

YEŞİM SAĞLAM:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group Call taking place on Wednesday, 17th January, 2024 at 1400 UTC. We will not be doing a roll call due to the increased number of attendees as well as for the sake of time. However, all attendees, both on the Zoom room and on the phone bridge, will be recorded after the call.

Just to cover our apologies, we have received apologies from Gordon Chillcott, Justine Chew, Bill Jouris, Alfredo Calderon, Laura Margolis, Tommi Karttaavi, Holly Raiche, and from Claire Craig. And, from Staff's side, we have Heidi Ullrich, Andrew Chen, Brian Gutterman, Yaovi Atohoun, and myself Yeşim Sağlam and myself, present on today's call, and I will also be doing call management. As usual, we have Spanish and French interpretation provided on today's call, and our interpreters on the French channel are Claire and Jacques.

And on the Spanish channel, we have Claudia and Lilian. One more, I will have reminder for the real time transcription service. As usual, let me put the link here on the on the Zoom chat. Please do check the service. And my final reminder will be for everyone to please state your names before speaking, not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes as well, please. And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Olivier. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Yesim, and a warm welcome to everyone on today's consolidated policy working group call. We have an agenda

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that's, well, light both light but also unusual, since we do have an extra guest. We'll start with our work group and small team update. Couple of updates listed, one with the transfer policy review policy development process, and the other one with the new gTLD, next round. And after that, we will be going through the policy statement update with Yowie and Andrew Chen.

The policy pipeline is still a little bit light at the beginning of the year, but there are some open public consultations which we need to look at and decide on. Immediately after that, we'll have the DNS study. Brian Gutterman from ICANN is going to speak to us about is the Africa domain name industry study. There's actually a webinar later in the next week. But Brian is with us for about 20 minutes and we'll be able to discuss this study and engage with him. After this, we'll be going through ICANN79 CPWG agenda. Yes. We did say we were going to have a working group meeting at each one of the ICANN meetings.

So, this one is, no, wait. Since we are going to have one at ICANN79, we need to work on it, and we need to prepare an agenda for it. And after this, any other business. So, that's where we are at the moment. I hope my line is actually okay. There were some issues earlier with it. But let's open the floor and see if there are any amendments or any additions to be made to the agenda. Giving it a few seconds. Not seeing any hands up, so the agenda is adopted as it is currently on your screen. And, of course, you can load the agenda up, and have a look at the different click into things and so on. And so that takes us now to our action items from previous calls, and you'll see that the great majority of them are picked as being completed.

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I think we could even take the one from 13th December, which was the members of the CPW supported holding CPW at each one of the three items of this meeting. We are now launching a process to create an agenda for this. That's the action items, I don't think there's very much to discuss here. Not seeing any hands up. Thank you.

And we can now move to our substantive issues and that's the work group and small team update. We'll start with the transfer policy review policy development process. And as usual, Steinar has put some notes at the bottom of the agenda in the comments with the preliminary recommendations, etcetera. Perhaps, yeah, we need to scroll down to that and hand the floor over to Steinar. Steinar Grøtterød, you have the floor.

STEINAR GRØTTERØD:

Thank you very much, Olivier. This is Steinar speaking. Very, very short, there's some updates from yesterday's meeting in the GNSO transfer policy review PDP. We are getting very close to finalizing all the discussions about the change of registrant part of Phase 2a. 2a, I believe it is. Yes. So, there was some updates based on the previous meetings for some recommendation. But what it is kind of interesting is that we have no, let me phrase it this way.

We have some sort of consensus that there should not be any transfer lock when there has been a change of registrant data. And we have some sort of consensus that the registrars may send notification. And that is argued based on the different business model for the registrar and the different way of treating updates in their SRS systems. So, if

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there is not going to be any lock due to the change of registrant and there will be kind of voluntary information flow from the registrars when there is a change of registrant.

The key question is whether this policy is actually needed and should be included in the inter transfer policy. And if you remember that we back in November, November 22, we had a CPWG call with Theo Gertz, The real time register. And we discussed this potential outcome of removing the change of registrant into the policy. So, we have touched this in another meeting, and my recommendation is that when we have finalized this one the change of registrant discussion in this working group.

