
BART BOSWINKEL: Over to you, Biyi.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Let me just put on my camera and then we start. Okay. Welcome to ccNSO Council meeting 190, and this is 15th of December 2022, and the meeting is from 12 noon UTC up to 13 UTC. Then after that we'll have the Council workshop that starts at 14 UTC.

Please note that this call would be recorded in line with ICANN meeting rules. And also Kim would not be on the call today. She's on a well-deserved holiday. We have with Yeşim who support ALAC, and is now supporting us for that location just to for those who has seen Yeşim for the first time and won't wonder who it is that is on call with us. And also, I'm going to be chairing this meeting because Alejandra has lost her voice.

So I think she's passed the [00:01:30 -inaudible] over to me. Pablo, I'm not sure what is funny with it, but it's okay. So she's volunteered me to chair the meeting on her behalf. I guess that's one of the hazards of being a vice chair. And Jordan, please supports me so that we'll go through this together. All right. Joke, can you confirm that we are correct?

JOKE BRAKEN: Hi, Biyi. This is Joke. Yes. We are correct today.

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BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. The agenda has been sent to all of us and it's displayed. But note that we would defer item 16 on the agenda today for an online discussion or to the next Council meeting, depending on how the chair wants us to run that bit of it.

All right. Agenda item number 2, relevant correspondence say between the last meeting, and now we didn't have any relevant agenda. So non for that bit. Item 3, the minutes of the meeting and action items have been circulated. The minutes were circulated late due to the fact that the transcripts were not available on time and were only circulated on the 14th. So any inconveniences are regretted.

As far as action items are concerned, all action items have been completed, and those that are ongoing are pending the next meetings. Are there any questions regarding the action items as displayed. Are there any questions concerning the action items?

Okay. Seeing none, I think we'll just proceed with the meeting. Okay. I had some poll intermitting decision since the last meeting that we had on the 17th of November. Some decisions that we previously made online, we reconfirmed the reconfirmation of Brad Carr as the ccNSO appointed member of the CSC. And, also, we appointed Irina as a member of the GRC and also for adoption, the structure of the meeting with ICANN Board, and all of that have been done and circulated.

So just to get members to remember, we agreed that community forum meetings, I'm sorry, both meetings with ccNSO appointed or related Board members were held at community forum and the full Board. We will meet with the full Board at AGMs. And there will be no meetings

with the Board at all during policy forum, which is the second meetings. If there are urgent things or important things to discuss, then it was to sustain these structures.

Okay. Updates and Q&A's for item 5. There was an update to the ECA, the CSC and CSC RT recommendations. So the CSC RT has gone. The initial report has closed on the 1st of December. And there were seven comments, of course, including the ones received from us. The registry stakeholder group are also positive of the review of [00:06:24 - inaudible] once in a while. And then the final reports will be the topic of discussion with the GNSO in Cancun.

Working group updates item 6. Working group updates are waiting, and there were no meetings. The written updates are in your inboxes. So please take time to go through all of those written updates. Except, other liaisons who have other liaisons in this meeting that have any further updates to give us apart from the ones that we're waiting.

Okay. I see none. So we move on to the next item, the next agenda item. Updates for ccPDPs. These are all written updates. But for ccPDP pre-review mechanism, there were no meetings since the 20th of November 2022. And the public comment has opened on the 29th and will close on the 24th of January. And we're all invited to note that and provide comments to that. Updates on IDN ccPDP --

BART BOSWINKEL:

Biyi, Stephen has his stand up around this topic, I assume.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Yes, indeed. Thank you. Thank you, Bart. Yes, public comment is open. We've gotten three, the last time I looked. They're all rather inscrutable, but we encourage further comments from the community. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you, Stephen. I'm joining my voice with Stephen. If we encourage the community and also let's encourage other community members to also put up their comments.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Exactly. Thank you, sir.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right, thank you. Agenda item number 9, update of the ccNSO website. Stephen, are you available to provide any updates on the latest.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: With respect to the website we design, very briefly, we met very recently with ICANN. We have a better idea of the path we're going down. We have a lot of work in front of us, however, but I think, it appears to me personally that we've got a firm commitment from ICANN to get this project moving sooner rather than later after a year's delay. So hopefully, we will continue down that path with their involvement. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you. And I think the chair is also working with you on this. I'm sure that we will get by somehow. Okay. A bit from Chairs, Vice Chairs, and other Councilors regional organizations, and the sectors. For chair and vice chairs, we had a meeting with NomCom, and the topics that we discussed were looking at what the qualifications are for NomCom appointees to the ccNSO Council. It's just to look at it so that they would have an idea of the kind of people that they would actually shortlist and bring to the Council.

Also, it was an opportunity for us to explain the role of the ccNSO and the difference between the ccNSO and the GNSO so that they do not have that mixed up in looking for people who can serve on the Council. And also an opportunity to also let them understand how the Council works, composition, and all of that.

Also, we're introducing the 360-feedback review. This is on agenda number 12, and we will look at it [00:11:14 -inaudible] resolution today, and this goes around it. This is not just for NomCom appointees, but for all Councilors, and we will look at it when we get to agenda -- [00:11:25 -inaudible] the resolution in agenda number 12. Jordan, are there anything I'm missing out.

JORDAN CARTER:

Sorry, Biyi. No, I don't think so. I think it's a good report of the meeting.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Thank you. So some administrative matters for discussion and for decisions. So this will run us through agenda item numbers 11 to 17. 11. Recently, we concluded the formal votes by members on the election of Patricio as candidates for Board seat number 11. To conclude the process, Joke in her capacity as a nomination process manager has submitted her nomination process report. When we adopt it, it will formally close that process for us. Joke, are there of the visuals to bring to the attention of the Council?

JOKE BRAKEN: Thank you, Biyi. This is Joke. No observations that are causing concern. There have been no irregularities in this nomination process. There are some observations included in the report, which refer to for instance, the comment by Patricio regarding the missing start date of the nomination in the guideline. The GRC has addressed that in the meanwhile. And also some comments regarding the importance of adhering to the instructions regarding the nominations, sending the templates to the right email address so that they are published in the public archive that is available to all. That concludes my update, Biyi.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Thank you so much, Joke. Before going forward, are there any questions regarding this topic? Any questions regarding the topic? Okay. So seeing none, we go for-- we have a resolution before us, can I request for a mover? Okay. I see Alejandra first. Thank you. Alejandra moves. And the seconder please.

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

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So Stephen seconds. Thank you. So we have a resolution in-- sorry, are there any questions regarding this resolution? Questions regarding this resolution? Okay. Seeing none, we move to the votes. Now let's vote. Please use the green ticks if you support the resolution. All right. Thank you. And the red ticks if you do not support the resolution, or you abstain.

