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Woman: GNSO Not-for-profit Operational Concerns NPOC ExCon meeting 3:15 to 4:45
Committee Room 4.

Raoul Plommer: All right welcome everyone. My name is Raoul Plommer, Acting Vice Chair at the moment. Maybe we can go around the table tell the remote participants we're here as well if we start from there?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Carlos Raul Gutierrez from Costa Rica.

Joan Kerr: Joan Kerr NPOC Membership Chair.

Manuel Rojas: Manuel Rojas, Communication Chair.

Maryam Bakoshi: Maryam Bakoshi, Staff Support.

Man: Yes.

Raoul Plommer: Do we have Sam on the line?

Maryam Bakoshi: Not yet.

Raoul Plommer: So maybe we'll leave the Treasury report till later, yes? Okay then there's the Com D reports, Community Developments. Joan you have some ideas about that?

Joan Kerr: (Unintelligible) membership?

Raoul Plommer: Yes.

Joan Kerr: We on the membership chair at the moment. We have about 75 members. One of the things that has changed this year is last year we focused on validating and verifying the NPOC memberships database and this year what we did was coordinate the NCSG application into one. So we don't have a two-step process anymore. We have a one-step process and that in it - has been done but in review so three months. So we're into the second month and then we have to review and see what we have to add to it.

We - there was last year we hosted an event in India which 57 people attended so we were quite happy about that. That's sort of the template for what we're going to be using for future events because basically the decision was to work with a local organization to cohost the event and it really worked out well. And that was the idea we had as a strategy and it actually worked. So I think we - it's a good thing to continue with and obviously build it up. The third thing is the current elections ends tomorrow. All positions were uncontested but the charter requires us to still have a voting ballot so those are out. And we'll have the results tomorrow the 29th or the 30th.

Maryam Bakoshi: Joan sorry it's Maryam speaking. We'll have the results sorry Friday morning. That's the 30th.

Joan Kerr: The 30th okay.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you.

Joan Kerr: So will have - we'll know so I'm on my way back to Canada knowing what happens. So the person that's nominated for membership is Gandahar from India. So NPOC can be satisfied that we do have a diverse representation in terms of positions anyway. So North and South America, Asia, Africa and North and South America and India. So we're quite happy that we're not just having new blood but we're also making sure that the diversity is addressed. So that's my report.

Raoul Plommer: And Manuel will tell us something about the Communications Committee.

Manuel Rojas: This is Manuel for the record. Yes okay communications we have been working mainly in the redesign for Web site that we - as we talked earlier this morning. But we had to - we designed this we tried - and we are going to improving more the Web site and also we are managing the social NPOC under line ICANN in Twitter and NPOC ICANN in Facebook to be more in reach in people in our member. But just we are also assessment evaluating if Facebook is a good idea for our members because we have a lot of people in Twitter but Facebook is just open this year than this is still work in progress and we have not much people right now in there. It's more for now it's more important in Twitter. And we have also work in profile, social media do we have to create something profile thinking that if NPOC was a person how would like to be, would like to know would like to share and something like that, that is helping us to define what messages we are going to reach then for our members.

Also we are supporting all communications in side our mailing list with the support of or sometimes it's Maryam too. And sometimes we are going to do some outreach mailing list too from communications. I don't remember right now. I know that there

is a little more thing that I can't remember now that we are going to do but I think that it's enough for now.

Raoul Plommer: Thanks Manuel. Policy do we have Poncelet?

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Well I can tell you a little bit what the NPOC's been up to in the last few months. Okay so we held elections for which the voting period ends tomorrow and the results are in on Friday. We worked on the charter very hard during this ICANN meeting and we will continue to do so. It's got a lot of work to do but that's going to then lead to greater things when we actually get to do things other than just improving our own organization.

We also we managed to get our domain name NPOC .org back into our control and build a Web site that's going to have a lot of development done in the coming year. There's going to be well probably we're going to integrate Trello in there. We have to discuss whether we're going to whether we want that Trello boards to be visible for everyone or just people who we invite there. But I think that's going to make our work at NPOC a lot more visible. People can actually see the task that we're doing. I think that will be quite important and motivating as well and it will also it'll be good and it'll be - it would be a good coordinating tool.

And then we're also building new tools of collaboration for better engagement and increased awareness on what the NPOC is doing. Well that is quite a lot what there is Trello but in our previous session in-between the Constituency Day we had talk about uploading pictures there from ICANN meetings and other meetings where we've been involved. And we should also start asking for people's interest on their willing to blog about their participation.

I think that's it. Can you guys think of something else? Something that's been happening in the last few months?

Manuel Rojas: Yes Manuel for the record. Yes I remember that we are - we were talking about to redesign our logo our institutional image and this is one of that is been ongoing yes right?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes Maryam speaking. Yes the ICANN Communications Team is dealing with that and it - we will have it ready way before ICANN 60 so we're sure we'll get that done then. Thank you.

Joan Kerr: We also participated at EuroDIG.

Raoul Plommer: Sorry that kind of slipped my mind. So I attended EuroDIG and I was therefore three nights four days. I had some meetings with the local pirates as well is the open knowledge of Estonia people and I spent a few hours in the ICANN stand telling people about NPOC. It was good because it was mostly an unmanned desk. And whenever somebody came to the ICANN desk I would be there giving out the NPOC brochure and like telling them what it's all about.

