OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Rafik is not able to make it here yet today because of an emergency that has come up. I haven't seen Young Eum either yet. Let's just start the call then. I see it's four minutes past the top of the hour, so let's start. I guess the recording has just been started, but let's start the call, please.

MARILYN CADE: Thank you. First of all, it's Marilyn. I'll just follow [inaudible]. My name is Marilyn Cade. I am a business representative to the group, but I am also very actively engaged in bringing forward the voice of parties that are from the developing countries and through the associations – the ICT associations.

I'm also actively involved in most of the IG fora such as the ITU Working Group on WSIS, the ITU Working Group on International Public Policy. I have significant presence at the CSG. I'm also engaged at the IGF where I am a member of the MAG.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Marilyn. We have two other people who are on the call – [Claire Rupits] who is on listen-only. She's a contractor working on a project for the US government. Also Jim Prendergast who is on listen-only as well. From the [inaudible].

MARILYN CADE: I'm sorry. We have a US government contractor on the call?

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It seems to be, yes.

MARILYN CADE: Can we ask her to introduce herself and ask her who her contract is with?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: She's in listen-only. Claire, if you can just drop a few notes in the chat, that would be helpful. Then we'll read it to the record as well.

VENI MARKOVSKI: Olivier, this is Veni. I managed to join for a few minutes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, Veni, well done. Thank you for this. We're just going through the roll call, having people introduce themselves briefly. I think if we look at the Adobe Connect, a list of participants. Greg Shatan is next. Greg, can you say a few words about yourself, please?

GREG SHATAN: Sure, thank you. Sorry I joined a little bit late, so I haven't heard introductions. I'm a lawyer in private practice in New York practicing in the intellectual property and technology transactions and Internet law and policy space. In addition to that, I'm a member of the Intellectual Property Constituency where I currently serve as the President of the ICC. I'm also a member of the CWG on IANA Transition where I serve as the member representing the Commercial Stakeholder Group, and also

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a member of the CCWG on ICANN Accountability where I serve as a participant representing the interests of the world, hopefully. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Greg. Next is Mark Buell. Mark, we're unable to hear you. There might be a problem with your microphone. I note you have unmuted yourself, but it hasn't seemed to work well. Mark is typing.

Next we have Mark Carvell.

MARK CARVELL: Yes. Hello, Olivier. I hope you can hear me.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Very well. Thank you.

MARK CARVELL: Yes, okay, great. Hello, everybody. My name is Mark Carvell and I work for the UK government on global Internet governance policy. I'm an advisor to the UK Minister for digital and Internet governance issues. That's [Ed Basey]. I represent the UK on the Government Advisory Committee of ICANN. I'm on the MAG, but I'm just about to come off. I've done three years on the MAG of the IGF. I represent the UK on Internet issues of the Council of Europe in [inaudible]. Also liaise for the

Common Wealth [inaudible] Internet governance policy. I think that's enough for me. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Mark. It sounds like you're quite busy. Matthew Shears is next.

MATTHEW SHEARS: Yes, Matthew Shears with the Center for Democracy and Technology. I'm the Director of the Global Internet Policy and Human Rights project there. I've been a long-time participant in Internet governance and WSIS and IGF. Now starting to feel like almost a veteran of the ICANN IANA transition process as well. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Matthew. Next is Nigel Hickson.

NIGEL HICKSON: Sorry. This is Nigel. I apologize. I've just managed to get one. I've got problems with connecting at the airport.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Nigel. It's just a couple of words about yourself.

NIGEL HICKSON: [inaudible] selection process. Nigel Hickson, Government Engagement in Geneva working on IGO relations, etc. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Nigel. Next is Sam Lanfranco who is going to check his new microphone.

SAM LANFRANCO: Can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we can.

SAM LANFRANCO: Okay, good. Sam Lanfranco. I'm a development economist focused a lot on ICT for development over the last 35 years. I'm also [inaudible]. I am a member of NCSG and head of the Policy Committee in NPOC. I also belong to the Internet Society and I'm a [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Sam. Now we have on the chat Mark Buell who is Canadian Internet Registration Authority and a coordinator of the Canadian IGF. He is here as an observer. Just as a follow-on from [Claire Ruperts], Claire works for the Department of Defense (DOD), CIO. "A few of my colleagues have been to ICANN conferences and we provide them with updates on the Internet governance words."

