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OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: ...Governance Forum. There's the WSIS Forum, NetMundial, of course, as we said, and there was also the WSIS Review, which we knew the WSIS+10, which was another one. A whole lot of acronyms, and we're not going to go into the description of these, but certainly a huge world of things that are taking place outside that have the ability to affect ICANN in some way or other.

As far as the Internet Governance Forum is concerned, the working group has submitted a request last year and this year to have a session over at the IGF. The session for the last year was one on a showcase of the multistakeholder model used, not only at ICANN, but actually across all of the I* organizations, as one would call them, to submit the NTIA stewardship transition documents. It organized this workshop. In fact, there was a bit of a dry run first, a first run that was organized for the WSIS forum in Geneva with a set of people from across not only the ICANN community, but also since you know that this document also involves the numbers and the protocols. We also had some

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people from the Internet Engineering Taskforce, as well as the regional Internet registries on this panel.

Very similar proposal and very similar project that took place also at the Internet Governance Forum. I think that it went well. I'm not sure. I'll be collecting maybe a bit more information from people around the table who have attended these, but certainly, we were encouraged to submit another proposal this year, this time looking at the accountability process. We're not actually discussing the accountability itself. We didn't discuss the actual NTIA proposal last year. We're looking at the way that we reached those results and perhaps as far as accountability is concerned, as an organization, making itself self-accountable or accountable to its own communities.

There are quite a few things. First, on the way the process all emerged pretty much bottom-up, and also the way that the whole plan was built and the kind of plan that we now have on the table. It's very difficult when you're outside of ICANN to understand all of these things. This working group has done a good job so far, hopefully a good job in being able to explain this in easier terms.

Have I missed anything? Because I don't want to ramble on.
Marilyn Cade.

MARILYN CADE: Perhaps I missed your referencing it, but I think it's worth referencing the formal consultation sessions organized at most of the ICANN meetings.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Marilyn. Indeed, the things that we did in the ICANN environment was to have the formal consultations on all of the issues that we just mentioned a moment ago, asking for the wider ICANN community to bring their input into some of the points. We work as a working group and we often talk to each other, but a lot of people outside of this Cross-Community Working Group might have had their own points of view as well to put across. We have made use of this in order to liaise with staff about it.

I'm not going to go into each one of those things. We have a wiki that's got all of the details of all of what's been taking place.
Young Eum Lee.

YOUNG EUM LEE: Thank you. I would also like to add that one of the reasons why this group was formed was because of things going outside of the I* community that were involved with Internet governance and that we felt the need to present the voice of not ICANN itself or the ICANN Board or each of the SOs or ACs, but of the general

ICANN community. Since then, I think we have streamlined our efforts more towards the parties outside of ICANN that we need to be explaining or describing the Internet governance activities to. Thanks.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Young Eum. Is there anything else that I've missed? Probably not, so that's a little bit of the history of what we have been up to. Now we can ask a little bit from Göran.

Welcome first to this meeting, Göran Marby. I hope this has been a little bit interesting for you. Do you first have any questions regarding anything that you've heard so far on what this group does? Also, I was going to say, "Introduce yourself and what are you doing here," but that's not quite the way to ask it. I think that you made fun in another meeting when you said, "Introductory remarks from Göran Marby." It felt very grand. We shall ask for your introductory remarks, please.

GÖRAN MARBY: Especially as I now have about one minute before I have to leave, I want to emphasize something which I think is important. Hi, by the way. This is Göran Marby. I'm the president and CEO of the ICANN Organization, which is a support organization to the community and to the Board. That's clear.

I'm also a recovering regulator. In that, I also had a responsibility for work with issues related to this. Now [that] we're coming into the new Bylaws, there's one more thing I would like to say. I don't see myself as the spokesperson of the community, which means that groups like this, it's essentially important for me to be able to say something about this area. It's not like I can sit at home and figure out something interesting to talk about this, and then do a PowerPoint, go out, and represent you.

In the setup of the Bylaws, when I'm a support organization, everything I have to say has to come out of groups like this, and of course, the Board. Yes, very important. I have to mention them. As you saw, one of my Board members tried to strangle me coming in here, and that was a task.

