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Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much Ara, Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. This is the pre-NCPH intersessional briefing on the 31st of January, 2017. On the call today, we have Alain Bidron, Anna Loup, Chris Wilson, Christian Dawson, Jonathan Zuck, Juan Manuel Rogers, Khalid Samara, Klaus Stoll, Lawrence Olawale-Roberts, Mark Mcfadden, Markus Kummer, Philip Corwin, Renata Aquino Ribeiro, And from staff we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi, Benedetta Rossi, Robert Hoggarth, Chantelle Doerksen, Ozan Sahin, I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Over to you Rob.

Robert Hoggarth: Thank you very much Maryam. Good day everyone. Welcome. My name is Rob Hoggarth. I'm with the ICANN policy staff based in Washington, D.C. and one of the staff devoted to supporting the NCPH Intersessional meeting that's taking place in a couple of weeks in Reykjavik, Iceland. The purpose of the briefing today is to give those of you who've not had an opportunity to join the meeting before or to participate. A general background of what it is, how it

started, and what you can expect in a couple of weeks when we all gather, either in person or remotely.

And it's really just an opportunity to help you think a little bit more about preparing for the meeting, maybe plug in a bit more to the prep that your specific delegation is having and otherwise just give you an opportunity to chat with us as staff who are supporting the event, the opportunity to work out any kinks, talk about any things that you want to flag.

We want this to be if at all possible an engaging session where something where you can feel very comfortable just raising your hand asking questions. We probably won't take the hour depending upon the amount of conversation that we have. So we'll just let it flow and see if we can get you all prepared for what we hope to be a positive, good, productive event for you in a couple of weeks.

It's great to see such good turnout. I note about 16 participants in the call today. We're going to be recording and transcribing it and making that available. So some of you who may be listening to this or hearing that, you know, if by a recording, if there are any questions you have as a remote in time participant listening to the recording, please feel free after listening or jot down your questions and otherwise get in touch with me, Benedetta, or some of the other members of the team, maybe Chantelle or Maryam who are supporting your individual communities.

Thanks for putting up the agenda slide Maryam. There's five major things that we're going to talk about today. We'll give you a brief history, just the meeting's origins, the purpose and planning process. We'll go through the whole meeting program and agenda. We'll talk about the logistics. Talk a little bit about you all as delegates and the roles that you play and that we play as

staff and then any other business questions and answers. Again I'll be, you know, trying to keep an eye on the chat as will Benedetta, Ozan, Chantelle and Maryam. And as questions come up, please just type them in or raise your hand and at a break I'll flag them and we can answer them.

So let's get going. On the next slide, you know, I'm just sort of generally setting up meeting's origins and purpose. This meeting started five years ago in Los Angeles, California. And the concept was one that many of your community leaders have thought about over the years and had made requests with ICANN staff had flagged within your own communities. And that was really the opportunity for you all as a community to get together and talk about issues, topics, matters, your working relationships generally outside the bounds of a regular ICANN meeting.

You know, with the recognition that ICANN public meetings generally are a track meet or a marathon, other get togethers, conversations, discussions, the thought of being able to gather and just, you know, sit, relax and focus on a range of issues that were much longer term was something that seemed to be a substantial priority for many of the communities. There was also I think the unique aspect of this concept of a party house system within the GNSO at the time. And many of your leaders and some of you were trying to figure out what was the best way for this part of the community to interact, to work together, to plan, to strategize. And so again the thought of being able to gather and just talk about particular issues was something that was of great interest.

Now the first meeting that we had -- we've got a wonderful picture there for some of you -- was in the Los Angeles office and was mainly focused on at the time with Fadi Chehadé joining as ICANN's new president and CEO, a real opportunity for some connection between the community and new

ICANN staff, particularly the executives. And so it really found itself as somewhat of a two-day period of lectures as opposed to conversation. You see the layout that we had there for the meeting which was like two rows in a hollow square. That's what we could fit into the ICANN meeting at the time and it was really a pilot effort to see if we could pull the meeting off from a logistical standpoint, if it was something where we could begin to setup a format that would work for you all as members of the community.

And basically after that meeting was over, we talked with members of the community, tried to do some fine tuning, figure out how things might work for the next time. We didn't have a meeting the next year because that happened to be a time when there were actually four ICANN meetings that fiscal year. The calendar was pretty tight. But in subsequent years, each subsequent year after that, we were able to hold the meeting and slowly but surely the format and the approach in terms of agendas, in terms of various features of the meeting sort of came into play. And as we talk in a little bit more about the specific items in the agenda, I may flag specific aspects of that.