Matthew Shears adds that he's also a member of NCUC and NCSG.

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I'm Olivier Crepin-LeBlond. I'm a member of the At-Large community and the chair of the European At-Large organization.

Young Eum Lee has also joined us.

MARILYN CADE: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Marilyn, sorry. I just want to go through the introductions quickly and then we'll come over to you. Young Eum Lee, perhaps. I think that's the whole list of people who have joined the call. Young Eum? And we've lost Young Eum Lee. No, we still have her. I'm not sure if she's able to speak.

Young Eum Lee, if I can just fill in, is the co-chair of this cross-community working group coming from the ccNSO.

We also have Desiree Cabrera. Can you say a couple of words, please?

DESIREE CABRERA: Hi, I'm Desiree Cabrera and I just joined the ICANN staff last year and just started helping out with the CCWG IG group last month.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Excellent. Thanks, Desiree. Marilyn Cade, you have the Floor.

MARILYN CADE: Can I ask Desiree to please – sorry. Can I ask her to please explain who she is? It's really great to have a new US government representative on this call, but perhaps she could explain who she is. I'd like to hear that. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks for this, Marilyn. Claire, I don't know how we're going to… I know you're on listen-only, so maybe you can dial in or something to that extent. I'm a little concerned this is taking a lot of time, but we have the majority of people on the call here and I'd like to move forward with the agenda since it's quite packed.

There's been a small change to the agenda. Veni Markovski has managed to join us quickly in between two meetings. So I was going to suggest that we move the update on the UN meetings following the WSIS over to third position, immediately after the review of our action items. It shouldn't take more than one minute.

MARILYN CADE: Sounds fantastic. Let's go with that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks, Marilyn. I don't see any objections, so silence is consent I guess on this occasion. Let's review the action items from our last call. There's just one, and that's to do with setting up a subgroup of the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance to draft a proposal for a workshop at the WSIS forum. That is in process and I

believe Marilyn is one of the people that is involved with that. There are a few others.

We took the transcript from our last call and there were some follow-ups on the mailing list. We could probably set up some separate list for this process or this work to move forward. I urge you all to consider joining this smaller group so as to get a workshop ready in time.

Let's move to agenda item 3, and that's the UN activity since the World Summit on Information Society. That's mostly in New York. We have Veni Markovski on the call. Veni, you have the floor.

VENI MARKOVSKI: Thanks, Olivier. Just for the record, [inaudible] who they are. I'm the ICANN UN Engagement VP based in New York. I heard that Greg is also in New York. Maybe at some point we can reach out and get together.

The UN WSIS is over, but I had a number of meetings since that. What everyone is saying from [inaudible] is that the work that [inaudible] even though we [treat] it as good work and joint effort and success, etc. – even the New York Times made a story about it mentioning the view in China and India as the big game changers.

The work is not done. In fact, every year the UN General Assembly has [inaudible] for development which is dealing with all the issues within the WSIS. Discussion [inaudible] this year. They won't be discussing the continuation of the IGF, because it [will] continue for ten years.

So having said that, this means that we should be also looking at what is coming next and what's coming next are several issues. First is the

security agenda of the UN. So we have the governmental group of experts, but we also have… I just e-mailed you UN Institute for [Development] Research which is based in Geneva which [inaudible] talking about cyber security. They have a meeting in a couple of weeks in Geneva which they'll be discussing – especially, by the way, they will be discussing securing the DNS and the [inaudible] to the Internet from security aspects of the unique identifiers, which is clearly what ICANN is doing.

Having said that, this is only the beginning. We also have ECOSOC and the [CSED] of which Nigel can talk later more because I will have to drop.

Also we will have the ICT for development and the UN system itself developing [inaudible] initiatives. I think I mentioned that earlier that the UN Chief Information Officer is now talking about [inaudible] digital [inaudible], and while nobody really knows what it is, [inaudible] meetings have soon to find out more details.