Okay. So I see all green ticks. Thank you. We can put the green ticks down now. Thanks. Just for good measure, if there's anyone who abstains or if there's anyone who does not support the resolution. All right. Thank you. I see none. Okay. So means the motion is carried. Thank you.

Okay. So we move to agenda item 12, Council 360 review, terms of reference. There will be no decision on this item at today's Council meeting. We would actually take an online decision on this. However, in case you have not read the documentation sent to the mailing list, there is a short summary for all of us. Now all Councilors are going to be subject to review twice during the term, the term being the two years that the councilors will be in Council. Two times during the term, so the first time will be one year into the time of that Councilor. And then the second would be six months before the end of the term of the Councilors of that particular Councilor.

All Councilors and secretariat would review every Councilor. So each Councilor will be reviewed by all other Councilors and the secretariat.

And that's why it's a 360, so would have a fair view of how the person has fed all through the points that they were in the Council. The results will be anonymized, confidential, and will be shared with the Councilor only, not the full Council. For NomCom appointees, NomCom Councilors are required to consent to sharing the info with NomCom. Olga or Chris, can you help us explain the major points? It could be any one of you. It could be Olga, it could be Chris.

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Biyi, this is Chris. Look, I think you've gone through mostly what this is about. I'll happily answer any questions if anybody has anything that they want to ask. But I don't really have anything much to add to what you've said. It's a standard process. We've based it on the process as those that were in the last meeting when they were based on the Board, the process to Board users. And the questionnaire is built around a similar sort of questionnaire to the Board users. So as I said, happy to answer anyone's questions, or if need be, discuss on the list after this meeting.

BIYI OLADIPO:

Okay. Yes, Olga.

OLGA CAVALLI:

Yes. Thank you. Thank you for giving me the floor. I agree with Chris. I don't have much to add. What I could comment is that the NomCom selection process is quite long and detailed, which is good. All the information that we provide as potential NomCom appointees is

extremely detailed. But then as I've been appointed also to the GNSO, there is no feedback between the NomCom appointees, the NomCom and the Council where you're appointed. I think that's a missing link. And I think that could enhance the whole process.

If somehow the NomCom could have some feedback about what is happening in the Council, how the NomCom appointee behaves and also what happens with the NomCom appointee in respect of his or her role. So that would be my comment just to enhance the process. But I think that that's my comment from the moment, but I'm open to any question or addition to this process that I could add value or information to.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you, Olga, and thank you Chris, for those clarifications. Are there questions from other Councilors? Yes, I see Irina.

IRINA DANIELIA: Thank you, Biyi, and hello, everyone. In general, I like and support the approach, and I have a minor question regarding the timelines. I understand that one of the goals is to give feedback to NomCom so they can take it into consideration before probably launching the next round of looking for candidates for ccNSO Council. And is six months before the end of the term enough time to take these results into account or it's not feasible to do.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Thank you, Irina. I think Chris wants to answer.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Yeah, thanks, Biyi. Irina, it's not that they need to take it into account before they launch the process. It's so that if the person wants to repute their name forward again and be renominated by the nominating committee. During that process, there will be an opportunity for the nominating committee to see the feedback from their fellow counselors. So it's not about having it done prior to. It's about feeding it into the actual process. Does that help?

IRINA DANELIA: Yeah. Thank you, Chris.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Yes, Jordan.

JORDAN CARTER: Can I ask you a question? I may have read the paper too quickly, but is this for all Councilors or just the NomCom ones? Through all Councilors, isn't it? Yeah. In which case, I think, Irina's point, and just to build on, I hadn't thought about this, but it might be nice to make sure the timing is such that the results are available before nominations close in the election process just so people can take into account the feedback that they're getting?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Biyi, it's Chris. Can I respond to that, please?

BIYI OLADIPO: Yes, please.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Thank you. Jordan, you're right. A couple of things really. I don't think it's necessary to run the review processes all necessary at the same time. The key with the nominating committee ones is that they arrive into the nominating committee once the nominating committees in its process. Any other time doesn't work for them because they don't have a system to deal with it. So they need to be in the process. The person needs to have nominated otherwise it won't work. But again, it won't work.

And then that person needs to consent to that being given to the nominating committee. In respect to the elected directors, it's slightly different in the sense that it's only going to them. They can, of course, publish it themselves if they wish to do so as part of their election process. So I agree with you that I think to the most helpful, the feedback for feedback from the elected directors needs to fit into the timing for their election cycle. Thanks.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Thank you. Jordan, I hope that answers. Okay. Thank you. Any other questions on this? I saw a question in the chat room. Alejandra put the idea to have two reviews is to give opportunity to the Councilors being reviewed the opportunity to get the feedback and improve where needed, and then a final review of the term. And there is a response

from Olga. Yes, Alejandra, as I said, I think this is a missing activity and could enhance the process. I think also that having the feedback would actually help the Councilor to act well or properly where needed.

Okay. The process for the online decision for this one would start tomorrow. Please let's be on the lookout for this so that we can take this and move with it. Item 13, an appointment of ccNSO appointee to ICANN 2023 Excellence Award Selection Panel.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Biyi, may we go back just a slight moment to the previous point just to make sure that everybody is comfortable with taking a vote online, or do people need some more time to review and add comments. So maybe just as a question for everybody, if you're comfortable with taking a vote online, please check your green marks. If you're not, please check your red mark and or you need more time red mark as well. If you're comfortable based on the discussion now with the decision online, then that would be nice. I don't see any red ones.

BIYI OLADIPO:

I don't see any red ones.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Thank you. Sorry, Biyi.

BIYI OLADIPO: No. That's okay. Okay. So we'll go to agenda item number 13, appointments of ccNSO appointee to ICANN 2023 Excellence Award selection panel. We've been asked to appoint two new members on the Excellence Award panel. Stephen and Margarita have served their term and beyond. There's a recommendation to have two terms max. However, both Stephen and Margarita have served longer.

Council appreciates the work that they've put in on behalf of the Council in this panel. And we have in front of us the draft resolution that has no name included yet. We've asked staff to include this resolution now so that we can either insert the names today or after it calls for volunteers. We would actually suggest limiting this to Councilors only to ensure we have candidates with strong, that with long standing in the community. And this is the easiest way to ensure that we have a strong panelist. Are there volunteers for this? So volunteers?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Biyi, I'm happy to serve. I am happy to serve.

OLGA CAVALLI: I'd like to volunteer as well. Oh, sorry.

BIYI OLADIPO: So we have Pablo, and we have Olga.

OLGA CAVALLI: I raised my hand.

BIYI OLADIPO: Yes, I've seen your hand, Olga.