We will go back and spend some minutes sometime at the CPWG call to see what we should recommend to go on further with either make a new policy or remove it totally when there is a change of register. So, that's it. More to come. Also, some information about the requested update of metrics from ICANN compliance. We have a promise that hopefully within this month, maybe next week, we will have that update, and I will present it when the time comes. Thank you very much. And any questions? Hopefully, I can answer that. I don't see any hands. Olivier, you can take the floor for now. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Steinar. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking, and thanks for the great update. And, of course, it's always helped minutes in front. So, maybe you set a good standard here for some of these calls. It's nice to read through and remind ourselves about it later on.

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Looking forward to double up and send it. Now, the Other working groups have not had any updates this week. The only one that we should hear about is the new gTLD round subsequent procedures process, and Cheryl Langdon-Orr is going to be primarily focusing on the IRT ESPST call, which no doubt she will decipher into real words rather than just acronym. Let's pass the floor over to Cheryl. I did see Hadia putting her hand up, but perhaps Cheryl first will enlighten us with regards to this flurry of letters sent to us early on in 2024. Shame on you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Listen. I hope you can hear me because I'm in two calls at once. Let's hope that's the case.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Well, you're on the right call at the moment, so that's good.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Excellent. Because otherwise the implementation review team with the applicant support sub team, which is all of those letters, that call that I'm in which is really where I should be as opposed to here, it's going to be very confused because what in fact we're talking about at the moment, has to do with applicants who are not affiliated with an existing gTLD registry operator. Thrilling stuff indeed.

So, as you might have gathered at the beginning of the calendar year, meetings are only just getting started. We should have, but it was for various reasons canceled Had a, already had a single topic, normal,

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implementation review team call that is not occurring this week. So, Justine and I, will not be giving you any updates on the general development of the applicant's guidebook, which is what it's all about. But I can assure you, because of what's going on in one half of my brain, over the break, and of course, then on our table for discussion today, the sub team, which has got to do with the applicant support aspects of all of this, has been extraordinarily busy and there is an extensive document, some 30 or 40 odd pages, which is simply the first draft of the handbook that will be associated purely with the applicant support program.

Now this is hugely important and something that this group should be pleased to hear about and At-Large in general should be delighted to hear about. Because this means that the attention that ICANN and its staff, and I want to compliment the staff working with us on all of this implementation review teamwork, they are doing a fabulous job of preparing materials, sending it to our group, having the feedback from our group taken into account, via chat, and then, of course, discussed, read and reread as well as generally edited and polished.

Just something we're all happy with during our calls. But this Specific applicant support program handbook, I believe is one that if had been available in this form last round, as a therefore resource for our outreach notice, I mean, using our word here, meaning, ALAC and the At-Large community through its RALOs, so to improve and do a better job of outreach and engagement, we could very well have an enormous difference in the understanding the clarity and indeed the hopeful success of suitable applicants for the applicant support program.

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So, exciting times in the middle of it. And really, I can't tell you much more about that excepting I'm pleased. I think it's going well. I believe Justine is equally pleased. Obviously, we're still digging in on a few things and making sure that certain things are properly adjusted to the interests of Internet end users. But the work is just beginning for 2024, but it's not only on track in some cases with the applicant support work, for example.

I would say slightly ahead of tracking for our program timelines. And with that, I think I need to get back because we're talking about what it means and how we establish equivalency for things that are nonprofits and charities. And trust me, when you're talking to people who are primarily ensconced in Europe and American thinking, I really need to pay attention to this part. So, thanks, Olivier. I prefer to not take questions. If any go into the chat, I might get my gray cells back involved and I'll deal with them there. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Cheryl. I'm looking at the queue. Seeing if there is any hand up. I can certainly see Hadia Elminiawi's hand. Now, Hadia did have some issues earlier with her audio and we can't hear you, Hadia. Your microphone seems to not be properly connected and it got to be properly connected. Now I can hear myself.