Bottom line, we should not [inaudible] that everything was done in December last year. Everything is just beginning. Well, it's not beginning. It began in 2003 with the first WSIS. But we're in the middle of the road. We think we are done with our work with regards to engagement with the UN. We would be mistaken. That's [from] me.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Veni. Marilyn Cade, you're next.

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MARILYN CADE: I actually had a bit of a conversation about UN Blue Helmets. I'm going to just say I think sometimes there's [innocence] based on ignorance based on lack of information.

That idea is to create white hats. For those of us who come from a more technical community, we understand the difference between the black hats and the white hats. The UN… Some parties of the UN became engaged in thinking that there could be blue helmets that are technically competent and help the countries that are not yet fully competent in that area.

Rather than saying it's a really bad idea, I think we should park that idea and think about what role ICANN has in helping to create knowledge and experience and expertise in the areas that ICANN is responsible for. Not to say no, because saying no never gets anyone anywhere, but to guide in a limited way how we might, as ICANN, contribute to the limited areas – but very important areas – that we have responsibility for.

I'm just going to say one more thing. I think that's a longer-term discussion and not to be decided on this call.

VENI MARKOVSKI: Olivier, can I step in just one minute? I have to drop after that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, please, Veni.

VENI MARKOVSKI: I completely agree with you. One thing, I didn't want to mention it because it's like I don't want to sound I'm showing off what work we have done at the UN. But the diplomats that I am meeting and the work that we have done last year, we organized a couple of workshops which have people like Andrew Sullivan and [James Coffee] [inaudible] diplomats from the different [missions]. It was very important to explain to the diplomats even how the Internet works.

You may not believe it, but some of those people just using e-mail from 20 years ago. Somebody set up an e-mail address for [the mission] at AOL and they're still using it.

So we have to spend a lot of time talking – and I completely… Marilyn, you're just [nailing it]. We need to be into the mission. We need to talk to the diplomats. And we need to talk to the [inaudible] as well because they are in their right as any stakeholder in the global Internet community to suggest or to do stuff which we may find good or bad. It doesn't matter. But whatever it is, related to the Internet especially to the DNS and the [inaudible] and the unique identifiers. We have to be there to tell them what are the facts.

This was very much appreciated by them because when we were talking to them, we are not sharing our opinion how the Internet should be governed or whatever. We were actually sharing the facts. Here is how it is. And we were telling them… [inaudible], for example, thanks to [ISOC], we had one diplomat from the UK and one [inaudible] to go to the IETF meeting last year in [inaudible].

This was for them a big deal. [inaudible] the diplomats especially when he was talking to his colleagues, and I'm sure he continues to talk to them when I was not there. He was really interested by the quality of the discussions there even though he's not an engineer. So definitely continue with that. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Veni. There is a question in the chat from Mark Carvell about the UNIDIR linkage. Do you have any info on this? I know it's in there. Nigel is saying that he is speaking to UNIDER at the moment and he's got a meeting with them in Geneva next week.

Veni?

VENI MARKOVSKI: I think it's unidir.org, the website. It's a UN institute. It's voluntarily. It's not like… Members, they don't pay membership I think to work. But I don't know details. I just know they're discussing cyber security [the next meeting] in Geneva.

[NIGEL HICKSON]:   So I can clarify, it's part of the UN office in Geneva. It's a separate body that's looking at cyber issues and [inaudible] issues. It doesn't have a membership. [inaudible]. It's like UN [inaudible] or another part of the UN, a self-contained part of the UN. It has its own stuff and they have meeting from time to time. I'll do a briefing on a subsequent call when I've spoken to them. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Nigel, for this. That's very helpful. Any other comments or questions to Veni's report? It's not a report, but Veni's reporting. Here we go, reporting from New York.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's good to be [inaudible], Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. I note that Matthew Shears has also put in the chat a link to the cyber activities of UNIDIR. So thanks for this, Veni. It's been very interesting. I personally agree with you. We do need to be involved. I agree with Marilyn's suggestions of keeping this very close to [inaudible]. I think this community definitely has a lot to play in this due to not only its involvement in all of the different fora internationally, but due to the collective knowledge that the whole community has, having been… You will have seen from the roll call people involved in so many different working groups and having so much experience in what could be called in the front lines, I guess. That's what it's called, the front lines. Front line experience.