OLGA CAVALLI: Okay, thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: So we are Pablo and Olga. Pablo and Olga, thank you for stepping up. We appreciate you're stepping in. Thank you so much. So Stephen, you might want to share with us your experience on the panel. Please.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Biyi. It's an interesting process. I was on it for, I think, three years should have been only two as I recall, which is why I stepped away. We had one year where we really had a dearth of candidates, but we did come up with one. But the other two years, as I recall correctly, it was a vigorous and challenging selection process because we had serious number of contending candidates. And I would say that ICANN staff does a really good job at least during my tenure of supporting the process for those of us in the community trying to figure out who gets the award. So it's a rewarding experience is where I would describe it at the end of the day. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Stephen, and that's why it important for us to have people who have long standing in the community and would be able to identify

those who are deserving of these awards. Thank you so much to Pablo and Olga for standing in. Could we please insert their names into the resolution? Before going forward, are there any questions regarding this topic? Okay, I see none. Okay. Do we have any movers? Irina moves. I saw Irina's hands first. Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I'll second then there.

BIYI OLADIPO: And Stephen seconds. Thank you. So Irina moves and Stephen seconds. Thank you. Are there any questions regarding this resolution? Questions regarding the resolution? I see none. So let's move to votes. If you are in support of this resolution, please use your green tick. I'm seeing the green ticks even before I have popped the question. All right. Green ticks. Green ticks. Thank you. Please, let's put the green tick down. Against, red marks. Okay. I see none. Or if you abstain, let's see the red marks just for good measure. All right. So no red marks. So the resolution is carried. Thank you. Thank you, everyone.

Agenda item number 14, appointments, fellowship mentor and selection committee 2023. ICANN reached out to us with a request to appoint a fellowship mentor and member of the 2023 selection committee. To date, Jenifer served in this capacity, and I think Alejandra served in this capacity, oh, Pablo, served in these capacities. I'm not sure Jenifer is on this call. Pablo, you served on the appointments committee before. Are you able to share with us what your experience was like?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ:

Yes. Thank you, Biyi. In the selection committee, it was very interesting because we had the opportunity to see the various applications that were submitted and we were able to follow. And I enjoyed very much the process, the forms that each prospect fills out, and gave us an opportunity to be able to identify people who have the capacity to be a future leader into the SOs/ACs. I strongly recommend and ask others to volunteer for that because it also gave us an opportunity to provide ccTLD operators to come through the fellowship program and participate in the various public meetings.

It has been very rewarding because I have seen people that came through the fellowship program who are now leaders pretty much like Jenifer and others that are leaders, either in the ccNSO or in other SO/ACs. In fact, when we were asked some time ago to continue to participate in the fellowship program and in the NextGen, I was one of those. I continue to say, yes, we should. Yes, we should. Because precisely, this is the type of opportunity that we have to identify those potential leaders. So I encourage everyone who is interested to participate in the selection committee. Thanks, Biyi.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you, Pablo. I thought Jenifer was on the call. I would like to hear from her. Oh, yes, Jenifer, will be nice to hear from you, your experience.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Hi, Biyi. I don't know if you can hear me because I'm traveling to my job.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Jenifer.

JENIFER LOPEZ: What do you ask me for?

BIYI OLADIPO: Your participation in the ICANN fellowship mentor and selection committee.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Yes. I can hear you barely. Well, the fellowship program committee is a very good experience for me. And all the process involved, a lot of, you know, a lot of calls with the mentees and the manager, Siranush. So the process is very successful for all of the mentees, and we enjoy that being on there.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Thank you. At that, thank you so much, Pablo and Jenifer, for your insights as people who have participated both in the community and as mentors to the fellowship program. Are there any questions on this topic? Any questions? Okay. I see no questions.

BART BOSWINKEL: Pablo has his hand up.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay, Pablo. Sorry, I didn't see that.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Thanks, Biyi. No problem. Just a very quick comment. Not a question, but rather that I strongly believe that the fellowship program as well as NextGen is a feeling to where we as ccNSO can keep an eye on and help through the mentorship program. Although, I was not part of the mentorship program, but I was in the selection committee. But this is one special opportunity for us to be able to identify potential prospects leaders. And then we can help in the capacity building of these individuals who in the long run will participate and contribute to our community in general, whether it's ccNSO or anywhere else. So I think it is very important for us to continue to participate and continue to support these efforts. Thanks.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you, Pablo. I would like to ask for volunteers. First into the mentorship program, and then we'll take the second one into. So there are two we'll take in here. We'll take in one for the mentorship program and then the other for the appointments community.

BART BOSWINKEL: Pablo mentioned in the chat that Jenifer would like to continue, I believe. Yeah. So I will insert her name. It's in the chat. Biyi? Yes. So

Jenifer wants to volunteer. Is there any volunteer to become member of the selection committee? If so, please raise your hand or type in the chat. I don't see any hands or any. No volunteers. We'll wait. I don't see anybody. We need a volunteer, otherwise we need to have go for a call for volunteers first before we pass the resolution. Anybody?

BIYI OLADIPO: I'm so sorry.

BART BOSWINKEL: You're back? You're back?

BIYI OLADIPO: Yeah, I'm back. Yes.

BART BOSWINKEL: So we have Jenifer volunteering to continue as a mentor. We're looking for a volunteer on the selection committee.

BIYI OLADIPO: On the selection committee. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL: Yeah. Yeah. And nobody puts his or her hand forward, or a name forward. Okay, Stephen will volunteer as the member of the selection. So you do have two members. You do have two volunteers.

BIYI OLADIPO: So we have Jenifer as a mentor, to continue as a mentor, and Stephen for the selection committee. So we're going to take the votes separately. Please insert the names in the respective resolutions, but we'll take the votes separately for good measure. Are there any questions for concerning this resolution? That there's appointments of the mentor. Is there any question for this resolution?

Okay. Seeing none, let's go to vote. Please use the green tick if you are in support of having Jenifer as representative as a mentor. Yes. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Please let's put down the green ticks. If you do not support this resolution, please use the red marks. Oh, thank you. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry. I'm just getting used to this. All right. Thanks. Thanks. Before we go to the post, so we'll scrap the votes. Before you go to the vote--

BART BOSWINKEL: You're doing a great job. Don't be fuss.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Thank you. So before we go to the votes, are there any movers? Yes, Jordan moves and Irina seconds. Okay. Thank you. Jordan moves, Irina seconds. All right. So let's take the votes again. You're in support, green tick. Excellent. Thank you. Thank you. Excellent. Please put the green ticks down. You are against, red marks. All right. I see none. For good measure, you abstain, red mark. All right. So the vote is carried, then it's Jenifer continues as a mentor.

All right. So let's take the resolution for the appointment committee. So Stephen stepped forward. Any movers?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: I move.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So Pablo moves and Jordan seconds. Thank you. Thank you. Pablo moves, Jordan seconds. Let's take the votes. Green ticks in support. Excellent. Thank you. Red marks against. Okay. I see none. And for good measure, you abstain. All right. Thank you. I think the votes is carried. Thank you so much.

