
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Thank you for joining the ICANN 61 Global Indigenous Ambassador prep call on Thursday March 1st, 2018 at 21:00 UTC. For the participants today we have: Geoffrey Blackwell, Lilian Ivette De Luque Bruges, and Chyloe Healy.

From staff we have Heidi Ullrich, Siranush Vardanyan, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, doing call management. I would like to remind everyone to please state your name when speaking for transcription purposes, and with that I turn it over to you, Jeffrey, thank you.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL:

Well I want to say thank you to everybody who's involved on the call. It is quite an honor to be involved again in the Global Indigenous Ambassador's Program and this is really the realization of a vision that started long ago by Indigenous representatives who went with us too in 2005 and Tunisia and I know also a long road that has led to much activity over the past couple years in the creation of the global indigenous program in the ALAC and we really appreciate that ICANN, even in the midst of current budget concerns has continued to commit to the program.

I want to make sure that we get an opportunity, I want to introduce to the group a couple of new, the two new Global Indigenous Ambassadors; Chyloe Healy is a member of the Cree Nation of Canada, and is a data analyst at the Alberta First Nations Governance Center. Lilian, and Lilian you must forgive me that I have not completely—I can

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pronounce your last name in French, but I am aware that there may be other ways of pronouncing it.

Lilian is an advocate for Indigenous people from Columbia and comes from an experience much similar to that of the tribes in North America, and she has also been very active in her region in internet governance and internet opportunities for her people, the—forgive me if I’m not pronouncing this correctly—the Wayyu People of Columbia. She is a social community communicator and a journalist in the city of Bogotá, so if I may give these ladies, these distinguished ladies an opportunity to say a little bit about themselves, but after we finish with the introductions others on the phone, Heidi I would send it back to you for whomever else is on the call with us.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you very much. My name is Heidi Ulrich. I had the honor of leading a fantastic team of the at-large support team. And all on the call today are just a few of the people that you will be meeting and hopefully able to work with in anything that you might need in Puerto Rico, we have Gisella Gruber, who has been with ICANN for the same length as I have been; 9 years, over 9 years. She is the manager for the support and system error code worker in terms of anything to do with logistics, in fact anything. I just consider her an amazing person, and amazing source of help.

And we also have Claudia Ruiz, who is also working on support and fortunately has the bilingual ability in Spanish, so she will be able to interpret on today’s call. And then we also have Andrea, who has just

started. She will also be in Puerto Rico, and she's also doing support. Her background, her amazing background, I'm not sure Geoff, would you like them just to say hello? Or just in the interest of time just to have introductions to the Ambassadors?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh I think it is probably appropriate that the Ambassadors know where everyone is from, because this is quite an international team, and I want to tell Chyloe and Lilian just for a brief moment, Heidi, Gisella, do we also have Siranush on the line? I thought I heard her as well.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, I am here Geoffrey.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Chyloe and Lilian, this team is a really top-notch, this is a team that fires on every cylinder, this is a team that is very professional and very helpful. They made me feel very welcome and helped me at every turn with every manner of question that I had so while we have an agenda today that is aimed at very specific things to prepare for ICANN 61 in Puerto Rico, I want to make sure that when it comes to getting to know Heidi and Gisella, Siranush, Claudia and Angela that you, you know you really have a large support team behind you and wanting to help you in this. So I think Heidi that it might be great for them, for Chyloe and Lilian to hear—I think Heidi, you're in Canada?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, I'm in Southern—yes, so I'm actually in Southern California, however I just want to make sure that Lilian is hearing us. I hope that doesn't change your opinion of me Geoffrey.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: No, not at all. You know what? I think the last time we spoke you might have been in Canada, sorry about that.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perhaps. We're just working, because Lilian is not on the audio so I just want to make sure that we have her that she can listen to this, so Claudia can you please give us an update on Lilian's ability to listen?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yeah, she can hear us but she hung up the line because it's all in English, but she says she can hear it and she will type, her English is; she can read and write it perfectly.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so again Lilian, please let us know if you would like Claudia to do some interpretation; we do this very frequently, it's totally okay. And I know that there are some issues that you have that need interpretation or need to be clear on. Okay, so let's, Geoffrey, would you like to continue with staff, letting us know, letting everyone know where we're based?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Well, just a little bit more I guess. We have a couple minutes here and then we can move quickly on to the other—