VENI MARKOVSKI: Olivier, one last point. If Nigel… Or you can put my e-mail address in the chat room because I don't have a computer, so that Greg can e-mail me and we get in touch in New York would be great. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that's great, Veni. Thank you. Let's move on, then. The next agenda item is agenda item number – well, it's three. Let's go back to our agenda as it is. So, 3, update on WEF activities in Davos.

If you have clicked on the actual main agenda page which should be linked somewhere, which isn't linked anywhere. I'll put the link to the agenda – wiki – somewhere. There will be a link to the WEF activities in Davos. For this, I guess we can have Nigel Hickson say a few words about it. Nigel, I believe you were in the Swiss resort.

NIGEL HICKSON: No, not indeed. I wish I was. No, no. There were two members of staff, as I mentioned, on the list – Fadi Chehadé and Nora [Abuso] – that went to Davos. I understand it was very profitable. They're preparing a visit report which we will make sure is circulated on the list.

Fadi did not have any plenary speaking engagements, but took part in a number of different meetings which we'll be able to report on.

There's also an announcement that was made in the last couple of hours. Well, I only say it in the last couple of hours. This announcement was that he's been appointed post his [inaudible] to ICANN as a special advisor to the chief executive, to Charles Schwab. A special advisor from the 1st of April, specifically on Internet issues. I'll post that announcement in the chat as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Nigel. Actually, Jim Prendergast has already put a link to the announcement, if you scroll up the chat. I believe that must be the

one. Fadi Chehadé Announcement. That's announcement on the World Economic Forum website. Maybe you're referring to an announcement on the ICANN website that will come up.

NIGEL HICKSON: No, thank you very much. It was an announcement on the WEF forum. Thank you, Jim. That's the announcement which, as I said, is fairly recent news. But in terms of the actual substance of the work that we did as ICANN at the WEF, I'll report on the list when we get the report. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this. I was involved with some of the preparation of the WEF activities by taking part in a couple of working groups that took place in New York. One being on the Internet fragmentation, another one on I think it's Internet governance for development or something to that effect. And a third one on the counter-terrorism executives directorate regarding cyber security and encryption.

I haven't, unfortunately, yet have any feedback from any of the discussions in Davos, and if I do receive feedback and working group members are going to receive feedback on the discussions that took place there, then I will forward them over to our working group mailing list or provide an update in the future.

I guess we can move to the next thing, then. So we've done the UN meetings following the WSIS. After that we now have review of the forthcoming Internet governance activities. And as you might have

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heard at the beginning of this call, and as you might have seen actually on the mailing list, we've had a couple of updates that have been sent out.

First, Nigel Hickson has sent a diagram of ICANN key global Internet events. That should be in your mail. It was sent on the 19th of January a couple of days ago. That was effectively the timeline which replaces the one that's currently linked to our working group's home page. It looks like [inaudible] last year's one, but trust me, it's equally as busy because we're early on in the year and I'm sure any gaps will be filled at some point.

Nigel, did you want to take us through this very quickly to point anything out? I'm not sure how we're going to be able to share this on the agenda page. Desiree, is there a link that we can link to so people can click on that link and see that?

DESIREE CABRERA: I'm putting up right now. I'll drop a link into the chat.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Nigel Hickson, just a few words, please?

NIGEL HICKSON: Thank you very much. I'm always amazed that we can do this sort of thing in Adobe. I took a resolution I wouldn't try and do such things.

This is a snapshot of what we believe is ICANN related activities in 2016. There's a few other dates there as well. As you say, Olivier, this is not necessarily comprehensive. Other meetings will come up and already [I've lost] two days. I'm at Copenhagen at the moment at a regional ITU meeting. And we now have dates, for instance, on the WTSA meeting. This is the standardization assembly, the four-year annual meeting. And we have dates on the Global Regulator Symposium, so we can add those. So things will come along.

Marilyn will no doubt be able to add things from her work in this area and she'll speak to that.