All right. Agenda item number 15, updates on adoption of ccNSO into now, Procedures. For this, we have two items. There's an item A, which is the guidelines for ccNSO nomination process for ICANN Board seats 11 and 12. And then we have the one for the guideline for ccNSO Council elections. Okay? So for item A, we have discussed the amendment of the following two guidelines for quite some time and at various Council meetings. This now comes to a close. The GRC concluded at its deliberation last Monday.

For the record, in June 2022, article 10 and annex B, the ICANN bylaws were adjusted to our request to allow inclusion of IDN ccTLD managers in the ccNSO. In addition, and over time, other changes were included, for example, a change suggested by Patricio on the last Council with respect to the Board seats nomination process. As it's been said earlier, we as a Council have consulted and so was the membership. And all

suggestions were discussed by the GRC and when needed, included in the proposed guideline. In front of us is a resolution on the Board seat nomination process. Sean, is Sean here? I'm not sure I've seen Sean today.

BART BOSWINKEL: Sean is not on the call, unfortunately.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So Joke, can you explain [00:46:29 -inaudible] the attention of the Council regarding the two guidelines.

JOKE BRAKEN: Thank you. Happy to do so. So the two guidelines govern two very important processes, the nomination to ICANN Board seats 11 and 12 by the ccNSO, and also the Council election guideline. And there are existing guidelines. They were recently revised by the guidelines review committee. Because changes were necessary to ensure alignment with the amended Article 10 of the ICANN bylaws, as well as the updated internal rules of the ccNSO.

There were also some editorial changes in terms of the alignments with the bylaws and the updated internal rules, especially the role of the emissaries has been further refined and included in those guidelines to make sure that there is no discrepancy, no concerns, no doubts regarding who is authorized and eligible in those two processes.

So in October 22, the GRC sent its proposals to Council for review and consideration and then Council and GRC sought community input regarding these proposed guidelines based on feedback received with minor refinements. And now these guidelines are presented to you for adoption. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL: Biyi, Stephen has his hand up.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay, Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Biyi. Joke just did an excellent summary of the work with GRC with respect to these guidelines, and I encourage Council to adopt them. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you, Stephen. Are there any questions regarding the two topics. Both agenda item A and agenda item B. That's 15 A and 15 B. Are there questions, Okay, I see no questions. All right. So we'll take the votes individually, item A and item A. So is there a mover for resolution for item A.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Pablo moves.

BIYI OLADIPO: Yes. Pablo moves. Thank you. A seconder?

ALI HADJI: I second.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So Ali, Ali seconds. So Pablo moves and Ali seconds. Let's go to votes on the resolution for the guideline for ccNSO nomination process ICANN Board seats 11 and 12. If you're in support, green marks. All right. Thank you. All green ticks. Okay. If you are against, red marks. All right. I see none. For good measure, if you abstain, also let's know, red marks. All right. Thank you. So the resolution for item A is taken and adopted. For resolution item B, any movers? Jordan, Jordan moves. Secunder?

TATIANA TROPINA: I can second. Tatiana seconds.

BIYI OLADIPO: Tatiana seconds. Oh, Olga it's not Tatiana first. So Tatiana seconds. Thank you. All right. Let's go to votes. For item B, if you're in favor, green ticks. Okay. All green ticks. Thank you. If you're against, red

marks. For good measure, if you are against, red marks, sorry if you abstain. For good measure if you abstain, red marks. All right. I see none. Thank you. The motion or the resolution is carried.

All right. I'd announced earlier that we're going to skip item 16 because we'll need time to have a well-rounded discussion on this. And I would like to leave the chair to actually drive this process.

BART BOSWINKEL: Biyi, there is one item number 15, CED, ccNSOs, SOI and COI.

BIYI OLADIPO: Oh, sorry.

BART BOSWINKEL: No worries. Sean is not on the call, so I'll take the--

BIYI OLADIPO: So you'll provide the update. I'm so sorry I skipped that.

BART BOSWINKEL: It's more for the Council, say they've been involved as well, and it's been an extensive discussion. That's why. So GRC asked for feedback from the Council and the community. One of the major concerns that was expressed is that if you look at the template for the SOI and also the language of the proposed guideline is very legally, so the GRC will look at the language again and try to simplify it. And we'll get back to you at

the next call. So during the membership consultation, there was no real feedback on the process itself, but it's more looking at the language, making it less legalese. So that's the update regarding this particular new guideline. Thanks.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you, Bart, for that update. Okay. Item 17 is a recurring agenda item, and there's nothing on it to discuss today. So move to item 18. Item 18 is the review of the Council workshop that we had during the last Council meeting 189 on the effectiveness and efficiency of the development process, and what the next steps are. The summary of the workshop has been sent to Council. So please, if you haven't read it, please go through it just to acquaint yourself of all the things that are in there.

And also, there have been questions on lack of self-evaluation on the various PDP groups, as this is good practice. Therefore, it's suggested that Council ask the review mechanism working group, and the IDN does ccPDP three group, and the IDN ccPDP four working group to self-evaluate their processes after completion of their work and share the results and suggestion with Council and the broader community. Jordan, can you provide your views. Just share your views, and suggest next steps on the workshop.

JORDAN CARTER:

Yeah, sure. Thanks, and hi everyone. Just to follow-up on your last point first, and there was some concern raised by some members of the working groups that the voice of the participants in those PDP processes

might have been jammed out in this very brief workshop. And so we heard that suggesting a retro that did just involve the participants after this next phase of works to include it would be a good way to deal with that just to make sure there's an uncrowded, quiet calm, nice space for the people who were most intensely involved to also share their thoughts, which can then marry up maybe with this broader perspective that we had in our review last time.

I'll assume you've all read the paper very diligently and thoroughly about the outcomes of the workshop. But at the top, there are some things that went well and some things for improvement. I guess we're saying that nowhere in the discussion anywhere I saw was only kind of criticism of the people involved in the process. I saw quite a lot of goodwill and respect for what have been done and just some ideas that began to come through.

Now we might improve things. For that came through with to have a clearer process and plan for PDPs that might make it easier to stick to time to do more preparation with the ICANN Board as the PDP comes towards its finish. So there isn't such a long delay between when we finish our part of the process and the Board can do it. It's one. To think about the different uses we make of in-person and online time in the PDPs and to encourage meaningful participation in the PDP process and the services versus spectating.

So, really, this was a chance for Council members to offer any thought about whether they thought they needed further discussion or how to implement them. But because we're only a couple of minutes away from the workshop, and we got some criticism last time for starting our

last workshop too late, I suggest we don't discuss those items now. I've told you the four themes of improvement.

