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DESIREE CABRERA: Okay, the recording has started.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Desiree. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. This is the cross community working group on Internet Governance call, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, the first call for us for the year. So welcome everyone and Happy New Year to everybody, in this exciting 2016. And this exciting agenda we have today, starting with some feedback on the FTG intersessional that took place a few days ago.

And then moving on to preparing for the ICANN 55 meeting that will take place in Marrakesh. Finally, we'll have a couple of updates first on the World Economic Forum [Davos] Conference that is coming up next week, and also on any feedback from the [inaudible] conference report that Nigel has sent to the mailing list. Is there anything...? Are there any changes to the agenda or additions to the agenda suggested here? The floor is open.

MARILYN CADE: It's Marilyn. Can I just make one change?

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Please, go ahead Marilyn.

MARILYN CADE: At the end under AOB, I'm not going to support the rotation of calls without further Doodles, but my purpose in taking my [tier], is to suggest under AOB, that we review, as we have in the past, the evolving timeline around that meeting. And perhaps we can set that under AOB.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. So put the timeline into... Sorry, I didn't quite understand your point here. Put the timeline into AOB?

MARILYN CADE: Yes, I think looking ahead, understanding that critical meetings and events, and maintaining a calendar of events of relevance would be helpful. We've done that in the past. I would like to do that again. And I'm happy to contribute to it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thanks very much Marilyn. Let's add this, and I've just realized we haven't done a roll call either. So let's start with a roll call as well, and I take it that the agenda is adopted with the addition that Marilyn Cade has added in the AOB. Desiree, let's have the roll call.

DESIREE CABRERA: Okay. For [inaudible] we have Olivier Crepin-Leblond, [inaudible]. In the room, we have Becky Burr, Bill Drake, Chris Wilson, [inaudible]...

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Marilia Maciel, [inaudible], Marilyn Cade, Mark [inaudible], Mark [inaudible], Matthew Shoes.

And for staff we have Nigel Hickson, [inaudible] and myself, Desiree Cabrera.

Is there anybody that I missed?

Okay, doesn't sound like it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

So thanks very much for this Desiree. I'm Olivier. Let's move on then to the review of the action items from our last call. There were three actions items, which have all been completed. For Nigel to return to the CCWG with details on the report of the [inaudible] conference. For Bill Drake to make his suggestions on the mailing list about having a session at the WSIS forum. And for the co-chairs to get in touch with the GAC, regarding the high level meeting in Marrakesh.

So I think we can move on swiftly to agenda item number three, the update on the FTG intersessional with Marilyn Cade and Nigel Hickson. We've got two subsections here, one being the WSIS outcome document and its implications for ICANN and the Internet governance ecosystem. And secondly, the report on the FTG itself.

I'm not sure who wishes to speak first. Marilyn, do you wish to start?

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MARILYN CADE:

Sure. Let me do that. First of all I think that many of the call are new to who the FTG is, and why it matters, so one minute on that, at the most. The commission of science and technology for development created many years ago, focused primarily on science and technology for development. In 2006, Art [Riley] and Cisco Systems and I, worked fairly assertively to add with the support of some governments and additional purpose to FTG.

Remember that FTG is an intergovernmental commission, but we have been involved in FTG for many years from the science and technology perspective, and we were successful in adding to the mission of FTG, which is the mechanism for advising [eco-stock] for advising me through [eco-stock] on science and technology developments.

We were successful in having this as follow-up to the FTG. This has significantly changed the importance of FTG to the Internet governance entities. I don't see many people on the call today, who actually have participated in the FTG, but I want to note that beginning in 2010, with the support of many governments, not just the [inaudible] governments, but also the Africans and Latin Americans, there was a successful introduction of resolutions which empower the participation of stakeholders.

So there is three resolutions. One for the private sector, one for the techno community and academics, and one for civil society that gives us the right to register to attend the meetings. This is important because during the preparation for the WSIS plus 10 review, FTG in 2015, as in 2010, was put in charge of the WSIS plus 10 review process.

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Some of you, on this call, and I see Bill is on the call, Marilia, Nigel, a few others, contributed to that review. The success of the WSIS plus 10 review, which influenced the outcome document, took into account the input from the nongovernment stakeholders. So the FTG meets twice a year formally, sometimes in addition, but formally, and the meeting just held was intersessional in Hungary, hosted by the chair.

And there was significant discussion on day three about the, how the work of the FTG will incorporate the call to action in the WSIS plus 10, United Nations, WSIS plus 10 document agreed, in the high level segment of the United Nations in December, which established the, among other things, the ten year extension of the IGF, the reestablishment of the FTG working group on enhanced cooperation, but more importantly, for all to understand the direct linkage of the FTG agenda, with all other work across the communities of interest.