As I said, when I circulated it, if anyone does have suggestions or additions, then please let us know. Perhaps we'll update it. Well, it's up to you, Olivier, and others how we update it. Every month or something we can certainly update it, [inaudible] what people feel is appropriate. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Nigel. I had put a link to the actual e-mail that had shared the diagram with all of us. So hopefully we're all able to click on that link and click on the JPEG image – sorry, the PDF. It's a PDF image that was at the bottom of it. Or you could've found it in your e-mail.

Now there is a second list of forthcoming activities that Marilyn Cade has not shared openly yet with the working group, but she also has this amazing diagram one box after another. Marilyn, did you want to speak a few words about this?

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What I can do is to briefly share my screen and focus on specific points of this diagram that you have sent.

MARILYN CADE: I'm happy to have you do that. Look, my time is shared with governments to help them understand [the relevant] meetings. I do not… I really welcome the idea that ICANN staff has created a timeline.

I will just note you need to figure out how this can be printed on a single page, because right now most people can't really print out your document. I'm happy to have anyone interested in my timeline have access to it. It's a little different because it includes other events that are not so ICANN focused or ITU focused.

But again, my only comment would be if ICANN can figure out how to print their document on a single page, that would be very, very helpful. Right now you can't really print that out.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No, you're able to see you listing on the Adobe because I've shared my screen.

MARILYN CADE: No, no. That's my timeline. I'm suggesting ICANN might want to figure out how to [print] their timeline on [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's well understood. What I mean is that your timeline seems to be an answer to the question that you're saying in that your timeline is [snaking] around the page. Or is that just a hint that you're giving here?

MARILYN CADE: I might be giving a hint. I might be giving a hint.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Are there any specific points which you'd like to draw the working group to on the timeline that you – well, that's currently on the screen?

MARILYN CADE: Perhaps the important idea is that ICANN is a key player in the Internet governance ecosystem and we need to maintain that and support that. I think that's a very, very important contribution that ICANN makes. Even when ICANN is not the driver, they are a key player in many of these events.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Marilyn. Are there any comments or questions and suggestions from anybody on the call? Mark Carvell, you have the FLOOR.

MARK CARVELL: Yeah. Thank you, Olivier. Well, first of all, Marilyn's schema of progress [through the year] is very helpful and it's very comprehensive. I might just draw attention to WTSA, actually. It links to what we were

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discussing earlier about post WSIS+10 review and what's going to happen. I think that's an early [crunch] point, if you like, on the follow-up to the WSIS+10 review. The ITU [inaudible] on WSIS and there you have a major global assembly, so preparations for that are going to be quite important to scrutinize and contribute to. When is it, October or so or later this year? But the [preparatory] process will kick off fairly soon. I know [inaudible] European Administration is going to be key for preparing contributions to the WTSA.

I just underline that particular event on the calendar year ahead. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Mark. Very helpful to point this one out. This of course is the ITU thing, isn't it, [inaudible]?

MARK CARVELL: Yeah, the ITU World Telecom Standardization Assembly, so the period between [plenipotentiary] conferences, the WTSA is obviously quite a key global ITU conference.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Mark. Nigel Hickson?

NIGEL HICKSON: Yes. I do apologize. I've got no connectivity, so I'm a bit blind here, but I'm on mobile. We thought Copenhagen would have good Wi-Fi.

Just a word on the ITU as Mark has built it up. The ITU's main conferences go in four-year cycles. So we have the plenipotentiary which is 2014, the next one 2018. We have the [radio] conference which took place at the end of last year in 2015. The Development Conference, which is part of the development side of ITU, takes place in 2017 – late 2017. And the Standardization Assembly takes place in October/November in Tunisia this year.

As Mark said, the preparation has already begun. The way that these conferences are prepared is that the regional groups which mirror the ICANN regional groups in some way – not exactly. The regional groups get together and [choose] proposals, [inaudible] proposals, which they put in for new resolutions or updating the past resolutions. These resolutions spell out, for instance, what the ITU should work on over the next four years. So in this case, 2016 to 2020.