What else? There was - there were interesting discussions there. I think one of the most interesting ones that I found there was the talk on sustainable Internet. And there was - it was a good presentation with I think it was two researchers. The other one was from Oxford yes and the other one was from Cambridge. And they were basically saying that if we don't get the usage of energy in somewhat control we'll be in like big trouble in a couple of decades. And that basically in like 30 years the Internet will use 100% of all of the energy that humankind produces so that's a bit of a worrying thing.

And that's actually led me to also to support the idea of including the sustainable technologies in our scope as well. And Tapani the NCSG Chair was sort of validating that idea by saying that for example the domain name system can be maintained in a more sustainable way and that's going to take a lot of energy in the coming years.

So that's pretty much my trip at EuroDIG. We also had a member joining here. Can you state your name and where you from?

(Blana Boniertag): My name is (Blana Boniertag). I come from Serbia working in the NGO organization in not-for-profit. I'm coordinating the projects. I'm very very interested what's happening in this group. So thank you so much.

Raoul Plommer: Yes, glad you join us. Like you can see there's just, right now there's not too many people here so it's nice that you came. Yes this morning was there was a lot of attendance.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Okay I guess we can really move on to Item Number 4 and go through the treasury report a little later if we get Sam to join us. So the charter review Maryam could you give us the link in Adobe connection to the – I made the differential for the old charter or actually the charter version that came back from ICANN staff and that what we're now worked on and we've made our own version of that so that's again going to go back to the ICANN staff and be looked through.

So if we can have the link to the okay right. So there it's really quite arduous to make this whole charter but basically I think what we have far extent done now is we've specified NPOCs new mission and scope. And we've also talked about perhaps changing the name but that's something that we'd also need to discuss. And but yes if you - if the participants would like to read through the mission, mission and scope which I think are the most important. And that took us the most time and making this charter and then we can have a little discussion on that – those 1.2.1 and 1.2.2. Those we feel are really the most important things and everything else is derived from those.

And we've tried to make it now because NPOCs had - there's been some talk that NPOC's been too ambiguous in its mission so we've tried to make it into much more clearer now and for people to know what we're here to do. I think it's really not ambiguous anymore.

And we also managed to find a distinction between NPOC and NCUC and we're - we were thinking of changing the charter in a way that we will allow individuals members who have expertise on the areas that NPOC is working on. So that will distinct us from NCUC because for them if an individual joins them he has to be a registrant. This wouldn't be the case for us. It could be any individual who is an expert or has a demonstrated knowledge around a subject area. Manuel?

Manuel Rojas: Yes Manuel according to okay we know all about this but for people that if nothing we have any more good can you read it or I can read it I don't know, to put in context what are you're saying please because...

Raoul Plommer: Okay so I was basically trying to cover the areas that we think that are the big changes in the new charter. But yes I can read them through just as well. Okay all right so yes so NPOC provides a voice and representation in the ICANN policy process development in the scope of the GNSO that addresses operational concerns of non-commercial registrants of generic top-level domains gTLDs. So that's basically we wanted to make the mission really quite short and to still have the room to do everything that we have done before. And I think that's quite well addressed there now. And for the scope which I think is - was even more it was even harder I can read that as well.

So operational concerns and that's always been a question mark but what the hell does that actually mean? Sorry so operational concerns are defined as the concerns arising from the use of the gTLDs by the noncommercial organizations that serve noncommercial interests to achieve their own mission. Among these concerns but not limited to - and this is a little list of things that we think that really are operational concerns that are within the ICANN remit and within the remit of the GNSO. And we didn't used to have there was very little concrete items before and okay here's the list. I'm just not - there - it's DNS fraud is mentioned in the previous version and the fair and efficient registration.

But okay so among these operational concerns but not limited to them are the public interest software concerns, domain name fraud, intellectual property abuse for

example trademarks of nonprofits, privacy and cyber security issues as well as transparent registration and continued ownership of their domain names. And these are accomplished through education and engagement in the ICANN policy development process. What do you guys think?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: May I comment?

Raoul Plommer: Yes.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Okay thank you very much. I really congratulate you Manuel for the exercise. It looks like very small, you know, very small letters but I think it's very important. I think to focus on the mission and scope - what was the first mission? Okay it's key. I've been complaining over the years about the lack of focus of this group because I think this focus is very important and it's very hard to deal with to okay? It's very, very hard and but we should not stop trying it.

I am sorry to come back to the examples that I have used the last three years and report on progress on these areas. The biggest example that I have been hammering at this table has been about the national Red Cross and Red Crescent entities which fit perfectly into the new definitions particularly in the case of DNS abuse. As we know those entities are nonprofit. They depend on some kind of support to survive over the year but they always face very extreme situations once in a while that require them to look for help and for funds in emergency situations.

And of course this is the perfect situation for abuse in the DNS. I mean we have an earthquake. We have a storm. We have a tsunami and you get - start getting messages of many Web sites where you can donate money, you know. And this is a very, very big worry. Luckily we have made great strides in the GNSO to address the complaints of the international Federation and the Red Cross International Committee.

And we announced today that the past policy has been reopened as a sub policy development process under Thomas Rickert that is going to address a proposal for the

Red Cross that was mediated that was the result of a mediated negotiation during the last meeting. I don't know where there was the last meeting, in Copenhagen.

