

CEO/Community Leaders Conference Call

Tuesday, 18 February 2014 at 1300UTC

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David Olive: Welcome SO-AC-SG Leaders to our call

David Olive: Welcome Michele

Michele Neylon: Is there audio via this or should I test Guatemala's telephone services?

Michele Neylon: Actually

Michele Neylon: I will try Skype

Michele Neylon: James Bladel is also joining since I wasn't meant to be joining

Michele Neylon: and will probably drop off due to terrible internets

David Olive: Fine, Michele. Glad you can join as well as James

Michele Neylon: Guatemala's wifi kind of sucks :)

Rafik: Hello

David Olive: Welcome Rafik and Jonathan

Michele Neylon: Morning

Michele Neylon: or

Michele Neylon: Hola

Michele Neylon: Como dicen por aqui

Rafik: Hi, Michele, be positive, do you need internet access everyday :)?

David Olive: Fadi, Theresa and Tarek said that would also join

Jonathan Robinson: Hello all

Theresa: David, good morning, I am on

David Olive: Welcome, Theresa

Theresa: or good afternoon, evening and morning to all.

David Olive: This call will be recorded and transcribed so you can share the information with your groups.

David Olive: And you can access past call on the SOAC wiki page which will also be provided with today's documents

David Olive: Welcome Marie-L and Keith and Elisa

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you David.

David Olive: Welcome Kristina

Kristina Rosette (IPC): Thank you, David.

David Olive: Welcome Patrik

Patrik Fältström: Thanks David!

RobH: FYI, link to call recordings, etc is here - <https://community.icann.org/display/soaceinputfdback/Event+Calendar>

Patrik Fältström: Sound works

David Olive: We can hear

Bladel: 5x5

Kristina Rosette (IPC): very clear

Wolf Knoblen: phone is ok

David Olive: Welcome Wolf Ullrich and Tarek

Jonathan Robinson: These calls to update us and the community at large are a VERY good idea

David Olive: Welcome Heather, Lars-Johan, and German

David Olive: Thank you, Jonathan, for your feedback on these calls/updates

Heather Dryden: Hello everyone

German Valdez: Thanks glad to be here.

Bladel: Any further details on the Board resolution?

Keith Drazek (RySG): Please provide more detail on the Board resolution on globalization.

David Olive: This will be made available according to the Board publication schedule

David Olive: And I will watch for it to send the document around to the SO-AC-SG list

David Olive: Welcome Adiel

Adiel Akplogan: Thanks David

Heather Dryden: I agree that it would be helpful to provide further detail about the resolution

Kristina Rosette (IPC): It would be helpful if the Strategy Panel reports and comment deadlines were added to the Public Comments page. <http://www.icann.org/en/news/public-comment>. Many rely on that page as a "one stop" location for all open public comment periods. Thanks.

Michele Neylon: Personally - not position of RrSG - If ICANN cannot sort out conflicts with local law, I don't see how this globalization is possible

Theresa: Hi Kristina, yes, will have that added.

Kristina Rosette (IPC): Thanks, Theresa.

Patrik Fältström: I would like to remind everyone that regarding the issues SSAC have seen on broken TMCH has not been acted on, at all. And I urge people to not rely on TMCH yet. In any process.

Patrik Fältström: https://www.mycann.org/board-advice#advice-to-board_f=tmch&advice-to-board_d=false

Michele Neylon: Security + stability issues should be core

Michele Neylon: I thought they were core to ICANN's mission

Patrik Fältström: I also want to point out that we do have new gTLDs that are so broken technically that I think various clauses that say EBERO could be invoked has matched.

Michele Neylon: Patrik - already?

Michele Neylon: wow

Patrik Fältström: Part from me supporting the issue that Michele mentioned, that the fact people in some legislations cannot sign contracts with ICANN due to US-centric clauses is something that MUST be addresses, or else our enemies might be able to say that "the internal ICANN change processes does not work"

Michele Neylon: Patrik - thanks

David Olive: Thank you, Fadi, and Xavier is next, then we will open it to comments questions

Keith Drazek (RySG): I support the focus on ATRT-2 in Singapore, particularly the parts of ATRT-1 that remain incomplete (as identified in ATRT-2).