One thing that did survive was the interaction with the ICANN CEO and we've tried to accomplish that again this year. We were very fortunate given the location of the meetings in the past being connected to an ICANN office that we were able to engage with senior staff. I think that continues to be an interest of the community leadership. It may not have the same priorities simply because it's not as necessary as it was back in those early days with Fadi and the growth of the NCPH. But that's something that's still a feature of the meeting. For those of you who may have your computer on or please just mute your phone because I can hear a little echo of me and we don't want that on the recording. Thanks.

So that remains a feature of the meeting, interaction with senior staff as I said. And we were able to have Fadi in person for this year. We will have Göran being able to participate but given the location now the first time sort of not on U.S. soil in a city that's associated with an ICANN office or engagement location, that's - that was problematic from the start and that's something that I hope we'll get feedback from all of you in terms of evaluating how we're approaching things and what your planning purpose may be for potential future meetings of the group.

So let's go through the program agenda and what we'll do is we'll go through piece by piece how it's been set up right now by the planning committee and where we stand there. Before I start flagging particular items and going through the agenda, I want to talk a little bit about the planning process. This meeting as it began as a concept was intended to be a community meeting. Back at the time that we started to do this, I think we hadn't fully evolved the ICANN public meeting process where we are now, you know, moving I think if not there already to this concept of almost a programming committee from the community.

In the past, ICANN public meetings were much more in the hands of ICANN staff in terms of scheduling particular topics or agenda items, you know, what day they would go on, how they would fit within the general parameters of the meeting. From early on in terms of the meeting program and agenda for the intersessional meeting, the focus has been a recognition that this is your community meeting and that your community representatives, you as individual members of that leadership group, should be the ones establishing the topics, the things that you want to go through and talk about, the schedule and the methodology in terms of what, you know, how you interact and what you talk about and how you, you know, how you interact and what you talk about and how you establish deliverables or to dos.

And so that's always been a feature of this meeting. Yes there may be times on a call like this where staff ends up talking a lot more but the decision-making is in the hands of the community in terms of how you guys pull stuff together. And then it's our job from a logistic surfacing location standpoint to try to pull that off and make that happen.

It's been great over the last several years that all the various participating communities in the meeting, all of you from the NCPH, have very active interest in participation from your leaders and from your planning representatives to get things together and established. One of the things I think that happened more this year than in the past is the - that the community leadership was willing to just open the doors and say yes whoever wants to participate in the planning, you know, get on the mailing list and join the calls. So I think that's been a substantial improvement this year over past years and that's something I'm hopeful that you all continue to do this meetings into the future that we'll be able to continue.

So let's look generally at what the couple of days starting here on February 13 actually are going to look like to give you all an idea. I think from a travel perspective, and Benedetta will talk about logistics in a little bit, I think we've had just about everybody all booked and scheduled from an airline and a hotel perspective. Benedetta I'll look in the chat to see if there's, you know, if you want to confirm or note that we've got any particular outstanding items there. So please let me know if that's an issue but I think otherwise we know who's coming and when you guys are all arriving.

My recollection looking at the information just a couple of days ago is that just about everybody is coming in on late on - some time either early or late on the 13th. And everybody will be in place by that date. Some of you might

get in a day early due to schedules and things like that. So with that as an understanding, we're actually going to be starting the meeting on the evening of the 13th, not in any formal way but just with an informal reception we made here for early arrivals. And we're all getting in early. And that'll be at a reception space in the Hilton, just something for some nibbles and some drinks starting about 6:30 local time for about an hour and a half.

One of the things we try to do is keep the agenda fairly open for evenings. So it's - there's not a requirement for any delegates to show up here. It's been a meeting in the past where folks have taken advantage of just being in the same city and you'll see a little bit later here in the agenda that it is a good opportunity for you all to do some of your own networking within your communities. And so folks will schedule some time to eat out together. Occasionally some of the groups do targeted outreach or other little programming things on their own for folks in the local community. And some of you may have planned that.

The full day really starts on the 14th of February and that's the official start of the meeting. Let me say a quick item about that. I spoke a little bit earlier about staff - senior staff participation. We're going to have Göran participating and you'll see in a couple of moments remotely. We will have two senior staff from ICANN at the beginning of the meeting, one for the whole meeting. David Olive is going to be in Reykjavik on Monday the 13th and at the very beginning of the program on the 14th of February. Unfortunately, he has to return to Istanbul for a DNS forum that he is hosting for that region. And so he's going to have to leave fairly quickly.