People have asked me if this is a difference from before. I think it's an evolution of the process for the new Bylaws coming after the transition, but it's also a very natural one. We're getting more and more grown up as an organization, more and more Internet users. We have to make some of the roles more clear. We have to put that into concept. That's why I can acclaim the fact that I'm not a spokesperson, unless you tell me to be. It has to come from the community and not from any special interest groups.

We also say that we don't interfere in the policy making process. We don't interfere in the discussion we facilitated.

With that said, there are some things which I think, coming in from the outside, that I think about in this area. One of them is actually the word Internet governance, which I suppose that you debated before. I'm bringing up an old debate because governance, in many languages, means it's government who governs. Also, the fact that Internet governance is one of those words that you could put anything in. For the moment, I'm restraining myself in speech to talk about Internet governance because I think it's so important that what I represent and what we represent, the collective, is a subset of Internet governance, especially with the new Bylaws and our mission.

But how do you make that visible for people who don't know? If I go up and say that I'm working a lot with Internet governance because I work for ICANN, a lot of people say, "What do you think about net neutrality?" or "What do you think about over-the-top players?" One of the questions I would like to ask you is to help me to, in words that people outside ICANN can understand what actually do. Am I being unpolite now? Is that okay?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You're assuming that we know what we're doing.

GÖRAN MARBY: I actually assume that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You're absolutely right. That's certainly something that we can –

GÖRAN MARBY: I wouldn't ask you. Another of those words which are important is the word open Internet, which is a part of this model. If you want to go into the Wikipedia page of the definition of open Internet, it says things like net neutrality, freedom of speech. Which means that when I go out and talk about it, if I [talk about] ICANN strategy, which talked about open internet, and I go out and say we're for open Internet, in some countries, "Okay, you want to debate freedom of speech."

This discussion is not only about what we're supposed to do, but it's also, to some extent, how we phrase it. I think it's going to be even more important. Many people would like to throw things at ICANN and say that, "You are responsible for this. You are anything from the police to the controllers." We need help, not only to figure out what we're to do, but also how we should phrase it.

I give you the whole day to do this. We have a cocktail in about one hour, and if you have the answers by then, I will be very happy. Sorry. You know it's in my DNA. I have to make a bad joke about every ten minutes, and that's who I am.

If anyone has any quick questions, I have time for it, but unfortunately I have to leave.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Göran. Do we have any specific, quick, on-the-ball things? This is really an introductory time. It's your first time that you see this group, and it's also the first time that this group speaks to you on these issues. Marilyn Cade?

MARILYN CADE: Thank you. Thank you for those comments, and thank you for that question. You're right. We have debated this, and we learned very quickly the selection of the term Internet governance has been worried about because as the Russian government has explained to us and the Chinese government has explained to us in other settings, governance does translate into governments. I think that, in fact, the world has evolved past still debating the terminology.

We have, however, in other settings, and I in particular have worked on explaining where in the [inaudible], so to speak, or in

the layers that ICANN is involved and where they're not, and where other organizations are involved and have the lead. Perhaps we should think about that within the group in response to your question and think about whether we can come to an easy-to-understand explanation because many of us work very actively outside of ICANN, as well as inside of ICANN.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Marilyn. [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]. You were saying that people throw things at ICANN, say that you're responsible for this and that. I think that that's a good thing. That will help ICANN to consider itself far more responsible for the Internet and address issues that directly affect the Internet. Would you take the position that ICANN's responsibilities will be on DNS, especially in light of views it's like many ICANN participants that ICANN should confine its mission to DNS and confine its mission to its core purpose? What would be your position on this group of ICANN's responsibilities?

