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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. This is the cross community working group on internet governance on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2016. Apologies for the late start due to some computer problems.

Today we have an organizational call of the working group, with some updates on various different activities. First, the quick updates on the WSIS Forum that will take place next week, and the various activities that this working group members will have.

Then we'll have a short preparation for Helsinki face to face. It's just going to be an update. After that, an IGF call for workshop proposals. We need to start thinking about, well start thinking very quickly about whether we want to, as a working group, propose a workshop there. And finally discuss some cross community working group organizational matters, and hopefully we have time to reach that point.

It is a long agenda. Let's start with a quick roll call please, and after the roll call, if anybody wishes to add anything to the agenda, could they please raise their hand? Desiree, you have the floor.

DESIREE CABRERA: Okay. In the room we have Avri Doria, Carlos Raul, David Maher, Gangesh Varrma, Matthew Shears, Sam Lanfranco, and I believe there is

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somebody in the room with [inaudible] eight four nine, and I'm not sure who they are. So if they could please state who they are, that would be great.

For the chairs we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond and Rafik Dammak. And for staff we have myself, Desiree Cabrera and Nigel Hickson.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Desiree. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. So, has anybody's name not been mentioned yet, including the person ending with the number four eight four nine?

Okay, well they shall remain a mystery, right. Let's then move on. Thanks for this Desiree. I'm Olivier Crépin-Leblond. Any amendments to the agenda?

I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so the agenda is adopted as is. Displayed on your screen, and I have put a link to the agenda in the chat until Desiree is able to put it up on the Adobe Connect. You can click on there, you've got all of the links of the agenda. And the first item, or the second item in our agenda is the review of the action items. There were two of them.

One has to do with the IGF MAG consultation workshop proposals. We're going to discuss this a bit later on today. And the other one is the Doodle poll for the CSTD consultations that will take place, not next week but the week after next week. You will have noticed the poll in your mailbox. It does have three choices. The first one, I'll be there

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present, physically. The second one is I'll follow it remotely. The third one is I don't plan to be there or to follow it remotely.

It's funny to see some people have been neither of these three. So I don't know what, if you're not planning to be there or if you're there, I don't know what the third one is, or the fourth option could be. But you can just fill it in and we'll find there are a number of people who will be present for specific days, and also I note that the one about the WSIS plus 10 discussions are, is actually populated with a lot of people from our community.

So this must be a first. So well done to everyone for being involved in CSTT as well. Any comments or questions on the action items?

I don't see any other hands up, so let's move on. And first an update on the preparation of the WSIS Forum at the ITU next week. We have a workshop that is supposed to take place there. For this, I wonder if I could ask Matthew Shears, who is the moderator for the workshop to take us through what has been arranged so far, and especially the flow, the proposed flow of the workshop.

And also the actual slide deck. So proposed, first draft of the slide decks. For all of this, you have a Wiki page that is linked from the agenda. I'll put a copy in the chat in as well, but over to you Matthew.

MATTHEW SHEARS:

Thanks Olivier. Can you hear me all right?

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, very well Matthew. You have the floor.

MATTHEW SHEARS: Perfect. Okay, great. So next Thursday at the WSIS Forum, the CWG IG is organizing a session of CCWG accountability, which is subtitled, all you wanted to know about the IANA transition and the proposed new ICANN accountability measures. So, we've been working on, Olivier and I have been working on an outline and a proposed flow for the workshop.

We have Theresa Swineheart who will be there. We have Lisa Fuhr, Thomas Rickert, Kavouss [inaudible] and Olivier, who will be speaking. We had hoped to have a representative from the numbers community, but it looks as though we won't, although I guess there is still that possibility. So the session runs from 16:45 to 18:15. I will be moderating the session.

I think this is a session that is... And by the way, this proposed outline is on the Wiki page. I think this session is a good opportunity to do two things. One, not only to talk about CCWG accountability and what's been achieved to date, of where the process stands and how it's going to unfold going forward, but also to actually, with the various stakeholder representatives, really talk about some of the lessons learned.