And that links Internet governance with the achievement of the FTG. I don't want to go into significant detail here, but I can take questions on what that means for ICANN, but I just want to note that it has been extremely important to have ICANN staff at a senior year, attending and participating in the CSTD and contributing to the CSTD working group and the activities which will follow on from the extension of the IGF for 10 years, and also for the CSTD working group on enhanced cooperation, as well as the main meeting of the CSTD.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Marilyn, it's Olivier speaking. And a quick question that comes straight in my mind is, how does one take part in this CSTD? You mentioned, you know, you have to take part in it.

MARILYN CADE: One can take part by registering to attend the meetings, which is what I did. [CROSSTALK] Meetings are open to those who register. ICANN's meetings are, you know, we think we are so familiar with ICANN, so we just show up, but UN meetings require registration. But the registration process is open.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. That's great. Thanks very much Marilyn.

MARILYN CADE: Sorry, before you move on I just want to say that, in addition, in the last two years, CSTD has been able to incorporate web casting and transcript into their meetings. So there is a new opportunity to also follow the work of CSTD remotely, which did not exist before. And a quick plug for the IGF secretariat who has contributed the remote access contribution.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much Marilyn. Next, I guess, is Nigel Hickson, for his feedback on what happened a few days ago.

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NIGEL HICKSON:

Yes, thanks very much. And good afternoon colleagues. I'll be very brief because I think Marilyn has covered it in a very good style. ICANN is committed to the CSTD process. It's a, we see it as an important component of the [inaudible] UN coordination on ICT activities, especially in terms of ICT for development.

And clearly, in the years in the run up to the WSIS discussions in New York, last year. It proved exception of use or not leased in the construction of the 10 year review that Marilyn mentioned. It also previous to that, had a working group on enhancement to the Internet governance forum, which was also very useful in laying out some very useful recommendations.

The meeting this week in Budapest was an intersessional, in the sense that it's not a formal meeting. It doesn't come up with recommendations or resolutions that go to [Echo SOC]. And in that sense, it's a meeting there, it's a bit more relaxed and people can expand a bit on their thoughts on various processes. And so, this week we heard some extremely interesting contributions on smart cities and also touching on things like the Internet of things.

And there is quite a lot of interesting dialogue there. But specifically in our area, the follow-up to the WSIS is [UNGA] review, as Marilyn has said, was important. The session was chaired by Peter Major and a number of us were able to contribute our thoughts on the follow-up, and the importance of the link with the sustainable development goals.

On the working group on enhanced cooperation, which the UN resolution asked to be setup by July. [Inaudible] sort of sketched out for

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that. It's going to be a working group probably very much as it was before, there was a previous working group on enhanced cooperation. The terms of reference are slightly different, probably the membership will be around 22 governments made up of governments from different regions.

And that will be matched by probably 15, I think, from the stakeholder community, from business, from civil society and technical community. And nominations for those places will be made soon. Well the call, from the CSTD secretariat will be forthcoming.

So I just want to really conclude on that and say, you know, that ICANN is committed to this process, and will certainly take part, if it's selected in the working group on enhanced cooperation, as we believe we have a story to tell, so to speak. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Nigel. Olivier speaking. Any comments or questions from anyone on the call today?

MARILYN CADE: Olivier, let me just... It's Marilyn. Let me just quickly add to Nigel before we take questions, if you don't mind. The CSTD working group, I just want to be really clear because I think CSTD is very new to many people. CSTD has two missions, let me say that again. That this year, the commitment, after the outcome document of the WSIS, the commitment is to more closely integrate the work on science, technology for development, and the WSIS follow-up.



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And so we should not expect parallel tracks. That work should be of interest and importance to everyone on this call, separately. As Nigel noted, the outcome document also relaunched the working group on enhanced cooperation, but that is not the only thing that people on this call should be interested in at CSTD.

The nomination process will be announced on the CSTD website. I will, of course, post it to this group. You should expect the nomination process. And it's very different from governments. They're focal points within governments that nominate the four governments.

The plan will be to include Tunisia and Switzerland as the two initial host countries, and then four governments per region, plus five IGOs be five plus five plus five. The nomination process should follow generally the same kind of nomination process followed in the past, which means names get submitted to the secretariat with endorsement, but also requirement that people be able to, [inaudible] requirements to long term and a commitment to geographic, gender, and expertise.

This is an expert body, and one of the things that people need to understand is, as such, just having an opinion doesn't necessarily qualify somebody to be nominated. So when they nominate, they need to be able to justify their expertise, but also recognize gender diversity.