YEŞİM SAĞLAM: Olivier, if I made this decision, we can definitely try to dial out to Hadia. Maybe it would be better.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Maybe it will be better. Yes. Thank you. Yeah. Hadia, it doesn't work at the moment. There's a problem with your mic or something. You did unmute, but the mic doesn't seem to be working properly. Thank you. I am not, seeing any other hands than Hadia's at the moment, but the next section is going to be involving Hadia's system. There's a loop here.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Hi. I'm back on the phone. This is Hadia for the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Hadia. You have the floor.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. Thank you, so much. So, I actually raised my hand to say that there will be a webinar hosted by ICANN org, they are actually two webinars to provide usage data on the recently launched registration data request service. And the webinars will take place on Wednesday 24th that's the first one, at 0100 UTC. And the second one is on Thursday 25th January at 1500 UTC. So, again this is about the usage data on registration data request services. They will also handle answer questions. Thank you. Back to you.



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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Hadia. Thank you for the further information. Right. No further people in the queue. Nope. There are others. I'm just saying it. And then Sébastien Bachollet puts the hand up. Sebastien, you have the floor.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you very much, Olivier. And just to add to what Hadia said, that there will be a EURALO run table on the same topic 13th January at 1800 UTC. And of course, everybody is invited to participate. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Of course, you said the 30th of January. Correct?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Three, Zero. Yes. Correct.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Three, Zero. 30th. Yes. Thank you. Okay, that's fine. Thank you for these updates. Right now, we finished with this section and the next section is the policy statement update. And for this I'll hand the floor over to Hadia Elminiawi and Andrew Chen.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you again. This is Hadia for the record. So, recently ratified. We don't have anything that is recently ratified, currently open for public comments, we have the draft ICANN FY25 plan that would be, this is

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discussed at the OSB working group call as well as the draft PPI FY25 operating plan and budget. And so, if you want to know more about those, do please join the OSE working group calls. There is a call happening tomorrow. Currently open also for public comments, is the draft 2023 African domain name system market study report.

And later today on this agenda, we have a discussion about it. Open also for public comments is the public interest commitments registry voluntary commitments consultation. And so, in the next round of gTLD applicants will be permitted to enter into registry agreement containing public interest commitments with ICANN. And so, PICS, the public interest commitments are a product of the GAC concerning new gTLDs from the 2012 round. RVCs are comparable to the voluntary uptake from the 2012 round. And they may vary widely We in order to permit applicants to respond to public comments, objections, some GAC early warnings.

So, the Board directed ICANN org to facilitate a community consultation to ensure that the framework for implementing these recommendations it's consistent with ICANN bylaws. There was a webinar on this on the 18th of December. Linked to this agenda item, is the draft implementation framework for content related registry commitments. I'm not sure if we did, I think we didn't, we don't have yet a decision whether to go ahead with public comment from At-Large on this or not, but I think we need to come up with a decision whether to go ahead with this as soon as possible. So, any ideas? Because we need to submit the comment before the 23rd of February. Andrew? Please, go ahead.

ANDREW CHEN: It's Andrew for the record. Just so everyone knows this will be discussed further next week as well. And the public consultation will be collected in a Google form by the Board. And so, more information will come regarding that in coming weeks. But, in the meantime, please feel free to review the consultation blog that the Board had published along with the implementation, the draft implementation framework and the 18th of December webinar as well. All of which have been linked in 4p.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you so much, Andrew. This is Hadia, for the record. Thank you for this information. So please go ahead and review the documents that are linked to this agenda item and stay tuned for next week's call. Olivier, please take the floor.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Hadia. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Just to remind everyone, this voluntary commitment and PICs is one of these hot topics that we usually follow and we have advocated for in At-Large. So, I would hope that we would have a statement. If even if it is one that is a supportive statement because there will be some out there in the community that might submit statements against some of the advancements that we're seeing here. So obviously, the Board will need to have both sides of the argument. And if there is support from our community it would be good for us to show it. And that's it. Thank you.

