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Chantelle Doerksen: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening. Welcome to the NCPH Intercessional 2018 Planning Call on September 26, 2017. On today's call we have Barbara Wanner, Farzaneh Badii, Greg Shatan, Ines Hfaiedh, Mary Wong, Raoul Plommer, Tapani Tarvainen, Tony Holmes. On the phone bridge we have Renata Ribeiro and Steve DelBianco. From staff we have myself Chantelle Doerksen, Andrea Glandon, Benedetta Rossi and of course Mary Wong. We have apologies from Vicky Sheckler. I'd like to remind everyone to please state your name before speaking for the transcript. Thank you ever so much and over to you Benedetta.

Benedetta Rossi: Okay. Thank you very much Chantelle and thank you all for joining our second Intersessional Planning call for 2018. I'd just like to review quickly the agenda or proposed agenda for today's call. We'd like to start with just some logistical updates from staff, then go over the delegate list, and then focus on the bulk of the call I guess on kicking off the program planning and then any other business in case anybody else that they'd like to flag.

So from the last call which was in August we've been, Mary and I have been liaising with the various ICANN departments involved with obviously with

planning for this meeting as well as meetings that are going to be taking place around the same time as the intersessional. And so in terms of the logistical update as we discussed in the last call the dates have been confirmed so for again for February 1 and second 2018 in Los Angeles.

And the venue is currently sensitive but it seems like it might be the Doubletree Hotel which I think we've already held one of the intersessional meetings in - at the Doubletree. So in terms of the location it's actually really good since it's very close to the ICANN office. And since there are other meetings taking place at the - around the same time the GNSO Council Strategic Session which is confirmed to be taking place at the beginning of that week in Los Angeles as well.

The meeting itself will be taking place at the ICANN office however councilors are probably going to be staying at the Doubletree. So it'll work out really well if - or the intersessional meeting also takes place and we all stay at the Doubletree Hotel. So the councilors who are attending both meetings won't need to pack up their bags after the first three days and change hotel for the intersessional meeting. The only item that is pending on this is a site visit. But the ICANN meetings team is actually holding tomorrow. So if everything goes well with their inspection we'll be able to confirm the location and obviously we'll keep you updated as soon as we know more information about that.

We've also raised with the guest that we discussed on the last call. So we've invited the NCAs, SO, and the NCPH Board member Matthew Shears. So far Matthew Shears is confirmed to be attending on February 1 because there's also going to be a board of works - and ICANN Board workshop which is tentatively scheduled at the moment to be taking place from the 2 February onwards for a few days which means that it's great news for us but also

potentially bad news in terms of it limits the possibility of board members and senior executives participating on the second day of the intersessional.

But since all of the board and the senior executives are probably going to be in Los Angeles from February 1 they'll be able to attend the first day. So that might impact a little bit the agenda for the intersessional. And we'll probably need to focus on any items that require ICANN senior executives or board members to take place on the first day with more interaction in within the Non-Contracted Parties House members on the second day.

And for that same reason we would like to propose for the cost over section to take place on 1 February to ensure that ICANN senior staff and the board members could also attend. It might be more difficult to sit with them after the second day. Mary is there anything else you'd like to flag regarding logistical update?

Mary Wong: Hi Benedetta and everybody. This is Mary. The only thing I would add is more of a logical follow-up to what you just said which is that for purposes of program planning since we have two days February 1 and second that we use February 1 to ensure that sessions where the group feels that it will be beneficial to have the board members and/or senior executives attend that those should be scheduled for February 1 with perhaps internal house business and such to be scheduled for February 2. Thanks Benedetta.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Mary. And as a follow-up to what Mary just mentioned just like last year we had a couple of board members who expressed their interest in joining and ended up attending the meeting in Reykjavík. They also expressed an interest for this year. So we might have a couple of board members who will be attending the meeting obviously from if that's okay with

the NCPH house obviously. So yes so they would be able to attend on the first.