Jamie Hedlund, who is our senior executive responsible for compliance matters, will be with us the whole time. We'll also have Göran participating. And some of you all and this you all know within your individual

communities may be reaching out to other staff to participate during some of your breakout sessions or your session later in the week. But that's who we will have in person. You'll all be - and David will be obviously with us the night of that reception.

When you all gather the next morning on the 14th of February, we leave just an open period for about 8:00 to 8:30, 30 minutes for folks to get into the meeting room, plug in your laptops, pick your spot, introduce yourself and start to get to know folks. We're going to go with an introduction and welcome, do an overview of the logistics. Maybe we can tighten that up a little bit because a number of you are on this call but generally go over the arc of the day.

One of the features you'll see as we go through the schedule is that individual communities have been assigned and then force traded or otherwise agreed to be responsible for certain sessions. And so we'll go through that and see what sessions are being led by various groups. And so this first half hour is an opportunity just to highlight certain things. We'll probably have a few minor changes in this agenda in the next couple of weeks. And as necessary, we'll review everything that's in place during that time.

Now what's different from this meeting as opposed to past meetings is another feature of the work. As I mentioned, this is an opportunity not only for you all to get together as a community but you've actually got members of your leadership team together in the same city outside an ICANN public meeting. And so what we tried to do is balance the primary sessions with the breakout sessions. And for this meeting in particular, we're starting out almost immediately with community breakouts starting at nine o'clock for an hour and a half.

One of the ways that we arranged the logistics of the meeting is we have plenary sessions in the main large room which has seating for 50 people in a hollow square in a big U. And so that's the opportunity for you all as an overall group to get together. And then I think it's somewhere around six hours, maybe seven hours total that you all get in terms of breakouts either as individual constituencies and stakeholder groups or as you'll see on Thursday an opportunity for just your own individual meetings again leveraging your presence together in the same city for a period of time. So that's what you'll be doing from 9:00 to 10:30.

In the past when we started the meeting as just a two-day affair, one of the innovations that took place I think in year two or three is that we gave you the opportunity either - depending on the schedule either before or after the meeting to get together just as a community. No agenda creation by the overall group but just you as individual community groups to get together and talk among yourselves about various issues that are important to your community.

And in this case, the meeting slots that are available are on Thursday after the meeting not before. A couple of times we've been able to have those meetings before you all got together. The planners I think recognized that since you didn't have that pre-meeting time other than your calls and your other preparations that you'll be doing, that it would be a good idea for you to hop into your breakout sessions immediately. And so that's why you see in slot B of the agenda this 9:00 to 10:30 opportunity and that's agenda time that you all can decide how you use.

We'll then after a short break pulling people back from their various breakout rooms we'll have our first, you know, major plenary session outside the introductions. And the purpose of that is some type of community overviews.

There each group with 12 minutes for a presentation including Q&A can talk about just very generally what are the goals for each community, your priorities or work plans for the 2017 calendar year. And so that'll be an opportunity for some of you who may not be familiar with some of the other communities to hear about those things to maybe issue spots, identify areas of commonality, just see where there is some potential good prep work and foundation building for the rest of the meeting. And that'll be interesting to see how that works out. That'll be the first time that you all have done that type of session. So that'll be slot C.

Then we'll move to a plenary lunch with you all together. That's designated as a discussion of ICANN compliance issues with Jamie Hedlund. The lunches during the intersessional meeting tend to be working - well tend to be. They are working lunches but what we've liked and what's been successful in the past is to have somebody as a speaker. I'm not sure how Jamie will set up his remarks but there will the opportunity for him to give you all an overview and you all can then ask him specific questions.

A number of communities may be putting together some separate sessions with Jamie during your breakout sessions. And he will be very happy to participate in those. What I will be doing with the planners is reminding them probably around the end of this week to provide us as staff with any questions that you all anticipate that you'll have for Jamie or for Göran or for David for that matter so that we can help them prepare for a productive time with you all. If you have particular questions, please pass them onto your community leadership for them passing on to us as staff so we can pull all that together. It really helps for them from a preparation standpoint to have that information.