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HADIA ELMINIAMI: Thank you so much, Olivier. This is Hadia for the record. I definitely do support. Also having a statement and I hope we do agree on this. So, upcoming public comments is the improved GNSO Stake Holder Group and Consistency Charter Amendment Process. This will be discussed during the OSP working group call. The NCAP study 2 draft report and this should be out by the end of this month. And the phase 1 final court of the EPDP on internationalized domain names. This also should be out this month. With this, I finished the update. I don't know if Andrew? Olivier, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Hadia. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. Just to add on this last topic, the final report on the EPDP on internationalized domain name. As you know we have our usual work group and small team updates on this topic, the EPBP and IBM. And no doubt there will be members of our community that will be able to take us through this and explain that probably consultation in greater detail in one of our future calls when this thing comes out. Thank you.

HADIA ELMINIAMI: Thank you, Olivier. This is Hadia for the record and back to you again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Hadia. Yeah, we can probably play ping pong back and forth like that. Not like or puffing the button on. Thank you first, for this. Andrew, is there anything else that we've forgot numbers? So, we're all set.

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ANDREW CHEN: We're all set. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic, great. So, the next part now, is what you've all been waiting for and that's the DNS study. Brian Gutterman is joining us and he's going to be speaking to us about the Africa domain name industry study. And we've got about 20 minutes for a quick presentation. And of course, if anybody has questions then it will be the time to ask them. So, first welcome, Brian. And I guess we can just hand over the floor to you.

BRIAN GUTTERMAN: Thank you, Olivier, and hello everyone. First off, thanks for inviting me here today to talk about the currently open public comment for the draft final report of the 2023, Africa domain name industry study. It's a report we're excited about. It's part of the coalition for Digital Africa bucket of work, I'll say. And it provides a bit of an update on a report that the consultants did for ICANN way back in 2017 actually.

So, you'll see some references in the report to that study. But you know of course, all of the open public comments are important, not only for ICANN as a whole for the community and we encourage everybody to have a look at everything that's there to provide input as the public comment to me is crucial to the multi stakeholder model in general. It's a chance for the community to have their voice heard and, in this instance, an opportunity to really improve the study and it's a study

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that's intended to help the industry in the region improve and it and sort of examine where they are today and where they want to go. And it provides recommendations about how the industry as a whole can do that. So, this is just a sort of a call for you all to have a look and to encourage your community colleagues to provide their public comments.

So thank you, Andrew, for putting this up on the screen, I have plugged a link into the chat as well, but I believe it's in your agenda. So, a little bit of background first. Andrew, if you want to scroll down. Again, the study was commissioned by ICANN as part of the Coalition for Digital Africa to assess the evolving DNS market and economic trends in Africa that describes and quantifies the overall potential of the industry in the region. Some of the specific bits that the report tries to address are there on the screen including an examination of the readiness of universal acceptance EAI DNSSEC.

There are regional and country-based breakdowns of registration data including but not limited to ccTLD versus gTLD registrations, registrations by business governments, NGOs research and academic institutions, etcetera. There's an assessment of the growth rate of domain name registrations for both ccTLDs and gTLDs over the past five years, a look at IDNs and a review of the current markets for local and global registrars and resellers in the region. So, a lot of good stuff in there.

It's taken a lot of work by the consultants over the past year or so and with contributions from a number of authors in the region, researchers from different African countries who've contributed to this work. So,

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it's an important thing to have a look at and all comments, suggestions are welcome to try and improve this as the next steps. As you will see there also will be to finish the public comment period. There are more than three more weeks left to make your comments. So, you have some time, but these things always go faster than we think and everybody's busy. So, please, try and prioritize it and have a look.

After the public comment is closed, the authors will incorporate the comments the best that they can along with ICANN staff and the final report, we hope to get out around the Puerto Rico meeting, give or takes so, sometime in early to mid-March and that's depending sort of on how many comments are received and how much work is done between the close of public comments and getting the final report out.

