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GISELLA GRUBER: Good evening to everyone. Welcome to the At-Large Ad-Holistic New Meeting Strategy Working Party on Thursday, 8 October, at 16:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Beran Gillen, Sebastien Bachollet, Satish Babu, Eduardo Diaz, and Maureen Hilyard. No apologies noted for today's call. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich and myself, Gisela Gruber. If I can please remind everyone to state their names when speaking for transcript purposes. And also, welcome to Dave Kissoondoyal, who has just joined the call.

Thank you, and over to you, Beran.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you, Gisella. I hope I'm not echoing now. Can everyone hear me?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Beran, we can.

BERAN GILLEN: Great. Thank you, Gisella, for that. I think we'll just dive right into it because time is of essence and we have a lot of discussions when it comes to Meeting B. So we'll go into the action items. Gisella, can you please put the action items on the screen so we can have a look at what was discussed in the last meeting and what the action items were. Thank you.

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I think one of the action items was to set up a follow up meeting for the Meeting B. Yeah, I believe that was the only action item, actually. That was done. We actually have had a meeting this week – myself, Dev, Sebastien, and Vanda. We discussed at length the meetings, especially Meeting B, and how to best work around this on the feedback that we've gotten from all of you guys in our last work party meeting on 1 October.

We've taken all the comments into consideration. We've tried to work around. Once we put the schedule on the screen, you'll see that we've moved it around a bit and used the difference between the schedules we presented on the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and today. So without further ado, I think we'll just jump right into it.

If Gisella can put up Meeting A on the screen, we'll discuss Meeting A and see because I know, Sebastien, that they do have minimum changes to them. You won't see much of a change in Meeting A. If Gisella can please put that up on the screen. I apologize for this, but my computer crashed two days ago, so I've lost all of my data. [inaudible] I've been trying to see how I can get to the Apple store to get that fixed.

But in the meantime, I think that the only comment that I can remember was from Alan for the Meeting A. Others can come in, obviously, but one distinct comment I remember from Alan was regarding the [inaudible] up of all the working groups in a complete four-hour block. His concern was people who were not interested in those specific working groups might actually not even show up or decide to sleep in and not necessarily come to any of those meetings and probably start their day four hours later than everyone else.

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I believe the only thing we want to do there is probably perhaps move around and mix it up with ALAC work, the working groups that are running on Day 4 and the ALAC work that is running on Day 3, and perhaps flipping them and mixing them up.

I believe that was the only comment that we took in from Meeting A and C. I believe those were the concerns. But there were a lot of concerns from Meeting B.

Thank you, Heidi, for posting the link down there for the page.

Those were actually some of the comments that I remember that were brought up during our discussion on the 1<sup>st</sup>. If there's anything else that I missed out – basically the Meeting A and C were not really an issue. I believe the issue was mainly Meeting B, that it was supposed to be more of a working group inter/intra and outreach meeting, and they weren't seeing much of the working group activity. I believe that's where most of our changes were.

I see Eduardo's hand is up. Eduardo, please, go ahead. You have the floor.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

Thank you, Beran. I just wanted to make sure that – I think you have to turn off your computer, Beran.

BERAN GILLEN:

Yes, sorry about that. I'll do that right now.

EDUARDO DIAZ:

I just wanted to make sure like what I said last time. Meeting A and C, the way it is set up here or which four-hour blocks, this is like a draft the best. We can submit this, and eventually this whole thing will merge into one final Meeting A, Meeting B, Meeting C – a schedule for everyone. As long as we have these things identified here, it doesn't mean that they will fall into where they are now. We just want to make sure that we identified all the things that we want to do in the meeting. That's my main comment. I think we should concentrate on Meeting B, which is the one that's really coming along and it's what most people are working on. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

As Beran [inaudible], I guess I will take the floor and give you back the floor after. I just wanted to add one point in this discussion. I just went through the schedule of the Dublin meeting, and I am again very surprised by the fact that we have almost no time to see and meet with other, except when it's organized by At-Large or ALAC.