So we spent many hours and it's a formal decision now of the GNSO that we will have in the short-term an explicit revision of the policy. Don't ask me which one. I'm a little bit without sleep. And so in a few months we will have a situation that really addresses the concern of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Federation International Committee and national societies. So I hope that people from NPOC will follow this small sub reopen PDP.

The bad news is on the other big problem that we have we have had a long-standing discussion with the GAC on the IGOs and the NIGOs. And in this case there has been made a lot of progress with the IGOs because governments are concerned because IGOs have money. They send the lawyers to the meetings and the WIP and the OECD have been present and they are participating in one part of the solution which is the PDP on curative rights okay. So there are - they - we have solved the problem. And everybody has forgotten about NIGOs okay...

Man: (Unintelligible).

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: ...which is all of the not-for-profit's international that have an international scope. If you look at our discussions and agenda and mediation because the board has paid somebody to be the mediator the NIGOs have just disappeared from the screen because now we're - we solved the Red Cross, we are solving the case of the NIGOS at least in curative rights. We still have preventive rights pending and nobody speaks about the - NIGOS anymore so they are in the shadow. So I think it's worrisome and we should keep track of these developments so at some point we - what about the NIGOs? I mean they don't have lawyers like the OECD and the WIPO to be present in this area?

And last but not least I mean we have all these discussion about the Geo names and although we think the geographic names is an issue for governments and the GAC to define in the case of the DNS it's a different situation. Many countries have ccTLDs

that are not government owned, that are not government managed. Some are managed by universities by nonprofits. Some have been privatized. So the rights of the country codes are in some countries questionable.

And through the expansion we have moved into TLDs for cities. And that's a nice development but those models are not for profit models. I understand that Rio has 2000 registrations but they have to buy – to pay \$25,000 a year to ICANN because that's the way the contract for new gTLDs are. So in the long term I think the geographic, the geography for regions for small regions for cities is important. It is good to represent communities, cultural communities and so on. And we don't fit in the commercial model of new gTLDs so that's what I think that this group has a long-term mission and role to play in the GNSO and so I like it very much and support this changes. Thank you Manuel.

Raoul Plommer: Thanks for the very informative update. So does anyone else have anything to add about the mission of the scope?

Joan Kerr: Joan for the record Joan Kerr for the record. So you think that the focus is that we have you support them is that what you're saying?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: I really support this definition, this focus on the policy development process and this edition of the risk that the more commercial development of the DNS represents for the groups and the interest we try to represent. I really support this idea that we should be able to bring experts even if they don't work for the Red Cross or for an NGO or they are not represented by structure. As long as we focus on the effect of the registrants I mean we don't want to compete with this focus on the registrant but I think it's well represented the way Manuel explained it. And the well (sic) it's drafted here keep a difference with the NCUC but it doesn't mean that we could not rely on individual persons to work with us particularly when they allow us to bring fresh ideas to the policy development process. Of course I think it makes a lot of sense.

Joan Kerr: I have another question. I did not know that some of the cc TLDs were not for profits. I thought they were all country government owned.

Raoul Plommer: That's what I think.

Joan Kerr: So is there a list of those available somewhere?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: We have to yes there has been some research first for the Middle East and Africa. Then there was a report on Latin America and then - no there was a Middle East report on the impact of new gTLDs in the Middle East and Arab countries and then there is one on Latin America. And recently yes but I'm sorry and now one on Africa. And in our countries in the underserved areas we have from small to large monopolies budgets and cc TLDs and particularly in the case of Latin America who controls the cc TLD is not uniform okay? No, no it's terrible. I don't know what the report of Africa will say.

I mean we have very, very extreme case of commercialization of TLDs through our government consolidation like .Columbia I mean .Columbia give away cc TLD to I don't know to Afiliac or something like that. And it's the biggest cc TLD because people use them for companies and I mean I respect that but...

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Okay we have very strong governmental influence on very successful ccTLDs like Brazil. We know that Brazil is the biggest ccTLD in Latin America and it has a very complex governance structure but I think it's the right one down to fully absolutely and totally privatize ccTLDs we are we recording like Puerto Rico or Belize and so on. This is a private enterprises, you know? And in the middle a lot of universities or government influence like Argentina was an extreme public ccTLD. You could have it for free and the government would manage it and it was a mess. Now they moved a little bit to make it a little bit like self-sustaining and then charge money for the TLDs and so on so we have had a wide variation.

But that impact in the ccNSO when you look at the ccNSO and they are here. They are present but there is not a strong influence of the ccNSO to defend individual countries. So we have to do that in the GNSO okay?

And we have to fight for the ones who are not as profitable as .Columbia or .Brazil and keep an eye on those and hope that these some ccTLDs move also to protect some regions of some cultural groups and so on. I think it's the only way forward to do it within the concept of ccTLDs because ICANN has moved to a highly commercial model which requires high scale because otherwise they cannot pay our tickets I mean to South Africa of course.

And we like to come to South Africa but for this one small communities, languages, regions NGOs I don't think that new gTLDs is the model. So that's why I think in the - I - it's really think we are a counterweight within the noncommercial stakeholder group but we have an important role to keep in mind long term always in the policy development process. We're not going to be able to change that but whenever there is in these case don't fit into the GNSO policies we are here to write it down, to present our position and keep thinking for the future how can we keep the possibility for regional, it was mentioned today in the GNSO regional groups for regional solutions for noncommercial solutions that they don't get kicked out totally from the GNSO model.