In the last working group, we did have the opportunity to include observers, and we also included webcasting and transcripts. And that enabled a broader participation and contribution into the process. But I want to be clear that everybody understands that we are talking at CCWG IG, which is informational at ICANN.

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And we have to be careful that the ICANN community doesn't think that they should take over the CSTD working group on Internet governance. Instead, this group needs to take a light handed approach. And the purpose of this discussion is informational.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this Marilyn. I don't see anyone having put their hand up in the room. So I guess, both of your presentations were very, very helpful indeed. And I note that there [inaudible] links to the CSTD in the previous chat that we had in our December call. I think that was the intent, but anyway.

Seeing no hands, I think we can probably move on then. And the next part of our agenda is item number four, and that's the forthcoming work, the face to face meeting in Marrakesh, ICANN 55. There are three links in the agenda. The first one is a link to the GAC high level meeting agenda.

The discussion we had in our last call was all to do with the planning of our session. We're going to have two sessions, one being the working group session and the other session being the public session that we usually have. And there was a concern that our public session might be staged at the same time as the GAC high level meeting.

Now looking at the GAC high level meeting itself, the agenda of the meeting, it looks as though this is going to take the full day, which the full day on Monday, I think it is. And the sessions itself will be open, open to pretty much everyone, I believe. The morning session will be

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on IANA stewardship transition outcomes, and I think that will probably have all of ICANN sitting in the room at the time. Who knows?

And then there is, after that, they'll be the enhancing ICANN accountability and governance role in the new ICANN framework equally important session. And then in the afternoon, gTLDs and public policy followed by the DNS developing countries and capacity building, what role for ICANN. And then of course, summaries and so on towards the end of the day.

So Monday seems to be a very busy day indeed for the GAC. And the concern of this working group was that we would have our public session without any GAC members being present. So I'm not quite sure when we were set to receive or to be given slots. I'm not even sure whether at this point this has been set up.

And I'll call upon Nigel to give us an update on this and let us know what is up with those slots.

Nigel Hickson, you might be muted. Or has he dropped off perhaps?

We still cannot hear Nigel. Is there...? Has Nigel dropped off...?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: [Inaudible] twice, he might be having some connectivity problems.

NIGEL HICKSON: Sorry, I'm back on. This is Nigel. I'm so sorry. Did you ask a question?

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, I asked a question, and you have to guess it Nigel. No it's all about the high level meeting and the Internet governance session in Marrakesh. And the question was with regards to the timetable. When were the proposed slots? With the concern, of course, that this working group did not want to go for a public session slot that clashed with the GAC high level meeting.

NIGEL HICKSON: Yes. Thank you very much. So you've seen the agenda for high level meeting, which is of course is [inaudible] meeting. This is a meeting cohosted by the Moroccan hosts and the GAC itself. As in London, the government advisory committee, particularly the chairs and the co-chairs, and the Moroccan authorities work together to put this agenda together.

And we as staff facilitate that process. There is a ministerial lunch on the Monday lunch time, and in the evening, I mean I just flag this because of potential interest. In the evening, there is a reception, if you like, for everyone and not just the high level group. There is a general ICANN reception on the Monday night, which will enable the community for At-Large as opposed to, if you like, to mix with the high level meeting participants.

So anyway, you've seen the agenda there and it's open to everyone. In terms of the traditional CCWG IG public session, that is I think, as Bill Drake pointed out on the list, is on the Thursday. So it doesn't clash with the high level meeting, as such.

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Unfortunately, there isn't a slot available. Well there isn't a slot. There are no slots at all that will allow us to have the IG public session where there is not a GAC meeting, because the GAC are meeting, you know, the GAC are meeting throughout that time.

But having the IG public session on the Thursday morning, at least allows potentially some government advisory committee members to attend, because they will have completed their communique by then. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. That's great. Thanks very much for this update Nigel. That's very helpful. And I note that the link which everyone has in their agenda to the schedule, already shows the Internet governance session from 9 until 10:15 on the Thursday morning. Now, when it comes down to the actual contents and the preparation of the public session, Bill Drake has sent an email over to the mailing list, and there is a link in the agenda for you, if you haven't read the email to see Bill's suggestions.

And since Bill is on the call, maybe I can hand the floor over to him to take us through his suggestion here. Bill Drake.

BILL DRAKE: All right. Well, this is just to try to get conversation going, because we don't have much time. Certainly one topic that is going to be, or one discussion is going to be running in a number of different global governance context, and which I think ICANN has some stake in, is in the notion of preserving an open un-fragmented Internet.