One of the critical areas that I was going to flag is of course just following on what Veni was saying, [inaudible] is doing work, but of course the ITU is also doing important work which touches on our area, for instance, in the Internet of Things which has an IP and a DNS component to it. And also work on cyber security and work on various other issues including the WSIS implementation itself. So that's part of that process.

Like I mentioned, I am in Copenhagen. I've been [at a meeting] in the European preparation for the WTSA. One of the things the Europeans would like to do is streamline the number of working groups, the ITU for the standardization [sector] has nearly 20 study groups and we would like to reduce that in terms of European positions. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Nigel. Are there any other comments on this agenda? And because I'm sharing my screen, I might not be able to see the hands up in the Adobe Connect. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. If it doesn't work, then please shout out your name and I can call upon you.

In the meantime, looking at the timeline that we have here, I think that one of our main discussion parts is probably going to be this here – the WSIS forum from the 2nd to the 6th of May. I notice that there is currently a WSIS forum consultation that has started on the 20th of January and it goes all the way until the 26th of February. I'm not quite sure how that works. It's a long meeting. Is this just ongoing or is that going online at the moment? Marilyn, because this is your timeline, could you please explain this, clarify?

MARILYN CADE: Sorry, no, no. It's two separate meetings. I put it on the calendar just because I needed to consolidate the calendar. It's two separate events.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, okay. So there's one which has just taken place and there's the next one [inaudible] 26th of February. Is that going to be the selection of the different workshops that will appear at the WSIS forum?

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MARILYN CADE: I think actually… I would ask others to verify this, but I think actually it's the end of March that verifies the workshops, but I'll check on that while we're online if that's okay with you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes.

MARILYN CADE: [inaudible] verify that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Nigel.

NIGEL HICKSON: I still haven't got connectivity. Just to clarify, so January the 20th, as Marilyn said, was just a two-hour briefing by the ITU on the WSIS forum mainly for the missions in Geneva and other players that find it useful. So the ITU outlined on the 20th what the scope of the WSIS forum will be in May, how it will be structured. They talked about the WSIS [prizes], the stock-taking review and how the meeting is going to be structured.

The deadline for proposals for workshops, these are the workshops that happen towards the end of the week, is the 31st of January. So as we noted last week on the call. That's why we have to decide on what sort of proposal we might put down as a workshop.

There is an online consultation, so anyone can put ideas into the ITU on how they'd like the WSIS Forum structured and that goes up to the 31st

of January as well. There will be further opportunities for input as we get further to May. I think in March there's scheduled another open meeting where we can give feedback. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Nigel. Mark Carvell is next.

MARK CARVELL: Yeah. Thank you very much, Olivier. I just wanted to mention with regard to the ICANN meeting in Marrakech that there will be the high level governmental meeting. This is the third such meeting of where, in this case, the Moroccan host of the ICANN meeting have invited government ministers and senior officials.

So in addition to the regular GAC representatives, the people working in the coalface of the domain name system for governments, you will have ministers there for a one-day meeting – and also senior officials. Sometimes administrations can't actually find a minister to send. And they will be discussing IANA stewardship transition, ICANN accountability, and the role of governments, new gTLDs, and the prospect of a new program and capacity building for developing countries and the role of ICANN in capacity building. So there's the four main themes, four ministers and senior government officials to engage on. It will be on the Monday. Is that the 7th of March? I think it is. Yeah, 7th or March. I hope that's helpful with additional information. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Mark. We actually had a lengthy discussion on our last call, the call last week about our meeting agendas and noting that the high level meeting takes place during all of Monday, and I believe the sessions – or at least the afternoon sessions – are open to everyone, for everyone to participate in. And as a result, we have tried to set up our own face-to-face meeting and our working groups public meeting on [other days] so that it doesn't clash with the Monday.

The question that came currently, though, last week was whether ministers and senior officials were likely to remain for a few more days in the week or were they likely to leave on the same day? Do you have an insight about this?