HEIDI ULLRICH: Gisella, would you like—thank you Geoffrey, Gisella would you like to start? Gisella you're on mute if you're trying to speak. Gisella? Okay, let's move on to Claudia then, and you can say this in Spanish. She lives in Southern California, but Claudia do you want to just introduce yourself in Spanish a little bit?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I am from Los Angeles, I was born here but my parents are from Mexico, and I've been with ICANN for approximately 7/8 months now.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perfect, thank you. Gisella, do we have you? Okay...Gisella is based in Bath, in the UK, but she has a very global background; she is South African, of Austrian and South African descent, grew up in France and speaks 6, yes 6, languages; a very global person. And Andrea, would you like to introduce yourself?

ANDREA GLANDON: Hi, my name is Andrea Glandon, I'm actually a remote worker and I am based out of Davenport Iowa, so right in the middle of the United States. I have been with ICANN since September and we're filling in for another support person while she was on maternity leave, but I do have as Heidi suggested, and extensive background. I worked for 16 years

with Verizon conferencing, so worked with many people throughout the world with conference calling. And I also just before coming to ICANN I worked and supported a group of customer service representatives who worked with medical insurance.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, thank you so much. That's us, Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Siranush?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, sir, and my name is Siranush and I am working from Armenia remotely. This is a country in Post-Soviet territory, so you may hear about this country. And I am managing the Fellowship Program in ICANN.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Well Heidi, Siranush, Gisella, Angela, Claudia, thank you very much. I think we ought to move quickly to the purpose of this call; the purpose is really to cover three separate things; logistical issues in preparing for going to Puerto Rico, the global Indigenous Ambassador Activities and ICANN 61, and then we want to make sure that we are all up to date on the status of all of the information that we want to make sure and share with ICANN so that we can properly introduce the Global Indigenous Ambassadors to the ICANN community and to the different structures

of ICANN, and then also do appropriate announcements and have a work space that is complete and up to date.

So I think the first thing, going back up the list on the agenda is logistical issues; I know that there is an effort to co-locate the program at the La Concha Hotel, and I think there is another issue associated; Lilian has a couple of different issues associated with her travel. I believe that she is interacted, but I just want to make sure that everybody has an update for an update on the hotel. I believe in the most recent interactions Chyloe and I are at the La Concha; are we able to have Lilian at the La Concha as well?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

This is Heidi, Lilian I saw your note that you are in the Marriott, I will again follow up with our hotel support on moving you there. It is all, it's really important that you're at least all together. Now, Siranush, where are the Fellows, are the also in the La Concha, or where are they?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, all of us will be staying at La Concha.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you, this is Heidi again, and I do think that that's very important that we're all together, so I'll stress that Lilian; it's pretty key that you're in that La Concha hotel. Do you want to interpret that quickly, just very briefly, Claudia.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Oh, so now I see that Chyloe is also at the Marriott.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh, I apologize; I must have gotten that wrong Chyloe, are you at the Marriott as well? Did you get a Marriott confirmation?

CHYLOE HEALY: Yeah, I got an e-mail that said I was at the AC Hotel By Marriott.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so Lilian I see that you're saying that it might be easier to move Geoffrey to the Marriott, but perhaps better way to do it is to move you and Chyloe to the La Concha, and that's because all the Fellows are at the La Concha, and you're going to be very involved with the Fellows, so it would just be a lot more convenient and it would I think benefit all of you if you were at the La Concha. Do you want to interpret that Claudia, just the main points there?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so what my action is that I will again get this as soon as I can to move this forward so you can get you moved, so it would be Chyloe and Lilian moving to the La Concha so you're with Geoffrey and with the Fellows, so again I will escalate this to hopefully get that accomplished. Claudia?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Heidi, I think we're all in agreement; my experience as a newcomer to ICANN was—it was essential to be around the Fellowship program and the other Fellows, there's so much interaction that occurs and in such the international mix of those who are learning together, so I'm sure that it's just a matter of availability and we do appreciate all of the follow-up, so thank you.

Are there other logistical issues that we need to cover? I know that Lilian has a particular concern about a credit card need, Claudia, could you interpret? I do believe that one of the logistical issues that is a large concern of Lilian's is if there is a credit card that is required to be able to stay in the hotel?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: She's typing, "Yes."