GÖRAN MARBY: It's not up to me to define it. [inaudible] [part of my] process and is defined in the mission. I'm the only one who can [inaudible] it shouldn't be me [inaudible] through the process [that there is]

that the mission is defined. You said something, I think, very important. Many of you are not only active within the ICANN community. You're also active in other foras and I think – well, the problem with Internet because Internet is technology. It's not even distributed [inaudible]. [They are] a voluntary system connected together, and that's the way it is. People say, “[inaudible] point of the Internet.” ICANN is one of the parties here, and therefore often gives [a view] about it [inaudible]. Coming back after Marrakech, I was amazed at the way the community had come together and defined [the mission of] ICANN in the presence of ICANN's Bylaws [inaudible].

That's my perspective. [inaudible] on top of [inaudible] I think what Marilyn said was really [inaudible].

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

The nuance is how much of a leadership does ICANN itself take in those layers? It's a no-brainer. At level one, it takes a leadership role because [that's it]. At level two and then level three, how much of a leadership role does it take? You take the IGF, for example. I think pretty much everyone is supportive. Even people who don't think we should be involved in Internet governance at all really are pretty much supportive of the IGF. ICANN's been very supportive, but there are ways of being at that meeting as to whether you're loud and proud trying to lead

a community to sail a yacht around the world called the Internet Governance Yacht or whether you're there as ICANN, helping and so on. That's the level that we're looking at right now. Does that make sense?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Chris. One thing that immediately comes to mind, and I'll come to Marilyn is a second, is should ICANN be proactive or reactive?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's true, and it doesn't have to be the same across everything.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: It doesn't indeed have to be the same across everything. Marilyn Cade, I think you wanted to [speak].

MARILYN CADE: Thank you. I think Olivier was perhaps a little gentle in his description of what led to the very strong interest of those of us who became members of this working group. There was a feeling that perhaps the phrase, "If you don't know where you're going, any vote will get you there," was leading to a lot of

coloring too far outside of the lines or a lack of understanding of what the lines should be and could be.

I think that the community broadly, there's a lot of overlap between the participants who are active in ICANN and who are active in UN4 and other UN organizations. I think we've come to realize in the last five years at ICANN that the only way we're going to ensure ICANN's success is to contribute to a healthy Internet governance ecosystem.

I like, Chris, the way you phrased that. The question is what should we do when and where as an ICANN organization, or what should we do when and where to inform the ICANN community? A lot of what this working group has ended up doing has been to bring together interested participants in outside Internet governance activities who are also working at ICANN and then continue to reach and build understanding, even within the ICANN community, which I think is a really, really important thing for us to continue doing, particularly as we are committed to tripling or quadrupling the number of people who are involved in participating in ICANN.

The second point I want to make is there tends to be a tendency, and I'm hearing it from some in certain sectors, to think that the UN is done, and so we can stop participating in informing and creating awareness within the UN bodies, the various UN

subsystems, and the communities about the roles and functions. I personally think this discussion about what, when, where, and who is a good one to have, but I'm going to offer one request. While the Board may meet among itself at your retreat to talk to yourselves, I would urge you to come back and engage with this Cross-Community Working Group to take further conversation about the who, what, when, and where, and how before a decision is taken by the full Board.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Marilyn. Next is Farzaneh Badii.

FARZANEH BADI: My question is what would happen if your advice is in conflict with the CCWG activity?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: To answer this one, I didn't hear that they were going to give advice, but perhaps I don't know. Markus?

FARZANEH BADI: No. Actually, Markus mentioned that. Sorry if I'm not clear. Your advice to staff about various things that you want to advise because you said that you are going to give advice to staff. What if that advice is somehow incompetent?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It is in the chart. It says to provide consultation and advice on ICANN's efforts related to involvement in Internet governance work as appropriate within ICANN's mission and in service of ICANN's strategic plan. You start with the worst scenario assumption, which is fair enough, but if we go that through, let me just think this through. If we hear you plan something and we would advise against, then I would definitely send an e-mail to Olivier. Can we have a call? Can we discuss this before there's a conflict to try to solve the potential conflict?

My answer will be I hope that will not happen, and if it should happen that we are really at loggerheads, then we would really seek a dialogue. By having precisely this type of discussion, that we share information, that we share our thinking, I hope it will never get there because we are aligned very upstream. Tarek has an example.