So, with respect to providing input, all of the instructions for doing so I think as this group knows are on the ICANN website there at the bottom. You need to log in to provide your input into the community portal. But yeah, I think that's about it. Okay. And then there's one more thing and then I'd be happy to take any questions. I believe my colleague Yaovi might be on the call as well. Yaovi, if you want to, who's leading a lot of the work for the Coalition for Digital Africa. So, if he wants to make any comments, I will welcome that too. We're having a community webinar, where the authors will actually be presenting the report in a more longer form way than what I just did.

So, they'll be walking through it and fielding questions. Andrew, I don't know, I think the information for registering for that webinar have already been circulated to this group or in the agenda. If we could plug that one more time that would be great just so everybody has it and

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they can register if they'd like to participate in that webinar. Again, that's next week. Thank you, Hadia. On 23 January at 14:00 UTC. So, another chance to hear about the study from the authors themselves and to make comments there. So, I think that's it. Happy to take questions. And as always, we appreciate your help getting the word out about these kinds of things.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And Brian, I'm going to let you run your own queue, or if you want, do you want me to run the queue?

BRIAN GUTTERMAN: I think I can see hands in the room. There's Yaovi. My colleague, Yaovi, does have his hand up and then I can go to the next question. But please go ahead, Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you, Brian, and thank you also, Hadia, for putting the information in the chat. What I want to add is that for the audio on the 23rd, the audio in Zoom is in English so we have interpretation in French and Portuguese. So, if you need to have the audio in Portuguese or in French, please send an email to [query.nairobiec@icann.org](mailto:query.nairobiec@icann.org). The instruction is in the message we posted to African mainly listen to the Afri-Discuss list. So, just to remind us to send an email with the phone detail and language preference to [query.nairobiec@icann.org](mailto:query.nairobiec@icann.org). If you want the audio during the webinar in French or Portuguese. Thank you so much.



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BRIAN GUTERMAN: Thank you, Yaovi. I see a hand from Setondji. Please go ahead.

SETONDJI HERVE: Okay. Do you get me please?

BRIAN GUTERMAN: Yes. Thank you.

SETONDJI HERVE Okay. Thank you. I read this draft final report. For me it is very, very wisdom document. I like it. For me, it is very, very important to give a document to African leader. What are you planning to do for that please? Thank you.

BRIAN GUTERMAN: Oh, thank you. Just to confirm your question was about circulating in it to the media in the region. Is that right? To sort of to promote the work?

SETONDJI HERVE: I do not understand the question, please. Can you repeat please?

BRIAN GUTERMAN: So, your question was about how we will be circulating it to the local media? Is that what the question was? I just wanted to confirm. Media

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into African Leaders. Yes. Well once the draft final report is published, we'll be using our usual sort of communications means including social media promoting the report at ICANN meetings, at ICANN sort of where we are participating at other ICANN meetings. So, we have a great. You know, Yaovi is one of the members of the team and the GSE Africa team led by Pierre Dandjinou and they are very, very busy meeting with leaders from the industry, from governments all the time and they'll be bringing this report to anybody we think is interested, but I would also say, the help of the community is always crucial in promoting work like this, especially because it's meant to help sometimes folks that aren't involved in ICANN.

And some of the public comment work is very internal and sort of smaller working groups, whereas this one is something we really want to get the word out on. So, you're exactly right. And we would ask for this group's help in doing so and getting the report once it's finished to those that that need it. Olivier, I see your hand up. I don't know if you have a comment on that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thank you very much, Brian. Not particularly on this but just my own personal comments on this, it's not even a report. I think it's like a thesis. The and the reason why I call this the thesis, it's because it's the first time that I actually see a study that is first consistent. It's not just like 10, 15 pages and there you go.

It's not a tick the box scenario. It's something that goes to quite some depth. And of course, looking at the list of authors at the end of the

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report, no wonder because we you have what reads a bit like a who's who of the shakers and movers of the Internet in Africa, both in not just domain names but, in the African infrastructure and the development of the Internet. So, it's written by people who know what the heck they're talking about not by people who are just assuming this and assuming that.