And if we get kicked out to make ourselves some space in the ccNSO model we might have to move or create a chapter in the ccNSO. I don't know if that's possible but that's a nice challenge for you.

Joan Kerr: Just an addendum. The not for profits CT - ccTLDs are also not for profits?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Many are not-for-profit housed in universities and so on and some of them become very weak because the university doesn't give the money to invest in DNS SEC and in some infrastructure. Some are really weak. I - the case of the Barbados Trinidad Jamaica is typical. I mean the Caribbean particularly the ones under the

University of the West Indies they are starved for funds while other private enterprises like Puerto Rico and Belize make millions of dollars.

If you look at the registrations from Belize and Grand Cayman and Panama you would fall back. I mean those are the biggest registrants in new gTLDs. But it's not because the NGOs are based there. It's because tax shelters and companies are based in Belize and Panama and Grand Cayman.

So this is another - I don't want to make politics here but this is I think another role that we have to keep an eye. I mean if you are sitting in a small country but the registration costs hundreds of dollars you - I'm not a registrar because I cannot pay for it. So I really like this approach that we have to look at the problem not that your name tag if you're a registrant or not because those issues as the new gTLDs become more and more commercial I mean those issues will become more relevant as marginalized or underserved people become more marginalized or more underserved.

Raoul Plommer: Go for it Joan.

Joan Kerr: I have one other question. It's not really a question. It's merely a reflection. One of the things that were discussing on the charter is replacing the N which is not non-not for profit in NPOC to noncommercial. What's your opinion of that?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Let's look, let's revise the Ns. The N in NCSG is is what?

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: And in NCUC sorry, this is a training. These are tests for you. This is a quiz.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: In NCUC is noncommercial and in NPOC non-for profit.

Raoul Plommer: So we're thinking of changing the not-for-profit we change it to noncommercial right?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: But I think it makes sense from the consistency within the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group.

Raoul Plommer: Doesn't...

((Crosstalk))

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Yes on the one hand on the other hand yes, no it makes sense. It really makes sense. I plead and I plead you to fight for one of the six positions in the council that we have (Martin) I mean by default but we have - I mean if that brings consistency into that effort I always plead it that we should not be on the shadow of the NCUC. We should be at the same level yes. I think it's a good idea.

Raoul Plommer: Yes and I think the changing the name now that we've - we are doing all this work for the new charter I think makes sense as well. And it would sort of rightly so give the people the impression that we are at the edge of something new, that we are going to take off from here. We've got a new name, we've got almost totally new executive committee and we're really excited to be doing all of this work.

Well so it's like we're feeling really positive about it. And because NPOC - well I have to admit my impression is that NPOC hasn't really enjoyed a great reputation within the NCSG or even ICANN. Now it's like our chance to show that we can do better and we want to get a fresh start. So that's why the new name would be sort of fitting.

And to also to say that it's non-commercial like the NCUC and the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group that sort of also I think takes us closer to working together with NCUC under NCSG.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Yes I fully agree. And I am happy that you are doing that. Let me just make some other comments that I always tend to make. We are part of the GNSO. The GNSO is the policy is the parliament. So it's the policy development body and it couldn't be more important than that. I don't want to talk about the other groups that we are in the core of the policy development process.

And let me tell you some other news that I have seen during this meeting that you should take into account. We are starved for volunteers in the policy development process. We really everybody, even the rich registries and registrars with their paid lawyers and son on. Everybody's up to here of work. Wverybody wants to make money, you know, for the new gTLDs. Everybody's paying a lot of money to ICANN so they get - even they have to work. They're under pressure by their investors alone to show the result.

So let's also use this opportunity to refocus. And let me mention two cases, I mean three issues. I mean we have - we're in the process of taking the GNSO out of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet governance because for the last three years these for the last three years this has been on the agenda. We're wasting resources time, staff time, connection time, call time on a Cross Community Working Group that is not relevant for the policy development process not because of a political issue but just because of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet governance has not been able to prove why they're relevant.

And this has been a terrible fight because I was the liaison to the IG group and Rafik was co0chair of the group over the last few years and we're both from the GNSO but we have been feeling this pressure. We are in a narrower situation. We - our biggest trouble is the expansion of the DNS and we have to worry about abuse and other things that are happening with the new gTLDs. And the Internet governance has become so wobbly that nobody can define it okay?

So we this is a big discussion but we've pulled the plug. And this discussion will reflected. This is not a political discussion. It was reflected into meetings with the ICANN staff. It was reflected in the meeting of the GNSO with the board and it was

reflected in the meeting of the GNSO with Sally Costerton and the GSE part that he manages which cost \$18-1/2 million and brings the ambassadors and the fellows and so on.

So in the discussion with Sally Costerton the message from the GNSO was unequivocal. You have brought these ambassadors and fellows. Where are they now working as volunteers in the policy development process? That's where we want to see the return. After one, two, three trips we want you in that policy development process as a volunteer. You don't have to be an expert. You don't have to be an international lawyer.

You don't – and this was the message to (Martina). Now we have now we have (Martina) in the council. We're so starved that young people after three, four meetings you can be sitting in the council. Now this is a real opportunity I mean for the people who come here who - this is better than any Internet governance cool to be sitting in the GNSO Council. So the opportunity is there and the message to the budget part of the GSE is we want to see the return of this investment in governmental strategic relations and so one in terms of fresh new blood in the GNSO okay?

