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KATRINA SATAKI:

Oh, hello. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Great to see you all at the ccNSO Council meeting during ICANN 68. So, yeah. We have some items for today. We have, like usual, ICANN meetings ... ccNSO Council meetings during ICANN meetings.

We did not have any council prep meetings on the Sunday before, so now we ... But we did have a council workshop a couple of weeks ago, which was also an interesting experience. Now, when we do it virtually, we can do it probably even more often than we decided to do it a year ago.

So, welcome, everyone. We have received two apologies, one from Margarita and one from Philip. Yeah. I hope that others are already on the call.

Let's go through agenda item number two really quickly. Minutes from our main meeting have been distributed on 20th of June. You still have time to review them and approve.

Action items. There is still one or two ongoing action items. One is a call to review charters or working groups. A second one, here, we continue working on this ccNSO knowledge base to make sure that we have

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everything written down and ready to be used [our generations] And actually, later today, we'll talk about our [future generations] a little.

Other action items are complete. Yeah, we have this issue report resolution relating to the registration of ccPDP4 posted, so it's done. A guideline on the board nomination process was posted, too. Yeah.

We have informed/sent out responses to the Nominating Committee, responses to their questions. And we also have this drafted letter to the ICANN Board and it's, again, later today on our agenda.

Inter-meeting ccNSO Council decisions and actions since the 20th April. 20th May, actually, here, it should be. Yeah. We selected a NomCom appointee. Yeah. Congratulations to [Johani] who is going to be our NomCom delegate for the upcoming year. Well, be strong. It requires a lot of job.

Next one. Yes, as I said, this amendments to charters. Everything is in process. Yeah. We have an amended charter for SOPC. Major changes [inaudible] membership rules. I don't know if we have Giovanni already. Giovanni is here. Yeah, good. Giovanni, maybe a brief update from you? Is there anything you'd like to say about the updated charter?

GIOVANNI SEPPIA:

Hi, Katrina. Hi, everybody. Can you hear me well?

KATRINA SATAKI: We do hear some whistling in the background but we can hear you well, yeah.

GIOVANNI SEPPIA: Okay. So, the membership part in the updated SOPC charter has, indeed, been revised. And starting from ICANN 69, the members of the committee will be asked whether they want to continue to serve thereon.

And also, as it was before, the chair of the committee may invite the ccNSO Council to request further publication of a call for volunteers in case there is the need.

There is also the provision that, if a member of the community commits to attend the meetings but that doesn't happen on a regular basis, and if a community member does not participate in three consecutive calls/meetings, the chair will reach out to this member.

And eventually, if there is no response or if the member continues not to attend the meetings and the calls, the chair may advise the council to terminate their membership. So, those are the main changes against the previous version, which was produced in 2017.

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, I sense determination there.

GIOVANNI SEPPIA: Excuse me?

KATRINA SATAKI: I sense determination there. So, SOPC is going to work even harder and, yeah, will require a certain amount of time and involvement to be a member of the SOPC. You can't be just a member and not participate fully.

GIOVANNI SEPPIA: Indeed.

KATRINA SATAKI: If I understand correctly, the idea for these changes ... Oh, I think those are good changes. Oh, you see the decision in front of you. So, the decision is to adopt the amended charter. Now, I need someone to move.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: I move.

KATRINA SATAKI: Who was it, sorry?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Pablo.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Pablo moved, and I saw Alejandra’s hand. But please, I see only a few people on my tiny screen. Therefore, if you raise your hand ... Maybe I do not see because you’re outside. Please use the mic and say your name when you want to move or second.

Okay. So, good. We have Pablo moved and Alejandra seconded. Any questions? Any questions to Giovanni, to the SOPC, about the changes, about how to become a member and contribute to the work? No questions? Okay. Then, let’s move to the voting. Anyone against? Anyone abstains? Oh, everyone in favor. Thank you.

Let’s move to the next agenda item, adoption of Review Working Party’s proposed assessment and initial implementation plan for ccNSO review. Yeah. Again, a little bit of background to that. As you remember, we had a ccNSO review. We’ve had several recommendations – 14 final recommendations, to be precise.

What we had to do, we had a review party together with some other parties involved. We had to review those recommendations and decide what to do. The idea is that we had to fill in the report, and the next step would be to present a plan to the board.

What we did. I hope you all had time to look at the document. Most of the recommendations, they are good. We discussed them in detail, what the Review Working Party did. They fully supported four recommendations, considered as already implemented recommendations four and twelve. One of those was, for example, to

change the bylaws to make sure that we do not have any membership requirements regarding IANA function review teams.