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The [inaudible] will be addressing this at the ministerial meeting in the summer. We're talking about it at [inaudible] next week. There is going to be initiatives going on in other context as well. So I thought well, one possibility might be to draw the links between this conversation and the ICANN.

But of course, that's just one suggestion and if people have anything else that they prefer, that's fine too. I just wanted us to start talking about what we're going to do in Marrakesh, because it's not that very far away.

MARILYN CADE:

Olivier, it's Marilyn. [CROSSTALK] Thank you. Bill, I was trying to, I'm not sure I totally followed this, but so towards [inaudible]... Would it be possible to also add in if we're going to do...? Or are you thinking it would be kind of an update. The focus on these various other players and the Internet governance ecosystem, in which case I'd like to add the follow-up to the WSIS document.

If that would... I think that's...

BILL DRAKE:

Okay. Marilyn, I was not... Okay, sorry. I thought you were done, go ahead.

MARILYN CADE:

I am. I was just asking the clarification from you.

BILL DRAKE:

Okay. I wasn't suggesting a discussion that focused on other conversations as much as maybe having our own conversation. Informed... So in other words, I think the questions of what does it mean and how important is it to maintain an open and un-fragmented Internet? Has very strong links to the ICANN environment when we're talking about issues, whether it's collisions, or blocking of gTLDs, or even block, for that matter, one could argue a second level [inaudible].

And you know, many other dimensions. So these things do speak, these things do directly impact and are relevant to the ICANN sphere, and to the extent that this conversation is going on among governments and business leaders in other environments, on a broader scale, it seems to me it would be interesting to discuss it in the ICANN context. And maybe the ICANN staff or others in the community, who participate in those other processes, would then be able to draw on the juices of our conversation and input them into the other conversations.

So that's the [inaudible] dimensions of these things are clear to people. So...

MARILYN CADE:

Thank you. I just want to restate what I was proposing to add to it. It's Marilyn. I was just in support, but I would like to add the discussion about the implications of the SGG, the commitment of the SGG, which also addressed [inaudible]. Now maybe that's too much for this meeting, and we would move the discussion about the implication of

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the SGG commitment to a later meeting, but I think we should at least, in the CCWG IG discuss the implications of what happened in New York.

And again, what you've raised is of course a high priority. But I want to say one other thing. I'm sorry in so many ways, that our session will be on Thursday as the high level attendees will have left by then. I gather we don't have any choice on that, but it's worth just noting as a regret.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Olivier. [CROSSTALK] Bill?

BILL DRAKE: Should I respond...?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, go ahead.

BILL DRAKE: Oh. Just to say that usually in the public sessions, we do more than one topic. And there is certainly no reason we couldn't have a chunk of informational update on implications of the WSIS [inaudible], the conversation about the whole open Internet set of issues. We've got 75 minutes. The important point is to ensure that there is, that half of that time at least is for open discussion with the floor, and not have a big long panel again of 15 people on the podium talking at us. Thank you.



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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this Bill, Olivier speaking. And I think I agree with both of you. And especially looking at the experience that we have from previous public sessions, having too many topics just confuses people and doesn't actually let us go into depth. Having two is probably a good balance.

And so I see that on the table, we now have, if I can summarize, the discussion about the un-fragmented Internet, and a discussion about the implications of the sustainable development goals. These seem like two very interesting topics. I don't know if anybody else has any comments on these topics. So whether they think that they shouldn't be there, or that they think there should be a third topic. The floor is open.

Okay. So I see that there is approval from, or at least support for these two topics on the chat. I see Mark has put his hand up. Mark, you have the floor.

MARK: Yes, thank you Olivier and hello everybody. I just wanted to suggest a possible addition or topic, and this intersects with the CSTD intersessional meeting, when the UK proposed, as a first stage for the work of the, working group on enhanced cooperation, that it tries to agree a set of principles or high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation.

And I wonder if this might be a topic for the CCWG IG in Marrakesh, to have a go at. I mean, the kind of thing we were thinking about in terms of high level characteristics of enhanced cooperation that there should

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be consultation with stakeholders, policy making should be evidenced based. There should be [inaudible] to innovation. There should be openness and involvement of IGOs, UN agencies in enhanced cooperation.

Alongside private sector, technical community and others. So I just love that as an idea, straight off the top of my head, as we're reflecting on the intersessional meeting in Budapest. Perhaps something for this group in Marrakesh to consider as an agenda item. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this suggestion Mark. And so [inaudible] enhanced cooperation as it relates to, I gather as it relates to ICANN.