I was amazed the message was so direct and she was like this and the message came from James Bladel, amen. And with the board also what are you doing meeting with the ITU two months ago in Geneva? Are you planning to join the ITU?

I mean who goes to the IGF? I mean ten board members get flown to the IGF. And the GNSO says, "That's nice, why 10?" I mean what is our role in - what do you see in the IGF that you fly ten board members to the - at least the fellows they get flown in economy class and they stay in a cheap hotel.

Flying a board member to the IGF is a very expensive issue. That's \$5000, \$10,000 I mean and for the first time in my short life I've heard the GNSO asking the board members these questions. So I feel proud about the GNSO. I feel proud about being part of the GNSO. The challenges are big and these are our opportunities.

So please right down those messages. And we - I agree it's a very important meeting but many other meetings are less important. You have a regional role to be in (unintelligible). I fully support what the activities but choose the activities very, very, very well and very targeted and know that you get financed money to get fellows younger people here. And we want to abuse you as volunteers for the issues that we have. I mean that's the model. That's our model.

And for I've been following this issue. You know that I complain - I've never heard it as clear as during this session in Johannesburg on the GNSO. James is not going to continue so we will have a change in the chair of the GNSO.

But great time. I mean it's very interesting. We have a good focus. We have a great group. We are in a vital part. I also have to go to (La Corraldo) and other parts which are not as interesting, you know, which actually are depressing. And we are also trying to fix the problems there.

But is great. It's a great opportunity. It's good that you go to Internet governance activities. I know outreach is a very important one, good that you use the opportunity but do it focus, as focused as possible. Get - let's get people to the ambassadors to the Fellowship but let's push them up also as soon as we can because we're starved.

We are starved for living people. There is money. There are trips. I mean that's not the problem. We need people like you that are ready to spend two, three hours a week at crazy times to join one of the exercises. It's not a matter that you are not qualified and so on. It's just to live the process through. And if you think you don't make a big difference in the first one you will do it in the second one or in the third one or one will come as an opportunity like the Red Cross one that now we have a formal process.

And for this one by - please view the executive committee to follow-up that very closely. It's not going to be a very long PDP, highly interesting and highly

appropriate to be in contact with the Red Cross Federation International Committee and national organization.

Raoul Plommer: Yes the Red Cross issue is definitely up our street and we should pay very close attention to it.

((Crosstalk))

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: On - it was one of the reasons NPOC was founded in the first place. So yes I - in fact I don't know I might be overly positive here but if we do our part well they might even come back to us.

Woman: Yes.

Raoul Plommer: And that would be quite a big thing.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Yes go for it Joan.

Joan Kerr: Regarding the fellows I'm appalled that they're not required to volunteer their time after so much money. I didn't know it was that much. But I've been actually observing it for a few years and I was - I like - I come from community. That's what I do. And I always watch what I call the do-gooders, you know, people who just go there and they do good.

But there is a responsibility for the receiver to give back and I didn't see that. And I thought it was a bad model. I thought it was good that there - and people are being invited to become part of the process but bad because then what?

It's probably also a failure from our side but the discussion got as detailed as suggest in to (Sally) consider concision okay one or two or three flights are you committed to participate? Where are you forcing them? We cannot force the people and so on but to require a commitment from the fellows to join.

And some have done. (Martin) is the best example. I love for that and I love you guys for joining and so on. I remember the first time you joined it was what a year ago in Eurocom (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: In Marrakesh and so on I think the program is good. We need you but we should also help you build your role. I mean (Marteen) and you have had your own initiatives. But there are many young people that may come through other channels through the ccTLDs and so on. I mean they are rather young people also. If you compare the average age when you go to the ccNSO you can find younger people. They come more from a technical background. They're employees employed by the ccTLDs.

So we have to focus this. And when I mention 8-1/2 million that's the overall figure of Sally Costerton. It's not the figure for the - but you have to compare. I mean the GNSO cost \$11 million in the budget GSE costs \$18-1/2 million so that was our problem at the GNSO. I mean this is a corporation that looks into the private sector and doesn't worry about governments as much anymore. But there are spending more on the GSE division that they are spending on the GNSO itself and we are just a tiny little part and far end of the GNSO and the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group.

And now we have transparency of all those numbers and now we vote on the budget. The GNSO votes and we just had Ed Morris here. I mean we have a strong words on the budget. We are the empowered community factually not only by name.

Raoul Plommer: We had a couple of more people join us after we started.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Yes join us at the table and please introduce yourselves.

Remy Nweke: Hello everyone. My name is Remy Nweke. I'm from (unintelligible) Africa. I'm based in Lagos, Nigeria thanks and my apologies for joining you late.

(Dave Ruiz): Hello. My name is (Dave Ruiz). I'm from Milan. I work for the IQ Internet Policy Development Company.

Raoul Plommer: I think we can - I can maybe go through a little bit more of the charter just to address some of the main issues that we found from there so far that we are thinking of changing so that. The name was one. We've done the mission and scope. Then we also thought to get rid of most of the committees that the NPOC has.

We are now thinking that we would only have two committees and those would be the Executive Committee and the Policy Development Committee. And all the others would be - well the other officers would be the treasurer, affiliate coordinator which would be the - well we've also thought of using the word affiliate instead of a member but yes basically that - what used to be the membership chair. And then there's the communications coordinator as well. So that would be six people in the new ExCom. Then we also we added we added I think into the eligibility criteria also that was weird thing at if you want to have a look at that charter. It says 2.2.1 Point B.