MARK CARVELL: Thanks, Olivier. It's highly unlikely. The ministers certainly traveling a long distance, they will probably just be there for the one day. And that's the approach the UK is taking. We're hoping that [Ed Basley] will be able to confirm he'll be there, but he'll travel on the Sunday and then travel back to London on the Tuesday. I think realistically that's going to be the case with most ministers. They have a wide-ranging dossier. They can't, as much as they might wish to, stay for longer than the meeting in which they're actually participating. That's generally the situation. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Mark. Very helpful. So I don't see any other hands up. I was going to ask then just one more thing from Marilyn which is the permission. As it says here, please request permission before sharing.

Could we have your permission, then, please to share it on the CCWG mailing list? And also perhaps to have a link to it from somewhere on our wiki pages, or is that asking for too much?

MARILYN CADE: No, no. I'm happy to have you share it, but I [inaudible] so often. Perhaps you could post it and then I could send regular updates. Is that okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That would be great, Marilyn. Thank you. Thanks for this. We return to our usual program, and our usual program should set itself up as it was before. Well done. Magic. I know how to get this thing to work. Good.

Let's see. We still have one thing, which is the preparation for our workshop, the WSIS Forum in Geneva. We have about ten minutes allocated to this. For once we are on time.

There was last week a call for anybody interested in this. I would say about a half a dozen people put their hand up, and unfortunately time flies so quickly that we weren't able to actually move forward on this until today. But there is eagerness out there to get things moving.

I don't know whether we wish to then set up a small call, an additional call, between now and the next CCWG call so as to have a quick chat about the different ideas that we might have or if people want to start sharing ideas here and then continue the work afterwards by e-mail and by having that second call probably earlier next week.

The floor is open.

MARILYN CADE: I think we need to do a call fairly quickly because we have a timeline, right?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's correct, yeah. We have an [inaudible] time for this. The deadline I believe is in early February, isn't it? It's only a couple of weeks away, so we need to really eagerly move forward on this.

MARILYN CADE: I think the deadline is the end of January.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Is it the end of January? Okay. Well, that gives us just a week I guess. I would say start maybe suggesting ideas here today. We still have ten minutes. Then follow up with e-mails over the weekend and I can certainly help out with moving the things along. I've read the transcript from last week, and I therefore have the list of the various people that put their hand up to move forward, or were suggested to move forward. I think, Marilyn, you listed a few people on last week's call. Then we could have a call, a special call, for this preparation on the 25th or 26th or 27th. Then we could have this working group's call on the 28th or 29th. This working group could just give the green light for this proposal to go ahead and be sent over to the ITU.

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Again, I know that there's this question about, well, hang on can this working group do things like this? This is just a working group activity. I don't think it intends to represent ICANN in any way at these meetings. If that was the case, it would have to go through such a complex process of having to ask the supporting organizations and advisory committees for the green light on a specific presentation, etc. I'm a little concerned.

I think last year the working group just proceeded with this without asking supporting organizations and advisory committees for any specific input. Or specific blessing.

Marilyn Cade?

MARILYN CADE: Yeah, I think you're right. I think the whole point is the working group is doing work and there are designated participants from the different groups, so we should move ahead. I think the big issue right now I have is people need to understand the new charter for the WSIS Forum. So I will post the outcome document which describes the continued mandate for the WSIS Forum. That's our primary thing to think about. How do we fit into the new mandate for the WSIS Forum and how do we ensure that there's useful information that fits into how the SDGs are integrating into the [inaudible]. If we can do that, then we have a great workshop opportunity.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Marilyn. SDGs I believe are the Sustainable Development Goals. Is that correct?

MARILYN CADE: Yes, sorry.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm mentioning this because the transcribers on last week's call have called SDGs by all sorts of different names. But Sierra, Golf, Delta. The acronyms just got lost in translation, I guess, completely.

You mentioned the different submissions need to follow sustainable development goal agenda. That's a fair point. Is there anything else that has changed from last year into the type of project or topic that could be suggested? Are there any specific topic types or subjects that might be outright rejected?

MARILYN CADE: Right now, the consultation on the 20th and again on the [inaudible] of January and again on the 26th of February, those consultations are about what should change in the WSIS Forum.

We do know that the outcome document called for the WSIS Forum to have a particular focus. So why don't I just… I'll post the outcome document to the list again and I'll just highlight the paragraph that relates to the WSIS Forum.