I'm sorry my Adobe Connect room is frozen at the moment. I'm trying to change slide. There it is. Then just like a quick update on the delegate list. As a reminder it'll be great if we could have the names of travelers submitted to us no later than the 30 October. Again as a reminder it's seven delegates per group, so for the BC, ISPCP, IPC, NCUC, NPOC and NCSG. And it's great news we've managed to have all managed to assemble some of your lists already which is really, really great for planning purposes. And so we already have a full list of delegates from the ISPCP and from the NPOC.

And I know that Chantelle and Maryam are assisting you to compile a partial list at the moment for the IPC and the NCSG. And then we have obviously some elections which are impacting the delegates list for the NCC and the BC. But we've been meeting with ICANN's constituency travel department to make sure that they're in the loop. And they will jump on it as soon as we manage to have the finalized names which are pending election. But in the meantime we'll start compiling the list of delegates to make sure that at least we can move the process forward for the names that we do have to ensure that for planning purposes that we don't have any - we don't encounter any issues especially when it comes to visas.

And (unintelligible) program planning and format the format of the meeting is unchanged. We're still focusing obviously on the two day meeting. What will be really helpful for logistical purposes so they're not actually talking about the agenda itself but just from a logistical standpoint is if you could all start thinking about what kind of breakout session you'd be looking at for the two days just so that we can include that in our booking of the actual hotel.

So I know that in last year during the meeting in Reykjavík there were breakout sessions right at the beginning of the meeting. So my question for you all will be to consider whether you'd like to - if you do require a breakout session during the two days should that be at SG level or at constituency level because obviously if you're looking at breakout sessions at constituency level we'll need more rooms. And we'll need to be able to secure the rooms in case there are any other meetings taking place at the hotel. So the earlier we can have that type of information the better that we can ensure that we have the space available.

Yes. And I think that we've already discussed all the other items that are on this slide. So I won't repeat myself. Mary did you want to add anything regarding ICANN senior staff and the board members? I know you were liaising with their CO office to invite Goran Marby to attend the meeting. Would you like to give a brief update about that?

Mary Wong: Sure. Thanks Benedetta and hi everyone. It's Mary Samaria again. What we've done is we've talked to the executive assistants for Goran as well as for David Olive and put this meeting on their agendas as an event that's taking place where we would particularly welcome their attendance. And certainly we recall that Goran spent I think about an hour with the CSG and an hour with the NCSG the last time although I think it wasn't in person.

The only thing I'll add is that typically the executive team does meet before a board workshop. And so that's the reason why Benedetta and I flagged this this NCPH intersessional as early as we did for Goran and David's staff. So at the moment all I can say is that it is on their calendars. And we will be constantly reminding them to at least have some time on 1 February for this group. If we do have any additional updates we'll be sure to provide them. Thanks Benedetta.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Mary. And I see that Ines made a point on the Adobe Connect room that last year Goran's participation was limited to remote participation. And so obviously this year having - holding the meeting in Los Angeles especially right before a board workshop will probably maximize the opportunity for board members and for senior staff from physical participation in the meeting but again that will be limited to February 1. So yes we hope that it will be in person this time.

I just slide - on the next slide just the agenda topics that were brought forward on the last call. So there were two proposed potential agenda topics at this stage so it was the GNSO organizational review and the board seat 14 process. And then I didn't see any additional topics posted on the NCPH and intersessional mailing list but it will obviously be up to the team to discuss. And I see the Tapani has his hand up. So please Tapani go ahead.

Tapani Tarvainen: Just a minor in addition for the board 14 seat versus might want to discuss the GNSO chair candidate nominating (unintelligible) well right now just realized we don't have a (push) for that. Basically complete, you know, it's the same process but might (unintelligible) addition to that topic basically try to match the process so that it works for both purposes.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Tapani. And I see that Steve DelBianco on the chat is mentioning that in Iceland he also talked about an NCPH budget working group. And that Ed Morris and Jimson Olufuye had presented on it. Is that something that you'd like to continue for this year Steve?

