, I would expect this to be approved by the Board at ICANN75, if not earlier. Thanks.

And that's my report. Thanks, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Patricio. And, yes, this letter will go out today. And you of course may already give the word that it has been approved. So no worries regarding that. And I'm very glad to hear that, from now on, it's just administrative matters that are pending, and everything looks like we will get the resolution at the Board as soon as possible. So thank you very much, Patricio.

Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

I just want to thank Patricio for that report and personally apologize to him publicly for ripping his head at ICANN74 as his conduit to the Board.

This sounds really positive. It's consistent with my most recent discussions as well with other Board members. I think we're getting the result we want. It has taken a lot longer than it should have. I think that's probably the best way I can summarize it. But I'm very pleased to hear from Patricio on where things are going with regards to this. So I want to thank him and the ad hoc committee for their work on this. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen.

PATRCIO POBLETE: Thanks, Stephen.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. Moving along to our next item ... Stephen I see your hand is still up, so I'm guessing it's the previous one, right?

Thank you.

Okay. So moving along, we are now on Item 14: an update on the Triage Committee. So I will give the floor to Jordan. Please.

JORDAN CARTER: Thank you, Alejandra. And I think the title is a bit of a ... It's not really about the Triage Committee. It's more about our workplan for '23-'25.

And at our last meeting, we committed as Triage to come back with a bit of advice for the Council to consider around what should be the top priority pieces of work the ccNSO is working on, consistent with the new effort to prioritize and be clearer about what the priorities are.

And I'm sorry there isn't a paper for this. We only had our meeting around a day and a half ago. So that's why there's no paper, but I did include a little note in the ccNSO Working Group and Committee written updates and Google Docs. So it's very simple, fortunately. We just identified three top priority areas that were most consistent with the high-level strategic plan we adopted earlier this year. And that seems to us to be the areas of choice about where we could deploy resources. So they're not things like [inaudible] ICANN meeting, which we have to do, or run an election, which we have to do. And they're where we think we should focus the efforts that we have discussion about. And there are three of them, and they will not be a surprise to any of you. If they are a surprise to you, I am surprised. It's the PDP3 on retirement. It's the PDP4 on IDNs. And it's the process that we're in now of dealing with DNS abuse, to setting up the new ad hoc group, and following the workplan that we've adopted there. So those are what are recommending to the top priorities.

We will intend to get into a cadence where, every quarter, we come to the Council with advice about what the top-three priorities should be for the coming quarter. So we're just a little bit late for this one. So at the September Council meeting, we'll have some advice for the October/November/December quarter.

And the other thing that we'll be working on as a committee over the next couple of months is how we report back to the Council on the work that has been done against the workplan. That's our next piece of work.

But for now, we're sort of looking for those so many views or arguments around those three priorities and welcome any comments or feedback, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Jordan.

Any comments or questions regarding this item?

Okay. I don't see any.

Thank you very much, again, Jordan. I believe that this will help us be more updated on what we will focus on and how to administer resources. So I think we're making good progress here. So thank you very much.

JORDAN CARTER: Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. So, again, well, you also know that this is not the only opportunity that we can communicate with. So if there's anything else that you would like to know or comment on regarding any of the topics that we're discussing, we have the mailing list. We have our WhatsApp group. So please don't hesitate to use those as well.

Moving along to Item 15, we have the change of the rules to reflect the amendment of Article 10 and Annex B to include IDN ccTLDs in the ccNSO. So we had a summary from the GRC during ICANN74. And what we need to do now is request ... We need some feedback from the community before we approve, as Council, the rules. So the idea of this item is just to approve the resolution to request the Secretariat to circulate the updated internal rules to reflect the updates that were discussed and of course to coordinate with the GRC on timing and next steps and how to do that with the aim of being able to actually approve these rules at ICANN75 and call for the membership vote.

So are there any questions or comments regarding this item?

Okay. I see none, so may I have a mover?

And, Jordan, I see your hand in the camera.

And, Pablo, I see your hand as well. So, seconder, thank you very much.