Fadi Chehadé: The issues on local laws and TMCH are noted. I will refer them to Akram/GDD and urge the community to bring these up to GDD on their next call

Michele Neylon: Fadi - with all due respect the local law issue has been going on for months and is going in circles

Michele Neylon: there are currently approximately a dozen EU registrars who have requested waivers

Michele Neylon: only 1 has been granted provisionally to date

Fadi Chehadé: I will look into it with Akram

Patrik Fältström: Thanks, Fadi, and btw, there are similar clauses/issues in contracts regarding "co-insuring ICANN" for damages here and there (registry agreement/DNS operation, escrow contract etc). So part from addressing the immediate problem Michele talks about, there are some generics there as well. Something that might be needed in US/CA law, but not possible in for example Swedish law. I have no idea as a non-lawyer how to resolve that issue.

Bladel: As an American registrar, I'm happy to see my competitors on the sidelines. But for ICANN, keeping them in limbo is a serious problem with the harms growing daily. There needs to be a real sense of urgency on this issue from ICANN Legal.

Kristina Rosette (IPC): Excellent and important, Byron. Thanks very much for asking.

Kristina Rosette (IPC): oops. Excellent and important question. . . .

Keith Drazek (RySG): I'm looking forward to seeing how the 22% expense growth year-over-year from 2013 to 2014 tracks with the budget and the current strategic plan.

Jonathan Robinson: @Keith Beyond that, costs growth at the levels they are projected to grow at (high teens) dropping to low teens warrants additional discussion I think. How will that sort of growth be funded at this stage?

Fadi Chehadé: Certainly Keith. As I noted, I am expecting to meet my commitment to keep FY14 expenses within budget

Fadi Chehadé: @Jonathan. Our forecast show that in that growth range, our expenses will be below revenues and will still leave overage into the reserve fund

Jonathan Robinson: @Fadi. Thank-you.

Kristina Rosette (IPC): yes

Byron Holland: One other comment made during Fadi's update that caught my attention was the note about "top down" budgeting. Always a flag in a community like ours. Could you flesh out this comment?

Elisa Cooper: Thank you, Fadi, for providing this forum - I will be sure to share this information with the BC, and may have some comments for you after I speak with BC members later this week.

Patrik Fältström: FWIW, I just had lunch with Swedish Foreign Ministry, and I can confirm what Fadi just said. Very scary.

Keith Drazek (RySG): Thanks Patrik, appreciate you sharing that.

Bladel: Russia has been saying that since Dubai. More concerning is to hear echoed by EU countries....

Patrik Fältström: There is a misunderstanding. Sweden do not have that view. Sweden is as scared as Fadi over the suggestions. Russia has said so, yes, but now more countries.

Patrik Fältström: Sweden "We are very alone, because not many countries say anything, and even fewer against the Russian proposal"

David Olive: Last question from Rafik

Byron Holland: Thank you, Fadi

Heather Dryden: Governments are not seeking less influence over country codes. What we have currently at ICANN is a delicate balance. Upsetting that balance amidst the current uncertainty will make the issues around country codes and IANA very difficult to address.

Keith Drazek (RySG): +1 Heather

Michele Neylon: Dropping off here

Michele Neylon: LACTLD meeting all day

Michele Neylon: Bye

Fadi Chehadé: Really appreciate your insights. I am particularly delighted that we are aligned on key themes for Singapore. Thanks!

Kristina Rosette (IPC): Thank you for this forum, Fadi and David. Extremely useful and greatly appreciated.

Bladel: Thank you David, Xavier and Fadi

David Olive: Thank you everyone

Patrik Fältström: Thanks!

Keith Drazek (RySG): Thanks for doing these calls. Very important we continue them.

Jonathan Robinson: Thanks. Well done.