An ICANN meeting must be also a place where we are able sometimes to go to other part of ICANN. Actually, it is normal activities. It seems to me that we need to think about that in one way or other for A, B, and C. For B now, it's I guess a little bit handled, but for A and C, for example, the question of if we have four hours of working group, people will not show up. But it may show up to somewhere else within ICANN, and that's good too.

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Just we have to be very careful about what we want to do. If it is just an ALAC meeting, then we can organize that in another place, even in another date. But why we are there is to meet with other, not just formally. Not just because ALAC is organizing a meeting with [inaudible], with ccNSO or GNSO, but also to be able to go to some session of those organizations. Thank you. Beran, please.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Sebastien. We actually took note of that comment that you're making about making time to actually interact with other ACs and SOs, and that factored into Meeting B. But unfortunately, Meeting A and Meeting C are still looking like the same old ICANN meeting. We could see what we could do with rearranging some of the timeslots. We'll see what we can do with Meeting A and Meeting C.

But then again, I must say this, and Eduardo has reiterated it just now, that we're basically really critically looking at Meeting B right now. But we will look at Meeting A and C at Dublin. I'm hoping that we'll be able to actually finalize it then, but I don't think there's really that much work to be done on Meeting A and C. Most of the work actually will be on Meeting B. We will look at creating some time for policy work within ALAC as well as time for AC/SO interaction.

Would anyone else want to chime in with regards to Meeting A and C? Sorry, Gisella, can you just please quickly put Meeting C up so we can a look. It's more or less looking the same as Meeting A with just an extra day. Just so we have a look at it, bearing in mind of course what

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Sebastien has just pointed out with regards to making time for other At-Large activities.

As you can see, Meeting C is looking much like Meeting A with an extra day added at the end. So we will see what we can do with moving time around, but I really think those slots for working groups just need to be moved around but don't need to be necessarily [lost]. I believe these are also very critical for all the meetings.

I see Maureen's hand is up. Maureen, please, go ahead. You have the floor.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Beran. Can you hear me?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, we can hear you. Go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I just want to [inaudible] for Meeting A and C. I think that where we've got these big blocks, like for example on Day 3 in Meeting A where we've got Regional Meetings, it's only one hour for a regional meeting and then there are four other hours. So I guess there are things that I'm assuming that the other activities for the rest of the regional groups who aren't meeting at a particular time.

Also on Monday, Outreach Activities on this day "to be defined by THINK tank." I think that what we got in the THINK Tank is that we listed

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a whole lot of activities that we felt might be appropriate. [inaudible]  
But I think also that those are the activities and really it has to go back  
to the ALAC for them to actually define what it is that they feel would  
be appropriate [inaudible] aren't the activities that we've suggested.

I know that, for example, in Meeting B the ideas are actually coming as a  
suggestion from the team, which is great. As you said, these can be  
[inaudible] because this is the [inaudible] I think that we need to make  
sure that the community is involved, both the community inside ICANN  
and try to involve the community from outside, as well.

[inaudible] Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Maureen. I do remember Vanda and myself discussing this  
issue, this block on Day 3. I remember our discussion was mainly around  
getting the regions to actually also interact. Yes, that [inaudible] block I  
agree may be a bit much, but the idea was not just for the regional  
meetings but also to allow the regions to actually interact because what  
we realized is with regions like EURALO and AFRALO or APRALO and  
NARALO don't necessarily actually have that interaction apart from their  
secretariat meeting which they normally have.

So the idea was to actually get them to interact at that level at an ICANN  
meeting, and that is the reason why that slot is so huge. Perhaps we  
might need to slice-and-dice it to make that very clear, but that was the  
reasoning I believe behind that.

Eduardo, do you want to comment on this, or did I explain that?