And hopefully provide the audience with some takeaways as to how this process has unfolded, what have been the highlights, what's been useful, in terms of bringing us, the community to a point where it can deliver the proposals. And I think these are important things to

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communicate to this wider audience of the WSIS, because it will provide them for food for thought going away and hopefully thinking about putting in close multistakeholder processes in their respective policy environments.

And of course, it's an important opportunity for us to really delve in a little bit into again, why this transition is important, and how the ICANN community will be impact, and what ICANN will look like coming out of the other side, hopefully on October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. So the flow, given the complexity of the subject matter, we've decided that it is probably wise for Theresa to open the, [inaudible] and brief introductions, for Theresa to open with a few slides to talk about what, more broadly about the process and about the background to what the accountability and the IANA work.

And then jump into highlights of the working groups, because we have co-chairs from both of the working groups, and I think that's a great opportunity to get a tape and allow them to talk a little bit about that a bit. We think that the first three presenters, Theresa, Lisa, and Thomas, should have slides, a limited slide deck to refer to, given that some of this... They will be talking about is much easier to understand if it's presented in a visual manner.

Then we'll move to the views of the stakeholders, with representatives from governments, from business, from NCUC, Civil Society and from ALAC. And then we'll move into general Q&A. I think we're likely to find, in this WSIS audience, some pretty strong opinions that will be held on a number of issues and the ones that we've identified to date that may come up, that I think people will need to be ready to deal with.

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Issues related to jurisdiction, and not just jurisdiction as in the sense of what's going to happen in work stream two, but jurisdiction in terms of the decision in the bylaws to continue to maintain the headquarters of ICANN in California.

There is some discussion going on, on various lists at the moment that this is a big issue back on the front burner. And then also there are probably going to be some questions about the openness in the transparency in the process. There continues to be this grumbling about the difficulty of those outside the ICANN community to participate in this.

So it's very probable that there will be questions on those if not other challenging issues. But hopefully we'll have a good, vibrant date. I think what we're really looking for is something that's a little bit more interactive, and also a little bit more broad ranging in a discussion, because again, many of the people in the WSIS will be there to actually talk about ACTs and the development goals. So the levels of awareness will be different, and the scope of the interest will be significantly broader than a typical ICANN meeting, for example.

And then hopefully we'll be able to, yeah, so we'll hopefully be able to have a good discussion, and then I'll bring it to a close, and everybody will be dying to go off and have beers, I'm sure. Olivier, what did I miss?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Matthew. It's Olivier speaking. You missed one thing, which was your closing words were to be, of course, to encourage

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people to take part, I guess, you would encourage people to take part in work stream two activities.

MATTHEW SHEARS:

I think that's right. There is a growing interest in particular in the human rights work, and I think that the jurisdiction issue will certainly garner a lot of interest as well. But yes, I think this is a great opportunity for us to talk about the opportunities and the real interest in participating in ICANN's work, not just in the accountability work, in the transition work, but also ICANN's work more broadly.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much for this Matthew. It's Olivier speaking. So I open the floor for questions and comments on this. And in the meantime, while I see no one in the queue at the moment, just to mention that, of course, those people that are in Geneva are, of course, very much encouraged to join us in the room.

And there is also remote participation taking place. I'm not sure how well it would work. Last year there were a few technical problems, hopefully this year... I understand [inaudible] is going to help with this as well, so maybe that will work better, hopefully.

I see Avri planning to be in the audience. Great. Don't hesitate to take part in the discussion. I'm sure we will have missed a lot of things in the discussion. But hopefully we'll make this easy enough for the audience, which we understand is very different from an ICANN meeting audience, to understand and want to take part into.

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I'm not sure who this... What are the sessions this sessions is up against, and that often really depends on the exact timing, but hopefully it will work well. I don't see anyone putting their hand up, so thanks very much for this Matthew. We'll leave it in your capable hands to continue working.