Yes could you get us there 2.2.1? And basically used to say, the charter used to say to be eligible for an elected leadership position a candidate must not already hold an officer position within the NPOC. Now if I read this correctly that would mean that whoever is ever in any officer position couldn't be elected again and that's totally not what we've been doing in the last years. So I don't know how we've managed to do that and nobody actually paying attention to that. But now we've found that we are going to change it. And we swapped it instead to something completely else which is now worded as so we took that out but not already holding an officer position within

the NPOC and changed it into not have served in that position for more than two terms.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Two point two point one.

Woman: Two point...

Raoul Plommer: Yes.

Woman: So somebody...

Man: So once you read the bylaws (unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Yes well it's definitely been a good exercise. And we've really had to think about how we're doing it. And it's also good because I think of the new executive committee we've had no members who have done charter before for NPOC. So this is really allowing us to get really familiar with it as well.

And for us it's good for especially for the executive committees who know what kind of a charter they're running or the organization that they're - what the bylaws are like. What else?

((Crosstalk))

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Yes, what else? Okay then there was yes basically this is as far as we got so far is the 3.1.1. Okay go ahead Mary.

Maryam Bakoshi: So Maryam for the record. 221 says have - so have felt as these organizations have designated representative. So are we saying that even though we are asking

individual experts to join that they cannot be part of the executive committee because this is organizations...

Raoul Plommer: Yes that's actually a really good point because yes indeed the candidate must fill all these criteria. So then we have to add the A part that it can also be an individual with demonstrable expertise yes. That's a good one Maryam. Thanks.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: That's a good catch. And just as an analogy we have these discussion and the revision of ALAC and the form of the At-Large structures. So at some point you might go back and check with At-Large about this issue because it's middle in the report of the ALAC review and so there might have found a solution. And sometimes instead of inventing something it's better to look how the other SOs ACs are doing it but this is exactly the same case. You are totally right. We want to break this in ALAC to break these conditions of the At-Large structures because it has had some perverse effects. And as we grow a little bit more separate from (ISOC) which I think is good for (ISOC) and is good for us the tradition that only condition to be member of ALAC was to create an (ISOC) chapter in your country and reduce the (unintelligible) of ALAC was rather superficial. And now we're looking also at cases for individuals joining ALAC and so on. Thank you.

Raoul Plommer: Now I'm not editing the document right now. Yes I made a note of that Maryam's catch and we'll get to that after this meeting.

Remmy Nweke: Sorry I wanted to ask - sorry Remmy Nweke here for the record. Remmy Nweke speaking to you when mention of two committees? Can we respond to that?

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Remmy Nweke: Yes sorry, Remmy Nweke speaking. When mention of two committees and (unintelligible) in the Exco. Yes I want to ask what do we have currently because I'm sure we have more than two committees now.

Woman: Yes.

Raoul Plommer: Okay.

Remmy Nweke: Why we were just in there.

Raoul Plommer: Right hang on. Yes the they released it. Yes hang on. Yes okay if you go to 2....

Woman: I changed the screen.

Raoul Plommer: Okay right there it is. So basically this is the differential I made for change in the charter. I did the same for the NCUC. And basically on the left you see the version they got back to us from the ICANN staff and the part on the right, the column on the right is the one that how we - what we want to make it into. So the left one has the old ones there.

Now we also talked about like basically how we - now we had elections where there were positions into positions that are basically going to be out of the new charter. But we - I think we sort of we understood it as that it doesn't actually matter and that you can still have those positions. And we'll have the - I think there was six people elected and we now have six - we still have six positions for the EC. They're just under a different name so we don't feel that that's going to change anything.

Joan kerr: And just to clarify we are still operating under the current charter until this gets passed. So these are the proposed changes. So we're not going to be operating under those changes until they're past.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: And it's obvious there what we have on the left is what we took over for the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group without thinking so this is kind of the legacy system that was adopted yes, yes when and NPOC was created.

Man: Yes.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: But NPOC was created to address different cases and different problems and that's the reason it was created so it makes sense to revise and let it flexible. We have a new team that will handle everything together I guess not separate. So this is the idea to simplify these formalities because we want to adapt to our work not to the previous structures.

Joan Kerr: It's Joan for the record. And I see this often when NPOC was created -- and I wasn't there so I'm summarizing, surmising -- we were given a narrow focus but we were given a huge corporation charter. You know, you're going to have this in this and this and but you have to do this. So what we're doing it was too top-heavy. And so all of our time is spent in trying to accommodate these committees when our time should be spent with outreach and participating in the process. So we just thought to be, make it lean and leaner and get the job done and maybe could be changed later but just to start to form a structure and participate was what we were - was at the top of the decision.

Raoul Plommer: Yes and we also we left in there if you look at the 2.1.1 just a little bit up and it said it still leaves us room for it says additional committees may be formed as needed by a majority vote of the executive committee. So we can always like go back to having many committees if we - if that's what we really want. So that's - yes.

What else? What were the other big changes? And have to say we we've only really gone through about 1/3 of that - of the whole document.

Woman: The (unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Yes the we do feel the hard parts and the big changes we have already found and like...

Woman: (Unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Raoul Plommer: Yes well yes let's see, let's see but...

Maryam Bakoshi: Like surprise.