TAREK KAMEL: For example, at several times, we have been working together on position papers for ICANN at the WSIS or [through] WSIS consultation. What we intend to do within your group on Internet governance is to involve them as well in the discussion. This is an evolutionary discussion, so I'm not expecting that there will be big conflicts between the vision because simply

such a statement is being prepared in an evolutionary way. As Markus say, if at the end there is something, then it will be definitely handled between the two cultures.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Chris Disspain?

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Thank you. If I can just remind everybody that no more than 15 minutes ago, the answer to the question was, “You decide.” The fact that the Board is setting up a working group is not really desperately relevant. We’re doing it for the reasons of logistical management because we’ve found that trying to have it run by the whole Board is actually quite a hard thing to do. Concentrating on the fact that there is a working group isn’t really the point. The point is that you now have a place. You now have a place to go that's not the whole Board. Much easier for you to deal with. We understand what you're doing, and as Göran has said, “If you tell us to paint the computers green...”

[inaudible] said that, actually. Yes, that's right, although I will claim that he said it.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Chris. You see, people are paying attention to the whole – especially with the green thing. We're moving down. Tatiana, did you want to say something? No?

TATIANA TROPINA: No. It was an old hand.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so Matthew Shears. Yes.

MATTHEW SHEARS: I think that we're all touching upon something that's really quite interesting, which is with the Board Working Group, we have, as Chris says, this new place to interface with the Board on Internet governance matters. I would like to suggest that we don't leave it until the last minute when we're interfacing with each other. I'd like to suggest that we have a much more – I wouldn't want to use the word institutionalized relationship, but a much more structured relationship between the CCWG and the Board Working Group. Hopefully, we can address things and work together in the beginning of developing consultation responses or positions or whatever it might be. I think that would be a way of avoiding the situation that [Fazraneh] was raising, which is something we really do want to avoid. Thanks.

MARKUS KUMMER: Thank you for that comment. That was precisely my intention, that we work upstream in the development of a proposal or whatever, that we discuss, “Does this make sense?” This has been one of the problems of much of ICANN, that people work in their silos and then they come up with something and another group doesn’t like it. It’s much better to talk right at the beginning of the process.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Markus. Certainly one of the reasons also for this working group having been established was that we had several people in different component parts of ICANN that were involved in Internet governance and were crossing paths outside of ICANN but didn’t even talk to each other in ICANN, which was certainly a bit of a problem.

Any comments or further questions to Markus? I was going to add also that during the call, you did commit to attending our future calls as well when it comes down to policy and so on, very much like Nigel Hickson attending all of our calls, as well. Is there any? No?

I think that we can move to the next part of our agenda. It is the top of the hour, and we still have 30 minutes in our agenda.

That's to look at our planning from July until, it says December here, but we can probably plan until Hyderabad, which takes one month out of the whole thing.

First, I was going to turn to Rafik and to Young Eum and ask whether they had any other comments on what we'd been discussing so far and then see where we start with this because there's quite a few bullet points there.

No comments. Great. I do feel like I'm the only one talking at the moment, but never mind. That's fine. Kidding.

A number of things that we have to look at, and of course, this is not the first day that we're looking at these issues. We obviously are continuing our watching brief on all of these issues, what we've been doing so far.

First is to look at the calendar of relevant events to update our calendar of events. For those of you who have not followed this, we have a calendar of Internet governance events. There's one that was compiled by staff, but there's also one that's compiled by Marilyn Cade that looks like the page from hell. If you don't know where to go this year where you would travel to lovely locations, that's the calendar that you might wish to pursue. There appears to be something going on nearly every week, and we have a copy of this linked to the home page of the working group.

Are there any additional updates to this, Marilyn, at the moment? Would you like to say a couple of words, please?