Then, we also supported the issues as identified by the independent review work but did not support the recommendation as proposed, but proposed the revised approach—that was for six recommendations—and did not support the issues as identified, nor supported the recommendation, nor suggested an alternative for the two recommendations, recommendations number three and 13.

One of the things that probably caused the most discussion there was about setting term limits to councilors. As you know, currently there are no term limits. Theoretically, a councilor can be a councilor forever.

During the ccNSO review one, which took place several years ago, the first review also recommended the same thing. They recommended to impose some limit. At the time, that recommendation was not approved by the Review Working Party, and as such, it did not [inaudible]. We still do not have those limits.

But when we look at the governance perspective, you see that, yeah, probably something needs to be done. So, review party looked at those. But this is one of the things that we feel we need to discuss with the community. Is discussion better to have face-to-face? Probably not about the fact whether there should be any limits, but also how to implement this.

Those are several approaches how to do that. One, for example, would be to change the ICANN bylaws and, as far as I know, SSAC is going that

way. They also currently have any limits – that’s to their chairs. So, they introduced that bylaw.

But bylaw change, probably, is a too tough way to take. There are better ways, probably a soft way. For example, we could have it in our guidelines or we can have it as a voluntary arrangement by councilors.

Actually, during our discussions, we looked into a table. Bart produced a table to see how many years these councilors serve on the ccNSO Council in average. And yeah, here, actually, you can see the picture.

That’s the table of ccNSO councilor’s years of service, and it’s not that bad. Not that we have every councilor is sitting there forever. We have two councilors who have served more than 15 years, and others are serving, as you can see ... Yep. 12 years. More than nine years, probably.

Let’s look at nine years as a threshold, because I think that’s how long one can serve on the ICANN Board. Three terms, by three years. So, more than nine years. Yeah. We have five councilors who served more than nine years during ... How many years we are now? 17 years of the council.

Yeah. And actually, one interesting thing was ... Another thing that we looked at was, how many ccTLDs have been on the council? How many ccTLDs allow their employees to serve on the council? That was, also, actually, quite interesting statistics.

For example, here, one of the questions might be that ... Well, in North America, we have only six ccTLDs, ccNSO members. But, number of people, they have very good turnout.

It's not that they have people sitting on a council forever. They really change people, despite the fact that there are very few registries there. Probably the smallest number of ccTLDs allowing their employees to serve on the council is in the Asia Pacific region.

But you see the numbers. So, this is something that probably requires a broader discussion with the community to see how to address this more efficiently. Okay.

Again, I hope you had time to read the report. Under the median length of service ... I don't know. I think we haven't looked at that. But I think it's less than nine years, actually, the median. But that's my feeling, my unexplainable feeling of someone whose background is in math. I really can't explain it but that's my feeling, that it could be seven, eight years.

Okay. So, you see decision. Let's have a discussion. Therefore, for that, we need someone to move. Anyone would like to move? Unmute and yell your name.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Alejandra.

KATRINA SATAKI: Alejandra, thank you. Thank you. Anyone would like to second?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I will second.

KATRINA SATAKI: Pablo, okay. It's quicker to unmute himself. Okay, thank you. Okay. Anyone would like to say anything, here? You see the decision, so we agree to fully support those recommendations, consider [all of them implemented too] Support issues but do not support recommendations, or propose a revised approach, and so on.

And then, we need to request the Review Working Party to submit their results to the ICANN's OEC. That's Organizational Effectiveness Committee. And we ask secretariat to request to publish this resolution as soon as possible. I don't know. Maybe I'll ask Bart. Is there anything I forgot to mention, something very, very important?

BART BOSWINKEL: No, not really. I think you covered ... Especially Recommendation 5. Yeah. For those who are not on the council, the alternative language is in the background paper. So, if people want to have it, look at the background or the alternative recommendations. Have a look at the background material. That's about it.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yep. Okay. Thank you. So, this is the decision. Anyone would like to ask something? Well, except Stephen's question about median length of

service. I can't answer that at the moment. But are there any other questions? Any comments, perhaps?

YOUNG EUM LEE: Katrina?

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes?

YOUNG EUM LEE: This is Young Eum.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah, please.

YOUNG EUM LEE: Yes. I definitely agree with recommendation number five, having served in the council for too long. And I think that we really do not need new blood in the council, and I think that it's about time that we move to do that. Thanks.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you very much. Well, it's not as simple as it seems because we also looked at some numbers. How many times have we had uncontested elections in different regions?

It's not that we had a long, long line of volunteers wanting to become councilors and the people just keep voting for those who are already on the council.