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Yes, the other issue that I think might be related to that is the availability of per diem.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so we're talking about two issues; so I believe we can move to Siranush. Siranush, could you respond and Claudia, and again this is just the issue about the credit card check-in at the moment, so Siranush and then perhaps Claudia can interpret.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So I have taken care of the credit card; the Fellows who are facing this issue in La Concha Hotel. So if you maybe will be able to change their hotel and put the two ladies in La Concha together with Fellows, then just I need the confirmation that Lilian is there and I will add her name in the contract with already signed with the hotel, so I will just forward her name as an additional name, and she will have no issues with checking in. So there will be no need to show any deposit there. But I am not sure for Marriott because I do not work with Marriott hotel; I only work with La Concha.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: This is Geoffrey; it sounds like that issue will be solved at the same time as the hotel issue.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So in case the hotel issue will not be solved so the ladies will be staying in Marriott, I think it will be easier just on the time of their check in, someone, either me, or Gisella will come to the Marriott hotel and put our credit card as a guarantee for their deposit, this is the only way I can think of now. Just on the time of the check in.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So Siranush, part of the concern is that their arrival and I think, please Chyloe, correct me if I'm wrong; this isn't an issue for you, correct?

CHYLOE HEALY: Nope, no issue here for me with the credit card.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Great. So the issue for the timing of the check in is a concern that Lilian had as well; that Lilian will be arriving very late on the evening, in the night on Friday.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: So we can say that Gisella is saying that we have Lilian's arrival at 17:51, 5:51, so that's not terribly late so it's only about 20 minutes from the airport to any of the hotels approximately so she should be there between a very reasonable time.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh, okay, great.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Geoffrey, just a quick question, this is Siranush, is Marriott near the venue or it's near the La Concha? I just don't know about Marriott, I got through the La Concha information because this is where Fellows are staying but I have no idea about there. So is close to La Concha, what I can do, I am coming there on 8, so I am thinking to La Concha at 8, I will be staying at that hotel as well. I can walk to Marriott and meet the reception there, provide Lilian's name and provide my credit card and secure the check-in, if that may solve the issue I can help with that. So we will find a solution anyway.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, this is Heidi again, and I'm going to escalate this to a senior VP so we can sort this out so we can hopefully move Chyloe and Lilian to the La Concha, it just makes much more sense all around to do that. Okay, so hopefully we've sorted those issues. And again, in the case of the per diem I will again contact the CFO just to put an exception on that.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So Heidi, this is Siranush here, relating to side point for Fellows; there are some who are taking issues with their banking stuff, so in that case if you send a note to Jordyn, he may be able to do the per diem on site for Lilian, this is how we solved the issue for some of the Fellows related to those type of thing. This is something we can—but we need to know beforehand because we need to bring the needed amount of cash with him.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, okay. I'm going to CC you into my note to Xavier, so you can confirm that it works, etcetera.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You can send it directly to Geoffrey, I think he may contact them, check with finance team and confirm, but yeah.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, I've been to him and he said he can't make that decision and I sent a couple of messages to the CFO already but I kind of think we're all—so I'll just keep bothering them and get that sorted.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Noted, apologies, so do whatever you think is the best way to do it.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay Geoffrey, so I think that we have a plan, plans, to sort some of these issues out and again, apologies for the delay in getting you some definitive answers. On that I know that it is stressful. Okay, Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So this is Geoffrey, I can appreciate; I think we all can appreciate how busy things are. So thank you very much, it sounds like there are multiple potential solutions and Lilian's needs are going to be addressed as best they can. So no need for an apology; we all know that getting close to an ICANN; things become incredibly busy, and all of this is just the business of bringing people together from around the world. So are there other logistical issues that we need to address? Lilian or Chyloe?