MARILYN CADE:

Thanks. I have a few copies, and it is the calendar from Mars, maybe. It is undergoing update. I have some new meetings to go on it, but what I'd like to do is circulate the update to you and the co-Chairs, have you look at them, make sure that we're capturing the ones that seem relevant. I think also if Nigel and perhaps a couple of others from the staff level could take a look because I tend to be following in particular the ones on Internet governance that are directly related, but I think, Nigel, I missed the technical events that are also particularly related to the I*s that would be really important to have there, too.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Marilyn. Nigel, I was going to turn to you on whether ICANN has also update their own calendar, or is that not in the plans at the moment? We're working off Marilyn's source.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Thanks very much. We work obviously very closely on all these issues. As we mentioned, we have calls nearly every two weeks, and we usually update ourselves on particular events that are taking place. We maintain a calendar of events, which is

essentially linked to Marilyn’s excellent work on a whole range of issues. We try and capture what we’re doing at the UN, the IGF, at the OCD, and in other fora.

The listing of these events is not supposed to demonstrate events necessarily where ICANN are leading or even where ICANN are necessarily contributing, but events which we think the broader membership of the CCWG might have an interest in. I think it’s useful from that perspective, and we’ll continue to do that as we go forward. We have MAG meetings. We have meetings at the ITU. We have meetings at CSTD. Marilyn will probably mention in a minute the working group on enhanced cooperation, which several people here are members of, taking place probably in September. There’s a number of issues coming up in the next few months. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Nigel. Is there anything that we should look out for over the summer that this working group might need to pay attention to, perhaps even provide input to? In other words, are you going to fire a request for input in the middle of August? Marilyn?

MARILYN CADE:

There's definitely something we should be aware of, and that is the call for public comment right now. I'm just saying for awareness purposes because then I'm going to go on to say maybe we want to think about a comment for a subsequent date. There's a call for public comment right now on the IGF retreat, and I know Chengetai... Perhaps he's coming back in. The call for public comment on the IGF retreat, that call closes on July the 1st, but on the Open Consultation Day of the MAG meeting, which is the 12th, there is a period of time in which it might be possible to have also comments.

I think that should be on everybody's agenda to pay attention to individually, but perhaps the working group might also have comments. It might be helpful to ask Chengetai to just explain what that particular opportunity for what the purpose of the retreat is and what the timing is.

Then I just have one other thing I'd like to add about a different opportunity for comment.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Chengetai Masango?

CHENGETAI MASANGO: Yes. The mandate of IGF was renewed last December for ten years, so the purpose of the retreat is more to look at going

forward for these ten years. We have ten years, so it's quite a bit of time, more than the five years that we had previously. We want to garner ideas from the community to what the IGF should be looking at and how can we improve what we are doing.

Also, I have suggestions for fundraising, the structural for the various parts, and how we can integrate other aspects of the IG process into the IGF and collaborate together with also various other institutions in the IG sphere.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Chengetai. [Second] point, Marilyn Cade?

MARILYN CADE: The second thing that I believe that the Cross-Community Working Group should be sensitive about and aware of is that during the ECOSOC meetings in July, the relevant Commission on Science and Technology for Development WSIS-related resolution, which does address and have implications for ICANN, will be reviewed and has to be approved by the ECOSOC. I think that's an important thing for the Cross-Community Working Group to be aware of. While it's not an open meeting, it is a meeting at which friends on the government side, it will be

important for them to be sensitive to and paying attention to the approval of that resolution.

Finally, during the ministers segment, there is also a participation from some parties from non-government stakeholders. I don't know if ICANN is going to be participating in that, but I think it's worth just flagging as an important upcoming activity.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Marilyn. Veni Markovski.

VENI MARKOVSKI: Thank you, Olivier, and thanks, Marilyn, for your points. Yes, the ECOSOC has a meeting, the ECOSOC forum on science, technology, and innovation from 11th of July to the 20th of July, including a three-day high-level ministerial meeting. By the way, again it's coinciding with the USIGF, the IGF retreat, the MAG meeting, so it's a very difficult timing in terms of covering everything.

Nevertheless, I'm in New York. I'll be covering this for ICANN. It's good that you mentioned also a few minutes ago that the UN is still there. It's not going to go anywhere, and as a group, we should all be paying attention to what's happening there because if I have spent the most of my time in the last couple of

years engaging with the UN and explaining to the UN and the missions at the UN, what ICANN is and what is our role in coordinating the Internet resources, now it has to become a little bit also explaining to this group and the broader ICANN community what the UN is and what are the implications of things happening at the UN for the community.