It's really the fact that we need to work to show that it's really worthwhile to become a councilor. You can do something. You can change things. You can do something good for your fellow ccTLDs.

So, yes. It's not that we do not allow new blood to come in. It's the fact that, apparently, at the moment, they are not too much interested to serve. This is something that we, as councilors, have to think about and really work ... Well, let's start with our own regions to move it forward. Okay. So, I see no other ...

BART BOSWINKEL: Alejandra has her hand up.

KATRINA SATAKI: Oh, really? Yeah, I see. I have to click on another tab. Yes, please, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Well, I think that the fact that there is no term limit is one of the big issues of not having people coming forward to stay in the council, not because they don't want to but mostly because people are already in the council and are willing to continue the job.

Not stealing it from anyone else, but if they say, “Don’t worry, I’ll serve another term,” maybe their own communities are like, “Okay, she’s handling it,” or, “he’s handling it, so we don’t need to worry,” and that can be something that we should work on, even if it’s ...

Well, maybe not go as far as to put it in the bylaws, but in our internal guideline or something. Because then, people would worry at the point. It also happens, for example, for our ICANN Board members.

They were also going again, and again, and again, until it was not more allowed to do so. So, then, the community actually said, “Okay, now, we need to work and find somebody else,” so I think it will work to have some sort of limit.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Okay. Thank you. Apparently, there is no disagreement about that. The thing that we need to start working with is our community members, show how great it is to be on the council. Therefore, let’s behave and move with voting. Let’s be decisive. Okay.

So, you see the decision. Anyone votes against? I see none. Anyone abstains? None? Okay. Approved. Thank you. Let’s move to our next agenda item. That’s an update on the ccPDP3. Stephen, would you like to give us an update?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

Good morning Katrina and everybody.

KATRINA SATAKI: Good morning.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: It's like 3:00 AM my time, so I'm a little dazed and confused. We have completed our ... Well, first of all, with regard to retirement side, our interim document is still out for public comment, I believe until the 10th of July. Last time I looked, we had two comments. So, people are beginning to take a look at it.

With regards to review mechanism, we have finished our examination of all the different various review mechanisms available within the ICANN ecosphere and we are about to dive into [substantive] discussion of a review mechanism. We do have a legal question, which I'm working on.

And we have adjusted our schedule by canceling our next meeting, which was scheduled for a week from tomorrow, to give our ICANN secretariat staff a rest after this week, and that's where we are. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much, Stephen. I got up at 3:00 AM today, so I really feel for you. Be strong! That's the commitment we expect from our councilors. Thank you very much for your work. Any questions to Stephen? No questions. Thanks.

Let's move forward to the next agenda item, IDN ccTLD-related work items. First is ccPDP4. So yes, we will organize a webinar to introduce the topic/introduce the work.

And we also will have a call for volunteers. As discussed and as agreed, we will do it in July. Is there any progress regarding the bylaw change to ensure that IDN ccTLDs can become ccNSO members? Bart?

BART BOSWINKEL:

I haven't checked, but say, the last time I've spoken with ICANN legal about this, the basic idea was that the board would launch a public comment on a bylaw change at this meeting. So, it is forthcoming. But that's the latest. I need to check the board resolutions and I'll inform you afterwards. Thanks.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Okay. Thank you very much. Thanks. Next agenda item, ccNSO board seat 12 nomination process, for information only. So, nomination process manager. Joke, are there any updates?

JOKE BRAEKEN:

Hi, Katrina. So, the nominations started at the beginning of June and will continue until the 30th of June at 23:59 UTC. So far, one candidate has been nominated and this candidate was also [inaudible] by several people. There are no other candidates at the moment. Once the nominations close, the due diligence verifications will start with

elections following a Q&A session at ICANN 69. So the elections will start in November 2020. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much. As you remember, this time we allocated a lot of time for due diligence checks, just in case it takes longer than anticipated. So, currently, everything goes according to plan.

Okay, next agenda item. On related note, we start talking about elections and ccNSO Council. So something that we need to decide and approve. As you know, we usually have our ccNSO Council elections around the third meeting of the year. We do Q&A at the third meeting, Annual General Meeting, and after that we have elections. We need to nominate people beforehand to make sure that we have a candidate to be interviewed during ICANN 69, in this case.

Okay. So, we have a proposed timeline. It was in your background material and this time on March next year, a term of the following ccNSO Council will end. Sorry, it's not in March 2020, it's 2021 now.

Here, you see the timeline. It was in your materials. We will need of course to appoint election manager, but I have a feeling that I know who is going to be our election manager. May I ask Joke to tell us more about the timeline?