So after slot D in the afternoon of day one, that's Tuesday the 14th, we'll be talking in slot E about NCPH procedural in-house issues. This has been a

topic area or session title that the community has now done just about every year at the intersessional meeting. And the purpose for that is to really give you the opportunity to talk about some of the practical or logistical items that you have from a decision-making standpoint.

I know that for this year one of the focus areas is going to be on the selection process or criteria for the NCPH board member who represents you guys or is elected by you guys for the ICANN board. So that's going to be one of the main topic items. I think if there's time available there's going to be an interest in talking about potential future NCPH intersessional meetings. I think we've recognized that this year the timing was really tight not only in terms of getting a location but all the preparation that goes into it. And so the thought I think is if you all can be thinking and planning maybe even a year in advance, that would help in terms of the overall process.

Slot F, the next agenda item, which will be again mid afternoon or so, is focused for new GTLD. You'll see as I'm going through this that a column that lists the community groups identifies particular community groups in terms of who those - who's going to be running those sessions. I see that Greg you've raised your hand and since we're coming up to a break right after slot F here, let me turn the microphone over to you either to hear your question or maybe you want to talk a little bit about one of those sessions.

Greg Shatan: Hi Rob. It's Greg Shatan. Just a question really with regard to slot E. It appears to me it's only a half an hour long compared to all of the other slots which seem to be an hour plus. I - is that a mistake? Are we supposed to dispose of an issue that seems to take us years to resolve in a half an hour? Or actually two issues since we haven't quite I think at least committed to paper the vice chair process either. So I was just wondering why that one is so short compared to everything else.

Robert Hoggarth: Thanks Greg. I think you've identified one of those reasons (unintelligible) draft of the agenda. I think that's - we'll need to play with that. I note that you're not back on mute. So I hear myself but that's okay particularly if you want to respond back. Yes so that's something that we'll have to fix. It gives me a good opportunity to talk about the timing of the various sessions. We had done a standard in the past at various meetings, sort of an hour and a half or an hour and 15 minutes for the various sessions. And this year we were more open to shifting those times, particularly if we thought certain items would take longer or shorter.

This is a time that's been in the agenda for a couple of versions and you're just flagging something that is too short. So what I'll do for the next version is play around with that because I don't think any of us specifically said oh let's make this session shorter and others longer. So maybe I can steal some time from Jamie's slot and some time from the new GTLDs and play with the break there so that we don't have, you know, too short a time to play with that. Do you have any thoughts on that Greg?

Greg Shatan: I think that seems appropriate. I definitely want to even things out a bit.

Robert Hoggarth: Great. Thank you. Thanks for catching that. And since the IPC along with the NPAC will be prepping that, we'll work that out quickly with you and whoever you guys have designated for that so that you all have sufficient time to work through that. Thanks. I identified the break after slot F and then we move to the last session of the day which is slot G. Stakeholder group roundtables with senior staff is the title and this is basically the CEO discussion. (Göran's) going to be joining us remotely.

The format that we've done for this session in the past is give each of the two stakeholder groups, one for the NCSG and one for the CSG, an opportunity for just direct time with the CEO. This gives you each as communities time to identify meeting issues, substantive issues, staff issues, whatever, just your own unique time for about 70 minutes I think I've got here the - to just spend that time talking about your issues with the CEO.

During that time when one group or a stakeholder group is with the CEO, the other group has an opportunity for a breakout session. And so that's again, you know, time for you all within your community either to prep. In this case with the CFG going second, you guys can prep for the meeting with Göran if you haven't already done so or otherwise talk about issues that are important to your group. And then when we do the shift, there's that little break and the other group speaks with Göran, in this case the NCSG during that second slot. You all can decide what you're going to be talking about.

The way that the meeting logistics are set up from just a mapping perspective is that what we learned over time is that we need time and availability throughout the day for you all to get together as individual groups. So we have the large plenary hall and then we have breakout rooms sufficient in number for the rest of the various groups. So basically at any given time -- please correct me if I'm wrong Benedetta -- I think we have five rooms that are available.

And what we do is we repurpose the plenary session room for one particular group when you all break out. So, you know, one group will stay in the room and then folks will spread out among the other rooms so that they have meeting capability. Each one of those rooms has a phone so that you all can be communicating with folks who are part of the leadership who aren't at the meeting, for other members of your community to participate because those

are basically just, you know, your own community meetings and we want to have the same sort of capabilities that you might have if you're talking during your monthly call or your biweekly call of the community. So that's how those breakouts will work.