Obviously, we'll be meeting in a few days' time to put the final touches. In the meantime, if I could ask everyone to perhaps have a quick look at the presentation itself, the PowerPoint slides, and let us know if anything has been left out that you think really needs to be in there. It's sometimes, a blatant slide which one when works on it, you don't see it, and then someone comes in and says, hang on, you've totally forgotten this topic, which is key to everything else.

Let's then move on, seeing no hands up. Let's go to agenda item four, and that's to do with the other activities that the WSIS Forum. There is a Doodle poll for the WSIS Forum presence, which a few people have filled in, others have not. So if you are going and you haven't filled it in, please let us know. There is also a Doodle poll for volunteering to spend time attending the ICANN booth itself.

For this, I'll ask, let's see, Nigel Hickson to say a few words what this encompasses. I notice that there are only two people so far who have volunteered and say, yeah, we're happy to be there. Nigel Hickson.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Yes, thank you much. Thank you very much Olivier. Nigel Hickson. Good afternoon everyone. Yes, the ICANN booth is really, is going to be a desk, I suppose, and a couple of walls which we're going to put



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posters up. We were going to give away free beer, but apparently that's not ethical these days, so instead we'll give away free fobs, with lots of ICANN brochures, so that should excite the general population. And there will be sort of literature on the various ICANN, you know, how people can get involved in the ICANN community, the three layer model and things like that.

So we will have the staff from the Geneva office here. [Inaudible] will be helping at the booth, but obviously encourage people to drop by and hopefully spend some time at the booth talking to people that are coming past. And that's going to be on the Tuesday and the Wednesday. And what I'll be able to do is, when I've physically gone there and seen where it is, I can update the group on where we are exactly.

But so yeah, I'm not looking for total sort of commitment for a certain hour, or all of that, but you know, if you can come along and help out, and talk to people about what ICANN does, that will be splendid. Thank you very much.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Nigel. It's Olivier speaking. I was going to ask whether there was going to be any free beer or other drinks, later on, not at the booth itself, but those people volunteering. But let's keep this off the call and let's discuss when we meet face to face.

Now, that was a joke. Thanks for this, it's helpful. So if anybody else wishes to volunteer, please just indicate this on the Doodle poll. I don't see any hands up at the moment, so that's all the WSIS Forum activities

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next week. We then have an update on the preparation for the Helsinki face to face meeting. And on this, I have been informed that it probably is better for the co-chairs of this working group to be asking for the space, the slots and time from the meeting staff.

So I'll take it onto myself. Let's take it as an action item, unless there is an objection to this. But the idea is to have a face to face meeting. It has been decided, not decided, sorry. Discussed and thought that it is highly unlikely that we would have a public meeting in Helsinki. The way the agenda is currently organized is that every afternoon there will be cross community meetings that span the whole community on specific topics.

And it might be that we could actually get one of those topics to be a wider topic of internet governance, but that wouldn't be in the hands of our working group. It would be in the hands of the SO and AC chairs who are currently working together to have this joint meetings across the community.

I think on the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, at least, there would be that. That means that there is very little time for other activities that would be working group activities. Hopefully we would be able to get SO and AC, sorry we can get the meeting staff to provide us with a slot for a working group face to face meeting. And the suggestion in that face to face meeting was to also invite the new ICANN CEO to the working group so as to have a good interaction with him about the activities of ICANN and internet governance.

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As you know, new CEO, this working group was created, I guess, as a response at some point, or some kind of an effect of some of the activities that the previous CEO had started in ICANN as far as internet governance was concerned. So we obviously... It would probably be helpful if we spoke to the new CEO and found out how this working group could be more helpful, or helpful to him.

And I open the floor for any suggestions on this. If this is something, I mean, this was suggested on the mailing list, but I haven't seen any response. Are we okay with that? It's a good idea, and if that's the case, then I could just take it as an action item to immediately after this call, get in touch with ICANN meeting staff, ask for this, for a slot, and also ask for the CEO.

And that, I guess I'll have to do through Nigel Hickson. Nigel, anything else to add on this in the meantime?

