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CROSS COMMUNITY TOPIC PROPOSALS

1	Case Study: SSR2
Background/ Importance	Given the confusion surrounding the Board decision to suspend the SSR2 team and the subsequent hand off to the SO/AC Leaders to resolve, we believe that it would be beneficial for the community as a whole to discuss the events/processes that lead to the suspension of the SSR2 and the process engaged by the SO/AC Leaders to resolve the matter.
Goals/Expected Outcomes	Develop a community-wide common understanding of events with a view to mitigating against similar events happening in the future.
Proposed Format	This would be a moderated session and is intended to have representatives from all of the players, with the exception of the SSR2 members. The session is not intended to discuss personalities, but rather have an open and frank discussion about what transpired from a process perspective in order to reach a common agreement on what could have been done better and how to ensure that we don't run into this situation again. • What happened—scene setting, context • What were the challenges, consequences • What could be improved
Other Comments	This session idea is being socialized with the CSG and the NCSG with the hope that this will be a GNSO proposed session.
Proposer	Contracted Parties House, GNSO
Entered by	Donna Austin

2	Open Data at ICANN: Developing Avenues Forward for Transparency
Background/ Importance	As ICANN moves to revamp its website and upgrade its open data offerings, it is important to consider the perspectives of both commercial and non-commercial stakeholders in determining a strategy for prioritization of its information delivery resources. ICANN's stakeholder groups have widely divergent interests and needs, and it is important to establish a robust dialogue around expectations, interests and capabilities to inform ICANN's avenue forward.
Goals/Expected Outcomes	This session aims to inform the community about ICANN's ongoing efforts to improve transparency and open data, while soliciting their feedback about current approaches and how they would like to see the system evolve.

Proposed Format	The session will begin with an introduction to open data by transparency experts, followed by a presentation by ICANN staff (possibly Duncan Burns, Mark Segall, or Jana Mila Juginovic) to bring the community up to speed on what ICANN has been doing and the road ahead. From there, the session will push into an open dialogue, where participants will be invited to comment on ICANN's initiatives, on the areas of the website they would like to see improved, or on areas of transparency that they would like to see prioritized going forward.
Other Comments	Preference for this session to be held earlier during the meeting.
Proposer	GNSO, Co-Organized by LACRALO
Entered by	Michael Karanicolas, NCUC

3	To Whom Geonames Belong to? The Trajectories of dot-Patagonia, dot-Africa and dot-Amazon
Background/ Importance	The top-level domains of geographic names like www.reserva.amazon or www.watches.swiss have been the subject of much discussion on internet governance. When it comes to .Amazon domain, there are various topics such as climate change, technology and sustainability, intellectual property and future of the internet. There are so many interim concerns that the resolution processes on the future of these domain names have been studied by working groups, by independent reviews, and even by the board of ICANN, the organization that oversees domain names around the world. Before dot-Amazon, other trajectories were equally difficult, or even more, like in the cases of dot-Patagonia and dot-Africa. This session will bring content for discussion from the points of view of all stakeholders and most of the organizations involved in the definition of these geographical names. Civil society within ICANN that studies issues related to non-commercial domain names is the proponent of this workshop and will thoroughly investigate the commercialization of geographical names in their pros and cons. The participants of this session have worked on topics of technology and sustainability and will act as moderators inviting the participants of the event to bring their opinion. Through the aquarium format, where participants can jump in and out of the discussion, various views of this topic will be collected in order to formulate a coherent proposal of stakeholders for the future of this debate. This session is relevant as the world is taking positions in the debate on the future of .Amazon through its official government representatives at ICANN. On the other hand, the regional governments of the North and Northeast regions of Brazil are not yet informed of the scope of this debate. There is also a lack of information from the technical and scientific community about the nature of geographical domain names and their significance in a changing technological context. On the other hand, civil society has been a participant with information and positions on this debate. While a manifesto in the Bestbits community presented voices from the Amazon region and their

Goals/Expected Outcomes	The intended results are the awareness of the public, participants from neighboring countries and even those who follow Internet policy around the world, of how the geographical domain names are originated and how their use is decided. The case .Amazon will be an example of the complexity levels for the definition of use of geographical domain names and the ways to collaborate with the regulation of these internet addresses. At the time of this session, many geographical names from around the world are still being discussed such as in WT5 and regulated as internet domains and this vision of the future will be key to shedding light on the subject. With the collaboration of speakers from various sectors, it will be possible to create documentation of the various views on this subject that can reverse or even guide future decisions.
Proposed Format	The format will be fishbowl (aquarium), so the participants of the session will be able to make their intervention according to the agenda of the workshop, which will be explained in the beginning. The audience, then, will be invited to speak. In this format, everyone can be a speaker.
Other Comments	This is a preliminary version of this proposal as it was submitted for IGF Brazil and will be adapted and reviewed by the members NCUC and any community member interested in joining as this an open format session.
Proposer	GNSO
Entered by	Renata Aquino Ribeiro - NCUC

4	WHOIS Models That Could Meet the GDPR
Background/ Importance	This would follow-up Cross-Community Sessions held at ICANN 59 and ICANN 60, which explored the implications of the GDPR on ICANN's WHOIS database policies and related contractual obligations. As per ICANN's approach announced on 2 November -- https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/contractual-compliance-statement-2017-11-02-en -- this Cross Community session would enable discussion of stakeholder models developed during the intervening four months aimed at ensuring GDPR compliance while also upholding ICANN contractual obligations.
Goals/Expected Outcomes	To realize greater clarity about possible models that would achieve the dual objections of GDPR adherence and WHOIS contractual complication.
Proposed Format	Panel discussion, composed of legal experts on the EU GDPR, ICANN staff, and representatives of stakeholder groups.
Other Comments	This is being proposed by the GNSO Business Constituency.
Proposer	GNSO
Entered by	Steve DelBianco