So in this case, with Göran, one of the groups will stay in the room and the other will move to the other room. We have two large-ish rooms, that is, there's the big plenary session space where you can all gather, 50 total.

Then we have the second room that handles 25 people so that there is that breakout and people can spread out and still have the room to work. So that's the Göran session in Slot G for day one afternoon.

Then we adjourned for the day and there is a formal reception for all of the delegates at the venue, again, in some of the Hilton reception space. The difference between this gathering and the one before it is, it's an opportunity particularly if you have any connections locally that your community is looking to reach out to, you can invite folks from the local community to participate.

This is also designed a little bit more from a catering perspective to potentially be something that you can eat your dinner at, whereas, the first get-together is just a light hors d'oeuvres. This is anticipated to be more heavy hors d'oeuvres.

As you see, it starts a little bit later, ends a little bit later and so it's an opportunity if you need to, to just hang out the whole time for that conversation and for networking.

In the past, groups have still gone out afterwards for folks cut out, you know, 15, 20 minutes early for a separate dinner. That seems to work out quite well. And so really that's, again, an opportunity for you all to do some of your own planning or go out and have one-on-ones or team or group committee dinners.

So I'm not sure - and we may be, - Benedetta, you can confirm that we'll be talking at the meetings, too. So those of you who aren't into doing a lot of research for various restaurant locations, then we can have the list for you so you can consult that in terms of making a reservation or things like that.

So next, day two, day two, 15 of February, gathering a little bit later, 8:30 to 9:00 in the ballroom. Slot I, the first session of that day, and surprise, it's again, breakouts for stakeholder groups or constituency meetings.

Again, an opportunity for you all to focus on conversations that are important to your community groups. Maybe you're preparing for sessions later in the day.

Maybe you're talking about issues or items that were raised the day before, so again, an opportunity for you all to collect your thoughts, focus on issues, maybe having done some homework from previous breakout sessions or from some of the plenary sessions.

We then, at 10:30, move to Slot J which is policy discussion topics. Meeting planners identify particularly RPM and IP policy topics. This is being run by the IPC and NPOC and so I'm sure there will be entertaining and puts from folks in terms of how you guys want to focus on that meeting and where you want to go with those topics.

Maybe there are other topics as well. But that'll be that period of time to Slot J. then there's another lunch - I don't know something that's great for the appetite, but a focus on ICANN budgeting, and my understanding from the planning and perspective, this session is potentially to make a decision about whether you'll want to start your own NPPH community group that focuses on ICANN budget work.

The example, I think, that one of the planners gave was that (unintelligible) and perhaps another community or to have their own separate sort of subcommittees or groups that are focused on looking at the ICANN budget process and the various proposals that are made on an annual basis.

And this might be a good opportunity for all of you as a group to explore that and decided that something that you want to do as a community. The next slot in the afternoon is focused on the broader discussion about the GNSO and its role in the policymaking process, how that fits in, in terms of other ICANN communities.

This was a proposal developed by a couple of members, the planning team, that saw a lot of discussion among the planners in terms of what this might be and what it might look like.

This takes you out of some of the practical individual topics and maybe has you all looking more broadly about where the GNSO is going, how you as an NPCH fit into that and how things go moving forward. So that should be a productive afternoon of conversation.

And then the last session, Slot M, is called NCPH "Presenting." And the reason why you see "presenting," there in quotes, is that the original concept talked about, you know, potentially the future of the NCPH.

In any planners on the call can correct me, but what happened was the discussion really evolved toward more of the short-term work, you know, what do you do as an NCPH?

What is unique, what is, you know, from a practical standpoint, what you are all doing as a group? Why are you together? What does that mean for potential future policy work?

Really a discussion about how you operate as a house and whether it continues in a certain direction or, you know, you guys just generally exploring your roles and how everything fits together as a group.

Some of this came out of planning that has taken place during the latest GNSO review conversation and I think a desire, a common theme of the past meetings of this group, that you all come from many diverse policy perspectives and conditions and how do you sort of true that up in such a diverse community as the GNSO as a whole and ICANN at-large?

So that might, I think, prove to be a very interesting conversation shared and led by, in this case, the BC and the NCSG. Then as we do, we have a closing sort of next steps session. In the past, at one of these meetings, there was a communique developed by the group.

And other meetings, there have just been targeted to-dos and action items on particular topics are subjects so it will be interesting to see what develops from all of you in terms of next steps and where you take some of your conversations into the future.

