
LONDON – ATLAS II Plenary - Session 3
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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Welcome back everybody to this session. That was Cheryl. I'm starting to think that people are making noise, specifically to hear Cheryl shout out. It's starting to become a fixture at this meeting. Thanks everyone for being back just about on time. We're about ten minutes late. This session is going to be quite a short session. We're going to be dealing with two things.

First, we're going to have a short report from anyone in the Working Groups. That is going to be able to give us a little five-minute feedback of the discussion in their Thematic Working Group. Then we'll have a number of housekeeping announcements as to what happens next, what happens tomorrow, etcetera. I see Heidi happily coming into the room after a lovely day of rest. That was very sarcastic. Sorry. English humor again.

Welcome back. We've got the five Thematic Working Groups that have met for several hours this afternoon. From what I hear, there's been plenty of discussion going on with the different groups. Eduardo, how are we doing this? Shall we start with 1, 2, 3, 4, or shall we start by 5, 4, 3, 2, 1? Or randomly? One to five? We've got two mics here. Whoever's going to report will have to stand in front. We can bring the mic to you. This is really a taking-stock session, finding out how things are progressing. We'll ask for a quick summary of what's been happening in your group, so that we all know how we're moving along with things.

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We hope the discussions have been fruitful. I guess we can probably start with TG1. Just to remind you what TG1 was looking at, it was the multistakeholder model. That's right. The future of multistakeholderism. The question is, is there a future, is there no future for multistakeholderism, or is there something in between the two? We'll find out in a second. Have you appointed someone to speak about it? I hear Evan's name being said. I see staff not listening. Okay, Silvia's here. At least you're listening. Evan, please give us your feedback on TG1.

EVAN LEIBOVITCH:

Fine. You want it quick, you'll get it very brief, because this is a work in progress. We broke into three separate groups, each of which was dealing with a number of issues. We tossed out some questions to the group in terms of the various approaches to using the multistakeholder model. We're trying very hard to avoid the "ism". Essentially, there's not a lot to say right now. There's still a lot of work to be done. There was a very active discussion going on.

We split into three groups. Each of those three groups has their own reporter. They've all been sending me information, so there's a lot to work with going forward, and into tomorrow.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Evan for this very short summary of the discussions. Very good to see there are heated discussions going on. The second TG is the globalization of ICANN. Who is going to speak

about this? That lady over there with her hand up, please introduce yourself?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I'll do so quite quietly. Hello, my name is Cheryl Langdon-Orr, and I've had the honor of working with an amazing group of people today. I think we had the world's smallest room, and there was not an empty seat. We had additional people who'd quite literally found it on the Agenda and joined us. We engaged with them. What we've been covering in our topic of globalization of ICANN is in fact question three of the five questions we want to deal with.

The first thing that happened was we threw out the Agenda we'd planned, totally, because we had an opportunity to have an additional, guest, subject matter expert, that was only available for this block of time. We took advantage of that. We exploited that shamelessly. I think we've had a frank and fearless conversation about the matters of how the legal framework and constitutional framework in a globalized ICANN may or may not work.

Tomorrow morning, after we do an icebreaking exercise, they will bring that back to a set of outputs, which may be consensus on some points and may be divergence on others. That will be reported back tomorrow afternoon. Our sessions have been designed as Committee of the whole, but we're dealing with each of our questions in series. We've had a very wide-ranging and very interesting discussion today, and we were privileged to also manage to get a good part of Rinalia Abdul Rahim's afternoon as well.

I wanted to thank all of them, but particularly note that our guest presenter, who was Michele Neylon, was absolutely invaluable. I'd like staff, if they could, or perhaps Olivier, to give a formal thanks on behalf of us, for him to spend several hours of his time with us today.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Cheryl. That will translate with needing some funding for a few pints of beer later on in the week. Do we get the funding? Is it okay?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It should be said that at one point, when things were getting a little tense, and he said his blood pressure was going up, I did actually give him a neck massage. That is on the record.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, I think I have to stop this. For those of you who weren't in the meeting earlier with the mentors and mentees, Tijani invited everyone to his room. He even gave us his room number! Go to Tijani's room later on at any time of the night! Now we're at the neck massage with other community members. Great stuff. I apologize. Let's be back to being serious and go to TG3 – global Internet, the user perspective. Who's going to speak on this group?

WOLF LUDWIG: Thanks. Well, we were one of the bigger groups, discussing about the user perspective. We had a great introduction by our SMEs, Jean-

Jacques Subrenat, and Fatima. Afterwards we had a floating brainstorming.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Interpretation appears not to be working. We were on time. Now we're not on time.

WOLF LUDWIG: Do you want me to switch into another language?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Can you switch to Spanish?

WOLF LUDWIG: It's too early. After the first bottle of Spanish wine, let's discuss it, but for the moment... Is interpretation working yet? No? Well, I can continue in German and then try French? Not working. Want me to change the mic?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Let's check, Wolf. Are you hearing me? You must be, since you said no!

WOLF LUDWIG: They are busy. Are the table mics working now? Still no? Basically we're coming back to the bylaws where it said English was the working language of... I know, this was a completely culturally inappropriate remark. I apologize.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Since this is taking time, Wolf can say his report in French, German and in English. Then can someone who speaks both English and Spanish translate to Spanish? Eduardo, fantastic. Go ahead Wolf.