MARK: And if I could just jump in here and reiterate, what are the characteristics of enhanced cooperation that resonate well with the ICANN community? And that ICANN itself demonstrates? The kind of principles of cooperation, if you like. It may be similar to what I've just described. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks very much for this Mark. At the moment, I'm just putting together a small list, and then I will circulate the list to the mailing list, and we'll see whether we have three or two. I must say, I like the topic Mark, personally, my personal view. I like the topic. I don't know how much time we have to do three topics. It's a bit of a concern.

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We've had some rushed discussions in the past, so not so great feedback on having many different topics, but it might be that we might wish to table this and take this for, or look at the three and then do two and take the third one to the next meeting afterwards, which will be in June.

It's not like it's the last ICANN meeting that we ever have. Who knows? Maybe it is, but that's a joke.

VINNIE: Olivier, may I step in?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead Vinnie.

VINNIE: So I actually like the idea of... My suggestion is why don't we engage in a little bit conversation on the mailing list for the time being, and figure out whether we could cover them all after all. I mean, 75 minutes doesn't look too much, but this is properly organized. [Inaudible] at the last, I mean, a couple of meetings ago when you did a great job in Buenos Aires in managing this meeting.

So why don't we engage in a conversation on the mailing list and figure out whether like maybe, you know, even 10 minutes would be enough for the enhanced cooperation.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this Vinnie. I take it we have a second vote for continuing this discussion on the mailing list. I don't see anyone else putting their hand up. I see much discussion going on in the chat. And I will not start reading the chat for the record. If you're interested, then you will be able to, if you're listening to the recording, you'll be able to download the chat separately.

Let's move on as time is ticking. Agenda item number five.

NIGEL HICKSON: Yeah, I do apologize. Under this item, because I don't think we'll have time under any other business, we just need to for the sake of process, we just need to come to a quick agreement, or just an indication, on when we would like the face to face session. The normal, you know, the committee session, because we have to put in a proposal for that by Monday morning.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I wasn't aware of this. Nigel, thank you for reminding us. And I'm not sure of the wishes of this community. I imagine that Monday is obviously out of the question. We probably have to look at Tuesday or Wednesday. This is a shorter meeting than usual, and things are moved around a little bit. Are there any suggestions here on the call?

MARILYN CADE: Can we hear, first of all... It's Marilyn, sorry. Tuesday is [inaudible] in the fact that communities meet. I don't think we can interfere with that, and I think trying... You have to be respectful of the fact that

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constituency day must be protected as constituency day. At the same time, the high level attendees are probably not going to stay long.

So if the feeling is that the high level agenda does not accommodate Monday, at the latest, or I would ask for comments from anyone who is familiar with the GAC schedule who is on the call, at the latest, Wednesday would be the priority. But if the GAC is engaged in all day negotiations... Now, they haven't been in the past. There has been some flexibility.

If the GAC is available on Wednesday morning, we could look at that. But we have to respect the commitment that other communities have. So on Tuesday, is the constituency. On Wednesday, in the past, it has been the GAC negotiations. If the GAC is available Wednesday morning, we can look at Wednesday morning.

But we can't if they feel they're not available. Otherwise, it has to go to Thursday.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Marilyn. Olivier speaking. And I remind you, on Thursday we have from 9:00 until 10:15 for public session. So we really are looking at Tuesday or Wednesday for our face to face session. Looking at the agenda, that has been published so far, or the overall schedule that has been published so far, the GAC is meeting with the Board from 8:30 until 10:00 in the morning on Wednesday morning.

And I'm not quite sure whether constituency day still stands in an A type meeting. I know that, just my knowledge on the ALAC's own schedules,

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things have been moved around a lot. And so we have a very atypical, non-typical schedule for a Tuesday with sessions having been moved around.

And I guess this one is a little bit difficult because it's the first time we have an A type meeting. I'm not sure anyone really knows whether Tuesday will still remain as a full constituency day. Anyone has thoughts on this or an insight into this?

MARILYN CADE: I'm just going to speak that the business constituency participant, not as an officer. Chris Wilson is on the phone. Perhaps Chris can comment. I am not aware that we were rethinking our meetings on constituency day. But Chris is on the phone, the chair of the BC, perhaps Greg is on the phone, the chair of the IPC. Perhaps they can comment?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That would be very helpful Marilyn. Chris, are you able to comment? Chris Wilson?

I don't see any, Chris not being able to do so.

GREG CHAPMAN: This is Greg Chapman.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, I was going to turn it over to you. Greg Chapman, you have the floor.

