

Bart Boswinkel: Good afternoon

Nick Tomasso: Greetings Bart ...

Bart Boswinkel: Hi Nick

David Olive: Welcome everyone

David Olive: Agenda looks great Thanks

Nick Tomasso: Hello David ...

David Olive: Hi Nick How are you doing?

Nick Tomasso: Thanks for joining ...

Nick Tomasso: Doing fine, thanks. And you?

David Olive: Great here, preparing for staff very soon

Nick Tomasso: I am sending Erhan to Geneva on Monday to check the new office there. So don't expect to see him Monday morning.

Evan Leibovitch: i'm on the call too.

kristina rosette: on mute. trying to get my short person out the door to school

Bart Boswinkel: By the way Gabi and Kristina do the battle Chris is referring to

kristina rosette: not this kristina :-)

Michele Neylon: :)

Marika Konings: How do you define a conflict? Is it when meetings scheduled at the same time target the same community, or just the fact that meetings take place at the same time makes them conflicting?

Chris: the former Marika...

Chris: "my meeting must not have a conflict"

Chris: 'my meeting must be in the main room'

Marika Konings: @Chris - right, but just because there is no conflict doesn't mean people will actually come to 'your' session if they are not interested ;-)

Chris: indeed:-)

Evan Leibovitch: I didn't expect that I would be able to speak on behalf of ALAC, but on this issue I can. I think it's pretty well agreed that the situation started going south when Friday was abolished.. Conflicts started skyrocketing from that point.

Marika Konings: so there needs to be some objective assessment whether such a session really needs to be unconflicted, or whether it is just a desire from the organizer to get as many people as possible

kristina rosette: from my perspective, a conflict means that there are more than 2 sessions at the same time that I wish to attend. (I've figured out how to handle 2 - thank goodness for the scribe feed - but 3 puts me right over the edge)

Michele Neylon: So "conflict" is a bit fluffy

Michele Neylon: maybe the meeting needs to be organised by "tracks" ?

kristina rosette: and 3 occurred frequently in Durban

Evan Leibovitch: You can disagree, but ALAC is almost unanimous that Friday was needed. In fact you may notice that ALAC STILL has meetings on Friday.

Chris: Evan...yes..ALAC had Friday..not ICANN

Evan Leibovitch: ALAC is not ICANN?

Michele Neylon: oh for God's sake children

Evan Leibovitch: I also note that increasingly more meetings are being held on (the previous) Sunday, Saturday and even Friday for some.

Chris: Evan, with all due respect...." I think it's pretty well agreed that the situation started going south when Friday was abolished.. Conflicts started skyrocketing from that point." is simply not true

Michele Neylon: Evan - yes - I've noticed that as well

Michele Neylon: can we agree that the meeting is busier and longer?

Michele Neylon: and that removing Friday might have contributed :)

Michele Neylon: I'm trying to be diplomatic :)

Chris: apart from SO/AC reports and a Board meeting there were NO cross constituency sessions on Friday

Evan Leibovitch: Sorry, Chris, ask ANYONE in ALAC and you'll get the response that it absolutely is the case. You may disagree but it is a widely held PoV

Chris: Evan, I agree...in ALAC

Chris: and I repeat, ALAC is NOT ICANN

Chris: ALAC is a part of ICANN

Evan Leibovitch: (and we are never the ones to demand the main room ;-)

Chris: ALAC is also not At Large

Michele Neylon: Trying to make big changes for BA is going to be a problem I suspect

Chris: I agree Michele

Marika Konings: Wednesday afternoon - correct

Marika Konings: GNSO Council Open Meeting

Bart Boswinkel: ccNSO has a 3/4 day meeting followed by a Council meeting

Michele Neylon: Our Tuesday is so crammed that we can't fit anything else in on it :)

Byron: ccNSO Tuesday is crammed with an all day meeting (both Tues/Wed)

Evan Leibovitch: ALAC is already overloaded enough that we are forced to have off-the-grid meetings during the opening ceremony. We also have had to schedule some meetings at 7am.

Chris: oh please...Evan..really? overlooked???

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kristina rosette: To reinstate the SO/AC sessions on Monday? Or the outreach on Monday?

Evan Leibovitch: ?

sallycosterton: We got strong feedback from the community that more intra community discussions were important to look at.

Evan Leibovitch: I did not say "overlooked". Please re-read.

Chris: my apologies...overloaded, I accept

Marika Konings: Do you already have a specific time slot in mind for Monday as we are planning other meetings as well?

Chris: although, let's not argue about who is more overloaded:-)

Evan Leibovitch: ALAC has working group meetings on Monday.

Marika Konings: GNSO wrap-up takes place on Thursday morning

Evan Leibovitch: I am vehemently opposed to moving the PR to the afternoon.

kristina rosette: GNSO Council has working session mid-day on Thursday.

Marika Konings: as well as several workshops

David Olive: Nicj Can you give a timeframe for Monday , starting at 9am or 10 am

Evan Leibovitch: We are still, in some cases, word crafting statements on the morning

kristina rosette: I think the Fellowship folks meet on Thursday morning (early).

Chris: Evan...PR?

Evan Leibovitch: sorry. PF

Marika Konings: would that mean that there wouldn't be any sessions on Thursday afternoon?

Marika Konings: or at least none that are expected to 'influence' the public forum?

kristina rosette: Personally, if the Public Forum could be 9AM-1 PM on Thursday that may work. GNSO Council session could be at 1 and I think the Fellowship folks are done by 9

Chris: Evan..so unhappy moving the PF to morning?