Okay. Any questions regarding the resolution?

Okay. I see none, so let's go for the vote. As you know, we will use our green ticks for approval, and our red crosses for objections or abstentions. I'll give you some seconds to find them.

Okay. I see only green ticks from everyone. Thank you very much. And you may lower them down now. And just for good measure, is anyone against or abstaining from this decision?

Okay. I see none. So thank you all. This has been approved.

And moving to Item 16, it's on the same note. We have as well the amendment of the guidelines—two guidelines. We have the ccNSO Board Seat 11 and 12 Board nomination process and the Council election process as, which also needs to be updated due to the changes of Article 10 and Annex B of the bylaws.

So in this case, since these are guidelines, what we would like to do here is just to request the Secretariat the Council as soon as feasible about the next steps with respect to the adoption process of these guidelines because they're still in progress. So there is no decision here to be made; just acknowledge these to do.

But in any case, I'd like to know if there are any other comments regarding this.

Okay. I see none. So these will come our way soon.

So, moving along, now we are on Item 17 on the update[d] repository of ccNSO-related changes to ICANN bylaws. And for this, I would like to give the floor to Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Thank you. Alejandra. Unfortunately, I had hoped to have it completed to reflect the latest changes in the bylaws, but I didn't. So I'll circulate it tomorrow morning to the Council. And it's just to reflect the latest change, and that is the adoption and amendment of Annex B and Article 10 and the issue that you've identified in your letter regarding the need to change the reconsideration and IRP. Interesting: in reviewing this document, you already could see that, I think, about two or three years

ago, this was a topic—the need to update the Article around the IRP and rejection—because it talks about the delegation and redelegation, although the correct terminology is delegation transfer and revocation. So that was already included in the repository. That was an interesting rediscovery. I'll put it this way.

So apologies again that I'm not able to share it now, but I'll circulate tomorrow to the Council. And that's just for your information. So there's no decision related. Thanks, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you, Bart. So we will look forward to this document. And it's interesting that we find it in the history, right? But the good thing is that now it's being addressed.

Okay. So with that, moving along to Item 18, for this, to make it easier, I would like to ask Kim to share the draft schedule that we have right now for the ccNSO-related meetings at ICANN75. So you are now looking at it on screen. And I will go through the items in the agenda, but you can see them now in a more visual way. So please note that there are some asterisks or stars near some of the sessions, and this is regarding interpretation. Remember that we were granted a pilot program to have interpretation during the ccNSO members meetings.

So right now, I do have one quick question for you. The question is, should we have two or three languages for interpretation—those languages being French, Spanish, and, the third one, Arabic? So this is a pilot program, and the idea is to make the most of it to promote it and communicate it throughout our community and then to gather metrics

and its use for later evaluation to see if we should continue with three languages or two languages or just one maybe. I don't know. So what do you think? Should we have on this first ICANN75 just French and Spanish to start? Or shall we go for the three of them and then reevaluate for ICANN76?

Yes, Pablo?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ:

Thanks, Alejandra. And greetings, all. I am of the opinion that, in addition to English as our lingua franca, French and Spanish are pretty much the main languages. Nevertheless, when we are in a particular country, if an additional language would facilitate things for the locals, I am in favor of having that other language. For example, if we were in the Middle East, I'm all in favor of, in addition to French and Spanish, we have Arabic as well. And similarly, in other countries and regions as that particular language of those that we translate normally [inaudible] would facilitate things.

So I'm in favor of having French and Spanish. And then, if it's necessary to add a third language, so be it. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Pablo.

Anyone else?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I agree with Pablo on that one. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen.

JAVIER RUA-JOVET: I agree also with Pablo.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, Sebastien?

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: So I have a question mainly out of curiosity here. So you're suggesting that the translation being done in French and Spanish? Speaking both, I love the idea, but does this mean that there's no translation back in English? So should you, for example, intervene in Spanish, will it not be translated back in English? That's the first question.