And maybe over the Christmas break, you could take a look at the reports. Maybe Alejandra, we could come back in the January or February call to see if people had ideas on improvement. And I volunteered myself when we were having the prep call to be a volunteer to help collate any processes for improvement that we might decide. So maybe we can pick that up in January or February. Back to you, Biyi.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you, Jordan, for the thoughts and the information. Are there any comments on the workshop process? I'm trying to make sure that we manage the time well with the remaining two or three agenda items. But are there any questions or comments? Okay. Seeing none, we just enjoyed that in further subsequent ones, please let's participate as honestly as we did in the last Council workshop.

All right. Agenda item number 19, ICANN76. Yeşim, please, can you display the block schedule. And Joke, if you can speak, please schedule for us.

JOKE BRAKEN:

Hi, Biyi. Thank you. Happy to do so, and I'll keep it short and sweet. As you can see, the meeting starts on Saturday and ends on Thursday. So as usual, on Saturday and Sunday, there will be working group and committee meetings. On Monday is typically Tech Day, also at ICANN76

in Cancun. On Tuesday on Wednesday, we see a number of ccNSO member meeting sessions.

So we'll kick off with a welcome by the Chair of the Council on the NBC and also have information regarding the Universal Acceptance roadmap. So a quick promo to stay on the call. Today we will start shortly with the workshop on the role of the ccNSO and when it comes to Universal Acceptance. So more information about the results and the outcome of today's workshop will feed into a draft plan, which will then be represented at ICANN76.

Other plans and other progress updates that you will be informed about and we'll be able to discuss at ICANN76 are progress by the DASC, the DNS Abuse Standing Committee. There are two subgroups that have made good progress. One on repository with useful information for ccTLDs and another one that conducted a survey among ccTLDs to better understand the landscape and to better understand and serve ccTLDs. More information will be provided at ICANN in Cancun. There will also be a policy update with the update about the recent ccPDPs. But not only, we will also talk about the implementation of ccNSO policies as PDP3 on retirement was recently adopted.

Moreover, on Wednesday, there will be two ccTLD new sessions. One is a general session. A call for presentation proposals is currently open. So have a look at the ccNSO website and make sure you've completed the application form. NPC very much welcomes any contributions you might have.

There will also be a session on the digital divide. So the digital divide has an impact on ccTLDs. There will be a session that explores what this impact is and how ccTLDs deal with it from a regional perspective. So there will be contributions from ccTLDs of all of the five ICANN regions. It's similar approach to what we did for the previous ICANN meeting in the session on geographical indications, which you may recall. And of course, there's also the Q&A with the ccTLD related ICANN Board members wrapping up on Thursday with a Council meeting, and of course, welcoming any information that you may provide that helps the MPC in improving future meetings during the final wrap up session by the MPC. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you. Stephen has asked if this slide could be shared. I think that I'm going to leave that discussion that to joke's discretion to know if we can share.

BART BOSWINKEL:

I think it's too early at this stage. This is Bart speaking. We wanted to share it, to give you an overview of the session themselves. The schedule itself is probably too sensitive. There are still too many moving parts, unfortunately.

BIYI OLADIPO:

Okay. So as we get closer to ICANN76, we'll share reviews on what schedule would stay, which one will move, then that might be might be

possible to share. Okay. So if you have not registered for ICANN76, please, the registration is open, so you can go ahead and register.

Agenda item 20, any other business. The only thing that is pending from this end is to set up a Council onboarding call with [01:02:48 - inaudible] in January, which would be something to just give him a guide into what the Council is about, and the structure of the Council and how the Council works. All right. Next Council meetings. We have the dates there, and we can look at those and get acquainted with it. Are there any other business from anyone? Any other business?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I just want to thank you for doing a great job running this meeting today. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you so much, Stephen. It's a hard baptism for me. I got volunteered and co-scripted in a very few hours, but it's okay.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Well done.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Thank you. All right. In addition to all of this, the staff has proposed a Council preparatory meeting in addition to all the workshop process responsibility of Councilors at ICANN76 on the 12 of March. So this is in addition to what we have, as in next Council meetings. Okay?

Yes. So I think we can close the meeting here. The meeting is adjourned till the next Council meeting in January. However, please stay on for as many as can. I will appreciate it. All of us can stay on for the Council workshop, which starts now. Okay?

BART BOSWINKEL: Thank you, Biyi. And I'll take it from here. So doing my multiple tasking act. I hope you can see it. Let me see if-- No, we need to stick to this. I hope you can see these the text of the slides.

BIYI OLADIPO: Sorry, Bart. Before I close the meeting completely, I would like to wish everybody Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas. And enjoy the holidays and whatever is remaining in 2023. Okay? So over to you, Bart.

BART BOSWINKEL: Thank you. And that was very important at the end of the day. So let me start. Thanks for staying on. I'll just do a very brief, brief, brief intro to the workshop, and then we'll go into breakout rooms. It depends a bit on, as you will see on how you will do, whether we will do two rounds or just one. The main plan is to do two rounds of breakout rooms, same groups to run through the suggestions made during ICANN76 on ccNSO or 75 ICANN, or decisions on Universal Acceptance.

What I'll do over the next few minutes is share with you the plan itself. So as you can see, I'll do the introduction, then we do round one where we have a discussion in breakout rooms. You'll go to pre-assigned breakout rooms. Then you need to assign a spokesperson to report

back to the full group on each and every, say, what you've done and discussed.

Round two, we'll do the same thing. And at the end, we'll do a wrap up. And the wrap up will be very simple, is to explain how your input will be used by a small Ad Hoc Group going forward designing and developing the roadmap for the ccNSO and Universal Acceptance following the same process as the ccNSO and DNS Abuse.

So next slide. So a bit on what we've done to date. So we had ICANN75 where we had a lot of suggestions from ccTLDs, people related to ccTLDs, and others. They were captured, and now we go again to the workshop to detail what you think about it. We'll get on the detailing process in a minute. And then the Ad Hoc Group will take this onboard and report back to the Council at its Council meeting in January and then inform the community later on. And there will be, as Joke said, a presentation, a consultation of the broader community and the Council again at ICANN76. And hopefully then we can go into the execution of the road map.

So you can't read this. It doesn't matter. What it shows is effectively the suggestions that have been made during ICANN 76. And there were 15 of them. And there was a vote which was not even indicative. There was just a limited. There was a temperature of those people who could participate in the voting. And you can see how it's distributed. That's why it's not taken on by the Ad Hoc Group. And they were looking for an alternative way of checking this.

Now the way we're going to do this is, as I said, through two rounds of discussion in three breakout rooms. Each breakout room will discuss a cluster of these ideas, and I'll show you in the minute. And then after each round, we'll report back so we can capture your ideas around this specific topic. And then we go to the second cluster of ideas. So six big clusters and how they look. As you can see, one is around information sharing. And one of the suggestions made, ccNSO should organize sessions on UA readiness and practices for and by ccTLD at Tech Day and or by ccNSO members' days.