CHYLOE HEALY: I'm okay with everything right now.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Very good. I think, you know, Claudia; I think Lilian is good, I see a thank you on the text line but could you just give a quick interpretation of what I just said, just that it sounds like there are good solutions and is there anything else that she's concerned about?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can I report that information related to WhatsApp group? This is Siranush, related to WhatsApp group; Lilian is asking in the chat that you are not in any WhatsApp group. Just to let you know that Fellows themselves created their own WhatsApp group; I am not there, but I now they have this group and they are communicating actually so Geoffrey, could you contact one of the coaches and you are in [inaudible] group. One of the coaches has the link to that WhatsApp group. We created that WhatsApp group and sent to Lilian and Chyloe to be added to that group if that helps.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: I will do that, I appreciate the guidance. I will get on the coaches Skype and ask and we'll follow up. I have had troubles with the WhatsApp myself here, and I've asked, just as background I've asked my IT team to help me with my mobile device, we think that there might be some setting that is internal to our company that conflicts with WhatsApp, which doesn't make sense to me but it will be solved.

But I will, I appreciate; Lilian, we had a discussion, Lilian, Chyloe and I about how to communicate and we discussed Skype, WhatsApp and Signal, and Chyloe and I are able to use Signal but Lilian is not able to and it seems that I'm having internal troubles with WhatsApp for some unexplained reason. But I will figure that out on the coaches, thank you for the guidance.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Geoffrey, did you want Claudia to give a brief interpretation of that?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Hello?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, this is Heidi, Geoffrey would you like Claudia to just briefly give the main gist of what you just said?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Yes I would; I apologize, I'm actually having a little bit of connectivity challenge right now and I'm going to try a little trick here to make sure that I'm still on. Can you hear me now?

HEIDIE GRUBER: Yes, we can.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Okay, great. Yes, Claudia, please feel free to interpret at any point and tell me her thoughts if you need me to.

Very good, any other logistical issues then?

Well then, Heidi; I think hearing nothing I think we need to move forward in our agenda. I wanted to give—as we, the major purpose of the call were questions that have come from questions from Chyloe and Lilian about the agenda and I wanted to give them an opportunity to

speak about their interests in coming to ICANN 61, and then we can walk them through the Ambassador activities at ICANN 61. Claudia?

CLAUDIA RIUZ: Can you repeat the last part again? Sorry.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Moving to the next item on the agenda; the activities and schedule for ICANN 61, I wanted to give our new Ambassador's an opportunity to speak about their interests in applying to the Ambassadorship and coming to ICANN, and then have the staff here a little bit from them, and then we can walk them through the Ambassador activities for ICANN61.

[INTERPRETATION]

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So with that, I want to—I guess with that, Chyloe, I would turn it over to you to tell us a little bit about your interest in applying to the Ambassadorship and what you want to try to get out of ICANN 61. We know that you're an analyst, so you're up.

CHYLOE HEALY: Hi everybody; my name is Chyloe Healy. I'm Blackfoot from Southern Alberta, not Cree as Geoff had said.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh, I'm sorry!

CHYLOE HEALY: No worries. And I applied for the mentorship for the Ambassador program just because I was interested in internet connectivity. Within the First Nations community there seems to be slower bandwidth, or even the remote communities have very little connectivity. As well, I've always been interested in the intellectual property piece. Just historically, First Nation's people have been out of the, I guess, conversation or have been interpreted on behalf, so just being at the table now about intellectual property has always been something I've been working for.

And then, just as an analyst, I work for the Alberta First Nation Information Governance Center, so it's definitely just learning the relationships between Federal, Provincial, and Tribal Governments that we help to try to make an ethical space for information exchange.

So just going to the newcomer; ICANN Learn, there was a lot to take in but it was very helpful, so the things that I'm kind of interested in at ICANN would be the internet service providers and connectivity, providers constituency, the intellectual property constituency, and then I really like Bill Jake's video so I was looking at the non-commercial users constituency as well. And then of course just with my work; the Governmental Advisory Committee, so those are just the kind of the key things that I've learned so far.

[INTERPRETATION]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: That's all I could remember, sorry.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think the NCSG, did you mention that? This is Heidi.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Is that ISD?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, intellectual property, and then also NCSG; which is the Non-Commercial Stakeholders group.

[INTERPRETATION]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Okay, she's typing in the chat about the ISD. Okay, it looks like she's just typing in the chat, shall I read it? Hello, Heidi can you hear me?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Go ahead please, yes.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: [INTERPRETING] She said she's loaded the app and she's already entered a schedule that the Indigenous people have any problems in her community.