EDUARDO DIAZ: No, I don't have any comment. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay, great. That was my understanding of that big block. But, yes, I believe that's a fantastic idea to actually get the RALOs to sit together and actually discuss. There are certain activities happening in certain RALOs that other RALOs may not necessarily know about and might actually help them moving forward. I believe these are usually always things that are discussed during working group meetings and not necessarily filtered through the right or relevant person within the RALO. So this was the idea behind having that "Regional Meetings" RALO-cross meeting. That's why that five-hour session is there. It's not necessarily just for the regional meetings. It's also for cross-RALO interaction.

Gisella, can you please put up [inaudible]. I want us to move up to Agenda Item 4. That's if anyone else doesn't have much to say about Meeting C, I would like to use the remaining time. In our one hour, we still have another 40 minutes to go to discuss this Meeting B strategy in detail.

If you remember in our last meeting, we had Vanda's version of Meeting B which we discussed in detail and in which we got feedback from a lot of the group – from Alan and Sebastien and Vanda herself, myself, Maureen, Eduardo. I think we all chipped, as well as Sandra came in, as well.



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We took all of those with us. Vanda was wonderful enough to note down all those suggestions and she came up with something. Then I also have volunteered with Gisella to come up with a draft of what I think those changes will be based on Vanda.

Gisella, is there a way of putting both of them up side-by-side? Would that be possible? And perhaps have scroll capability? Mine and Vanda's?

GISELLA GRUBER: Just give me a second. I need to rework the document, so if you can really just work on this one for now, I'll see if I can maybe make that happen. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you, Gisella. Just looking if Day 1, we can see that – Oh, Heidi, I'm sorry. I missed your comment. I'm just seeing it now on the AC. Before I dive into Meeting B, Heidi, please go ahead. You have the floor. You want to comment on Meeting C?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Beran. Thank you very much. Just a quick comment. I am noting that there is nothing on the current schedule for Meeting C for something like the development session that is being held for the first time in Dublin. This is the onboarding session for the incoming and continuing ALAC members.

I'm not sure if the ALAC is planning on asking for another one of those through the fiscal year, a special request, which would mean it might be

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on a Friday. But what I'm hearing is that there are not going to be any meetings allowed past the formal days. So if that is the case, then I would suggest that you might consider adding at least half a day toward the end of the week for an onboarding session for incoming and continuing ALAC members. Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Yeah, Heidi, I did see that onboarding session, but I understood that it was maybe a one-off. But seeing as it might be something that will continue, we will take it into consideration and I will note it down as something that we will factor when we are reviewing Meetings A and C. Thank you, for that.

Okay, just to move on to the Meeting B discussion, just looking at the Day 1, I didn't really put in much suggestions there because I thought Day 1 was still on outreach and, as Eduardo pointed out and many pointed out during our meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, let's just worry about what we'll be doing and not necessarily which slots we'll be filling in.

Going by that, I left Day 1 unchanged as Day 1 would be on outreach. To actually be specific and saying where we'll be holding as in whether it's a university or whether it's [NGO], I left that untouched basically and would want to engage the group in discussions on how they feel that this outreach should be handled and where it should lead us.

I see Sebastien's hand is up. Sebastien, you have the floor.

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SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, thank you, Beran. But it was on the C Meeting too, to add to what Heidi just said. The Friday at the end of the meeting was really set up to be what you call onboarding ALAC. It was set up for the new Board member, new GNSO council, and new ALAC to be seated in their new bodies. It was done last year at the AGM by the GNSO. This time it's done by more organization. Really, the Friday is to the new group to start with the help of the old ones, people, but it's really done for that. I don't [check], but if it's not what is intended on the Friday for the meeting, we need to figure out that because it's a very important part of our action.

I have just one remark on your proposal about the B Meeting. First of all, it's a very good improvement to what we had before. I just would like to stress that Day 4 is supposed to be the meeting with others, and we may try to avoid to have any just ALAC even working group or whatever meeting. It must be cross-community. I say it must be. The goal was to have Day 2 and Day 3 for internal work and the Day 4 with the other and to have cross-community working groups more than anything else.

Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN: Thank you for that, Sebastien. On the Meeting C, what you said is noted. With regards to the schedule that's up on your screens right now, I do understand that Day 1 is supposed to be for the outreach, Day 2 and 3 are supposed to be for internal work to that AC or SO. Then inter-work should be for Day 4. But do we really need to squeeze ourselves that

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[inaudible]? There will be some spillover, I believe, because the hours of the day are just not enough to do what needs to be done. There will have to be some spillover either from Day 3 to Day 4 or from Day 2 to Day 3. It would be, I'm not going to say impossible, but a Herculean task to actually stick to that restriction of Day 2 and 3 are for intra and Day 4 is for inter.

Sebastien, you have the floor.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Beran. Our first proposal from the Meeting Strategy Working Group was to have the morning and the beginning of the afternoon of each day of Day 2, 3, and 4 for the intra-work and to have the end of the afternoon for inter-work – for work with other between SOs and ACs. The comments we got is that it will be too difficult, then the solution was to have Day 2 and Day 3 for internal work and Day 4 for work with the other.

I really think that if we as At-Large can't do our work in two days, then either we are badly organized or we have too much to do. If we have too much to do, then we have to decide to do less or to do other in another way. But it's very important that we take time to discuss with other. We can't just stay in our own world.

If we have an ICANN meeting – and remember, at the beginning of the discussion, the question was, "Do we still need to go to five region, and do we still need to have three meetings?" The Meeting Strategy Working Group say, "Yes, we need to go to each region and we need

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still three meetings, but we will reorganize it.” And the community need to be able to reorganize it.

I really think that we need to be very careful of what we suggest because two days is a long time for meetings. We have a lot of conference calls. We are very happy with the number of conference calls we have. Okay, that’s good. But if with those conference calls we are not able to prepare short and decisive meetings in face-to-face, then we have trouble somewhere.

Sorry. Nothing against the people in this call or nothing against the people in general. It’s just my feeling about how we are working. And if I come back to my first intervention, we really need to find more time to meet with other because we are in a desperate situation where the cross-community must be the main work in an ICANN meeting.

Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you for that, Sebastien. I see that Maureen has stated in the AC chat that lunch and breakfast meetings will be the norm because there just isn’t enough time. I completely agree with her because I have tried to squeeze water out of stone. If you notice, myself and Vanda and the rest of the team for the subgroup meeting haven’t really involved with the meetings with staff or meeting with the CEO or anything like that. It’s strictly just the Board that we’re meeting. If you look across the four days, we’re just meeting the Board. Everything else is inter/intra work.

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I guess what we good do – this is fine, Gisella, thank you. This is fantastic. This is okay. I just wanted both on the same page so we could basically compare and contrast what we had before to see a before and after picture.

But I guess, Sebastien, I completely agree with what you're saying, but looking at the schedule now what Maureen says and maybe even more than that, having breakfast and lunch meetings and at the same time maybe extending our day until about 7:00-8:00. That's what it's looking like for a Meeting B in my opinion if we want to really do as much as we want to do. Because looking at the four days now, I don't see anything that is not relevant on those four days.

The policy work, I believe, is very relevant and it's actually necessary. You have two hours on Day 2. You have another two hours on Day 2 in the afternoon, and then you have a wrap-up on Day 4. I believe that's really critical for ALAC as well to actually sit and discuss all policy work that needs to be discussed, agree, whatever needs to be voted on should be voted on.

And all those working groups that meet should also actually update the ALAC at end of the meeting, which will be a two-hour session of just working group updates in the afternoon of Day 4. Then that will be followed by the ALT wrap.