Here is actually also the big role of the GAC because the people at the UN and the UN agencies are not necessarily the GAC representatives, but they're diplomats on the relevant foreign ministries or foreign offices. It's important that there is communication between the group and the GAC, between the GAC and the ministries, but also between the members of the group and the foreign ministries. We have people in this room from around the world, but the broader ICANN community is basically every country, every ccTLD operator, every new gTLD, etc. It's very important. The work of the group is very important and the coordination with us.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Veni. The Cross-Community Working Group has calls on process, but also calls on policy. I think that might be a good idea to take it as an action item for a future call where there could be a briefing on the range of UN, whatever is going on in that world for our [committee], not only for the people that are

around the table or on the call itself, but so that we also have a recording of it. It's all about educational resources as well that this working group has.

We're going to have Farzaneh Badii next.

FARZANEH BADI:

I think it would be good to find out if any of the CCWG-IG members are actually going to the IGF retreat and get in touch with them, as well as the public comment, which is always very effective. We should also see.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Farzaneh. Chengetai.

CHENGETAI MASANGO:

I just wanted to add that this retreat is just the start of a process. It's not the be all and end all of establishing what's going to happen with the IGF for the next ten years. It's just the start of a process.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Chengetai. That would be a first, wouldn't it?

One question I did have actually for Markus, which was obviously as you can see, we've got a good relationship with

staff, letting us know of where ICANN staff are going to be present and in what different fora they will be present. Would there be a way to also find out about what your Board Working Group's plans are with regards to sending people to these different forthcoming ...? Or is that just on an ad hoc basis?

MARKUS KUMMER:

No, that's definitely something to work on. I noticed myself. You go to events, and you don't know in advance, "You are here as well." I think just a very basic exchange of information, who's going where, would be helpful. We are not there yet. We only have our first meeting, but I think over time that we smooth that process and that we, looking at the staff, maybe establish a calendar or whatever that we know who is where when and so on.

By the way, I have been invited to the retreat, so I will be there.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Markus. No doubt, of course this can be two way. I know that several people, not only around the table but in the working group, do go to many of these, so it is good to know in advance. Marilyn Cade?

MARILYN CADE: Thank you. I want to go back to a very important upcoming event. Since we have such good attendance from the Board members here broadly, as well as Tarek and others from the staff, and mentioned the importance of ICANN's involvement and participation and attendance in many, many ways and support of the IGF event in Mexico. I say that because I know that there are workshops that are proposed by ICANN. Workshops may or may not be approved. I'm one of the graders. That's a joke.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: That was not a joke. You are.

MARILYN CADE: I am one of the graders, but ICANN also, I think, has probably an open forum proposal. ICANN often does a reception. I'm rewarding you guys by bragging about you. ICANN often does a reception with the I*s that is a very important social networking opportunity for visibility, also has a booth, and often also provides fellowship financial support to bring members of the community to the IGF.

I'm not suggesting the CCWG IG should be commenting on what you do. I'm suggesting we would welcome knowing more about what your plans are and perhaps including an update on that.

Do you think, [Barzi], maybe at some point? That that would be very welcome.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks for this, Marilyn. I didn't see any proposal from the Board Working Group on Internet governance, so it's not a plan to have any of the ICANN sessions run by the Board Working Group.

Any other comments on this? When it comes to the forthcoming meetings, we do have to discuss briefly the ICANN booth at IGF 2016. I don't know what the plans are from ICANN with regards to that. In the past, we have had a very vague signup sheet. Whoever was at IGF would pass by the booth, and if there was a [plug] point, you'd get more people because they need to recharge their laptops. Are there any specific plans that we might wish to speak about?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mandy want to comment.

MANDY CARVER: There will be a booth. We will have looped video coming from [coms] with updates. It's both an opportunity for anyone representing any of the constituencies that wants to have

materials about their constituency or their work within ICANN at the booth. We'd be happy to distribute it.