[INTERPRETING]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, Geoffrey?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Okay, so there are—we did have a call last week, and I guess before I go into a little bit about what Lilian told us, I want to invite Lilian to jump in on the chat and want to invite Claudia to jump in and interpret at any point in time because I think there—I don't mean to speak for others but I think there was some very important things that I heard from Lilian and Chyloe about commonalities and interests in approaching ICANN for the first time, much the way that I did when I first approached ICANN, and things hoping to learn. Again, please Claudia, I will take little short breaks and if you'd like to interpret, please do. I think it will only help Lilian.

So there are a number of, there are probably a full handful of issues that Indigenous people share in many parts of the globe, and certainly Chyloe, Lilian and I have certain interests in common representing our communities; one of them most certainly is a lack of connectivity, and

the concern that changes are happening on the global front that will affect the future of the internet before the internet comes to our communities in robust fashion.

LILIAN BRUGES: There is something important that I want to say about the Indigenous community.

[INTERPRETATION]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I'm going to ask—okay, she's typing now. It looks like the operator is going to dial out to her and maybe she can speak in Spanish and then I can interpret for her.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Wonderful. So perhaps to best use some of our time while we're doing that, there is a concern of the digital divide, there is the concern of intellectual property loss, and there is the concern of language preservation, and how these issues—to learn if and how these issues are dealt with; if there is a place for them to be dealt with at ICANN.

LILIAN BRUGES: I said last week to Geoffrey, my people, my Indigenous community, the children under 5 years is dying for hunger. The internet has been very important because [INTERPRETING].

CLAUDIA RUIZ: What she is saying is that the Indigenous people have been able to come across and bring these issues to light; for example over social media they've been able to upload their stories and what their children there, who are under 5 years of age are dying due to starvation.

LILIAN BRUGES: It's a very sad situation, and I think that internet was being used to preserve the culture and the identity of the Indigenous people. It's my priority in the meetings at ICANN.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So for the folks on the phone, this Geoffrey; I want to make sure that folks understand that there are very common, deeply held convictions among Indigenous communities concerning the loss of culture, and the loss of tradition and how that is impacting very clearly not just the livelihood but the lives of children, the lives of our families. We have very similar threats to our children in our communities here in the United States.

I want to make sure that folks understand Lilian has just texted as well, the other theme is intellectual property, and this is an issue that Matthew Rantanen and I discussed with several folks across ICANN's broad face in Abu Dhabi. There are cultural appropriations that occur worldwide on the internet of Indigenous communities, and it is—it has become very difficult in certain communities to understand how to address that, and if there is in the authority of ICANN a way to inform

ICANN and to help in the policy making of ICANN. Claudia, I apologies; that was long, but could you please interpret that?

[INTERPRETATION]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: She says she wants to wear the typical dress that they wear where she's from if that's okay?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Wow.

HEIDIE GRUBER: This is Heidi, yes, just as you said; absolutely. I know that Ruben who was in Abu Dhabi also did, and we very much welcome that. And then, thank you, we have Silvia Vivanco on the call, and she works—is the manager for all of the regions, could she just say a few words to Lilian in Spanish about the issues that Lilian has raised and perhaps how she can be of assistance in Puerto Rico?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh yes, please. That would be wonderful.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sylvia, please.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay thank you, thank you very much everyone. Hola! [SPANISH]

LILIAN BRUGES: Gracias, Sylvia.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sylvia, can you just give us a 30 second update on that in English?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes of course. Okay, I mention that being from the region and from Peru which is an Indigenous country with a large Indigenous population from different parts of Peru, not only from the Amazon, the Andes, and we are very familiar with the issues. We live with an Indigenous community, we interact with them, and we are here of course to provide her any assistance bringing these issues to ICANN.

ICANN is very sensitive to the Indigenous issues; that's why there is this group; to give a platform to talk about it. So we are here to support the group and all the ideas that are being discussed within this framework. That's basically it, thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, perfect. Geoffrey, over to you.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So, thank you very, very much Sylvia. I too, Lilian, had concerns about my dress, because at home we wear very symbolic dress, and I had seen that there was a black tie event, so I asked as well before going to ICANN, but Indigenous dress is absolutely welcome as is, you know, the arms are wide open at ICANN. And thank you very much, Sylvia.