NIGEL HICKSON:

Yes. Thank you very much Olivier. Nigel here. On the face to face meeting, I mean, we as staff have requested it. As you know, the agenda is very tight, but we have requested a face to face meeting, but as you say, I think it would help if a committee representative like yourself could also request it. I mean once, obviously we know where that meeting is going to take place, we'll certainly seek to ask Göran to drop by and say hello.

We flagged this with him when he was in Geneva last week, and it will be occasion obviously for him in Helsinki to meet the ICANN community.

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So I'm hoping that will be okay depending on the schedule, etc. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this Nigel. Are there any questions or comments?

No comments, so I guess everything is fine in this world. Let's continue then. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. We're now down to agenda item number six. That's gone pretty fast. IGF call for workshop proposals. Since our last meeting, we have seen the Internet Governance Forum call for proposals.

Last year, the working group had a workshop at the IGF in [inaudible], which was all about IANA stewardship transition. It was repeat with different people, but repeat of the workshop that we had setup for the WSIS Forum 2015, explaining the process behind the IANA stewardship transition. Workshop was well attended and we had a wide range of stakeholders that took part in explaining things.

I think, and I guess I might be a bit bias there, I think it was helpful for people who attended. I hope it was helpful. Do we wish this year to propose a workshop at IGF, bearing in mind the process has started? We have until early June. I believe it is the 6<sup>th</sup> of June deadline for submitting proposals.

If we do, then we really need to start raking our minds now, and think about the process for the workshop. The floor is open.

Not a very active day today, is it?

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Should we have a workshop? Should we not have a workshop? Should I just do a quick poll? Would anyone think that it's something worth it? Maybe if you think we should have a workshop, do you want to put a green tick on your Adobe Connect? Green tick mark? Or do you...? I see Matthew Shears has put his hand up. So Matthew, you have the floor.

MATTHEW SHEARS:

Yes, hi. I think my personal view is that potentially yes, but it would probably be better for us to brainstorm some ideas as to what that might be on. Now given that the event, the IGF takes place in December, it will be post-transition, we may be or not, hopefully we will be into work stream two work, so that will be an opportunity. It might be too narrow for the IGF.

But I think it would be good, perhaps, I don't know if it's worth setting up a Google Doc and throwing around some ideas and seeing if anyone has any ideas that come up would merit consideration. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks for this Matthew. Olivier speaking. Certainly throwing a Google Doc, so starting up on the mailing list with a Google Doc, and throwing a few ideas, suggestions for topics. That sounds like a go way forward. I'm just mindful of the time. Giving about a month to prepare the proposal.

Now bearing in mind we do have this question about how many calls we would have. We probably will have to do most of the work on the

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Google Doc and on the mailing list, but let's see. We've got one, two, three, four, five weeks until the deadline. Anyone else?

Sam Lanfranco says, yes let's work out some ideas first. And Avri mentions, we hope that it is post-transition. Taking one of the work stream two topics to focus on might be interesting. Okay, well let's have an action item then to start a Google Doc for ideas for topics for the IGF, or workshop topics for the IGF.

Desiree, I gather you are taking notes?

DESIREE CABRERA: Yes, I'm writing it down.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much Desiree. Any other thoughts, or questions, or comments on this? Matthew, your hand is up again.

It isn't, okay.

All right, so then I think we have an action for this, we can then move on as well. And what we'll do, if you do have any ideas during the rest of this call, just put them in the chat, and what we'll do is to cut and paste them and put them onto the Google Doc as a starting point.

And we now have agenda item number seven. And seven is the organizational matters. I didn't think we were going to reach that point that quickly, but it's a good we have a full half an hour to discuss things. Two main points, which Carlos Raul has brought forward. The first one

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is the, just reminding us of the charter, which mentions that regular updates and recordings should be made to the chartering organizations. But the second point was one which was brought by Marilyn Cade about the reduction of the call frequency, and perhaps, and I think Carlos mentioned that aligning our calls with a calendar of activity.