We are also happy to have members of the community who want to participate at the booth by doing outreach, etc., but we're also mindful of everybody's constraints. We endeavor to have staff also cover it, depending on the size of the delegation that goes. I don't want to make any presumptions about what the MAG may decide about the workshop proposals that have been submitted, also involving staff.

Yes, there will be a booth. I'm happy to have volunteers that want to commit to specific times, if that's the case, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much for this, Mandy. Did Nigel want to say something, or was it just a twitch in your hand?

NIGEL HICKSON: Thank you. Just a note. Obviously we talk about the IGF on our bi-weekly calls, but we haven't had one since the deadline for the proposal. We put in proposals for obviously the Cross-Community Working Group session, for a workshop, and we also put in a proposal for a workshop session on the next application process for gTLDs. Other applications went in from different parts of the community: the NCUC, SSAC, and I think one or two

other areas. As Marilyn said, they are being judged, and we will be discussing them in New York in a couple of weeks' time.

Also, we put in a proposal for an open forum, for ICANN to hold an open forum, as we usually do where it's a fairly open dialogue on the ICANN issues. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Nigel. Any other comments? You would realize from our agenda that there were quite a few topics relating to the IGF, since we are in the current process and of course the IGF retreat is coming up.

Markus did say that he is going to go to the retreat. I don't know whether anybody else around the table is. Elizabeth. Excellent. That's two people, then. Find a third person. You'll have a party.

Any other thoughts? Chengetai. You're the third person, so that's it. You have the party. You're the third person. You'll have a party. Great.

Back to business here. We do have to plan on our work over the summer. We've got a number of things. Nigel, did you take notes on the different things that are coming up for us? That's fantastic. We also needed to quickly speak about the ICANN engagement at ECOSOC. I don't know who wants to say a few words on this.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I don't know. Do you require our engagement in there, basically, as in the working group's engagement in this, or is it pretty much at the moment not something that requires immediate involvement?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, I did it on purpose to see whether is Olivier is following his own [inaudible].

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I could say no. You say yes, I say no.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, the ECOSOC, this time it's only ministerial.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Side events.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Participation is limited. Side events, I haven't heard actually about any. Maybe there will be, but we're not planning to have any. I would rather do it as an informative after this is done, at the next conference call after July 20th, just to give you some update what happened.

Again, this is an ECOSOC forum on science, technology, and innovation, so it has particular goal. It's not the general discussion that they usually have where they may talk about the in-house cooperation.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much. We also, in a past discussion, mentioned WTSA. This is not on the agenda, but I thought I'd just bring it up since we are ahead of time for some reason. I know that you are all getting ready to go to the cocktail, but maybe we should say a few words since we are face-to-face here. Marilyn?

MARILYN CADE: Should we first of all hear from ICANN about any of their involvement in WTSA? Because while there may be individuals here, myself and Judith and others, who are individually

following what a national government might be doing, what I'd rather do is hear first.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Tarek Kamel.

TAREK KAMEL: Thank you, Olivier. From a staff side, we are looking into a limited participation for the WTSA, only in the area that will touch on the Internet Council Working Group. Veni is tracking that in details, but we don't intend to have a participation for the whole three weeks or something like that, especially as it is conflicting anyhow with ICANN 57 to some extent.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this, Tarek. Marilyn?

MARILYN CADE: I want to make one other point, something we didn't reference. The way the United Nations International Telecommunications Union works is ... We were just referencing one aspect of its work, the WTSA, the Telecommunications Standardization Assembly, but there's also two important council working groups that we have, in the past, semi-followed. That is the WSIS

Working Group of the council, which is open. The good news is that ICANN often attends that. So do I and some others.

There is also a closed working group, which focuses on international Internet public policy. They will be meeting again later this year, so when we have our next call, if we could perhaps, Olivier, update on the agenda of both of those because I think those are very relevant for this Cross-Community Working Group.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Marilyn. Nigel, I gather you're taking all the notes on these. Yes. Tarek Kamel and then Judith Hellerstein.