But there's clearly a suggestion for the ccNSO. And then, create a working group or committee which assists ccTLDs, promote advance of IDN compliance and UA readiness, and liaise with other relevant groups. And there will be a bit of overlap with other suggestions, as you will see, but this was clearly a combination of suggestions. And then finally, liaison with other groups and then the ccNSO relation with ICANN.org and Universal Acceptance Steering Group, which is an ICANN-wide group.

The next cluster of ideas, so this is round two, is really about outreach from the ccNSO to the ccTLDs. And this is in the area of technology, in the area of marketing, and in the area of case studies. And again, this is for discussion in the second round. So the way the Ad Hoc Group proposes to run this is what you will see in the next frames, and where you will go is a canvas like this one.

So there is a big idea, which is one of the clusters. Then you will be asked to identify and list, wearing a ccTLD manager hat or other stakeholder hat, on the needs and benefits this big idea may serve.

Does it do a job for you as a ccTLD manager, wearing that hat, and then maybe wearing another hat, and other stakeholders whose needs or benefits may be served? I could imagine, say, maybe a gTLD registry or a government. But this is really from a customer-user perspective.

The second one is, you will be asked to wear a Counselor ccNSO hat to check: How does it serve the interest of the ccNSO? Does it fit into the strategic direction and the strategic plan and the strategic approach of the ccNSO? So this sets a bit of limitation of what the ccNSO should and could do. How does it serve the ccNSO and the ccNSO membership? So again, you can see it in the terms of platform, etc. And these questions will be included in each and every of the breakout rooms as well.

And finally, this is more about execution. You've got this big idea, this main concept, how do you think it needs to be executed? What assets or capabilities are needed to execute it? How will the ccNSO deliver on any of these ideas and which partners are needed to deliver? Does the ccNSO need to cooperate with somebody else? So, this is the main idea of the exercise. I'll assign you to various groups. This is Group 2 and this is Group 3. So Pablo, Yesim, Biyi, Joke, and in this case, Bart and Alejandra.

As you know, Alejandra will take my usual role and I'll be the facilitator. And for the others, it will be Biyi and Joke. Biyi will be the facilitator, Joke will take the notes. And in the third group, Pablo will be the facilitator and Yesim will be the note-taker. Let me ask if there are any questions at this stage. If so, please raise your hand or type in chat. Any unclarity? No? Then I'll assign you to your rooms. I think I have everybody assigned.

JOKE BRAKEN: Bart, it's much zoomed in that we can't see the full chat board. Could you zoom out a little bit?

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes, like this?

JOKE BRAKEN: Yes, that works. Thank you, that is perfect.

BART BOSWINKEL: I think I have everybody assigned. Some of you will be assigned to Breakout Room 1 and Breakout Room 2. Some of you will stay with Alejandra and me in the main room. And let me again forewarn you, in principle, the first round will be 10 minutes. However, in preparation, we thought about if the discussion is going really well we'll give you more time to complete the discussion. It is more important to have as much feedback from you on the various topics than running through this discussion and complete all the classes.

If we have to stick to just one round we'll reconvene at a later point in time with Workshop 2. And we'll check with each and every one of the rooms in the meantime. If all goes well, I'll open the rooms. You'll be assigned and I'll call you back in 12 minutes for reporting. You need to assign a spokesperson at the start of the session. That saves a lot of concerns. Going once, going twice. Here we go. So, welcome. This might be a large group. Is everybody in their room?

HANK NUSSBACHER: No, I think everybody's still in the main room.

BART BOSWINKEL: Okay. That's weird. I was supposed to be able to do this. I see 10 people are unassigned.

HANK NUSSBACHER: I think we're in a breakout room but I'm not sure who's here and who's not.

BART BOSWINKEL: Can you see the screen?

HANK NUSSBACHER: Yes.

BART BOSWINKEL: And I've got Alejandra here as well.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I see the screen that you had before.

BART BOSWINKEL: Okay, thanks. Sorry for the confusion. I'm playing Kim's role and I'm not very good at it. So you'll have to bear with me for a moment. I

believe everybody else is in a room. So, let me start. The main idea is about information sharing. This was a suggestion during ICANN75. Now, the question for you -- and most of you are related to ccTLDs or have been related to ccTLD -- what would you consider the benefit of something like sharing information? How would it help you doing your job as a ccTLD manager, specifically as an IDN ccTLD manager? There are various ways of looking at it. What needs would it serve for you? Anybody? We need to assign a spokesperson. Hank, do you mind being the spokesperson?

HANK NUSSBACHER: I don't mind. Okay, not a problem.

BART BOSWINKEL: It's at the end when we all go back. Who may I give the floor to? Start thinking about what needs does it serve, really? Anybody?

HANK NUSSBACHER: I'll take a crack at it. I'd first like to know how many ccTLD managers actually encounter this issue. Can we get a sizing on the issue? The whole thing of UA is depending on IDN. If you're using a non-English-letter domain, how many of the ones currently in the breakout room or in this entire session have actually created one or plan to create one within the next year? Is it three out of 50? Is it 25 out of 60? I have a hard time understanding exactly who we are.

BART BOSWINKEL: The IDN ccTLDs are over 60 IDN ccTLDs and 240 ccTLDs, and the number is increasing. That's IDN ccTLD managers. At the same time, you see that a lot of ccTLDs who are not IDN ccTLDs do offer IDNs at second level. And for all of them, Universal Acceptance is a major issue because, it's at least my understanding, email and other tools are very difficult to use with IDNs.

HANK NUSSBACHER: Okay, thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL: That's the scope of the issue. From a ccTLD perspective you could say, yes, we provide services, but they're second-class services. What do you need to know, etc., to be able to offer them as first-class services? Maybe that's another way of looking at it. I'm just suggesting. Who may I give the floor with a question?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I'm not sure if I understand correctly the question. We offer IDNs under .eu but we have also .eu in Cyrillic and Greek. So, IDN ccTLDs. And then trying to push the idea of IDNs further, we end up with registrars who are not seeing the business opportunity here because of the problems, especially, as you mentioned, technical problems. You cannot use your email address for your common services.

There is no reason really to use it. When we did a little study two or three years ago, we realized that there is a big potential in closed systems. Like, if the whole, let's say, state administration in some

country uses the system and the email circulates just there, it's a perfect use case. But as long as you want to really push it to end users, it just ends. They've not been supported by the big platforms and email vendors.

So I'm not sure how we, as the ccTLD manager, could change the second class or first class, because it ends up with the market. But of course, still, we can do our part of work at our end, to have Universal Acceptance in the registration platform more usable.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Regina, thank you very much. May I ask you the question, maybe that clarifies where we're heading? You got your experience as [inaudible - 01:25:35]. If you think about it that the ccNSO would provide opportunities for you to share your experience or others who have experience, for example, take [inaudible - 01:25:52], they have the experience as well. I think CIANIC is a good case here as well. If the ccNSO would provide such a platform, so sharing information, would that help you? And if so, how?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

We are now going in the direction that we would like the European Commission to be involved because they could have some impact on the big vendors. I can imagine that ccNSO, with its power and reputation, could help here as well to bring the relevant people to the table.