Steve DelBianco: So we should quickly sound out all the folks on this call and then the general mailing list to see whether there is any momentum to revive that idea because I don't really believe we've executed on it since the February meeting in

Reykjavík. If we could see if there's renewed interest and if there is we could put it back on the agenda and see if we can attack it this year. Thank you.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Steve. I see that Farzaneh is typing. Does anybody else have any feedback regarding the NCPH budget working group? Is this something that might be interesting to revive as Steve mentioned otherwise I'm sure that we can take it on the mailing list as well. So Farzaneh please go ahead.

Farzaneh Badii: Hi. Farzaneh Badii. I agree we can revive (unintelligible). I have a general comment it seems like in one of these the discussions I would do in carry (our team) the intersessional doesn't get implemented or further developed and we don't follow-up on things either to say okay we're not going to continue this or try to implement. For example there is a lot of procedural issues that we are facing at the NCPH that we need to discuss at the intersessional come out (unintelligible) And have a group to actually develop procedures for (unintelligible). So I think we need to have an agenda item in our intersessional on implementation of recommendations that and discussions at the (unintelligible).

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you Farzaneh. I think your voice was sounding really distant. So I'm not sure. I think the operator is trying to see what they can do about the AC line. But it was - I'm sorry your comments weren't very clear. I don't know if you can try and speak closer to the microphone you sounded very distant.

Farzaneh Badii: I feel that non-speech I make you tell me that (unintelligible). So I just said that - you can hear me now?

Benedetta Rossi: Yes.

Farzaneh Badii: I just said that we need implementation plan at the NCPH at the intersessional because actually we repeatedly go to these meetings and then we come out and forget about what we need to concentrate on, focus on, develop. I don't know if you can hear me. That's what I wanted to say. That's it.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Farzaneh. Yes we could hear you now. Greg, please go ahead.

Greg Shatan: Thanks. It's Greg Shatan for the record. You know, I agree with Farzaneh. The, you know, these meetings kind of come up like a mirage in the desert and then they disappear. There needs to be more continuity planning between the meetings about what we're trying to accomplish. You know, perhaps this reflects the to some extent the artificiality of the Non-Contracted Parties House kind of like the world's longest blind date.

But nonetheless we are still on this date. And we need to make the best of it I think and look for the ways that we can, you know, work together and the ways that we need to work together such as board seat 14. And so I think that, you know, rather than viewing these as intersessional meetings they need to be viewed as something along the thread of the groups work otherwise they're even if they don't feel like wastes of time at the time they feel like we're about to get something done maybe we do get something done if that can be done in a couple of days. Over time it evaporates like that mirage and all we're left with is sand which is nice if you're looking for sand but I don't think we are. Thanks.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Greg. Now Ines please go ahead.

((Crosstalk))

Benedetta Rossi: Yes. We can hear you now.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay. And so just joining also on Greg's and Farzaneh's suggestion this is where I noticed because the last NCPH meeting was my - ever and I've noted that we had very fruitful discussions. And it was really nice to meet face to face and to see what actually unites us in terms of ideas and stuff. But I did agree that we need some follow-up procedure and some process to follow-up on those suggestions that we make at those meetings. So I would suggest some cross NCPH constituencies or post meeting mailing list where we could give some updates and see what we have done and what you have in our to do list. So thank you very much.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Ines. And obviously we have the NCPH Intersessional mailing list. So that's something obviously that can be used following the meeting to follow-up on any action item that stems up from the meeting. Okay Greg is that a new hand or is that an old hand? It was an old hand. Thank you very much.

While we wait for anybody else to chime in on potential topics I realized I didn't pause to ask if anybody had any questions about any of the logistical updates. So if you did have any questions please let me know. And otherwise an item that would be great if we could settle on today would be the breakout rooms just so we can proceed with the reservation of the hotel. So if anybody has any ideas on whether you'd like to break out on the first or second day however you decide to do it if you'll need just two rooms breaking out at the G level Stakeholder Group level or if you think that it will be more productive to break out at constituency level then we'll need additional rooms. So it'd really great if we could finalize that today if possible or at least as soon as possible.