The agenda is not over there, they'll notice, and that's because we have the next day, the 16th of February, the post-meeting community day. Basically we reserved meeting rooms for all of you for the morning.

Generally the window is from 8:00 to 12:00 for you to be, again, have individual community group meetings and agendas. Every one of the community groups have said we would like to spend that time to get together intimates.

And so we look forward to supporting you guys in that respect. I think at least a couple of you have invited me on Benedetta in for various topics to talk about individual issues and just provide updates and so we're happy to do that for any of you as well.

And otherwise, we'll just be making sure that you all are comfortable and everything is together. And then early that afternoon, I think just based on the timing of things, there is a GNSO Council call and so we've got some space available, and members of the Council for attending the meeting, want to gather and participate in that call.

And some people will already be checking out are getting ready to leave. And in that case, it provides just a good spot for - to be able to make their connections with the Council.

So that's a general overview of the program agenda. I didn't get into super detail on any of those topics. Those I'll be leaving for the individual community leaders for those sessions.

Again, as we've gone through the agenda, you see that the community that you participate in is identified as a session later for any of those topics, please

reach out within your own community if you've got some thoughts or input in terms of prepping for that session.

In many respects, this intersessional meeting is just supposed to be a weigh station on your general annual work. And so presumably, in any of these topics, you're already, you know, talking or planning or having interactions about some of these things.

And this will be good opportunity to talk about them together but I think the planners envision a lot of these topics to be things that continue going forward. Any other particular questions? Thanks again, Greg, for catching that timing thing on them one slot. I'll play around with that.

I was holding off on sending out another version of this agenda because the meeting planners were going to be providing us and staff with individual names where possible for the session leads for the various lots in the agenda.

That so we, as staff, can help in terms of gathering documents, pulling anything together with respect to slides. We just generally will put up title slide and then insert into them any particular decks or information that groups develop an preparation for some of the sessions.

We'll talk now about some logistics, and Benedetta can explain how we collect some of that and display some of that. But that's it from a review of the agenda itself. Benedetta, or Maryam or Chantelle, who's on - anything I left out?

Hearing, seeing nothing, let's turn to logistics. And Benedetta, if you can give folks some perspective about some of the tools where we are on some of the

other items that will be important for the delegates. I'll turn the clicker control over to you.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you, Rob My name is Benedetta Rossi, for the transcript. I'll just walk you through a couple of details regarding the logistics. I won't keep you too long, so just have enough time to see you have any questions.

So in terms of the venue, it's pretty handy for delegates that the venue and the conference center will be in the same place so all meetings will take place at the Hilton Reykjavik Nordica Hotel which is located approximately 40 minutes from the KEF or Keflavik International Airport, or ten minutes from the domestic airport.

You can see the link to the hotel on the Adobe Connect room. So all delegates will be arriving on the 13th of February, which is also the (staff's sort of) set up date, the Monday.

And then the meetings, as Rob was touching on, will take place on the 14th and 15th, and then you'll have the morning of the 16th for your individual constituency or stakeholder group meeting which is really an extension of the intersessional meeting.

All delegates will have breakfast included in their hotel bookings so I believe you will be receiving some breakfast vouchers when you check in and you also be provided with lunch during our break sessions, during the 14th and the 15th.

Once you arrive, you will actually - all delegates will be receiving a welcome package which will touch on some of the information that I just covered

including your voucher, biography document that outlines delegate's names, pictures and - I think I have a picture of it here. Out to show to you.

There you go. They (unintelligible) organizations of them should make it easier for some of the newcomers to identify with the other delegates (who they are)

And you'll also be receiving a map of the conference under just to guide you to where the meetings will take place. The logistics are also covered in the intersessional wiki space which is open.

I'll just post a link on the Adobe Connect room so you can all see it. There, I just posted it now in case you haven't seen it before. So on there you'll be able to see the welcome letter that David Olive (submits) on, again, the venue and the accommodation details and the list of attendees.

And then the remote participation details, once those are finalized, it will also be posted on the Adobe Connect. You will not be able to see them right now because they haven't been posted yet but is in a staff finalizes them, and Maryam and Chantelle will be collaborating with the groups for the setup of this, they'll be posted on there.

So all of your members were not going to be sent to you for this - you've (caught) something that we need to update on the (bio document), thank you. We will be following up with you about that.