And the second, from experience in having participated in different groups where there's translation that is being tried for something like that, I think it's also important to understand that some of the interaction needs to happen in French and Spanish in that case in order for the test to be conclusive. And I know for myself that, having worked in the industry for 15+ years in English, I'm having trouble doing it my own language. So sometimes it needs to a bit of prep and it needs a bit of getting ready for it before you present. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Sebastien. And just for clarification, we are talking about live interpretation here, just to differentiate from translation when we translate documents. And, yes, it should be both ways, let's say, Spanish-English, English-Spanish, French-English, or English-French, as we are used to in the ICANN world. So that was that.

And, yes, we are excited to have these languages here because, from a small research done on the official languages from the ccNSO members, these are the ones who actually get to most of our members or a big number of members. So we are hoping that it helps during the ccNSO meetings to have more participation and to engage them in the discussions. So that's why we have this pilot program: to start and see if our premise of the language barrier being an issue holds. So if we have interpretation during these sessions, will we see more participation, more engagement, from our community? If so, then we might keep it as a standing thing. So that's why we are having it here.

And, Kim ... Okay, Sebastien. Is ... ah, okay. So, reading Kim's chat, she's saying interpretation will be available via Zoom and using the black boxes that are in the physical rooms at ICANN75.

So would it be ... And this is just to be on the safe side. Is it okay then if we start with only French and Spanish for ICANN75? If so, please do use your green ticks so I can have a temperature of the room here.

Okay. I see some green ticks, yes. Okay. Thank you, everyone. So that's it. We will use only French and Spanish this time, and then we'll reevaluate for the next one.

I'm sorry. I'm reading the chat. "What is the blanked-out yellow box at the bottom?" Ah, yes. Okay. So Kim has replied and, yes, it is regarding the ccNSO networking event. But we are not discussing it yet because it's not yet confirmed. So that's why it's blanked out.

Okay. With that, please note as well that we will have some prep meeting on Sunday, and tentatively we will have a Council workshop afterwards. And then the Council meeting will be on Thursday at the end of all the activities.

Regarding our bilateral meetings, as we already mentioned with Sebastien at the beginning of the call, it was agreed not to have a joint session with the GNSO at this particular session but for it to be deferred to ICANN76. And the same goes with the one with ALAC. As you can see, our schedule is already packed with very interesting sessions, so those two will be deferred to ICANN76.

With this speaking about having a packed agenda, we received an e-mail from Giovanni regarding his team at ICANN wanting to have a session with the ccTLDs to be able to talk about the future of the multistakeholder model, evaluation of the methodology that they are applying to select projects and initiatives, and any possible actions that ICANN should enforce to enhance effectiveness of this model. And they would like to have an interactive session with each SO or AC. And they were requesting for a slot during ICANN75, but as you can see, we are already at top capacity here.

So should we ask Giovanni to better have a webinar before ICANN75 with the ccTLD community? Or shall we ask him to defer this session for an in-person one in ICAN76? What is your feeling regarding this?

Yes, Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL:

As far as I understand, this is the session with the ccNSO from Giovanni on the multistakeholder model implementation and discussions around it. He's having a similar kind of conversation with other supporting organizations and advisory committees during ICANN75, so deferring to ICANN76 is probably too late from his perspective. So I don't think that's a viable option. It is either at this meeting or a webinar around ICANN75. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Okay. Thank you very much, Bart.

And I also see Stephen in the chat, saying, "Let's get him before as soonest." So with this in mind then, I'll go back to him and ask him for a webinar before ICANN75 so we can give him the feedback he needs on time.

Will that work?

I see nodding in the cameras. Okay, "Yes," in the chat. Thank you very much.

So with that have a joint ccNSO and GAC meeting. The proposed topics so far are DNS abuse, a presentation of the proposed review mechanism, and some progress on ccPDP4.

And we also have a ccNSO and ICANN Board session right now. As you can see in your screen, we have tentatively ccNSO and ccTLD-related ICANN Board members there.

And I would like to ask you all for your thoughts on this. Should we have a full Board or the ccTLD and related Board members?