JOKE BRAEKEN:

Happy to do so, Katrina. So, as you can see in the Zoom room, the suggestion is to start with the nominations the 9th of September after

nomination period is open for three weeks, closing on the 30th of September. Then the candidates that have been nominated have one week to accept their nomination. The day after the deadline for acceptance of the nominations, the election manager will inform the council and the community regarding the list of candidates.

We will then have a Q&A session at ICANN 69, followed by elections starting in November around the same time as the elections for the Board candidates. Not exactly the same starting date but around the same time. There's also time foreseen for runoff elections if they are needed and the idea is that the election managers submit the report to the council at the start of December, the fourth of December at the very latest. If there is no runoff election, this can be done sooner and this will allow the council to possibly adopt the election report, to close the election process by the December council meeting foreseen for the 17th of December. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much. Sounds like a reasonable plan to me. Earlier in the chat, Young Eum suggested that we turn on our cameras. That would be helpful. The community can see that there are real people behind those screens. Real people and they do a great job.

So, as you can see, the term of the following five councilors will end in March next year—Abdala, Young Eum, Katrina, Margarita, and Byron. And here we have the ... We just saw the timeline. I think again you see

the decision. The decision is to appoint Joke as election manager and adopt the timeline.

Before we go into any detailed discussions here, anyone would like to move?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I'll move. This is Stephen.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you, Stephen.

YOUNG EUM LEE: Young Eum second.

KATRINA SATAKI: And Young Eum seconds. Thank you very much. So, we have mover and seconder. Any questions? Anyone would like to ask something, propose an alternative timeline? No? I see no questions. Good. Let's move to voting, then. Anyone is against? No? Anyone abstains? No. Everyone is in favor. Thank you.

Joke, congratulations. You're our election manager.

Next agenda item. During our May call, we discussed the process of change of the ICANN budget and plan. Although we did recognize the

need to act upon the current situation and introduce those changes, we also thought that the process was far from being ideal.

Therefore, the idea was that we have a letter, that we write a letter to the ICANN Board in which we acknowledge the fact that that was the right decision and right move. However, the process was not what we would expect from ICANN.

So we have this draft in which it basically says that ... Everything I already said. And also suggest that probably it's good to have some expedited process and have a shortened period for public comments but ensure that there is [inaudible].

So, a letter. You've seen the link. Thanks a lot to those—some suggestions that we have in the text. Apparently, there are no substantial edits to the text, so with those few changes in mind, we can consider that a final version. You see the decision.

Anyone would like to move? Giovanni moves, I see in the chat. Seconders?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I'll second.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Thanks. Great. Any further questions, comments, anything regarding the letter? No, nothing. In that case, we see the decision.

Let's proceed to voting. Anyone against? Anyone abstains? Okay, everyone is in favor. So, thank you very much. I will send the letter from ICANN Board and other decision [inaudible] accordingly.

Then, next agenda item. Adoption of the final report on CCWG auction proceeds. We will have to do that, adopt the final report and [inaudible] during our August meeting.

There are going to be two webinars to explain everything in the final report. You all saw an email from Stephen. Stephen is our man on that cross-community working group and he has paid close attention to developments there. So you saw the letter. Thanks, Stephen, for the detailed report. Anything else you'd like to add, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Katrina. Not really. We're getting close to the end. Let's put it that way.

KATRINA SATAKI: About time.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: No kidding. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. Thanks a lot. Thank you. I suggest that at least some of us participate in those webinars, so that we can take informed decision in

August, because as one of the chartering organizations, we have to approve the final report. Okay, thank you.

Next agenda item that we have that is really of ccNSO Council workshop. As I already mentioned to those who are not on the council, we had ccNSO Council remote workshop. We worked in groups. We looked at different interesting things. It's really very cool to be on the ccNSO Council. Please put your name forward and you will have the opportunity to participate in those very cool council workshops.

You saw the result [inaudible]. Maybe you worked on all those materials that we produced during our discussions. Any [take outs] from your side?

BART BOSWINKEL:

Yes. What is interesting, what was shared already with the council, this is a consolidated overview of the weaknesses and strengths you've uncovered with respect to the ccNSO and the opportunities and threats. Also ... And that was part of the questions where the, say, some actions, how to address the weaknesses and strengths and leverage the strengths, also taking into account the opportunities.

Now, in the next phase—I would hope to finish it today but I didn't manage to do it—is I would like to ... That's a very interesting exercise—is combine the weaknesses and strengths and the opportunities and threats in a larger table, and then you will see four cells. And if you start looking at the different actions the councils have proposed, they address quite a lot of these four cells. So the next step would be a set of

actions to either address weaknesses, etc., of the councilors. So I'll share that after, say, in the course of next week.