GREG CHAPMAN: Sorry to be presumptuous. So far, the conversations we have had about scheduling Tuesday have been basically the same. The only thing we heard was a request to try to allow a little more time between meetings. You know, and set some of the starting times back a little bit, which we pushed back on because we didn't think it was actually necessary, and that was our request not to change the meeting times was taken.

That's true of, you know, both IPC meetings and CFG meetings. Chris and the BC are holding the laboring org at this particular meeting for planning commercial stakeholder group meetings. So if I've said anything wrong, you know, Chris can well, Chris says I'm correct. So that's where we're at. No change at this point for our meeting A constituency day meeting. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this feedback Greg. Next is Rafik.

RAFIK: Thanks Olivier. I think the changes for the format is in the meeting B, which will be in Panama, but for A and C, it's almost the same. So this should not be a problem for us, or any impact on the constituency day. But the big impact will be in meeting B. So there is no concern for now.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay thanks Rafik. So I take it that there will be no change, or at least no one else, yeah, no one is looking at making any major changes to constituency day, which pretty much then leaves us with Wednesday as being the day when we'll be able to have a face to face meeting.

At least that's my understanding. And Wednesday morning from 8:30 until 10, the meeting of the GAC and the Board might stop us. So we might wish to have a meeting from 10:00 onwards. Does that help Nigel? Or is that...? I think we're proceeding by elimination here.

NIGEL HICKSON: Thank you very much Olivier and colleagues. I mean, we'll obviously do our best to accommodate the working groups requirement, and we can go again on Monday morning and try and get a slot as you determine. They're filling up rapidly, I understand, but we should be able to get something on the Wednesday after that time. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this. Greg, your hand is till up. Greg Chapman.

GREG CHAPMAN: I will sever my hand.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this. Don't go that far. Right. Let's move on, agenda item five. I note the time is ticking. The forthcoming World Economic Forum [inaudible] conference next week in the Swiss Alps. ICANN is set



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to go, and so I would like to ask for a quick update on who will go. Whether it's Fadi, and I guess, what is ICANN's involvement with the [inaudible]. Nigel Hickson.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Well, I'll be very brief because probably Bill Drake knows as much as I or probably more about what is actually going to be discussed there. But yes, for ICANN, Fadi Chehadé will attend the [inaudible] sessions, along with Nora [inaudible], who is a global leader for public responsibility. They will primarily be involved in three, in pursuing three objectives.

The first one is engagement with respect to the IANA transition, and people on this call are well acquainted with the sort of critical timing of all of this. And we want to ensure that key [inaudible] understand what the process will be and the importance of the, that the important position that we play by the US administration and the Congress, etc.

The second is awareness of what ICANN's role is in the global Internet, especially moving forward post-transition and the work that's been going on in ICANN and other places, but of course also at the [inaudible] in their Internet initiatives, which Bill Drake, of course, mentioned.

And the third is sort of collaboration with key stakeholders and partnership that we generally pursue. We use the occasion to get Fadi Chehadé in front of sort of key decision makers, but also people in the wider community that perhaps don't frequent some of the other meetings and forums that we take part in.

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So I think that's what I'll say for now. Proceed just to note proceeding the [inaudible] is, Fadi Chehadé will be in Geneva here on Monday to talk to some ambassadors at a breakfast session, and also to talk to the UN, heads of the UN agencies as a lunch, at a private lunch session hosted by the director general of the United Nations office here in Geneva. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this update, Nigel. Next is Bill Drake.

BILL DRAKE: What do you want to know?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I guess Bill, you can probably tell us about some of the sessions that might be, or that are of interest. And you mentioned earlier the discussions on the Internet fragmentation.

BILL DRAKE: Yeah, okay. As some of you know, I did a report on Internet fragmentation that served and [inaudible] director that will be the [inaudible]. There is related session on Internet without borders. And then there is a bunch of other sessions that are part of the future of the Internet initiative. They're going to different issues.

None of them are really so direct to Internet governance in the ICANN space. There are sessions on digital trade, digital transformation of

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industry, Internet of things, Internet of all. There will be a future of the Internet initiative trustees meeting, chaired by Al Gore. There will be sessions on platforms and how platforms feed into the global economy.

So there is a range of different sessions going on, but I think probably the most focused one in terms of relevant, direct policy relevant to the things that people here would care about I guess, is probably the stuff on fragmentation and Internet openness, which the US government and a number of other players are building out activities around.

So there will be a lot of type conversations around those issues going on. So that's it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this update Bill. That's very helpful. Are any of these sessions either recorded or one can follow them remotely? Are they open for remote listeners or watchers? Viewers may be better than watchers.