The only thing I see that can be squeezed would be the Showcase moving back two hours. Then we have two extra hours from 6:30-8:30 or 6:30-8:00, and hour and a half of perhaps either working groups moving down there from Day 4 and then taking those two hours at the

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beginning to have a four-hour slot for cross-community work for Day 4 and then extending Day 3 from 6:30-8:30 with the working groups that were initially for Day 4. Then at least we would have a four-hour cross-community block that would be just for cross-community work.

That's my suggestion. That's the only space I see that we can squeeze anything out of. That would be a block of two hours, moving the Showcase down to start at 8:30 and then having those working groups meet in the evening of Day 3 and then having those two extra slots of 8:00-10:00 added to the 10:00-12:00. That would be 8:00-12:00 of cross-community work between the SOs and ACs for ALAC.

I don't know what you think. The floor is open if anyone wants to chip in on that suggestion that I have. That's basically what we could do to take into account what Sebastien has highlighted regarding the integral part of the cross-community work that needs to be done. Does anyone want to comment on anything with regards to that suggestion?

What I will do is I will work with Gisella and move that around, and we could send it through the mailing list and have a look at it again. Perhaps some of us are visual; we need to see it on the screen rather than just listening to my boring voice drone on and on. So we will do that, and I will get that out to you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: [inaudible] on the list.

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BERAN GILLEN:                      Okay, I missed that. Thank you, Sebastien. Please, Eduardo, you go ahead first and then Sebastien.

EDUARDO DIAZ:                      Thank you, Beran. You have to close your mic.

BERAN GILLEN:                      It's off.

EDUARDO DIAZ:                      Okay, now. I think what Beran is saying is something doable. It's a matter of playing with [inaudible]. When you look at Meeting B, Day 4, really there are some things we can do in the afternoon and squeeze things there to keep talking to the other ACs and SOs and maybe move the ALAC Leadership meeting down further and have it at a dinner-type meeting outside the scope of this. It's a smaller group of people. Maybe the wrap-up can be squeezed a little bit further.

But we have to work very [inaudible] during that meeting. We're going to be very busy, and maybe we need to spend the time. But I think all the ideas are doable.

Thank you. I'm done.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET:              Thank you, Eduardo. I will give back the floor to Beran soon.



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I understand your inputs and what Maureen writes, but we really need to find a way to do more work in less time. Because really at the end, if the day the full days are just for us – I am exaggerating, of course – then we don't need to be with the other. That's really where we need to think about.

For example, the reporting on working groups. As we will have At-Large working groups and then, hopefully, on Day 4 cross-community working groups on those same topics and the report will be done, we don't need to repeat three times the same proposals from At-Large to internal people as we already have done to external to At-Large people.

We have to think about that. I understand that it's difficult and it will not come easily onto the map, but I just think it's important. I agree with Eduardo. I think it's feasible.

Thank you. Beran, back to you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Beran, you might be on mute.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Beran, if you tried to speak, you are on mute, yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Gisella, have we lost Beran?

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GISELLA GRUBER: Heidi, Beran is on her mobile device, so I will just see if she's on Skype to tell me if she can hear us or not.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, yeah. She says now she can hear him. Beran, can you speak?

BERAN GILLEN: Can everyone hear me?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, we can.

BERAN GILLEN: ...and to get ahold of this Adobe Connect on iPad, it's just [inaudible]. I believe a lot of work can be done, but moving at the speed of lightening is impossible. I understand [inaudible] of trying to get as much done in these four days as possible but that whatever is being done is also of value, as well. The work that's being done is valuable work rather than just going through the work just to basically go through the work.

But I like Eduardo's suggestion. I like moving back ALT two hours. That will give us an extra two hours, as well. Then the ALT could be a dinner wrap-up meeting. I think that's [inaudible]. If we move back the ALT meeting and we move back the Showcase, that will definitely give us a four-hour window [inaudible]. So we will take those suggestions into consideration.

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Sebastien, we will also take into consideration that you want to see more cross-community on the schedule. We'll try as much as possible to see what can be squeezed out, but I believe we probably won't be able to see more than six hours cross-community work, which I believe is more than – I think it's a good number of hours given then amount of work that we need to go through and the number of days that we have to go through them.