((Crosstalk))

Raoul Plommer: Well let's hope not but yes I think we're on to a really good start in any case. Manuel.

Manuel Rojas: Yes just add that this is working job because we are still working that and okay that - the car thing that it was a mission and it was a scope. It was almost done I think almost because we have to iterate with something. But I think that the rest is part of the job that we are doing right now. I'm sorry right? And we can show you all of the charter finish now because we are working on like that's it. Thank you.

Joan Kerr: It's Joan for the record. It's also a larger message too, you know? If we're going to be leaders in this filed in the policy making process when not for profits see that we have a very simplified charter and that they, you know, when someone sees something simplified and you say to them, "Oh it's in the charter," And they go and it's a few pages rather than 33 pages they're more apt to read it and say oh this group is more representative of not-for- profits because not-for-profits don't have a lot of time to read a 33-page document. But they may have some time to read a 10-page document. So that was also at the bottom of it as well.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: This is Carlos for the record. And we are still - I think we are still part of the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group so I think it's very important to make emphasis on the differences only and whatever is the same as the noncommercial user constituency we are part of this constituency but we are going to focus on this. And by - where there is a difference we make an emphasis and the rest we go back. Don't get burrowed down in the situation of ALAC, that discussion on the ALAC informed has taken more than a year by now and nobody is still revising the structure of issues, you know?.

Raoul Plommer: Okay so does anyone have any other questions about the charter?

Man: (Unintelligible).

Raoul Plommer: Yes well basically I think that's pretty much we've reached the end of our changes like how far we got so far. It was really basically almost the first few days in this meeting we were thinking about the mission and scope alone, like that was a tough one. And it's no wonder people have been asking five years. So what is it that you do, you know? It's – it was hard to actually make it relevant and still in the remit of what we were founded on right? So okay basically that I think the plan is with the charter to – because the hardest work is done now and we've done it - we've managed to do it face to face which is good, makes it much easier and sort of timely as well because if we had all that talk we did together we would be like doing this for months I'm sure.

And so now we've hopefully got the hard part out of the way and I suggest we'd agree on some kind of a timeline to push this out. And I'd like to suggest two weeks or a month at tops maybe a month yes?

Manuel Rojas: And we will push it out. What should be our expectation mainly for records? Either you are suggesting maybe two weeks for us to push it out. If we don't push it out what should be our expectation? Is it for more comment or there should be a kind of guideline on what should be done within the period of moving forward from that point.

Raoul Plommer: Well I think I'm actually I did the same for the NCUC. In fact I might be well I kind of like doing charters. That's something I find kind of meaningful. So I'm sort of willing to finish this and just like there won't be - I don't think there'll be too many points where we'll have it different than what we did in the last version. So I can basically try to identify the issues that do need changing and then we'll do a round, maybe give everyone two weeks to comment on the changes. And then we once we reach consensus on the changes we'll send it to the ICANN staff.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: I think the question is when do you think it will be approved and you can go on for other tasks? What is the process to change it and so on ?I think what is the timeline? How long does it take to finish this then?

Maryam Bakoshi: So it can take anything from six months to one year or again it depends on how quickly everything is, you know, this happens. For this (unintelligible) it's really important is the EC doing the work and then sending it out to the community members, the NPOC members to say this is what we've done, you know, your comments and everything and there's a timeline for that.

And then after that happens you can send it to ICANN staff who revise it and send it back to the EC and then if there are any changes fine. If not and that, you know, it sends to there's a specific ICANN team that works on charters the approval process. And so there's that. And then it goes to the OEC which is the Organization Effectiveness Committee which is where the board resides on everything. And then from there is the public comment. So it's quite, you know, it's not something that can happen tomorrow if that makes sense yes.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: This is good. This is like it is but we have a proposal. We're not bogged down in discussing informs like in the case of ALAC and so on. We have this situation everywhere. I mean we have the same - I have followed the discussion in the GAC and in the GNSO because the new bylaws required that change of bylaws should be approved by the SOCs and SOs and ACs in 21 days. So the proposal that was discussed this morning of changing the board governance committee is – has put the GAC and the GNSO under very heavy stress.

So they're - it's good that we have time. But that's also a very good reason for submitting the proposal as soon as possible. We're changing this. I mean the whole - I think the whole organization wants to change these deadlines. We have changed it in the new bylaws and now we found ourselves in these type of situations. And some 21 days and the other ones need one year to make a change so but let's push it. I mean I praise you for your work.

Raoul Plommer: Great. So I think that's the - that's enough talking about the charter for now. We continue to work online. And so then we can move on to the next item on the list which will be the NPOC strategic plans. I have some ideas but nothing that I've really prepared. I think Joan might have put more thought into that like where NPOC is going to go.

Joan Kerr: Joan for the record. Well they're thought, not plans but the reason it's up there is because one we wanted to focus on the charter and to get it done and then to take - we've also just completed the review for the NCSG and there were many things that we were not up to par with. So my suggestion was that we made a table of the things that we were supposed to do that we focus on those and make sure that we come up to spec in the expectations of our role in the NCSG. That's actually what I was thinking so that we are satisfying our responsibilities and our duties so we will do that afterwards. But the biggest thing right now was I forgot all about that to focus on the charter....

Raoul Plommer: Yes.