And I see Stephen has his hand up.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

Thank you, Alejandra. If we can go back a bit to the GAC-ccNSO meeting, I feel I really need to bring them up to date, given that they do not have a representative present with us in the PDP3 Working Group at this point in time.

How much time do I have to give to them? Because usually, pre-pandemic, I'd just go over to them and give them the update for 20 minutes or so. What do I have to work with on this? Because other things are ... PDP4. I don't want to step on their toes because that's important work. I feel I need to give them an update on where we are, minorly with respect to retirement, because the Board will hopefully act on it by then. And that may be a done deal. But certainly, with regards to the review mechanism, how much time do I get?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Well, right now, I don't have the details regarding the time, but I am sure that there will be some prep calls to make sure that everyone has a fair opportunity to share what they need to share on this meeting. So let's wait for that. We do know that this session is 75 minutes, so I think there will be plenty of time to do that. So maybe, I don't know, 30 minutes? So that's just a guess. So let's not do it on the fly and prepare [inaudible].

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: That's fine. If I get 20, I'll be happy. If I get 15, I'll be happy. Let's put it that way. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, I think you'll get that time. No problem.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: All right. Just putting my digs in for a little time. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay. No problem.

Irina?

IRINA DANIELIA: Thank you, Alejandra. And hello, everyone. May I return to the request from Giovanni regarding the meeting with the ccTLD community?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Mm-hmm.

IRINA DANELIA: If he has a [realist, troubled] wish to have an interactive session, then a webinar probably will not fully serve this goal. And so, in your discussion with him, if he will still insist, maybe we should try to find an opportunity to have this session. I see that there is not much possibility, but, for example, well, maybe it can be at the same time as the geopolitical forum, for example. So I wouldn't be so strict in refusing him from the very beginning.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes. Thank you, Irina. And it's not our intention. On the contrary, we were hoping to manage to get him in the schedule. And going against other sessions, what we wouldn't like is for him to have a half a room, right? Let's say, since it will be competing with ... Let's take your example with the geopolitical forum. Maybe some will attend that, and some will stay in the room. But as you say, if he insists, that could be a solution, right? So I will take that into consideration and tell him that it could be a possibility. Thank you, Irina.

So regarding the question that I made earlier, full Board or our informal ccNSO and ccTLD-related ICANN Board members? What do we prefer?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I always prefer the full Board because, that way, we can yell at more people. But ...

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No yelling. Thank you, Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: It's a light discourse, okay?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes. To have a conversation. Thank you.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: A light discourse. But the reality is we've got a Board where the vast majority of the Board has no idea what cc's are, what they mean, or what international legitimacy we bring to ICANN Org. And it would be helpful for them to be there to get a little education. That's what I was doing over the weekend, or earlier this week, rather, with an ICANN Board member. And they slapped their head, going, "I did not know this." Well, of course they do not know this. NomCom appoints so many of these people rightfully out of the atmosphere, but they come into ICANN and they do not understand what it means. So the more Board members we can get to come to these exchanges, the better, because, if we only have Katrina and Patricio participating in these exchanges, we're preaching to the choir. They know. It's the people who have no idea what cc's are and what our contributions are. Those are the people who we need to have come and engage with us. That's my thought on that. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. And just to be clear on this, it's not that we are not letting anyone else in our room. And all the Board members are also invited to join us. It's more on the format of the conversation and also the preparations that go behind the scenes when it's the full Board and when it's not. So no one is excluded. All Board members are also invited, and they are more than welcome to also participate. Just to make that clear.

Jordan?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: [Thank you]. And that's why I really feel this should be an offer of participation to all the Board, not just to our two Board members. Thank you. And [inaudible].

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen.

Jordan?