So my suggestion is move back the Regional Showcase and stick with Eduardo's suggestion of moving back the ALT. We can make it a dinner meeting since so few people are involved, as he rightly pointed out. Then we'll take it from there.

I just want to ask, apart from this cross-community concern that Sebastien has, does anyone see anything that we have missed out? Anything substantial? I know the only concern I have is with regards to the general assemblies. I know we don't have any funding for general assemblies for this coming year, for FY16, but we do need to probably – we will have to at some point review this schedule for the second Meeting B because we will have to make space for a general assembly.

This will probably be a year down the line, but that is something we would need to consider at some point, a general assembly. We discussed this in our previous meetings that if we don't have space for a general assembly, these regions of Latin America as well as Africa might actually never be able to hold general assemblies in their meetings. So this is something we need to keep at the back of our minds. Maybe not something that we need to look at for Meeting B since there wouldn't

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be any funding for it, but we would need to look at it for the follow-up Meeting B.

That's the only concern I have, but other than that – yes, Meeting B in 2017 as Heidi rightly pointed out will be in Africa, so this is something that we will need to look at probably prior to that. But that's the only caveat I have for releasing this Meeting B schedule would be to make that.

Maureen has just written in the chat, "A general assembly might have to take place after hours." I believe it should be during the meeting itself during the daytime. That's my understanding. Everyone can jump in and correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the general assembly should be during the course of the meeting and open to everyone during the day and not necessarily – there will also be a general assembly. There will be NARALO for October 2016 in Puerto Rico, and that was from Heidi. Please, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, sorry. There ought to be one, I'm saying.

BERAN GILLEN: Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: ALAC should likely put in a fiscal year request for a general assembly in NARALO for the October 2016 meeting if ALAC is to keep on schedule for their general assemblies before the next summit.

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Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you, Heidi, for that update. Going back to the Meeting B, I believe those are the things that we have noted down. It was noted down Sebastien's suggestion. We'll also note down the extra hours that we need to create for the cross-community as well as the general assembly to come in 2017.

Other than that, are there any other comments with regards to something that we may have missed out or putting sessions that we probably discussed and I missed out because my laptop burned out yesterday?

I have Eduardo in the AC saying, "I'm planning to bring university students and other professionals to attend the NARALO meeting for ICANN in Puerto Rico." That's a fantastic idea, and other meetings, as well. That's great. Eduardo, how [inaudible]? I'm just curious because this might be something that maybe the other regions might want to do. Are you using the special request funding for these university students to come in, or are they just coming in as normal ICANN participants?

EDUARDO DIAZ:

We're starting building up momentum toward that meeting starting this year with an activity that we have 29 October. We have several activities happening next year, starting in January. We have another one in May, another one in July – some webinars – building up toward the

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ICANN meeting because what we're trying to do is we're trying to explain the ICANN ecosystem here for [inaudible] and invite university students, public school students, and other organizations deal with the technical things [inaudible].

We want to motivate them to go to these meetings. Not only to one meeting but to go across the whole ICANN meeting scene. I mean after all, the meeting doesn't cost any money. But we're doing it starting this year. We have a strategy set up in place for that to happen. My idea is to bring 200-300 people if I can at least [one] through the whole meeting.

Thank you.

BERAN GILLEN:

Thank you for that explanation, Eduardo. I think that sounds like a great idea. Probably maybe some of the RALOs should also follow suit on that. This is exactly what I mean by the RALOs needing to sit down and discuss their strategies because what [obtains] in one RALO can also work really well in another RALO, and we won't know unless we sit and discuss these issues and are able to encourage each other in these territories.

Up to Agenda Item 5, which is the update on the New Meeting Strategy. What I want to suggest right now is to actually have work on the mailing list. Myself and the subgroups will finalize a schedule for Meeting B and share that on the list for everyone to review prior to Dublin. We can also work on the Meetings A and C based on the feedback that we've received from this meeting. So what we will be sharing would be

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Meeting A, B, and C, and you'll be seeing them all on the mailing list. Then we would collect those final comments shared before the Dublin meeting.