There were very few comments on the 20th. The big issue might be whether we… We just need to pay attention to what the comments are that are coming into the two consultations and share those back to the working group.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that would be helpful. Thank you, Marilyn. Are there any other comments on this? I was going to ask, since there is a different mix of people on today's call than on last week's calls, are there any – and if you could put your hand up or type in the chat – if there are any other volunteers to help with the preparation of this potential… Well, this workshop application at WSIS Forum. Either put your hand up or type in the chat that you're willing to help. Then what we can do is just have this as… We don't have the time to create another mailing list. I don't think anybody wants to be on another mailing list, but we can e-mail each other with the different people in the recipient line and get the ball rolling on this.

After this call, I will send one e-mail to the list and also one e-mail to the different participants that we have so far that I currently have so far jotted down on a piece of paper. Actually, it's a file which I can't find at the moment. I'll probably have to look for it again. I was hoping to find it. Yeah, if anybody wants to volunteer for this, that would be great.

And with this, I think we can go into any other business. It's gone so fast today. Any other business, and then I think it's just down to working out our next calls.

As I suggested earlier, having a call of that sub-group for WSIS Forum preparation earlier in the week. So anytime Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. So 25, 26, 27. Maybe we could have a Doodle for that, that will be sent only to those people who have admitted their interest in being able to take part in this workshop preparation. Then we could

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have a second Doodle, and that Doodle to be sent to the whole mailing list for 28th or 29th.

There was some discussion a couple of calls ago to stop this Doodle call, Doodle call cycle and have some kind of call rotation. The difficulty with this, though, is we are meeting on a weekly basis. It's not just like a call rotation on a monthly basis. If we do this on a weekly basis, people travel. People's agendas do change from week on week and there is a chance that we would lose a lot of people on some occasions when you do have an event taking place on a Thursday. Let's say if we were to meet every Thursday, there was an event on a Thursday, then we'd lose everyone – or a majority of people. So it does have more flexibility to have a Doodle every time although it's a little bit cumbersome for us, but it provides that added flexibility of being able to go on a Thursday or a Friday. I think that we've found some good balance here to stick to Thursday or Friday.

I am aware of in Brussels next week, yes. There are a lot of things going on in Brussels. In the early part of the week there are some consultations to prepare for EuroDIG, the European Dialogue in Internet Governance. In the latter part of the week, there are some consultations of the GAC I believe with regards to cyber security and things.

Nigel Hickson, you put your hand up. You have the floor. And welcome online, Nigel. You were able to make that work.

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NIGEL HICKSON: Yes, thanks very much. I managed to get online, sort of. Just very briefly on Brussels, as you mention it. It's an Internet governance week in Brussels and a number of players will of course be present from the technical community, and no doubt the business community.

There's a high level Internet governance group. This is the European Commission hosting a meeting of Internet governance, government representatives, to discuss various issues including the IANA transition that takes place next week. As you say, there's various other consultations taking place. The European Forum have got a dinner and a breakfast on digital Internet issues, and the EuroDIG meeting as well as RIPE NCC government meeting. So a number of things taking place.

If I just may, I wanted to mention something very briefly, and that is the face-to-face meeting for the CCWG IG at Marrakech. If you recall, on the last call, we discussed when we might have this meeting. We had to put in a request for a meeting, otherwise we wouldn't have got one at all last Monday. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think the time slot is late Wednesday morning, which is after the Board/GAC meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's great. Thank you for this update, Nigel. That sounds like good timing. Please, when you have more concrete time, just share this on the mailing list and we'll all be able to put this in our agendas.

With this, it looks like we've reached the end of this call. Any other other business? No? Okay, well, let's then just follow-up with our first thing being the WSIS Forum in Geneva. That's our next target.

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Thanks very much, everyone. Desiree, you've taken the notes down for the action items?

DESIREE CABRERA: Yes, I've taken some notes, but I'll be listening to the call again.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. We'll follow-up immediately after this call, but we can do that. Thanks, everybody. It's been very productive. I've certainly learned quite a few things today. I hope it's been good for you all and I wish you to have a lovely weekend. Until next week. Ladies and gentlemen, this call is now adjourned. Thank you and goodbye.

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