Just as a reminder—and my suggestion would be to review that at a next meeting. What I've also done—and that's why it took longer than I had hoped—is I started to look at the ccNSO recommendations. If you recall, the ccNSO recommendations are around the purpose of the ccNSO but also its operation and structure.

And the recommendations you've just adopted and the suggestions from the RWP, some of them are very clearly addressing some of the weakness. Probably the major one is updating the ccNSO website, which as you all know is one of the messes of the ccNSO.

So, I would say, in the next phase, you would see both review and your two workshops, also the one from Montreal, all coming together in actionable items because, as one of you said, it is at one point time to stop navel gazing and start working and adopt action items and—

KATRINA SATAKI:

It was Jordan.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Yeah. It was Jordan. Yeah. But at least that would be the next step. So, what also is included is—and I think that is a nice overview—Can you go to the other slide or the other document? Is the results of the polls on the purpose and value of the ccNSO. Maybe that's of interest to the non-

councilors, say the council. So, look at the purpose and value of the ccNSO, which as you can see, is stated in the Zoom room right now.

It starts to look, first of all, check with the council agreed with that purpose and value statement of the ccNSO, and it's not [inaudible]. It's not pure rocket science. But it's at least very clear that, say, the vast majority of the council strongly agrees with it. Say, a minority agrees, but not in full. There's not really a shift over time. So, that's the starting poll that was at the start of the workshop and then the end poll. Okay, scroll down, please.

That's it. Yeah. So, that's it for me. There is also a question number two about, say, whether you think that the ccNSO delivers on its purpose and value.

Again, it is reasonable. And the question around work items. So, that's what the ccNSO is doing in the different areas, like policy and policy related work, cooperation and discussion, which are the pillars I would say of the purpose and value statement.

So, that's it. Back to you.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much. Thanks. As I already mentioned, going more and more to virtual meetings, we can have more and more council workshops. Probably we should not overdo it, but we can do more council workshops than we used to. We used to have them only once a

year. First, we decided to have it at least three times a year. Now we can probably four or five times a year.

One of the things, for example, I remember we did not manage to include into our council agenda for Cancun. We wanted to ... Well, that was a topic suggested by Jordan how to make ccPDPs more efficient and effective. So this is one of the topics that is still on my to-do list, something that we need to discuss.

Okay. I would really like to hear any feedback from you about number of workshops. Stephen, I see already things that we should be conservative with a number of workshops. So, that topic that was proposed by Jordan last year still is pretty high on our agenda. This is something that we could really make easier for coming generations.

Okay. Any comment on this? Anyone would like to say anything? Maybe you're sleeping or cannot hear me well? What about council workshop next week?

Okay, apparently not. Okay, Jordan, is it [inaudible] how to do PDPs with no face-to-face meetings, [inaudible]? Okay. Yes. This is something we don't have to decide now. Let's move forward. Just keep in mind more materials are coming your way.

Update ECA and CSE. First one, ECA. Anything from you, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE:

No, not really. All the upcoming board appointments that have been certified to the secretary, the rejection action period for the FY21

budget and five-year strategic plan expired without the submission without any rejection action petition, so we're going back into a quiet period for the foreseeable future. We're waiting for a couple Board issues, nominations from the NomCom but that'll be a while yet. So all is good there and quiet now. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you. CSC? Alejandra or Bart, who is going to take this one?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I'll start and then I let Bart finish. So, for the update, PTI's performance over May 2020 was excellent. 100% met all the 65 of the currently defined thresholds. And also the ccTLD delegation and transfer SLAs have been approved by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils. And the SLA changes were effective on the first of June 2020.

Now, I will leave [inaudible] to Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL: Thank you, Alejandra. So, the call for volunteers for the CSC membership closed last Friday. We have one candidate, Brett Carr. After this call, I'll circulate his CV, etc., to seek appointment or selection by the council. And then there is a consultation with the RSO, the Registry Stakeholder Group, on say the slate of members.

Hopefully, this will be concluded by mid-July, depending on the members, the RySG intends to appoint. Then the requirement or

approval of the full membership slate. So, that's liaisons and members, both the GNSO and the ccNSO Council is foreseen in September. Note that, say, the RSSAC liaison and the GAC liaison term has ended as well, so they need to seek new members and they can be reappointed. That's all. Back to you, Katrina.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much. Thanks, Bart. Thanks, Alejandra. Next agenda item are council updates, chair, vice chairs, councilors, regional organizations, secretariats. Anyone would like to add anything?