Now, we will be having a session for the Meeting Strategy Planning Session, which I believe – correct me if I'm wrong, Heidi – would that be for all the SOs and ACs, which would be from 9:00-10:15 in Level 4 Foyer? Would that be for all the ACs, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I didn't get your question. I didn't get the first part. Gisella, I see that you said, "Correct." Could you please repeat what Beran said?

BERAN GILLEN: Yes, Heidi. What I was asking was whether meeting in Dublin on Thursday would be for all SOs and ACs regarding meeting strategy planning.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Ah, got it. Correct. Yes. It's for both those people within those ACs and SOs that are looking at the schedule. So I think that's going to be an absolutely key meeting for all of you to attend. Prior to that is that 90-minute discussion we will be having on Saturday that will really be the first time that the full ALAC and regional leaders will be looking at the proposed schedule. And, Beran, again you're leading that.

Thank you.

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Beran, if you're speaking, you're still on mute.

BERAN GILLEN:

Sorry, Heidi. I was just waiting for you to finish up what you were saying. So we have an internal session on the Saturday, and then we have a cross-community session, so to put it, between all the SOs and ACs on the following Thursday, which is the last day of the meeting, in the morning. Thank you for that, Heidi.

I'm noting in the chat Maureen is suggesting that we can propose some ideas to the RALOs and the ALAC, but they need to implement what's appropriate for them. I agree, but perhaps maybe those RALOs if they hear what other RALOs are doing, then they would realize that this something that would actually work in their region. But unless that session is there, that interaction is there, then maybe that flow of information would not necessarily happen. Yes, I agree, we do need to have some ideas so that we can put it in the budget soon.

That's it really for the New Meeting Strategy. We have two key sessions that I believe we all should be at: 1) the Saturday session, which is an internal session for At-Large discussing the new meeting strategy, which I'll be chairing, and then 2) the Thursday session, which will be between SOs and ACs. I believe both these sessions, we should all pencil these sessions.

It seems [someone] is saying we have a conflicting meeting on Thursday between the Meeting Strategy and the CCWG. Sebastien, is it the whole meeting that's a conflict, or would you be able to squeeze some maybe half an hour or so to come to the Meeting Strategy Working Group? Or



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would the CCWG session eat up all of our session time? Well, it's looking like it's the whole meeting. I'm sad that you will not be able to make this session. But I'm sure you'll be able to join us, hopefully, remotely to keep track of what's happening.

But, yes, those two key sessions I believe we should all pencil them down and make sure we're at these sessions and give our input. Then, hopefully, from that session on Thursday, Maureen, we will have a clearer picture of what exactly is needed and then we'll be able to better plan our Marrakech and Panama and Puerto Rico meetings.

Without further ado, we will move to the last point on the agenda, which is the AOB. We still have another five minutes left, so we are exactly on time. If anyone has anything else to discuss, any other business? Going once. Going twice.

I see Eduardo has in the chat, "We're meeting with the chairs of various colleges and universities in January to present to them the ICANN/IETF/ARIN/ISOC ecosystem. This will help ease out in getting the students within those universities and colleges."

I think this is a great idea, Eduardo, and this is definitely something I'm going to steal from you and take over to AFRALO. In our next meeting, it's something I will definitely bring up in our session. I think this is something that most of the other RALOs would want to follow through if they're not doing it already.

So, yes, definitely I agree. This will not only motivate them to get to ICANN meetings but maybe just to get into the whole Internet policy discussion sphere, really.

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But I wouldn't want to keep you longer than you need to be kept, so I'd like to declare this meeting closed and thank everyone for their feedback. Thank everyone for their suggestions and ideas. I will see you all in Dublin. Thank you, everyone.

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