BILL DRAKE: The [inaudible] does do some of these sessions openly. And I know that, I mean, open in the sense that they're videotaped and broadcast on CNN, and CNBC, and things like that. And I think they're probably on the web, but I just haven't looked.

And I believe that the, yes, I'm looking now. The Internet without borders session, it says, "This session will be available online at a later date." So that will have [inaudible]... and people like that. So some

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sessions will be webcast, but they don't do remote participation. They don't do bottom up. You know, that's not what this particular space...

So, there is no remote participation or anything like that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this Bill. I note that I did miss earlier Rafik [inaudible] who had put his hand up. I'm not sure whether he still wishes to come in at this point, or whether it was on a previous discussion. Rafik?

I think I might have missed him. Okay, never mind. Let's move on then. Thanks for this update Bill, and thanks for letting us know that we might be able to see some of these sessions. I note from the chat that the [inaudible] is not easy to get into. And I know that there is a lot of discussions that are going to take place, and we'll probably hear a lot more after the conference itself.

Now, agenda item six. The [inaudible] conference report from Nigel Hickson. Nigel has very kindly shared his views, and the sort of feedback on the conference. And I just wonder, Nigel, whether you could spend a few minutes just taking us through a quick feedback and reporting on what happened there?

NIGEL: Olivier, it would be [inaudible], if you had a couple of minutes also to have the post-WSIS [inaudible] at the UN?

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, yes, sure. We can do that. We did have a bit of a discussion earlier in the update on the CSDT. But let's just add this, but we just have very little time on our hands. So let's have Nigel first and then Vinnie quickly after that. Nigel Hickson.

NIGEL HICKSON: Yes, thank you. I'll be very brief indeed. So I mean, the [inaudible] circulated came from our team in our APAC region that accompanied Fadi to then [inaudible] event. And we did discuss on our last call to an extent. I haven't been able to, actually just this afternoon, obtain some further information on some of the speeches that were given and some of the links to some of the remarks that Fadi gave in one or two of the sessions.

So I'll circulate those to the list later this evening. Which will give a bit of a further [inaudible] for some of the discussion. But I think a lot of people already followed some of the links on the web, and saw the program, etc. In terms of the outcome of this initiative, of course, there is now the what's called the [inaudible] initiative.

This is sort of a committee structure has been setup to look forward really to further to the next conference in the next year, and the involvement of people in the global Internet community in sort of forming that. And of course, there are many views on what that committee might do.

But and I can say, I think we've already seen a link to the establishment of that initiative. So I think that's all I need to say at this point, but I will circulate some further information. Fadi Chehadé has made it clear that

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he wishes if, of course, the Chinese, if the initiative deems it appropriate, for him to continue to, after he leaves ICANN, for him to continue in a personal capacity on the initiative. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this Nigel. We don't really have time for a discussion on that, and I guess that you have sent your report to the mailing list. So any follow-up, please, that can be done on the mailing list. Let's go to any other business. First is to do with the rotation of calls, with no further Doodles. We seem to be sending one Doodle after another, and ending mostly in this same sort of time.

That makes it very, sorry I'm being hassled by my next call already. That makes it very difficult, and it's always the same people that end up taking the calls in that terrible moment. And I'm hinting at Rafik for example, being right in the middle of the night here.

So the proposal was to rotate the calls. We could have one Doodle, one large Doodle that would give us sort of the full day, and people can choose their preferred times, and then we can choose, I think it's either two or three different times at which we can rotate the calls, and stick to the same time every week.

So same day every week for our calls. Is this something that has any traction here?

MARILYN CADE: Olivier, it's Marilyn. I just want to speak about this. I want to be respectful of the demands on participants from other regions, but we

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also need to be respectful of the fact that we can't have a single day. We have to offer different day options. We are a busy group and schedules change.

So while I agree with trying to rotate, I also think we have to respect that we can't just pick a single day and expect people's calendars to be able to accommodate that. So at least, let's choose the Doodle to find the day and offer more than one day as an option.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's fine as well, obviously. So would you be saying that we can offer more than one day as an option, but obviously, once we have set that day, we will stick to that day?

MARILYN CADE: Look, I'm like many others. If I am travelling, I don't have the possibilities I have if I'm here. It's true for everybody. But you know, if we offer one day that is so, is such a barrier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well let's continue this later then, during our next call. Let's continue with the Doodle for our next call, which I believe should be next week? And we'll continue the discussion on the rotation of the calls, because I can see some are saying well, we can have a single day that works for everyone. But with that many people in the working group, I can bet you, a single day will not work for everyone.

