

## Board Liaison Report – November 2009 - Vanda Scartezini

During Seoul meeting I shared with Wendy some meetings, and from October 30<sup>th</sup> I became the new liaison.

Board will have its next meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>, though the agenda is not yet defined I believe the main focus will be on the new gTLD posted for public comment and the WG independent report, both relate to Expression of Interest I will send information about other relevant issue when Agenda be distributed.

Let me use the opportunity to raise a point related to our agenda: Board agenda will be available 7 days before the meeting, and to enter with new item we would like to have into the agenda, we will have two weeks before the due date to release the agenda to do so. This time the last day was Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have our meeting at Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – if we had something we would like to debate as part of the agenda we will need to wait till the next meeting. We can think about: whether we want to be more in line with the board meetings or it is not relevant to us to wait one more month.

So far several board members are attending IGF meeting at Sharm El Sheik and some comments are interesting to share with you. I believe the main point was the acceptance of ICANN legitimacy. Looks like it is no longer the main issue at IGF – this is really important since reduce the amount of work trying to keep the understanding of ICANN's role in several minds around the world, but also allows us to following our path to become an international recognized entity with much less fights.

There are real important issues to IGF to deal with as law enforcement, telecom costs and availability etc. ICANN shall continue to participate but not being the central issue of the debate.

Another important point was the acceptance of the continuation of IGF. I personally have said in other *forum* that I would like to see regional IGF formally organized and focusing more on implementable issues related to each region, leaving to the “worldwide IGF “ the eventual acceptance of these proposals and , if accepted, the formal address to regional governments, as a suggestion to be implemented. At regional level I can see things can be more effective, but due the huge differences around the world, would be almost impossible to reach common priorities at worldwide IGF. Let's see what we will see next.

Echoes from Seoul told us that the way the meetings are running, with some important exceptions as the debate about registrar registry verticalization and some other public participation, deserves our attention not only to improve in a way people feels more participant, but also build sessions more meaningful for attendants. I understand this is an issue we should debate among us to get some ideas, and may be address some of them in order to have better meetings.

I have sent to board members the vote process we have used in our liaison vote as an example of a very balanced way to deal with a several groups vote, since we have been debating about vote alternative. I do believe our model may be of value to GNSO for instance.

Finally, for your acknowledge the ALAC statement on Public Consultation Process was addressed to board members on the very day ALAC sent it to the secretariat.

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