And this is I think what's perfectly important in this particular document is that whilst in the last previous round of new gTLDs, we had been announced, oh, there's going to be a study of the DNS market and whatever and we ended up with hit the box scenarios and quite vacuous document. This one really drills in and I really would recommend people reading through this. It's quite refreshing to see something that so much care to put together and I certainly learned more than a thing or two about what was going on. Even my pre-thinking, even though I've been around for quite some time, but certainly something that is a proof that I didn't have a clue what I was thinking about.

So, here It's pretty great. The question I do have actually about this is following on this great example, is ICANN planning on doing something similar with other parts of the world that are that also have challenges when it comes down to the spread of New Generic Top-Level Domains? And I'm speaking particularly about Latin America and the Caribbean and also the Asian subcontinent. Is there a plan for this in the future or are we just at the moment we're just focusing on this?

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BRIAN GUTERMAN:

Well, thank you, Olivier. Also, for the kind words and thanks for those who have put comments in the chat. Please, also make a public comment if you can. There're always ways to improve what we have so far and participate in the webinar next week. And the quick answer is yes, Olivier. There are plans and there is ongoing work that has started already. I know for the Middle East region in particular but, it is the plan to be comprehensive in covering the whole world with these sorts of studies.

I think we can all agree that how important they can be to get real analysis and insights from the regions as we look ahead to the rollout of the next round. Not only that, but for lots of other parts of our work as a community and as an organization. So, that is in the works and the community will certainly be involved and alerted as the reports from the different regions start sort of rolling out in earnest, but good point. I don't know. John, I see your question in the chat.

I'm not aware but, maybe we can get back to you about your question about the study in Middle East. And there's the question in the chat from Setondji, there is French interpretation I believe for the webinar, but Yaovi, you want to confirm on that question? Anyway, yeah, I think there is French interpretation but, please go ahead and register and you can see what's available. Olivier, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Brian. Olivier Crépin-Leblond, and just one more point, and we did discuss about this, sharing of this study. Of course, it is in draft form. Now, I would think that our network of At-Large

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structures in various, and all of these countries, it's going to be particularly important for disseminating the study to those people that make things happen in those countries.

I think that partially answers maybe the question that Setondji had asked on this. But yeah, we definitely need to look at this because, just like there have been some ICANN studies or ICANN funding studies that were worthy of being shared with the wider community and not just speaking to our own chapel going a bit further than our own parish as one would go. This one is definitely worthy of this kind of sharing.

And I think I've done enough rambling on this one. I'm not seeing any other hands and last chance to ask a question or make a comment. And Yaovi is indeed confirming that in order to get interpretation in French or in Portuguese, you do need to send an email to queries.nairobec@icann.org. I gather that this probably is in order to find out the number of people that will be using the language channels and then setting up those language channels with interpreters, etcetera, in advance of the call. Okay. Brian, thank you very much and we look forward to, well, I think many of us will go into attending that that webinar.

BRIAN GUTERMAN:

Great. Thank you for inviting me and hope to see you there at the webinar.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. We are now done with this section. So, now the next part, the next agenda item is Just one last thing. You do have to register by the way for that webinar. And the link is also if you missed it in the chat, the link is also for registration, is also in the main agenda. Now, the next agenda item is the ICANN79 consolidated policy working group agenda perforation. And three people are listed on this Olivier, Hadia and Jonathan.

And I guess it's not really for us to say, but it's for you who are taking part in this call today to provide suggestions as to what should be discussed in that face-to-face meeting that will take place in Puerto Rico. The idea I guess as a starting point would be to have the work group and small team updates or a selection of the work group and small team update. But then, if we have a full hour devoted to consolidated policy work, maybe there could be other things to discuss. I'll hand, I mean, I don't know. Hadia, do you have any views on this? I can see your hand up. So, go ahead, Hadia Elminiawi.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you. This is Hadia for the record. So, I actually had two topics for the consolidated policy suggestions for two topics. I don't know though if you would like the ideas. But anyway, the first one is related to Internet Governance. So, At-Large with the five RALOs representing the diverse interest of Internet users, we could definitely discuss Internet governance as well during the consolidated policy working group session.