Great. I see that Ines is suggesting a break up in the second day and Steve is recommending two rooms available on both days. Steve please go ahead if your hand is up.

Steve DelBianco: Thank you. You just never know when you're going to need to caucus as CSG and NCSG. And it can't be that much more expensive to simply have two side rooms. Actually only need one side room if NCPH splits into two we only need one side room but it would need to be available both days since you can't predict ahead of time I think at this early stage when a breakout might be needed. And then I have a - thank you Greg. Greg's agreeing. And then it - it's two rooms total including the main room we're in. And we only need one side room in order to accommodate an entire house.

And then separately I suggested I went back and looked at the 2017 agenda trying to figure out whether there were things left undone or things that we started that should be continued. One of those topics we discussed earlier was the idea of a budget working group who looks at the financial decisions that are presented to the empowered community. And the second is the new gTLD the next or subsequent rounds of new gTLDs. I obviously would benefit from hearing the noncommercial stakeholders group expressing their aspirations and concerns for the various working groups that are underway and will still be underway in February of 2018. So I think that having that as an agenda item could be helpful. And thank you to staff for putting up the topic agenda from Reykjavik.

If you scroll down you get to see some of the more substantive parts of it. Also recall that while in Reykjavik the side rooms for breakouts were available on both days and we used them many, many times. And I think that gets to the utility of having them available both days. Thank you.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Steve. And yes I mean we're already looking to book the total amount of rooms obviously for the alliteration of the meeting. And the only question was just whether you were planning on breaking out at a stakeholder group level or at a constituency level just for the number of rooms. And then they would be reserved for the alliteration of the meeting since obviously we wouldn't be able to finalize the exact agenda for the first one or two days prior to the required dates for us to book the hotel. So yes we will have the total rooms for both days.

So Steve is flagging that he'd like a room for Stakeholder Group - a Stakeholder Group level rather than for each constituency. So that would mean a total of two rooms if everybody else agrees as well.

Okay thank you very much. Unless anybody else - okay I see that Ines is flagging that constituencies are going to meet in private as well. But the only comment from a staff perspective due to the other meetings taking place especially for the counselors since they'll be meeting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and then the intersessional will take place on the Thursday and Friday we won't actually have the flexibility of the additional sort of bonus half day that we had in previous intersessional meetings which wasn't actually part of the intersessional meeting. It was just trying to take advantage of the fact that seven delegates from each group were in the same location. So as - because of the council session it'll prove challenging to have that additional time. So if you need to meet at constituency level and we'll have to try and figure out how to fit that into the two day intersessional meeting.

Okay so that's great. I see that there is consensus about not requiring any kind of extra time beyond the two days so that's helpful. I see that there's a lot of typing in the chat. And just waiting for (unintelligible) to finish to respond. Mary please go ahead.

Mary Wong: Thanks Benedetta and yes I don't want to barge in on the discussion that's going on in chat about the rooms and the meetings. But just to repeat what I said earlier in the chat for that point that if we do have two big rooms for two days or biggish rooms then hopefully some kind of arrangements can be worked out amongst the constituencies. I recall I think it was the Doubletree that there's seating areas available around the meeting room areas as well so that, you know, small breakout groups could also made in those on an informal or casual basis if necessary. My question was actually on a different point Benedetta so I don't know if it'd be appropriate to just pause for a sec or if I should just plow ahead?

Benedetta Rossi: Please go ahead Mary.

Mary Wong: Okay thank you. And thanks for the agreement Tapani in chat Chad. So my question was to the group since we've gotten most of you on the call today and as I noted earlier we've indicated to Goran's and David Olive's executive assistance, excuse me, the duration of this meeting but we do take note that last year for example Jamie Hedlund was able to join the group for part of the time. So my question is whether at this point does anyone on the call - are there other senior executives that you would like to meet so that we can also bring this meeting to their attention and hopefully on the schedules as well?