There is a link to the calendar of activities of internet governance activities out there. There is a second calendar of internet activities, or internet governance activities that Marilyn Cade has supplied, which is also available from the home page of this working group that has even more information on it. So, let's start first with the regular updates and reporting.

I guess that, as far as my reply on the mailing list was that we could certainly have a regular update, monthly update on what's been happening, but not, I wouldn't think of something like a huge document. I'm a little concerned about not only the workload on this working group, or this working group's chairs, be quite concerned about this, but also the work load on the receiving organizations, if they have a long document every month about what's been going on in here.

But let's see with Carlos what he had in mind. Carlos Raul, you have the floor.

CARLOS RAUL:

Yes, thank you Olivier. The request comes from the GNSO Council. As you know, we started this conversation in Marrakech, and it relates to the whole definition of the cross working groups. And there was additionally another idea, in the email exchange over the last week,

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related to the call frequency and the agenda, and that was to separate the timeline of multilateral activities.

To separate that from actual policy work, we can have either two calls per month, or regular calls. I know that the multilateral meeting sometimes requires a lot more calls and coordination, like right now, because you next week have all of these plans and so on. But to keep a separate agenda of longer term policy issues was another option to discuss there.

The question of the GNSO is not to put pressure but to have a clear definition of what's going on. Nobody is expecting a long report. The NomCom just yesterday said that the Brazilian representative in the NomCom just send a wonderful report of the first three months of the NomCom this year, that was absolutely great. It's incredible.

But it covered three months. I think it was very reasonable. It was rather long. I think it could be much shorter, but probably, every three months it would be good to have a take of activity in the two streams, and the meeting activity and the policy activity. Thank you Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Carlos. It's Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. You know, I totally agree with you on this. This working group really is there to act as a bridge liaising entity or whatever you would call it, between the ICANN community, staff, Board, and ICANN in general as to what is going on with the outside world, the overall wider internet governance issues that have the potential, or that do effect ICANN in one way or others.



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And if, at the end of the day, the only people in the know of what's going on are the people who take an active part in the calls, or who are on our mailing list, I would say that this working group is failing. It's obviously chartered by different chartering organizations, and it's there for these chartering organizations in order to let the different supporting organizations and advisory committees know what's going on.

So definitely a regular update is something that I would personally very much welcome, even though that might create a little bit of work for us, but if we can work out a good format to work on, that would be really helpful. And second, it would be really great if this working group also received more input from the different chartering organizations as to what their concerns are with wider internet governance issues.

And it may be that they don't have issues with wider, well internet governance issues, but if they do, that's, the working group is there for them to be able to make use of. Regarding the separation of the timeline of activities, the separation of having some policy calls and some organizational calls, since Marrakech we have started doing this. So one week we have an organizational call, one we have a purely policy call.

It has worked well, and I also do agree that having a call every week might be too much, might certainly be too much. Now that said, I also have concerns that there is so much going on in the internet governance world out there, that if we have only one call on policy, and one call on organizational matters per month, then we might miss on things.

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The only way around this, I would suggest, is if we have more updates, and more work, and responses taking place on the mailing list.

Obviously not everything needs to have a call. Some of the stuff is better just sent out as a document and then people can read them at their own leisure. But it would be great to have more responses and more input. I'll be quite candid about this and say that in a way, there have been times when I have, as one of the, and my colleagues, Rafik and [inaudible] have felt that lonely as to what we should respond to things that are happening out there, whether we should or should not do something, because we haven't had much response from the members of the working group itself.

And it would be an absolute shame if this working group was not able to actually respond, and was giving up its, the community's interest in wider internet governance issues that affect ICANN, kind of give it up to staff or to the Board. I think that it has been helpful for staff to have the input from this working group, and it certainly has been, has provided us with the ability of having a better view of what's going on out there.