JORDAN CARTER: Sounds like Stephen cut himself off a bit mid-sentence. I think this discussion gives rise to a need for us to be very clear about what we want this session to achieve. I've noticed that, in sessions where we've gone for the whole Board option, there's a great deal more planning and prepping and scripting that's visible on the Board. And so the idea of a kind of open exchange doesn't feel really like that's what happened. It feels a bit stage-managed and clunky to me. So if we want

to use these to get the Board to engage with us, I think we're barking up the wrong tree because the Board doesn't really seem to do that much as a group in that kind of on-the-stage setting, if you like. That's my impression.

But I'm not against the idea because there's nothing really difficult or contentious going on that we need a more intensive discussion with the ccNSO-related directors on. So I think, if we were doing prep and we're inviting all the Board, it'd be contingent on us and the leadership to try and get the message across that we're not looking for scripted talking points. And maybe we need to take the first five or ten minutes of such a discussion to kind of re-present the role of ccTLDs in ICANN and what the ccNSO is for to do that reminding process that we just talked about because I think there are benefits to that. But I don't think there's benefits to a pretend conversation that is just a back-and-forth of talking points. So I think, if we want to do that, we should do that really clearly and effectively if we want to have a small, intimate discussion with our ccNSO-related directors. And we should do that. But they're quite different sections.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Jordan.

Tatiana?

TATIANA TROPINA: I cannot help agreeing with Jordan here, but I can certainly say, from my experience in the GNSO for four years, some of the Board meetings,

especially at the beginning, Jordan, were so dreadful it was worse than just reading the scripts. There was absolutely no essence, no content, in those meetings.

However, I do believe that, in the last couple of years, the Board is capable of frank conversations, especially some people.

However, we do need to remember—and I especially support Jordan’s idea to actually ask for no scripted answers—to work on our questions or suggestions for the Board for this conversation and also have some frank, non-scripted ideas of what we want to talk about.

And I actually think even raising Stephen’s point is a good idea as well about the communication with the Board itself, about their awareness of what is going in this space.

So I still do believe that meeting with the whole Board might be a very good idea because, for two-and-a-half or three years or whatever of COVID when everything got virtual, some of the Board members are new. They have absolutely new idea. And I think, at least as a sort of information exchange and capacity building for the Board, it would be a good exercise despite the prep we have to put in.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Okay. Thank you, Tatiana. But now I’m left with even suggestions. So there’s some that want a full Board, and some that think that that might be a good idea.

So let’s do a quick show of hands. So I will ask this question. Should we have this session with ccTLD-related Board members? And remember

that it's not only Patricio and Katrina. There are other members as well.
And if that's the case, please put your green ticks up.

And one ...

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Alejandra, I'm not sure what you're asking there.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: To have the session only with the ccTLD-related ICANN Board members.
That's the question.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Hmm. It's probably a little late to get the whole Board on board, but ...

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: So I only have one green tick. Okay. Now I will ask the other question.
Should we have a full Board meeting on ICANN75?

Okay. I see more green ticks. Okay. Then we will have a joint full Board meeting. Okay. Thank you very much. Now it's clear.

And regarding that, I received—I believe it was yesterday or closer to yesterday—a topic that the Board would like to discuss. I will paste it here in the chat, and I will read it as well so you can already think about it. It's, "What collaborative actions should the community, Board, and Org be undertaking to further progress achieving our strategic priorities?" So that's their question to us.

And they have also requested us to submit our topics no later than the 9th of September. So we still have some time, but as we have heard, there is some vacation time coming. So if you could already think of the topics you would like to discuss with the Board, please do share them either through the mailing list or through the WhatsApp group so we can already know what we would like to discuss with the full Board.

I see, Stephen, your hand is up.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Can I be somewhat cynical here and suggest that one of the topics of discussion should be the Board's selective adherence to the bylaws?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Well, I think we can discuss it. And, yes, you may propose it. So let's have a deeper discussion among us first.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Yes, I agree to that. But that's my contribution so far.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Okay.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Cheers. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Noted, Stephen. Thank you.

And Jordan: "How can we start streaming and simplifying how ICANN works, reversing the trend of rising complexity and slowness?" Okay. Fair enough.

And Tatiana is saying, "It might require the fine-tuning on the question." Okay.