WOLF LUDWIG: We had a good introduction. We had a very vivid brainstorming about the notion of the user, because the user notion can be very different depending on the cultural context. [Eduardo translates]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Eduardo, from the reaction I see from everybody here, it's the kind of reaction we had at Net Mundial when one of the countries spoke with a signage interpreter and the gentleman looked like he was dancing the Macarena rather than actually doing any sign language. I remember Gunela sitting next to me thinking that it didn't look like sign language at all. That didn't look like the translation. We're not going to continue like this. If it's going to be ten minutes, we'll miss dinner.

SPEAKER: Group number four had problems with working the question, because there were different opinions, and there are opinions and experiences. The words we used within ICANN did not help...

ALAN GREENBERG: Is it working? Good. The reason I said what I just did is we broke up into four groups and then reported back after 15-20 minutes. The four

different reports were as if we'd asked completely different questions to each of the groups. They ranged from answers that were close to the final answer from the Working Group, to a range of things that basically said we didn't understand the terms and tried to define them, and various things in-between.

The exercise however was valuable, and the final outcome was because of our new understanding of how difficult it was going to be to address the real question, we did identify some things that we think we can do in the time frame tomorrow. From that, I think we have a framework of how to proceed tomorrow, with a reasonable chance of coming up with useful results. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Alan. The next group is TG5, the At-Large community engagement in ICANN. I'm not sure who's going to volunteer to say some words about it? Dev Anand Teelucksingh, you have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thank you. Thematic Group 5, even though it was a relatively small room, we still had to bring in a few chairs for persons who wanted to participate in discussions, which was good. We started off by having our SMEs, Stephane Van Gelder and Olivier Crépin-Leblond give a breakdown of how policy advice is conducted by the various SOs and ACs. Afterwards, Murray McKercher remotely gave some importance as to why the end-user perspective, in these policy activities, is important.

We then had a good discussion in describing some of the challenges that were noted. For example, one of the challenges is that it's a discouragement for policy advice to be potentially not perceived as being taken into account by the ICANN Board once it's submitted. Also things like the accessibility of the information, not just from being hard to understand – also language issues in terms of it not being available in their language.

We started to have a good dialogue in starting to expand on the challenges. For example, information is not easy to find, even the At-Large Wiki, much less the ICANN website. It's difficult to find. It's hard to find references. Also some other challenges is that sometimes an issue that's being sent to the At-Large is not considered as being important to respond too. Then we started looking at coming up with some possible ideas for solutions.

For example, perhaps we can look at targeting, mapping out our At-Large Members and getting an understanding of who our SMEs in various policies are. Therefore we could target that information to them. Also, maybe there's a possibility that we could fund such SMEs to actually attend ICANN meetings, to tackle when the issue is being discussed at the face-to-face meetings. We were also looking at... I think I'll cut it there. I was just about to say that obviously time ran out, so we'll be looking at more of the discussions tomorrow.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Dev. It's great to see the discussions are going on in all the TGs. We're slightly behind time. The next part of the Agenda is the housekeeping announcement as to what happens next today, and

also what will happen tomorrow. With regards to tomorrow, I think the TGs start immediately. Is it 8:00? Yes. They will start in the same rooms as today, so this time you can't say you couldn't find the room, except if you've been drinking so much you can't remember.

I'll hand the floor over to Gisella Gruber, who'll be providing us with the details now for this evening.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you Olivier. Just a reminder that the buses will be leaving at 6:45, 7:00, and 7:15 in the west wing lobby, which is down by registration – one floor down. Buses will be waiting there. Each bus will obviously only leave when it's full. We will be handing out the bracelets for the free drinks, and the return buses are 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30. I'm sure you'll all have a great time that you won't want to get back before the last bus.

As Olivier said, tomorrow, please be on time for your sessions at 8:00 in the morning. We have lunch tomorrow. We finish at 1:00 and you'll all be handed a map of how to walk to the Hilton Paddington, but we will have people to guide you. This is for ATLAS II participants only, very kindly sponsored by PIR. Then we'll be coming back after that, walking back, to start our 3:00 PM sessions. Any questions, please come and ask me. If you would be so kind as to start getting downstairs to be there at about 6:45. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much Gisella. One question – where are we going to tonight? You said the buses are going, but where to?

GISELLA GRUBER: We are going to the First Floor pub, which is in Portobello. I'm sure you'll find it a beautiful venue. The link is on the Wiki page Agenda.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much Gisella. That evening is sponsored by Afiliias, as you'll note. Portobello is actually Portobello Road. It's just around the corner from where Notting Hill, with Hugh Grant, was filmed. It's an interesting part of town. It's not very far. One more word?

GISELLA GRUBER: I'd just like to thank Afiliias. Desiree is here with us this evening as well, and she was in our TG1 session. [Applause]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent. Just one last thing, to thank everyone for being here the whole day. Thank you very much to the interpreters for their great work. [Applause] Thanks to the technical team for fixing that. Thanks for that help. Thanks to our lovely staff who've been running around and performing fantastically today. One last thing, for those people who are interested in soccer or football, the pub will have screen for you to watch that, so you'll be able to not miss any of that. Enjoy. See you tomorrow. Tonight is just for fun. Take care.

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