I think we have a pretty frequent and very good email exchange. We try to keep each other informed, but if there's anything you'd like to highlight outside those regular [inaudible] communications, please feel free to do it here. If no, let's move to ...

The next agenda item, it's working group committees versus guidelines review committee. Governance review committee ... Oh, we have submitted a report.

What we do, we [inaudible] will look at those ... Actually, how to remove board members. We have finished the part where someone—any individual according to the bylaws, it could be any individual who requests the ccNSO to look into the removal of ccNSO appointed board members. It's according to the bylaws.

Next steps would be to look into other cases of removal. For example, one is when someone wants to remove a NomCom appointed board member. Then the last one, [inaudible] how to spill the entire Board.

That's our plan but there are also some other things that need to be looked into. The last GRC call, we identified the issue with ... We have to appoint people to all those different committees, cross-community working group for example to CSC or NomCom, and we have too many guidelines for that.

So, the idea is that we make one general guideline and then add those specific requirements for participation in those committees as annexes for [inaudible] but we keep the [inaudible] general of things like call for volunteers, voting by the council—the same for all appointments have something about the specifics separate and hope that it's going to make it easier.

That's actually the current [inaudible], that we want to consolidate as much as possible and make it easier for people to follow the process.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Okay. That's all about the GRC. SOP, we already heard that. There's going to be a session tomorrow. Please attend it.

TLD Ops, again thanks a lot to TLD Ops for a fantastic document and their excellent work. It's really one of the [inaudible] stories of the ccNSO and we should and will highlight it more. We are currently working on ... We constantly improve those webinars for newcomers

and for broader community on what ccNSO does and one of the suggestions that we received from participants is to highlight more success stories of the ccNSO and TLD Ops is definitely one of the first candidates there.

Tech Working Group, thanks again for another excellent Tech Day. I think attendance was pretty good and we had interesting presentation there. I hope you all attended. If not, please watch the recording.

IGLC, Internet Governance Liaison Committee, will have their session later today, right after the council. And NPC Meeting Program Committee, they will meet right after ICANN 68 to start already planning for the next meeting. So, thanks a lot for their work. Thanks to Barbara who is the chair of NPC. And thanks to all NPC members, excellent agenda and excellent planning of the sessions.

Okay. That's I think all we have regarding working groups and committee updates. Update from liaisons, we'll have them in a written form.

About our next meetings. Well, first, let's talk about the current meeting, ICANN 68. That's the first time when the ccNSO has those virtual ccNSO members meeting. We had two sessions. One is still to go. It's Q&A with our appointed board members tomorrow. But of course, yeah, we have also, too, our committee and meetings, Internet Governance Liaison Committee today and SOPC tomorrow.

So, any immediate comments on how we're doing so far? Anyone would like to ... I noticed there's a hand. Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Katrina. I have to say the quality of the sessions we've had so far virtually has simply been outstanding. And a big thanks to panelists, moderator. Nick has done a great job and the participants as well. I thought they had been outstanding. The breaks are nice because you can only Zoom for just so long before you need to walk away. So, thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah, thank you. Any other comments? Maybe someone—

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: You have one in the chat.

KATRINA SATAKI: I have one in the chat. Okay. thank you for noting that. Okay, David McAuley. "I think sessions have been exceptionally good and show great planning and thought."

Actually, that is really the case. Planning and actually dry runs helped a lot. What you saw, you saw only the visible part of the iceberg. There was a lot of prep work. These groups, they met several times to discuss the flow. Then they met to have this dry run and see how it would work in real life. So, really a lot of work behind those virtual [inaudible]. We did rehearse, yes.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH: Should I just add to that, Katrina?

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah, sure. Of course, Nick.

NICK WENBAN-SMITH: I think that's right. The success of the sessions was largely down to the good organization. I hesitate to say not good organization on my part, but largely by the staff and by other people who organized me.

It is a different sort of session, though, to do it remotely. I certainly struggled a bit, because when you're in the same room, you can get visual cues as to who's interested and answering a question and prompt more questions and you can get the mood in a room in a way which is really difficult when you can't have that. So, I think we did pretty well.

I think the breaks are really important, actually, because it's a long time to concentrate. So, I definitely think an hour for any of those sessions is probably the maximum that people can manage. But yeah, people did a great job of preparing in advance and it was really helpful.