So now we have two potential topics. And, please, if you think of any other, don't hesitate to add it to the mailing list or in the WhatsApp group so we can gather them.

Okay. Stephen, you still have your hand up. I'm not sure if it's a new one.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Old. I can't figure out how to run Zoom.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No problem.

So the rest of the sessions that you have seen already displayed are what we will have. So there's Tech Day on Monday. We have ccNSO members meetings. There will be a policy update and two ccTLD new[s] sessions. One will have a general topic, and the other one will have a specific topic. The idea of the specific topic so far is to address what was mentioned in ICANN74 regarding geographical indicators. So we'll see how that develops. We will have a session on ccNSO and universal

acceptance and looking forward to the role of the ccNSO regarding this topic, just as we did with DNS abuse. As well, we will have lots of working group meetings. And let me see. And as I told you, there's a plenary session yet to be confirmed. After this call with you, there's the planning session, so that will be discussed.

And I am hoping I'm not missing anything, Joke or Bart. Am I missing anything else that needs to be said in this item?

JOKE BRAEKEN: Hi, Alejandra. No, I think this is quite complete. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much. Just checking.

Okay. Thank you, all.

And, Kim, could you please go back to the agenda?

KIM CARLSON: Alejandra, can I give a quick update on the networking event?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Oh, yes, please.

KIM CARLSON: Thank you. Yeah, I don't have much to share at this point, as mentioned by Alejandra. However, the networking event is not yet confirmed,

which is why it's redacted on the screen. But on behalf of Chris, I'm happy to share that Identity Digital, formerly known as Donuts, will be hosting/sponsoring event on the usual Tuesday evening. The event is not exclusive to ccTLDs, but ccTLDs will be invited. There is an attendance cap, and I'm sure it's because of the strict COVID protocols that are in place in Kuala Lumpur. More on how to RSVP will be shared in the coming weeks. That's it. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:

Thank you very much, Kim. Looking forward to that one.

Okay. Moving on to our next item, it's the next Council meeting. So we will have our next Council call on August 18th at 21:00 UTC.

And now we are on Any Other Business. So I did mention at the beginning of the call that I do have an Any Other Business. So what I wanted to share with you all and the broader community is that, on the 1st of August, I will be starting as Technical Project Manager at [Grancie], which is an ICANN-accredit registrar.

And I have been working with dot-gt this full month to make sure that there is as smooth a transition as possible. And for your information, dot-gt agrees to me to continue on the ccNSO Council for the rest of my term. And [Grancie] as well is fully supporting my participation during this and any future terms, should that be the case. And I have already shared this news with the LAC community, with the LAC ccTLD managers, and they have expressed their support for me to continue representing them for the remainder of my term and, well, hopefully, for another one, if they so choose to do so. And if not, there's of course

no issue at all. But I just wanted to be transparent about this and to make you all aware of that.

Thank you, all. I see you clapping in the cameras. Thank you.

And I want to ask again if there is any other business from anyone else.

Yes, Pablo?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Alejandra. I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the work that you have been doing for our region, for our global community. And I am confident that you will continue to do an excellent job in this new endeavor in our continued work for our global community. So, much success.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Pablo.

Jordan?

JORDAN CARTER: Thanks, Alejandra. I just wanted to follow in your example to note that this is my second week having auDA, the Australian Domain Administration as the new Role of Internet Governance and Policy Director. I shared that by e-mail at the time, but this is our first Council meeting since then. I'm very excited. My boss is on the call. Rosemary is there as well. And in a similar situation, [they're] still working with a ccTLD manager, and Internet [inaudible] and dot-nz are more than

happy for me to carry on with the Council role that I've got at the moment. So on we go.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Jordan. And congratulations as well.

And any other Other Business?

Okay. I do believe that, Jordan, that's your old hand, right?

Yes.

Well, thank you, all, for joining our call. And enjoy the rest of your day or your night. And see you at our next Council meeting. This meeting has been adjourned. Thank you.

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