I'm starting to repeat myself, so I'll keep the floor open for more comments and questions on this please. Now reduction of the calls, absolutely fine with it. But as I said, if we can have then more interactions on the mailing list, that will be really helpful. There is a lot going on in internet governance out there, not everything affects ICANN, but some of it really has much potential to affect ICANN.

And in the meantime, Nigel did you have anything, did you want to perhaps say anything to this?

NIGEL HICKSON:

Well, thank you very much Olivier. Nigel Hickson. I mean, clearly it's in the hands of the working group. I mean, as staff, and by the way we're not going to call ourselves staff anymore. We're going to call ourselves by our names, but it complicates things. So as part of the GE team, you know, we find it useful to be able to take the views of the CCWG, obviously on issues, and we're very happy to provide updates on developments.

I think I take your view that a monthly call, you know, on policy issues might not be enough at certain times, when there is rapidly escalating policy issues. One issue we're going to need to tackle as we go through this this year, well one I would suggest we tackle is the whole ITU situation, which is becoming much more serious, much more serious than WSIS or CSTD in that there are countries in the ITU putting forward proposals for the WTSA later in the year to essentially take over IP addressing from the RARs and put it in the hands of the ITU.

And to generally lead on have the committee that decides, looks at ccTLD issues and the rules pertaining to them. So certain countries want to use the ITU to sort of regain the ground on multilateral approaches that they lost at the WSIS. So these are important issues that we might want to discuss later in the year, and then policy calls would obviously be useful. But really in the hands of the group, obviously. Thank you.

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OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Nigel. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And I'm surprised that you're mentioning, we're back to a RIR ITU conflict. It's a wash, rinse, repeat cycle going on again. I note a couple of points made by Matthew in the chat. Matthew, before you drop off, could you just enlighten us?

You said the working groups should, we should revisit the role of the CCWG IG before deciding on reporting out. Could you say a couple of words please?

MATTHEW SHEARS: Yeah, [inaudible] raise this again. I think we have an opportunity and may not quite realizing in terms of what the expectation of this working group was, and what we can deliver using this working group. I think the opportunity, this is obviously disputed by others, but I think the opportunity is to provide more guidance from the community and to the community, and particularly to ICANN about internet governance matters and where to engage, etc.

So I think that's what I mean, but I think it would be useful for us to have another look at the charter in an expansive way. And I was hoping that we could do that in Helsinki, and if we can't do that formally at Helsinki, then maybe there is an opportunity for doing that informally at Helsinki. But I think we probably, it would be worthwhile doing that before thinking about reporting out, because at this juncture I'm not as hugely sure about what we would be reporting out on except for the things that, I think, probably many people already know are doing, such as organizing these WSIS Forum, and other activities like that.

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So it just seems to me that we probably need to look at that again, at least I think there is an opportunity for us there, but anyway, I'll leave you with that thought. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Matthew. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. You might have actually already built our Helsinki agenda, the first part of the agenda, meeting with the new CEO. The second part of the agenda, building our meeting with the new CEO and discussing these issues face to face.

Any other comments? I note there is some activity in the chat regarding the mention of the ITU, WTSA, the World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly. The way things work at ITU is it usually starts in one of these groups and then moves on and finally ends up at the World Conference of Telecommunications with a beautiful voting [inaudible], some interventions, joyful interventions at the mic.

Any other comments on this?

Carlos, you are still on the call. Is there anything else you wanted to add on the organizational matters? What else we can discuss here? We still have 15 minutes. It doesn't mean that we need to use them, but [CROSSTALK] opportunity.

CARLOS RAUL: Thank you very much. It's a good opportunity, and I will make a short written summary to the meeting next week. I'm on the agenda with that issue since Marrakech, and they asked me to submit, and what we

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discuss is just enough. I look forward to face to face meeting [inaudible] and Helsinki. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much Carlos. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. And I'm glad that Nigel had mentioned some of the threats, because these are real threats to this, I guess it's the organization as a whole, but we're talking about deeper issues of multistakeholder versus multilateral. I thought that conflict had been somehow settled, with many countries saying that they would be happy with a mix of multistakeholder and multilateral, but you know, old dragons never die, they come back from the ashes.