I think, actually, if you're going to do it, you have to have rehearsals I think, actually. That's something probably we should do rehearsals for the in-person ones when we have those as well. See how much we can make those better. But it's quite tiring, but then it's tiring doing it in person as well and they're not sure if that's ever going to change. But yeah, it's been enjoyable. Thank you for the nice comments.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you very much, Nick. Well, in any case, this is the first virtual ccNSO members meeting, so it's just bound to be the best one ever. Alejandra?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. I wanted to say that the idea of spreading the sessions also outside the ICANN meeting week was a wonderful idea, so we don't saturate one week regarding the different time zones we are all in, so that was definitely a good idea.

Also, it was really great how everyone could adapt quite fast to the change of the Zoom room settings because we were used to the traditional Zoom rooms, and then unfortunately we were kind of forced to use webinar rooms, but still, everyone adapted quite quickly. And definitely the ccNSO cocktail was great. We are all on our screens, but still I felt so close to everyone. And I miss you all. That was definitely a good thing to do, so we should even think of having maybe two cocktails, so that people who are on different time zones can be on one, and then the other, or both. I don't know. Just a suggestion. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you, Alejandra. Yes, indeed, a ccNSO cocktail would be great. But getting up at 3:00 AM after cocktail was not so easy for me. Okay, Pablo.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ:

Thank you, Katrina. The one thing that I found very interesting and extremely useful is the fact that we were able to bring content that is relevant to the majority of the people, even outside the ccNSO and it elicited a lot of participation and feedback. And the idea that we were able to run no surveys and people can see how others are feeling while [inaudible] is being discussed, I find that extremely helpful.

So, a big round of applause for you and all of those that participated. I'm seeing the work that Alejandra and Nick and others have done and it's been fantastic, outstanding. So, thank you very much and a big round of applause for all of us.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much. What I've noticed when we talk about webinar rooms, I noticed that being a panelist and seeing the list of participants really helps. When you are a participant and you do not see other people, you just ... Actually, it was great to receive these. "Oh, good morning from this part," or, "Good afternoon from that part." All those chat messages pouring in. It gave a sense of community. However, it's really difficult to feel alone in this webinar room. I hope we will be able to use regular rooms in the future.

I also see some other nice comments. And as Peter noted, really a lot of thanks—a lot of thanks—to our support staff. Not only ccNSO secretariat support but we also had many other ICANN people to support our meetings. So, thanks a lot to all of you for that. It really made a difference. Almost no technical glitches. So, thank you very

much. Thanks very much to everyone who organized, participated, and supported all those sessions. Really, thank you very much. Okay. As we heard, [NPC] will start working on the next meeting [inaudible].

Next council meetings. As you see—and we already discussed some items that we need to address during our August meeting. And then September meeting we'll have another meeting during ICANN 69 and you'll see all the meetings until the end of the year.

What is important here, those who are ... Alejandra, I believe that's your old hand.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: No, it's not.

KATRINA SATAKI: It's a new one. Sorry. Yes, please. The floor is yours.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. I just wanted to make an observation that if here we are taking into account the rotation that we agreed last time, to have the 12:00, 18:00, 12:00, 21:00 UTC.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes, I know, but when did we have this Those virtual meetings perhaps are having an impact. But okay, does that mean that November 19 is 21:00 UTC? No, 12. December is 21:00 UTC. Okay, we'll

look into that. Thanks a lot for flagging this item, Alejandra. We'll look into that.

Okay. That's about the upcoming meetings. Definitely we're going to have some council workshops before now and ICANN 69.

One more thing I wanted to stress for those attendees who are attending this meeting. You may remember that, since our meeting in Cancun, all council meetings are open to observers. So you can join any meeting.

There was really good attendance during council meeting in Cancun, in Cancun time zone at ICANN 67. And after that, people just disappeared or they're not interested. I just want to advertise it. [inaudible] all the time. You can join any council meeting you want as observers and you're welcome to do that.

Those regular council meetings are usually more interesting than these that we have during ICANN week—although this one is pretty good, too.

So, any other business? As I wrote to you, there is one thing I wanted to discuss and that's the draft paper on return back to face-to-face meetings. I already received some comments. Thank you for that. Tomorrow, during plenary, I will participate in that plenary and other SO/AC chairs will participate there, too. This is the opportunity to share some of the initial thoughts from our community on what we think about [inaudible]. Thanks, Demi and Nick. I think somebody else also already sent in their comments.

So, is there anything you'd like to say now? What's your feeling? Of course it's really difficult to predict anything at this point—anything. As Nick pointed out, maybe there will be no airline companies left to bring us from one point to another. Or tickets would be really very expensive.