And as I was saying, for the remote participation details, all your members will be able to join remotely. They will be sort of in an observation mode so they'll be able to listen in on all the plenary sessions and (they will be) connected to (chat) but they will be on sort of listen only mode.

So they have any comments to make and aren't physically attending the plenary session, you'll be able to use the Adobe Connect function to do that whereas, for the sort of breakout sessions, as Rob was mentioning, you'll be able to have your breakouts set up like your normal monthly or bimonthly meetings. And Chantelle and Maryam will help you court made those.

You also will be receiving in your welcome packets, (invitations) to the two receptions. They're not really invitations. You don't need to have them. It's just to let you know where and when they will take place.

So we've tried to include a welcome package to have everything that you might need for any questions that you might have once you're on-site. It should be answered by the welcome package.

But then once you arrive, if you do have any questions, obviously please feel free to reach out to me, Rob or Ozan will be on-site. Then Maryam and Chantelle will also be able to help you but they won't actually be physically present in Reykjavik.

This was just what I had prepared for the section on the logistics. I didn't want to take up too much of your time. So I'll just pause here to see if you have any specific questions about logistics or anything else that we might have touched on.

The final item on this briefing was just about delegates and roles. I think (Rob), you've covered a lot of that already. I don't know there was anything else that you wanted to touch on before we see if there are any questions.

Robert Hoggarth: I'm happy, Benedetta, for us just to grab the questions as they take place. I see that Juan Manual has asked about facilities for transport from the airport to the hotel, if you can touch on that. Oh, thank you, Renata Anything you want to clarify or expand on that, Benedetta?

Benedetta Rossi: No, I don't have any further information about that. I think Renata just gave a perfect answer, so yes, Uber seems to be the cheapest way.

Robert Hoggarth: I would note that, you know, again, this is more experience from past meetings, particularly, you know, when they've been in Los Angeles are Washington, DC, different people have different routes and travel.

And, you know, the per diems offer some flexibility there. At past meetings, we've had folks rerouted to other airports where they have to take taxis or longer distance transportation.

I don't think that's going to be an issue here simply because there's only, you know, one major airport. Maybe someone is coming from a domestic terminal but I don't think so. So we'll see.

And I think it's generally important, and let me just hop on this quickly, Benedetta, before I forget about it, to recognize and every one of these meetings we have had travel challenges.

There are 50 of you coming to this session, to these several days of meetings and unfortunately statistics bear out that someone is going to have challenges or difficulties.

Please reach out to ICANN constituency travel, but when you do, and if there are any particular FCM emergency numbers or whatever, please CC or somehow also get word to me and Benedetta.

We can then plug in the meeting team and other folks. In addition to Benedetta, me and Ozan and Jamie and David Olive, I've already mentioned they would be there in person, we're also going to be joined by Glen DeSaintgery is going to be providing us with some help and support at the meeting.

And will also have Mia Sio and Josh Balch from the meetings team providing us with support for all the hotel logistics as well as the audiovisual interconnectivity for the Adobe Connect chat rooms and all that stuff.

So we'll have good staff support there to be able to handle things. These meetings, folks are getting there early to get everything set up. It's almost a mini ICANN meeting, just on a smaller scale.

And so we'll have folks already on site if you encounter any difficulties, you need to tell the hotel you're going to be late, or anything like that. I also can't forget to mention this - this is going to be Iceland in the wintertime so please pack accordingly.

The good news is that we've arranged the logistics that basically you can just be in the hotel the whole time. They have a restaurant, and that's where you all want to gather as a group, so you know, for some of your evening get-togethers or things like that.

So please keep that in mind as well. I think the extended forecast, it's going to be right around zero, maybe a couple of degrees above or below, zero degrees C, that is, so it's not going be bitterly cold but it will be chilly.

And so those of you coming from warmer climates, please be prepared. I'm sorry, Benedetta, I didn't want to grab too many other things. You had a couple more things you wanted to chat about.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you, Rob No, I don't have anything else to add. I just wanted to see if anybody else has any specific questions. I see that there's a lot of chat going on in the Adobe Connect chat, but I don't see any specific questions at this stage.

Robert Hoggarth: Okay, we'll capture that and that's also going to be posted for those who weren't able to join this or just want a quick reference. We did have a slide that talks about roles and responsibilities that I wanted to also touch on that briefly with all of you.

Again, we're going to be there. You know, I may do an introduction to folks think that makes sense. We'll do -take care of the other facilitation and logistical responsibilities.