Joan Kerr: ...and so because I think that drives everything when we get that out of the way and then, you know?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: And according to that I think that whilst Manuel was saying that maybe if we could have a decent version for a charter at once discuss it between working members of the NPOC right not just ExCom it was must be a good time before Abu Dhabi I think. It's a kind of a window of time that it's reasonable I think.

Raoul Plommer: Yes. I think also like that I think would be an actual strategic goal to start cooperating more with the NCUC. And there was already some talk about perhaps I think (Adam) from the GSE told us that they'd be quite into the NCUC and NPOC having joint events at ICANN meetings and other events as well. I think that's a really good idea. I think that will show the NCUC as well that we really want to cooperate.

We want to function as a functional stakeholder group. And to do that we really need to cooperate. Anyway we're like - we are already much fewer than the other stakeholder groups put together and we're the only noncommercial one. So I think us we definitely need to stick together and like trying to converge our missions in a way that like it's better coordinated who is doing what basically. Yes.

Woman: Go ahead.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: I think of course it's better to coordinate. I would put it also from this perspective it's good to follow their - actually they're going to (unintelligible) to follow their council agenda. They have more experience in the PDPs and the council. So this is another kind of cooperation. We don't have to reinvent the following part of the policy so let's profit from their participation in the council. Let's cooperate and let's focus on our issues.

I must say before they step in I mean two of the counselors have been absent over the last year. I mean they have not participated in calls. They have not participated in the meetings and so on. I mean (Marilia) and Stefania Milan those - well we are profiting from that having (Marteen).

So they really overstretched so cooperation will be always good but let's look at what they are doing and say okay we really want to be in the Red Cross for example so PDP of Thomas Rickert can we take the leadership there. And we'll send somebody good there and we'll report to you. So this is a great opportunity like the approach of corporation to make it very and fully support you. We are part of the Non-commercial Stakeholder Group and we should be very cooperative.

Raoul Plommer: Yes and I guess also like that's related to the new charter that we allow individuals who are experts of the issues that NPOC is dealing with. I think that's also going to going to give us access to new people who want to join us. There's already like (Augustina) is such a person that she doesn't have a NGO to join NPOC. But now after the charter change she will be able to do that because she's an expert in one of

the areas that we're working on. So it'll give us a little - well it gives us access to more people basically. And people is what we really need as well to do the work.

And I don't know for myself I think I'm going to really concentrate on this charter until it's done and then after that I think the next thing I will start concentrating on is the RDS. And I realize it's a massive assignment with a mountain of information but I have to start that somewhere. And like Carlos rightly that we really need more people involved in the policy development process. And that's - and I also felt a little sting in my heart for already been to now five ICANN meetings and not actually have done any policy work so far. And I've tried to give my contribution in other ways but yes that's definitely something that I want to move on to.

Maryam Bakoshi: Well it's Maryam here. I just put that on the chat the process for amending the GNSO, you know, the stakeholder group charters. So it's really important that, you know, everyone is - reads it and understand what the process is and then from there you can work on timelines and projections and stuff. I hope that helps.

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: Sorry a proposal for what the - try to propose to the whole group what your timeline is is not to put you under pressure but say okay according to these rules I think I can finish it here and then we present it here and try to put some dates. You know, these beautiful charts that the staff does with the bubbles, you know, with the color bubbles make one like that.

Raoul Plommer: Any other ideas for strategic plans of NPOC for the coming year? Remy.

Remy Nweke: Yes thank you, Remy for the record. I think we - let me keep - also emphasized that it is important to keep encouraging those who are working as well as it is to make our time for the kind of work we are (unintelligible) I mean are running around with.

So with that notwithstanding we need to find a way to synergize with a lot of other organizations beyond immediate ICANN community that we have now as we did for instance in Africa. We have African Society Information Society who happens to be

the vice president. It would be nice also to see how we can tap into that energy through some strings from there.

Okay we have about 171 members across Africa in 63 countries. We'll be having one event or two. There's one for Francophone in this coming quarter then another one also as part of IGF. So I don't know what could be our strategy in reaching out because it will also be nice for if possible if you can support them to host an event for instance at IGF (unintelligible). I think they have gone beyond proposals now.

But if you still work it out and see how we can be reached on that. But I think I actually have a proposal on (Graham) with IGF to host event in December. So you can leave it on that and use it to see (unintelligible) one or two persons from some regions to support that to talk to the group within the workshop sessions that wouldn't be a bad idea. And then support other events beyond that. I'm sure in other regions too we should be able to find that or fish out organizations that are - that have huge fellowship. I think Europe would have a civic (cat) or something is here another big organization but they more or less dwell on a nonprofit organizations. So we may also have to explore that yes?

Raoul Plommer: Yes that's right. I also think I mean if people find that they've got some extra time on their hands I think NPOC members can of course make proposals for events like IGF and that way maybe get the travel funding for it as well. That'd be really quite useful.

It's IGF is an excellent networking event for - and also it's quite well on the edge of new ideas and discussions about Internet governance as an example. I'm sure there's plenty of other events where people would get funding as well if they had a good proposal for it. And of course that would also have to be in the NPOC's remit. All right I think we're starting to run out of time. In fact we've done so two minutes ago. So do you have any other business anything else you'd like to comment on?

Carlos Raul Gutierrez: I wish you good luck.

Raoul Plommer: Yes we're going to need that. Okay so thank you all for coming here and joining this session. I think it was – went quite nicely. It's the first time I actually chaired the whole session. It wasn't too bad. Okay thanks.

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