So, any thoughts? Anything maybe you need to flag during the session tomorrow? No? No one? Nothing.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Maybe me.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes, please.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: It's already been said, but I'm not sure how we can foresee what will happen in the future because the world is changing differently. For example, here in Latin America, the COVID 19 arrived later, so we are still not near being close to open our borders to start traveling. I think it's too early to start thinking about face-to-face meetings, though it's never too early to plan, right? Just saying that, the way I see it, doing face-to-face meeting is not really something I see soon.

KATRINA SATAKI: And when you say soon, what's the timeframe you're referring to? One year, two years, three years, five?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Well, it depends, because my heart wants to hope that it won't be that long, right? For example, right now, I'm thinking that Cancun might not be even possible, though I wish for it, honestly. But the way things are turning out, I don't know. Maybe one year, being hopeful, from now. But again, I don't have all the numbers. It's my guess.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Alejandra. Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: [inaudible] as well. I just want to backup what you said. As you saw in the chat, things have been so mismanaged here I don't think any country is going to let anybody from the US near them for the foreseeable future until well after a vaccine is available. Of course, none of us know when that will be. So, enhancing remote participation, and even as ICANN moves forward with parts of the community going into phase two and phase three, remote participation facilities need to be in place for those countries that are still struggling with it. And I suspect mine will be one of them. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you, Stephen. Okay, any other comments?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: May I say something?

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes. Of course. Sure.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yeah. I think that this is a very good thing to have such a document because it shows that there are some people thinking about it and programming what could be the future with various texts.

So, I think that, overall, it's rather reassuring because it shows that something is [inaudible]. I also think that, in fact ... Well, it is a different point of view about things, but in the end, it's so very different from what's happening before.

Before, we had that of course physical attendance was preferred, but at the same time, remote participation was also authorized. In fact, at the moment, we have more ... Well, just now we have remote only, but the idea is progressively to go to more physical participation on a cautious manner.

It's a different perspective, but in the end, we have the same. We should have, in the end, physical participation as well as remote. In particular, for the category of people with higher risk individuals. And I think that I don't know what can be the percentage of people with higher risk individuals but this is a bit ... My point of view is that I think that there are [inaudible] concerned by these higher risk individuals, by this category, in this category. And what I think is that this is not really clear

because what is provided here is higher risk individuals must consider their own personal safety while attending face-to-face meetings.

And in this case, how are they considering this? Are they considering this by not attending, by staying remotely connected? What would be the recommendations that ICANN could develop for this category of people? This is my comment. These are my comments and also maybe some sort of request for this category of people. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much, [inaudible]. Nick?

NICK WENBAN-SMITH:

Yeah, thank you. In terms of in-person meetings, I agreed with Peter's comment around regionally that should be left to the regional organizations. I could see, for example, that we might be able to have some CENTR meetings maybe later this year, maybe even quite soon, given travel restrictions being lifted.

I suppose it's not all bad. Attendance is facilitated now if it's 100% remote. Everybody is in the same position and people who couldn't afford to attend before or save time traveling.

I suppose what I'm trying to say is that there are opportunities to increase participation, while we don't have physical meetings and that might be something that we should take advantage of.

It has been nice. It's been very noticeable in the United Kingdom during the lockdown that the air quality is much better. I think the environmental impact has been quite nice, and I'd be surprised if we go back to three in-person meetings a year. I think we might end up changing that as a result of some of these things. So, [inaudible] to be responsive, but I think I would encourage all of the community just to be courageous and to not worry about something being too radical an idea or suggestion. I think this is quite an interesting time and to really stretch the boundaries of the possibilities in terms of what we're going to do in terms of interactions going forward, I think because it might not be for a year or more still, unfortunately. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yeah. Thank you very much. Thanks, everyone, for their comments. I see no further comments. I see no hands in the panelist list. If that's it, I would like to invite you all to join the plenary tomorrow. And if there's anything you'd like to say, you can either ping me or participate in those discussions, chat, or otherwise. So, I'll see you tomorrow at the plenary.

And with that, again thanks a lot for this meeting. We still have some sessions on our agenda, but definitely we're going to meet virtually soon, August, September, during ICANN 69. If you have any ideas, any suggestions, how to make these meetings more interactive and more engaging, please share your ideas with others. It's really very important that we keep the ccNSO as a global platform for exchange and help our fellow ccTLDs around the world.

With that, again, thanks a lot. Thanks to everyone. Traditional thanks to everyone involved, secretariat, all people for doing great, fantastic, excellent job. Most importantly, stay safe, healthy, and take care of yourself, of your families, friends, and your ccTLD.

So, thanks a lot. See you soon!

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you. Bye-bye.

KATRINA SATAKI: Bye.

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