We want to make sure that you all are front and center in terms of the conversations in the discussions. This is your 2-1/2 days of meetings. And as new participants, for those of you who won't have attended these meetings in the past, it really is an opportunity to get more comfortable, not only with knowing your own fellow leaders within your communities, but also connecting with folks from the other departments, ICANN, if you will, you know, from other communities, from other backgrounds and things like that.

And I think, if anyone who's been a part of these meetings over the past notes any degree of success over the long haul, I think it really has been in making some of those personal connections.

You know, you're all going to have issues or differences of opinion with regard to particular policy items are things like that. But to be able to develop some of those working connections, being able to know and engage with folks and then seen them at the upcoming public ICANN meetings, I think is one of the benefits that comes out of these interactions.

And so please take advantage of that whenever you can. Renata, I see that your hand is up. I want to give you a - the floor to ask a question or make a comment. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Rob, Renata here. I have a question concerning logistics. I just wanted to confirm, if logistics for remote participation is in place and if it will be the same we currently have or any other - I'm particularly concerned since we may now have four members participating remotely than before. So I just wanted to confirm that. Thank you.

Robert Hoggarth: Thanks very much for that question. You know, this is also a reflection - my answer reflects sort of the evolution of the meeting in terms of the experience over the last few years.

And that is, you know, the way that it started was, we need to have the leaders, you know, in a quiet, informal setting so they can think and talk and be open and develop thoughts and ideas.

So the general theme has always been that most of the work takes place in person, that the participants who are remote are general observers. So at least

in terms of how most of the sessions have been run, it's not a matter of having engagement sort of directly real-time with folks who are not in the meeting room.

The thought, however, was you know, very important for folks to be open and transparent, to understand what's going on. Not everybody can attend. Different communities have different challenges in terms of interest and the number of people who are plugged into leadership.

You have different philosophies in terms of who needs to be at this meeting versus others. Some of you rotate. So was very important, at any time, for folks to be able to observe and see what's going on.

You know, the remote participation layout is going to be similar to the AC chat room we're having for this Webinar with the addition of a video pod. We're not going to have the bells and whistles of the recent ICANN innovation we've got, you know, the camera that goes directly to the microphone that's activated.

But we will have at least one camera. Josh, I think, was looking to bring two sort of that overall meeting room views so folks can get a flavor, folks can feel a little bit more connected, you know, visually by seeing what's going on.

Now, what you've noted, Renata, is that we've had some additional challenges with this meeting for some of the community leaders. That's, you know, that's happened in the past were folks have had travel difficulties or can't make it.

When it's been managed in the past is the folks making their sessions through the chat room or otherwise directly communicate with their membership through instant messaging and the rest.

Ozan has the assignment of being the RP manager for this series of 2-1/2 days, and so for all of our plenary sessions, he'll be observing that. And those all of you can imagine, this is an ICANN meeting so unless you otherwise impose a ban, you'll have your laptops, you'll have them open and you'll be able to see when folks are making intercessions, if you will, in the chat and contributing to the conversation there.

I'm hopeful that, you know, there is that opportunity for folks to participate and interact from afar. Certainly all the deliberations and everything are going to be posted so that people can see them. I hope that was (responsive)

Great. Anything that I have left out - Benedetta, Ozan, Chantelle and Maryam, or anything from any of you as delegates that we've missed her we should clarify? You know, I've got Greg's item flagged and I'll get right on that.

And otherwise, if you can, please remind your community leadership to share with us, you know, who's been designated from your community as sort of the chairs for each of the sessions. That would be great so that we can be coordinating with all of those folks.

Well, see nothing and hearing nothing else, I would like to thank you all very much for participating. I'm sure there are one or two things we've left out or a question that will occur to write as we disconnect.

So please reach out to us. If we get enough sort of FAQ type things, we will make sure that we're adding them to the wiki space. You'll see - the meeting

planners will see an updated agenda here by the end of the week with names and revised times and things like that.

All of you can see that take place on the wiki as well where we post each draft agenda version. And we will look forward to seeing all of you and just about two weeks in Reykjavík. Safe travels.

We look forward to seeing you all in a less stressed, were relaxed session where you all can have some productive conversations. Thanks so very much for joining and we'll see you in just two short weeks. Thanks. Bye-bye. And Maryam, we can roll up the recording and we'll be all done. Thank you.

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