Chantelle Doerksen: Hi everyone. This is Chantelle. One moment. Benedetta's line was disconnected and we'll be dialing her as soon as possible.

Mary Wong: And hi everyone. This is Mary, just confirming what Chantelle said that we did lose Benedetta and we realized that rather belatedly so apologies for the slight silence. I'm told that audio is actually fine so we're just trying to get Benedetta back. But in the meantime it does look like we have agreement on

the rooms. Renata did ask the question of me about asking Jamie. And I suppose, you know, we don't need definitive answers from folks about anything other than the rooms that you need today. We're just trying to throw some ideas out there in terms of taking the discussion and the planning forward. So certainly you can get back to us after consulting your respective constituencies and groups about what other topics you might like on the agenda, what other folks you might like to meet from the senior executive team and so forth. Steve I see that your hand is up. I think we're still waiting for Benedetta to come back online so please go ahead.

Steve DelBianco: Thanks Mary. As far as topics so I suggested two. One is the tentative topic on whether to renew the Noncontract Party House Budget Working Group which is about reviewing ICANN's proposed budgets with our power and the empowered community. That's tentative. The second was the proposal to add an assessment of their next round of new gTLDs and all of the parallel working group tracks toward that end. And the third would be a discussion in February 2018, a very timely discussion on reconciling who is with GDTR. Put that up as a third topic. Thank you.

Mary Wong: Thanks very much Steve. I see that we now have Benedetta back so I'll turn that control of the meeting - well not control but the running of the meeting to her. And as noted your suggestions have been captured by Chantelle in the notes. So if folks have other suggestions please feel free to raise them either, orally today or in chat or on the mailing list. And obviously we hope that having the program from last year can not only help jog memories but might allow you to propose whether as new topics or follow-ups bearing in mind what Farzaneh said earlier about having continuity and implementation. I see in chat that Chantelle you flag to the possibility of a 2019 GNSO review. And Farzaneh you've suggested that the GAC might be one topic. And that's been suggested - sorry, supported by Renata. I wonder if either of you want to

provide a bit more context or specificity about that topic? Farzaneh please go ahead.

Farzaneh Badii: Thank you yes. I'd like to talk about GAC overreach and how we can overcome. I have seen this over the past couple of years that GAC likes to meddle with our affairs by giving advice on generous names which is not - and I find that as GAC overreach. And I'd like to see a more highlighted role for the GNSO GAC liaison, a more active role perhaps so that we hear reports. So that's what I would like to talk about. We can soften the typos. That doesn't have to be about GAC but I'd like to generally talk about how that (unintelligible) over (unintelligible) besides something that we should be able to decide.

Mary Wong: Great. Thank you very much Farzaneh. And I see that your topic was captured on the notes as well. And I see that Tapani's also noting about the GDPR without CPH and to see if the NCPH has a common viewpoint there, just noting what was captured in the chat. Steve is that a new hand or old hand?

Steve DelBianco: Sorry old hand. My bad.

Benedetta Rossi: No problem. And if that's helpful in preparation for the next planning call we can start filling in a sort of a similar template from the previous intersessional meeting. So I'm just penciling in some of these topics so at least you can start populating the agenda as we go along. And it might be helpful for planning purposes.

And then something else for you all to consider is if you want to continue having session coaches from each stakeholder group from each topic. Steve I see your hand is up. Please go ahead.

Steve DelBianco: Yes the session co-chairs worked really well. They were appointed ahead of time and it forced us to work together to come up with a handful of slides and structure for a topic. Definitely think that makes for a better discussion, a far better discussion than simply teeing something up and asking people's opinions. So the second issue is in Johannesburg on the day before the ICANN meeting I attended a NCS NCUC session at a university that was intended to I think brief people that were vaguely interested in getting involved in ICANN. And they actually enjoyed the discussion very much and identified a lot of shared priorities between the commercial and noncommercial side of the NCPH. And that is a shared priority to make ICANN something that others can comprehend and they can appreciate why it might make sense to get involved.