Anything else to be discussed on this? So reduction of the call frequency, what we can do, of course, next week with the WSIS Forum, there will not be a call. The week after, we can have either a policy or an organizational call. What I might suggest, perhaps, is to wait until next week and find out if we need a call the week after? I'm not quite sure what the overall calendar of activities is.

I know that the week after is the time when we have the, the CSTD discussions, and I'm not sure whether there will be a need for direct input from this working group, and from ICANN communities, into the CSTD discussions. Perhaps if I could ask Nigel, who I believe will be at the CSTD discussions as well.

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NIGEL HICKSON:

Yes, thank you Olivier. I mean, this is a very good question because during the CSTD plenary, there are high level discussions on the outcome of the WSIS review from the General Assembly, and on science and technology development policies, which of course don't affect us. But also in the latter half of the week, there is the drafting of the so called annual ICT for development resolution.

This is a resolution that includes the WSIS resolution, and it's a resolution that is drafted at the CSTD on that Thursday and Friday, and then goes to [echo sock] in July and then goes to the UN General Assembly later in the year.

So it is that's quite an important resolution because, depending on the content of that, one can take the temperature on this debate on multilateral and multistakeholder. And of course, it would also include possible terms of reference for the working group on enhanced cooperation, which is being set up at the CSTD as well.

So it might be timely to have a call that week, but of course it's in the hands of others. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks Nigel. Olivier Crépin-Leblond speaking. I am looking at the actual timeline of activities. I'm thinking, it's all about having the call at the right time. There is CSTD plenary next week, then on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, there is the session of the ITU Council. I don't know whether there is any input on this, but then after that, there is the OECD Ministerial from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

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So we might wish to have our May call during the week of the CSTD plenary, and then wait a couple of weeks, two or three weeks until we then have a call before the OECD Ministerial, which unfortunately, by the way, comes at exactly the same time as the ICANN meeting.

So we'll obviously have to discuss the OECD Ministerial before that. Is there any input from ICANN community and ICANN in general, required for the OECD Ministerial, or are we just bystanders in that process?

NIGEL HICKSON:

Yes, thank you Olivier. Well, I mean, you will recall that the group gave some input into the ministerial declaration, which is now sort of completed, although we haven't seen the final copy, but we'll see it in the next day or so. I mean, I think there is little direct input in terms of negotiation. I mean, the OECD Ministerial will discuss the sort of open internet and innovation issues.

But there won't be, you know, resolutions to debate and things like that. It's not that sort of conference. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks for this Nigel. So let's just then think of one call during the OECD week. When would it be best for you? Early part, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday?

NIGEL HICKSON:

Well, the Ministerial is on the Tuesday, on the Wednesday, with the stakeholder day on the Tuesday. Sorry, stakeholder day is on the



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Tuesday and the Ministerial is on the Wednesday and the Thursday.  
Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So, by when should we then have the CSTD call?

NIGEL HICKSON: Sorry, Nigel here. For the CSTD call, I mean if we had a call during the CSTD week say on the Thursday, I mean, you know, we might be able to debate the draft of the resolution that's being discussed at the CSTD, I mean it would have to be a closed discussion because it's not an open discussion, but yeah. We might be able to discuss the resolution if we had the call, say, on that Thursday, the CSTD, which I think is the 12<sup>th</sup> of May or whatever it is. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks for this Nigel. Let's get an action item then for Desiree to send a Doodle poll for Wednesday and Thursday on the week of, starting the, where are we? The 9<sup>th</sup> of May. I believe, that's the correct one, yes. No, that is not right. No, that is correct. Sorry, I'm getting confused now.

Okay. That's it for the time being. I don't see any hands up by anyone else, which means that we can probably end this call early. And we'll have to follow up on the mailing list. So thanks everybody for having taken the time. I hope it was helpful today. We are making progress. And I would like to wish you all a very, very good weekend. This call is now adjourned. Thanks and goodbye.

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