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And that said, at the same time, the work should also take place on the mailing list. So if you miss a call, you can always listen to the recording afterwards. And I think we need to get into this gear of also working on the mailing list in addition to the calls.

But okay, that's one thing. And the second point in any other business, was the suggest from Marilyn regarding the calendar, forthcoming conferences and activities. [CROSSTALK]

MARILYN CADE: Actually, [inaudible] in favor of hearing from Vinnie, and I will post my draft timeline to the list, just as an FYI and work with the staff on that. I prefer to hear from Vinnie, since he's on the call.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's perfect. Thanks very much Marilyn. Vinnie [inaudible], an update please on the activities at the UN.

VINNIE: Yes, thanks Olivier. So I had a number of meetings following the WSIS. And the message I hear from all of the diplomats here, and from the UN staff, is basically the same. They're very pessimistic on our optimism that the WSIS document is the thing that will guide the UN in the next 10 years.

They say that it's a document which is only a foundation, but we should not [inaudible] that during the ICG [inaudible] discussion, all the member states can rightly change the language, whatever it is and



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however [inaudible] that we see. So I am just sending you a warning that the enthusiasm that we have here about the successful WSIS [inaudible], is correct. It was successful, but it's not good enough for the next 10 years.

There will be a number of attempts to change that. This will happen also not only in the ICG for development, but also in the [inaudible], and also in the silo security discussion, which are going to take place [inaudible], first is governmental group of experts, which is supposed to be announced by the end of the month.

[Inaudible] you guys can Google this and there is a website of their PDPs. Second is suddenly there is a [inaudible] UN Secretary General staffers, as Assistant Security General and other staff that was worth talking about security. You can Google also the digital [inaudible]. It's an idea by an assistant secretary [inaudible], she's also the chief information officer.

And there is also out of the blue, some of the UN institutes and organizations, which we have not heard of, like Unidir, U-N-I-D-I-R, who are going to discuss cybersecurity. So having said those, having kind of turned on those red lights for your attention, I think we should not [inaudible] that you know we reached a great achievement at the WSIS, the IGF continue there [inaudible] nothing more [inaudible] worthy to look at the UN for what they're planning to do.

So this is only like my two minutes really, warning.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this Vinnie. Olivier speaking. It was a short list indeed. Okay, I think we have no hands in the queue at the moment. There was one mea culpa I wanted to share with you, and that's I've forgotten in the agenda to speak about Bill Drake's suggestion of discussing forthcoming sessions, or potential session at the WSIS forum in Geneva.

I believe that's in March. Bill, are you still here?

BILL DRAKE: Early May, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, it's in May. Okay. Well, that gives us a little more time. Then perhaps we can discuss this during our next call?

BILL DRAKE: We have until the end of January to put in proposals.

MARILYN CADE: Right. The deadline for [CROSSTALK]... The deadline for submitting a proposal is the end of January. It's Marilyn. My proposal would be for those who are interested, take up a sub-discussion about organizing the workshop and come back with the draft, and we maybe do that before the end of next week, so that the group could agree on a workshop proposal.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent. Thanks for this Marilyn. It's Olivier speaking. Let's have this as an action item then, and just send, if we can know, move forward, do we have anybody on the call who wants to be part of this subgroup quickly?

I gather Bill Drake and Marilyn Cade, you might be interested?

MARILYN CADE: Bill, if you're interested in leading, I'm happy to contribute, but I want more. I want to see Marilia, you know, Mark, yeah. Matthew is volunteering. Let's get five to six people to help to organize. Is that okay? [CROSSTALK]

BILL DRAKE: Someone else should coordinate this. I will be offline basically all next week. So somebody else should take the lead [CROSSTALK]...

MARILYN CADE: Okay, so how about Marilia, Matthew, Marilyn, Nigel, you know, I'm looking at the list and Mark [inaudible], Carlos, you know, let's get a group and do, and ask the staff to set up a list for us and we will get a draft. That doesn't mean those who participate in proposing are the speakers, but we do the organizing. Is that okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That works for me. It's Olivier speaking. And we've taken note of this. I'll follow up with Desiree Cabrera afterwards on this. I'm not sure we'll

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have enough time to setup a mailing list, but certainly just having [CROSSTALK] do this by email. It's no problem.

MARILYN CADE: Yeah, let's do the list. People volunteer, we'll get a conference call, blah, blah, blah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent. Well thank you everybody for this call. I'm sorry I did have a hard stop seven minutes ago, and right now I think I have another group of people who are very fuming that I'm not there yet to start the call.

So ladies and gentlemen, thanks for this call. And the session is adjourned, and speak to you all next week.

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