BART BOSWINKEL: It's part of one of the other discussions but to have, say, the ccNSO provide you a platform to share your concerns and then bring on others to the table as well?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, and to the attention of the industry. I'm just now really brainstorming. This is how we concluded it. Because we were trying to also give some incentives to the registrars if they promote IDNs. But as long as there is no real business opportunity for them and the market for the IDNs, they will just not invest in it. And in the campaigns, even if you would subsidize them or something like this. It doesn't really help for real commercial use.

BART BOSWINKEL: Okay. Thank you. Anybody else? And this is the offer effectively, and what some people suggest -- the ccNSO should organize sessions on Universal Acceptance, readiness, and practices for ccTLDs during Tech Day. If they would do this, would that serve your needs? And if so, how? That's the question we're talking about right now. Assume it happens, would it fill a need for you? Anybody else?

HANK NUSSBACHER: I'm not sure it would fill our needs. We actually implemented an IDN last month and we had difficulties implementing it. But the fact that it's not supported by various email platforms, that's not anything we are capable of pushing. This is something that needs to be done at the ccTLD level, at the ccNSO level, involving the EU as well, to be able to

get all the email platforms on board. That's not anything we as individual ccTLD holders can manage to get accomplished.

BART BOSWINKEL: Clearly. Okay, thank you. We've passed the 12 minutes. Assuming that you think this is a good idea to organize so that the platform function is very clear, I do not want to spend too much time on needs and benefits. Maybe spend some time on the execution. Let me ask it this way. You, as managers, people involved in the industry, would you be willing to share your experience during these sessions? Assuming the ccNSO organized these sessions, would you be willing to share your experience and alert others? Who may ask to speak to this?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: For .eu, I think, definitely. It's our long-term commitment to help with awareness of IDNs. If we can share something useful we will definitely do it, with pleasure.

BART BOSWINKEL: Thank you. Any others?

HANK NUSSBACHER: I'd like to add that I tried doing that and I did not get anywhere -- trying to share our actual execution where we actually encountered a severe problem with something known as the public suffix list, where basically all the browsers do not recognize IDNs until the public suffix list is updated. And I tried reporting it to ICANN, and basically, I didn't get

anywhere. So there is definitely something missing. For example, I wanted to get the operational document updated. I contacted everyone. I went up the chain of people and did not get anywhere. So I have no way of knowing how I can even report issues.

BART BOSWINKEL: Through the ccNSO or a working group would be a good channel for you to do this. Anybody else who wants to speak on this?

AI CHIN LU: I think [inaudible - 01:31:54] is also willing to share our experience as we're doing UA for quite some time now.

BART BOSWINKEL: So this is really that you are willing to share. So it's more that the ccNSO needs to create a group who organizes these types of sessions. Irina, go ahead.

IRINA DANELIA: Can I just speak on behalf of my colleagues who work extensively on the UA aspects, I'm pretty sure they will be happy to share their experience.

BART BOSWINKEL: Anybody else? If you think about it, this is really partnering with ccTLDs to provide information, and maybe other sides as well. Could you identify maybe other people who you would like to see share information and who could help in organizing the session? For example,

the Universal Acceptance Steering Committee, or maybe others. Any suggestions there? ccNSO needs to organize this. Are there external parties you think would be helpful in organizing this? Who may I give the floor? Yes, go ahead, Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: If you look at the UASG composition, they have many groups and a number of people involved also, including the representatives of vendors and big platforms, and actually, they do share their experience at other events. I believe they can do it also within ccNSO events as well.

BART BOSWINKEL: So this is really partnering with the UASG and to seek external --

IRINA DANELIA: Maybe not the UASG itself, but looking for people there.

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes, partner with members of the UASG or member organizations. Thank you. Anybody else on this one? No? Yes, go ahead.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Just to support what Irina said, when looking for good contacts for a potential meeting with the EC and the vendors, UASG was very helpful. They have external contacts, people working on these issues with various vendors and companies.

BART BOSWINKEL: And just to be on the safe side, because you've got two UASG groups. One is an ICANN internal, almost department, and another one is the Universal Acceptance Steering Committee with community members. You are referring to the community members?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Indeed, to the Steering Committee, yes.

BART BOSWINKEL: And you as well, Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Yes.

BART BOSWINKEL: Okay, thank you. So that's already a platform kind of thing. Yes? Go ahead.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: They have a lot of materials on the UASG website and I wonder if all the ccNSO members who are IDN managers are familiar with those materials.

BART BOSWINKEL: So that would be another way of executing, creating, or channel, say, to seek information?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes. They present what they are doing during ICANN meetings, so I wonder if IDN managers visit their sessions.

BART BOSWINKEL: Yeah. Good. So that's something else to capture, at least inform the ccNSO members about the other sessions as well. That could be a way as well to serve there. Anybody else? I think the platform function is very clear so we don't need to go into the needs, etc. Let me check with the other groups. If you do have other suggestions please raise them. Anybody else? Hank, maybe a question for you. Do you have enough material for now?

HANK NUSSBACHER: To give a summary?

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes.

HANK NUSSBACHER: Yes, I've been writing notes.

BART BOSWINKEL: Good, maybe check again. I'll give the others two more minutes because this may take some time as well. Let me ask you one final question. Does this exercise work for you? If it didn't, then I'm fine as well. This was a bit of an experiment doing it this way. Because it puts you wearing different hats, etc., and looking at the suggestion in different ways that might be helpful for the Ad Hoc. Anybody on the exercises as well? Any feedback? If it didn't work let me know because we will find an alternative. Nobody? Go ahead.

IRINA DANELIA: It really works but at the same time, I got an idea of another method to approach the issue and I will be happy to share it later on.

BART BOSWINKEL: Okay. At least for now, it did work for you. Let me check with the other groups. Give them one more minute. What is more important is that you hear what the others have done and they hear from you. I will close the breakout rooms. Some groups are in the last quadrant. They have 60 seconds to go back. It's unfortunate for them so I'll share again. The unfortunate thing is this was probably the least controversial and the clearest one. We'll see what the others do as well. So I'll leave it up to maybe Hank, just to be on the safe side. May I ask you to start and then we go from Group 1 to Group 2 and then to Group 3.

HANK NUSSBACHER: Sure, yes. I'll try to give a short summary, excuse me if I've left off any details.

BART BOSWINKEL: You will see the results in the rooms. I hope everybody is back. It looks like it.

BIYI OLADIPO: We're back.