This doesn't deserve a significant part of our agenda but it would. And (Farzi) was there. Tapani you were there as well. I actually think that it went interestingly enough that we could schedule even a 20-minute session when we're together in Los Angeles to talk about outreach and recruiting for the NCPH. And it might even be shared best practices between the commercial and noncommercial side. Any reaction to that?

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Steve. And I see that your - that Renata and Tapani are supporting that on the chat as well Tapani and Ines as well. Great so we can add the outreach best practices to the potential list of topics for the agenda. And Renata in the chat as noting that it'd be good to anticipate some of the discussion, maybe a survey on practices. Otherwise it's quite a wide topic. Just I'm saying out loud for the record.

And on that note I mean we're only in September and the meeting is going to be scheduled for at least for February. So depending on how long it's going to take to polish the agenda topics and finalize them so you're all on the same

page there might actually be enough time for you to be able to focus some of the final calls at least on some preparatory work potentially with - once you also finalized on the list of delegates. I'm just flagging though obviously not to push you to do something you don't want to do but just remembering on some of the comments from previous attendees red flagged in previous meetings where they hadn't - they weren't looped in enough ahead of time in terms of planning for the actual meeting. So that might be something since we do have additional time this year on the time planning (participant) earlier. That might be something for you all to consider and maybe opening up the calls to the full delegate list or at least some - at least the session co-chairs once they're selected. That might be useful for you all to consider. Renata I see your hand is up. Please go ahead.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Hi. Can you hear me?

Benedetta Rossi: Yes.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Renata here. Yes I would just note about the discussions on the topics. Since we have also session co-chairs perhaps these co-chairs can anticipate some kind of a survey on the topics or a quick way for us to exchange information via email on material that could be useful for each topic. I think this would guide us more on the discussion, for instance the discussion on outreach. On last intersessional I thought we went sort of on a cathartic discussion instead of a more focused approach. So again this is just a suggestion that if the co-chairs have their support - have the support also of the other members they can prepare more for the sessions. Thanks. That would be the point.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much Renata. Steve is also agreeing with Renata's point about the session co-chairs connecting before the meeting to agree on topics

points and slides. That was also something that was offered last year as well for - and staff actually coordinated scheduling calls between the session co-chairs. So that's obviously something that we can support this year as well. Does anybody else have any additional comments on potential - or suggestions on potential topics?

Otherwise as a take away from this meeting staff will work on a first sort of rough draft of the agenda and circulate on the mailing list. And then unless you think it's necessary we could reconvene after ICANN 60 unless you think that it would be helpful to have a meeting before ICANN 60. Okay well I see no comments so far about the next call which is totally fine. We'll circulate the draft on the mailing list and we can finalize them in time for the next call via the mailing list. And obviously we could use the mailing lists and staff will keep track of any information that is shared on there in case there's any additional suggestions or any comments about potential agenda topics or logistics. And we'll update the agenda as we go along.

And yes so for the next call there seems to be consensus about it being after ICANN 60 around mid-November timeframe. Okay perfect. With that I think we can actually close the call early unless anybody else has anything additional they'd like to add before we close the call. Otherwise thank you all ever so much for joining and for coming up with all of these very productive agenda topics. I see that Ines has her hand up so I'll turn it over to you Ines before we close. Thank you.

Ines Hfaiedh: I just wanted to suggest something. So for after our mid-November call when we agree on some list of topics I would just suggest that the constituencies go back to their members to have their opinion on those topics. So that's at the NCPH meeting. We would really hear the views of the members rather than

some of those leadership or some of the participants in person who are there attending in person. Thank you.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much. Perfect. Well thank you all ever so much for joining and we look forward to any additional feedback on the mailing list and to seeing all of you at ICANN 60.

Mary Wong: Thank you Benedetta. Thank you everybody for joining. Talk to you soon.

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