Bart Boswinkel: If you want to change the public forum to the morning, ccNSO WG will move to the afternoon, from a scheduling point of view, if the change is down, make it known as soon as possible

Evan Leibovitch: There is ALAC-wide policy meetings on Thursday morning.

sallycosterton: could we move the gnso wrap session to Thursday afternoon?

Marika Konings: @Sally - yes I think so, as long as we know this as soon as possible.

Evan Leibovitch: I would argue that the Public Forum itself needs a real overhaul

Marika Konings: but Michele makes a valid point that some people leave shortly after the wrap up to be able to get home after having been away for a week.

sallycosterton: we got very good feedback about the improved format of the PF at the Beijing and Durban meetings - now we just need to max attendance.

Byron: Cutting Friday has pushed many meetings forward in the week, forcing people to arrive earlier - leading people to want to get out by Thursday. This prevents many from attending Public Forum even though they would like to be there. Moving it to Thursday am makes sense to me, in spite of the specific knock-on effects

Marika Konings: Would the board meeting also move, or that would remain at the end of the day (if there is one?)

Marika Konings: it would be important to make sure that people understand that just because the public forum moves, it doesn't mean the meeting is done Thursday midday as there are typically workshops on Thursday morning that now would move to Thursday afternoon.

Nick Tomasso: the board meeting moves earlier, as well.

Nick Tomasso: and yes ... the remainder of the day is used for other sessions.

Byron: Agreed, but since they are more specific community meetings, I think it is up to individuals to participate in their own meetings.

kristina rosette: Has anyone been tracking the session attendance by day, time of day, and subject matter (general)? If so, that may be useful information to identify what days and times of day may be "open" for moving sessions around. Similarly, if certain topics have routinely had low attendance (in person and remotely), perhaps that means we could move those topics to pre-meeting webinars.

sallycosterton: Yes Nick has this and we used this to suggest Monday for this idea. Right Nick?

Nick Tomasso: that is correct

kristina rosette: @Sally and @Nick: Excellent. Does that data indicate that some of the sessions that would be pushed to Thursday afternoon (if PF is now Thurs AM) could be moved to other days?

sallycosterton: Yes I believe it does Kristina.

kristina rosette: I respectfully disagree with Evan's view of the PF. It's viewed as immensely important - in perception and substance - by the IPC. (I think the entire CSG would agree but I can't speak for them.)

sallycosterton: The data from delegate surveys suggest that the community wants to keep the PF yes.

Chris: so, everyone...if nothing else this call demonstrates how diverse the opinions are on how to manage meetings and how best to structure them

kristina rosette: +1 to Bart

Chris: Byorn I think, Kristina...

kristina rosette: oops. sorry.

Chris:: -)

kristina rosette: and less fluid. Once it's posted, it would be extremely helpful if it didn't change.

kristina rosette: color-coding tracks/categories?

Michele Neylon: Kristina - taxonomy / colours ..

Nick Tomasso: Kristina, Michele, Byron ... noted.

kristina rosette: @Chris: yes

kristina rosette: hee

Byron: Agree with Michele on comments about improving readability of schedule. Anything to make it easier to digest would be helpful. How can you "visualize" the data better:)

sallycosterton: Michaele - yes this is what community members want more of - exchange of ideas, networking, making it easier to solve problems further down the line.

kristina rosette: Speaking of GAC, there are rumors of a GAC-Board consultation in BA the Friday before the meeting. If those rumors are true, it would be helpful to know sooner rather than later.

kristina rosette: I wouldn't do it to your face (or behind your back). I'm not that kind of person. :-)

Chris: Kristina...unlily but not impossible

Chris: re GAC

sallycosterton: Sorry Michele - spelled your name wrong. Glasses need replacing..

Michele Neylon: Sally - meh

Michele Neylon: you just want to call me names

Michele Neylon: *sniff*

kristina rosette: @Chris: yes, but we need to make sure it's a topic that really will be of interest to the SOs/ACs.

kristina rosette: to be clear: could do in BA if we get started ASAP

Marika Konings: FWIW, the Policy & Implementation Working Group will also have a F2F meeting in BA that will be open to everyone interested (like the WG is)

Byron: Getting it started in BA would be a worthwhile endeavour...but we would need to get it started ASAP

Michele Neylon: agree with Byron

Michele Neylon: What WG?

Michele Neylon: Am in another bloody WG that nobody told me about? :)

kristina rosette: Why don't we go out to our respective groups and get input as to top 3 topics of interest for the Monday session.

kristina rosette: Michele - you may be the only person in the GNSO who doesn't know about it - based on participation.

kristina rosette: No problem, Chris. Like the idea.

Evan Leibovitch: In fact, in Durban ALAC tried to do a cross-constituency policy workshop on Monday: <http://durban47.icann.org/node/39645>

Evan Leibovitch: It was also well attended

Michele Neylon: Evan - we weren't invited

Evan Leibovitch: Jonathan's line is REALLY noisy

Michele Neylon: Kristina - quite possible - I wear a lot of hats

Chris: It's Jonathan that's noisy not his line

Chris: :-)

Byron: Thanks all...good luck Nick!

Chris: I have disconnected to go to my next call...thank's everyone

Michele Neylon: I think I'm on that call too

David Olive: THanks, Chris

kristina rosette: thanks everyone.

Michele Neylon: oh I'm not -= that's not for another hour

Jonathan Robinson: Apologies for joining late. I couldn't make it initially and have jumped in on the back of another meeting finished

kristina rosette: bye everyone

Bart Boswinkel: Bye Bye

Michele Neylon: *gone*

David Olive: Thanks All