BART BOSWINKEL: Good. So, as we pre-warned and expected, this takes a little bit more time than anticipated. At the same time, even with a self-explanatory topic, it takes far more than 10 minutes to run through the exercise. We'll stick with this one, we'll organize a second session to run through the other three. Otherwise, it's going to be a very long meeting. I will start, just for my own ease, with Group 1 which was in the main room. Hank volunteered to provide an update to your group. If you have any questions around their findings, please don't hesitate. Hank, the floor is yours.

HANK NUSSBACHER: Okay, I'll try to give a very short summary. And again, apologies if I get something wrong, feel free to correct me. The EU representative indicated that email is extremely difficult. There's problems with different Greek and Cyrillic lettering. End users whenever approached can't use it. The actual companies that could be providing this see no business opportunity to provide the entire aspect of IDNs in Universal Acceptance since there's no business case. We also requested to scope out the actual issue.

And it turns out there's about 60 IDNs out of a total of 240. Dot TH was willing to share their experience. Dot IO also said they were willing to share their experience, especially with the aspect of the public suffix list, which is very important in regard to IDNs. And it was also mentioned that we should try to partner with people inside the UASG since that would be probably the best way to go forward. I'm hoping I didn't miss anything or anyone. That's the end of my summary. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL: Anybody else from Group 1 wants to add anything? No? Then we go to Group 2. Maybe first, any questions from the other groups to Hank or other group members?

MARIA KOLESNIKOVA: I would also add regarding the information there, interesting but probably small stuff, security issues with IDNs like [inaudible - 01:45:28] and so on and so on. This is not a big issue so far but can be. And also, I agree that some businesses do not actually see money in Universal Acceptance so I think we need to provide some motivation for them from other sides, not from the business side.

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes. Okay, thank you. So with this, no questions, no further comments. Now we move to Group 2. Sean, the floor is yours.

SEAN COPELAND: Thank you much, Bart. You'll see that we have an awful lot of notes. I want to say that we had a very positive input, especially from our non-native English speakers. And the takeaway that I wasn't able to come up with for my group before we came back was, with the IDNs that were coming out, it becomes apparent that the ccTLD community really is the international aspect of ICANN. In this process, this particular group can really solidify that. Do you guys have any questions on any of the things that we have listed there?

BART BOSWINKEL: I think that's too early. Maybe you can allude a little bit on some of the details, Sean?

SEAN COPELAND: Sure. When we're looking at the benefits for ccTLD, I suppose the biggest single one is an increase in revenue. As more people would come onto the internet, more businesses would participate. Brand protection would change or increase. Those would be benefits. Working with various groups, obviously the UASG, the IDN group with the board, and the GNSO.

Also, we would be looking to not duplicate with the gTLD registries to prevent duplication, things like that. And then also on the benefits in the bottom quadrant there, again, it would help strengthen the community. And the ccTLD footprint, which is local, would be a huge benefit to individual users and businesses. Anything else that I missed that you guys in my group would feel would be relevant?

BART BOSWINKEL: No? Maybe questions from the other groups for Sean, or the group itself? I don't see any. Or, additional comments you want to make? None. Then we go to the next group. Thank you. Next group, Group Pablo and Yesim go ahead.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: I was not able to get someone to report so I will be reporting. The big idea that we're working on this; the ccNSO should activate the dedicated liaison for the Universal Acceptance Standing Group activities. Looking at the first quadrant, top right, user needs and benefits, we believe that comments were shared, contributions were shared, that ISPs will benefit. Registrants and registrars will benefit as well.

Email service providers, which I saw it was mentioned in other groups. And ccNSO members will benefit as well. Wearing the thinking hat as a ccNSO councilor, we found that we can collect more latest technological information to be delivered to the members. We can establish a very good collaboration role with other groups. We can sense we have a global platform that can allow us to reach out to all leaders and ccTLD operators, other SOs, and ACs.

So, how will we execute that? By collaborating with the SOs and ACs, by working with developers of major companies. Although I saw already in previous comments that there is no business case, it is believed that they don't say how the money will come but we strongly believe that developers can pitch in. Sharing best practices and standards like the

IDNA2008 and EAI. We can execute by developing webinars and joining the meeting with the Universal Acceptance Steering Group. Having a liaison there will allow us to capture more information, to capture what technologies are done, and that will help us deliver in a more effective and efficient way. Thanks.

BART BOSWINKEL: Maria, you have your hand up, go ahead.

MARIA KOLESNIKOVA: I can add here that probably UASG can also provide more information for the ccTLD community on what technical decisions are already available for everyone. And from the other side, they also can test some software that is interested by ccTLD registrars, for example, because they have such opportunities. It can be a win-win collaboration because the ccTLD community can ask them to do something and they can come to us and say, "Okay, guys, here and here is already Universal Acceptance ready and you can use it." We can also tell them what we need. Thank you.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Excellent ideas. So we could serve as a testbed for the implementations that have been proposed or developed and we could test them in our particular ccTLDs. Excellent idea.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Thank you. Any other questions or comments for Pablo's Group? I don't see any. And these were the real hard ones, but it's overlapping. Let me go to the wrap-up and then next steps. So what will happen next, definitely there will be a second session like this on the three other still open ideas. So one is outreach and how to use case studies, etc., and how to inform the community about case studies.

The second will be on marketing. So, encourage ccTLDs, raise awareness about UA and IDN ccTLDs, because these were all suggestions. And then there is the outreach on technology. And you've already covered some of these areas but the Ad Hoc group wants to go through the same questions for these ideas. Today was the Council, this workshop. We'll pencil in, and we need to confer with the small group to do one in January sometime. So they can use that input as well for a draft roadmap on the role of the ccNSO.

We'll inform you of, at least, people who have attended today, but we'll use the same channels as we did before. So council and working group members. Hopefully, they'll be able to share a draft of the roadmap and where you can recognize your ideas sometime in February, and seek your feedback at the ICANN76 meeting in Cancun. Let me stop here. If there are any questions from anybody, maybe a remark from an Ad Hoc Working Group member? Any comments from your end? Go ahead.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ:

Just to thank you and the staff for their support. And also, I strongly believe that this is an excellent exercise to capture fantastic ideas, as we just saw. I read the comments that other contributors made to Group 3.

I'm really pleased with this exercise and I'm looking forward to the next round. Thank you.

BART BOSWINKEL:

Thank you. Anybody else? I hope it worked for you. If it didn't work for you, either send me an email, or Joke, or one of the members of the Ad Hoc Group -- a private email if you feel uncomfortable sharing it right now. We really would appreciate your feedback on this exercise in a more general sense as well. Biyi, as the chair of the whole session, any final words from your end? Otherwise, I'll close it.

BIYI OLADIPO:

No final words from me. Thank you, everyone, for participating. It's been a very productive session. And thank you for the privilege to share these sessions. Happy Holidays. Merry Christmas, for those who are celebrating Christmas. Let's enjoy the time that we're spending with family.

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