TAREK KAMEL: Thank you. Veni can do the updates because normally, he attends on our behalf in the council working groups due to his special arrangements.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Tarek. Judith Hellerstein.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: As Marilyn was mentioning also, there is an open consultation right now going on for the Internet public policy working group on the enabling environment. That could be something that we

want to look at and see if we want to do a submission because they're looking for as wide as possible submissions.

The open consultation is one day before the closed meeting and is open to everyone. Prior to that, there is an online open consultation where they're taking a lot of different submissions. The topics were meant to try to be as broad as possible to get as many different types of inputs from different stakeholders. That's one of the things. That was a good idea.

On the WTSA, there's also a lot of proposals that are Internet governance, but also issues on gender and diversity and trying to get a new leadership program for women to increase the participation of women who come to the [inaudible] assemblies. I know ICANN is also very interested in those type of things, so that's also something that we might want to look at that I think is a good effort. I'll leave it at that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Judith. We've taken note. Veni Markovski and then we'll probably have to close.

VENI MARKOVSKI: Thank you. On the WTSA, there are several resolutions that are important for ICANN, the organization, and the work that we do as a community. First of all, they have resolutions on country

code top-level domains, have resolutions on internationalized domain names, have resolutions on IPv6, and these resolutions are aiming at study groups of the ITU, which means they define the work for the next four years of the ITU study groups.

Tarek mentioned also the council working groups. They were established with the last [plenipot], so they will continue to do their usual work. It's not going to be changed by the WTSA. They meet twice a year, and there are open consultations, as properly noted. This is up to the community to decide if they want to contribute with any documents or contributions to those.

The good thing about the ITU is that we have now much better relationship than we used to have just a few years ago. They're inviting us to participate. We are inviting them. You know that Houlin Zhao was in Marrakech and was addressing the ICANN high-level ministerial meeting. This, by the way, again based on what countries were telling us in Marrakech, was something that made a good impression, especially on developing countries and countries in transitions and countries that work closely with the ITU. Clearly, this is a much better environment for us. To the extent where we can be helpful with factual information that they need or anything like that, we should be there.

On the reservations I mentioned, we should also be careful that they don't put something. There is also eNom resolution, so we

should be just helpful to the extent that we can because better to give them the factual information and make sure that they take a decision of any kind with that in mind.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Veni. Clearly this enhanced engagement in these issues has opened a door to more cooperation between ICANN and the other organizations that run the world of telecommunications and Internet and everything else. The ICT world, I think is what it's called over in the UN circles.

We've had an interesting discussion today. I think we might turn to Nigel because we only have two minutes. Nigel Hickson.

NIGEL HICKSON: I was just going to reference something very briefly that Marilyn had touched on. There is a working group on enhanced cooperation under CSTD, which is probably one of the more significant UN working groups that we're involved in. A number of us are members of that working group, which [sent] a report in 2018 to the general assembly on this whole notion of the role of governments in Internet public policy issues. We'll be talking about that on the calls.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for this. You're the last speaker, then closing off, if you wish.

HENRI KASSEN: Thanks. My name is Henri Kassen, Vice-Chair of GAC. I have been around with my government in many ITU meetings, and I must say I have missed ICANN actually. The [missed] opportunity of the ECOSOC meeting, I think the ministers, maybe that's fine. I just wanted to highlight there's also a major ITU event called Telecom World in Thailand. I don't know, but it coincides perhaps with either, but just to raise it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this. Tarek.

TAREK KAMEL: That's the world telecom. That's the exhibition, plus the panel that they do now on a yearly basis. I'm not sure that we have that big role within that framework to plan. If we get an invitation, we might send a panelist, but nothing big. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much for this, Tarek. With 30 seconds remaining, not even, actually. It's top of the hour, or half past. We've managed to fill the whole 90 minutes. Well done, everyone.

Thanks for attending, and I hope it was as helpful to everyone. See you hopefully again in Hyderabad. Until then, please attend the calls. Looking forward to more collaboration.

Thank you, and this call and meeting is adjourned.

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