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So, we could discuss the importance of participation of end users in Internet Governance. The means through which Internet users can participate and also the kind of participation that is expected from end users, but this could be like take one part or one like maybe 15 minutes or so. And then another card suggestion could be also in discussing best practices for identifying end users' interest in ICANN PDPs or we could use the current PDPs as use cases in order maybe to come out with some best practices.

I know this has been discussed a lot but, maybe also refreshing our thought, it could be also on the topic could be good. And in addition, of course to what you mentioned the discussing current PDPs, the stance of At-Large and a lot on those PDPs, what's the end user position on those PDPs. So, yes, I stop here and give you back the floor, you and Jonathan. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Hadia.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks, Hadia. Jonathan Zuck here for the record. Often, it's just a question of giving people a chance to experience this meeting live and I don't know that we need to be dramatic about it but make it about the topics of the of the day. But if people do have particular ideas for topics that they want to focus on, that certainly makes sense. I mean there are certainly topics that our open conversations for us with respect to contention resolution, registry voluntary commitments and others where further conversation is probably still worthwhile. So, I think

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there's plenty to talk about but, you certainly welcome input from folks on what would make the most sense. So, give it some thought.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's very quiet day today, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yes, it seems like it. People recovering from New Year's Eve or something or a little too much partying on Martin Luther King Day.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: 17 days later, I have no idea what they've done.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah, exactly. Well, I mean I'm a little out of it too because my travel back to Los Angeles from DC was disrupted first by airplanes having passenger containment problems and then by snow. So, man plans got lapsed as they say.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well, it's Olivier speaking. We've launched the process, the deadline for finalizing those agendas is not upon us this week, but let's get everyone to think about this and take on what Hadia has mentioned and take it from there. Just mentioning how long is that session for CPWG? I have an exact idea, is it the same length of time as the previous meeting or... 90 minutes, okay. Thank you, Hadia, for putting



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the numbers there. So we do have 90 minutes. So yeah, there is plenty of time to include these discussions.

Okay. Well, we're not going to I guess go very much further on this call, let's have this as a standing item for next week as well, so we can push the push the cork a little bit further at that point or kick the ball a little bit further in that direction. And that means we can, well, we've actually arranged amazingly we've reached any other business already? Unless yeah. Any other business if there's anything else to discuss in today's call. There's a question here from Steinar. Is there a page where we can add ideas and proposals for the ICANN79 CPWG agenda? Good point actually.

There is an agenda page for, well, there's an ICANN79 page somewhere. Perhaps could we ask staff to either share it in the chat or both share it in the chat and also add it to the agenda, because from that point onwards, from this week onwards, we'll probably start building not only for the CPWG calls but also for the meetings we have with the Board, with everyone else at ICANN. So, I know that staff are usually quite proactive about this and get these pages ready early on.

Even though we are already just a few months away, actually, even just a month from their RALO, away from the next meeting. So, I'd imagine this will be ready by the next week, if it isn't already ready now. So, going once, for any other business, going twice. It looks like it's going to be another, well, maybe not short call because we've spent the hour but, an efficient call. Let's have a look at when our next meeting will be then.

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YEŞİM SAĞLAM: Thank you, Olivier. This is Yeşim speaking. Excuse me. Our next call will be next Wednesday on 24th January at 1900 UTC. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Yeşim. Hadia, anything else?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Nothing to add from my side. Thank you so much. This is Hadia for the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Hadia. And thanks everyone. Thanks to our interpreters of course, and to the real time text transcriber. And of course, for Andrew, for doing an amazing job at managing to get everyone's updates on time and ready on time in getting that agenda together and for Yeşim too, for doing a great work. It's an exciting new year. There's a lot going on and no doubt we will continue meeting throughout the year. So, in the meantime for everyone, half an hour spare. Have a very good morning, afternoon evening or night wherever you are. Goodbye.

YEŞİM SAĞLAM: Thank you all. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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