I suppose with that then, if there is nothing more in terms of the background and interests of the Ambassadors, we should probably turn it over to the staff and Siranush, and I can certainly support Siranush on the activities of the Fellowship and how the global Indigenous Ambassadors activities will dovetail with those.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes Geoffrey, with pleasure. This is Siranush. So I am sure, I hope at least, you will see the full agenda which I have sent yet today to all Fellows and I have included all three of you, and provided an explanation that what type of activities we are going to have while in Puerto Rico. So first thing I want you to do is to read through the PowerPoint which I have sent which has daily sessions.

So each day, what are the main sessions that will be involved, and you are more than welcome to join those sessions. This time we have restructured the Fellowship session in a way that community leaders are not coming to us; Geoffrey you might remember this, that we had 30 minutes to offer each community to come and talk to Fellows, but this time we made this rather Fellows to go to the community. So I have identified together with policy team the important sessions which may

focus on policy development process, and put this in the Fellowship details agenda to make sure that you go and participate.

One of the highlights I want to mention is that community leaders will be coming to Newcomers day, so I would really appreciate if you three be at the Newcomers day; it will be on Sunday from 10:30-3:00 p.m., and this is an important talking day for all Newcomers, so we will be having all those who are new to ICANN, for participants Fellowship program participants, and all other Newcomers who will be at Puerto Rico. So the Sunday Newcomers day; please take this time to come and to be at the whole session.

At the same time, on Saturday morning, 8:30-10:15 we have our traditional ICAN 61 Fellows meet and greet session where everybody introduces all the Fellows, and there we invite also our Regional Global Stakeholder engagement team representative, so you will see also our staff who is working in Latin America and North America and this will be a chance also for all of you to introduce yourself in person to all Fellows and know them, introduce with whom you will be the entire week.

Please go through the agenda, find out your own place to go, and I think in your case your main activities will be attached with and connected with At-Large, so I will suggest you go through the At-Large sessions which Heidi put up the link here I think. But with that, we are having daily sessions with Fellows, talking from Monday to Thursday. It will begin lunch time, so we try to make it during lunch time in order not to conflict with other man session, so you are more than welcome to come to the Fellowship sessions. And I put in details what we are going to do each day, so I don't want to spend time on this, but please let me know

if you have any questions related to the agenda where Fellows will be, and feel free to join any sessions together with the Fellows there, and whatever you need, just come and see me there in the corridors and ask; don't wait until the last day to ask questions where we can't help you.

My suggestion will be to from the first day; make your group aware of the main sessions for the day, and also get the chance to get to information booth at ICANN. There will be two separate information groups; one is for North America Regional At-Large Organization set by At-Large team, and another one is General Information Booth; this information booth, general one, is led by Fellows, so feel free to go there; they know what it means to be newcomer, and they know how to help you with any questions you need.

Please let me know if you have any questions related to the agenda I have sent to you. That is all from my side.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL:

Very good, thank you, Siranush. And we just make sure and check again when there is the newcomer's day on Sunday, and the introductory session with all of the Fellows where the Ambassadors will be able to introduce themselves.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

It's Saturday, it's Saturday at 8:30 until 10:15.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Very good. So one thing I wanted to make sure to let the Ambassadors know and reiterate that on site there are so many things that are going on, I do agree that I guess home base is the At-Large, but I had an opportunity to go to the GAC, to go to the NCUC, to go to the BC, to go to a number of different places, and I do think that the new format for the Fellows will be very helpful and informative, but I also want to encourage the Ambassadors to work with me and with everyone that they meet to discuss opportunities about where to go and where to learn more, so I have sent the Ambassadors a few simple tips about resting up, eating right, getting ready for a very active and busy global stakeholder engagement.

But I also wanted to see, and to offer to the ICANN staff if there are any other basic tips about helping the Ambassadors hit the ground running; are there any just basics that you all have experienced in you many years with ICANN that will help these two ladies as they approach for the first time?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Geoffrey, if I may, Gisella; are you able to respond to that, are you on audio?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: I see that Gisella has said a practical suggestion; bring a shawl as the conference centers are cold. And I can vouch for that as well. So I want to encourage the staff if there's anything that comes to mind as they prepare for their first time to please share that in the usual ways, there's a lot of e-mails flying back and forth. Go ahead?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Geoffrey, this is Heidi, another practical point; eating right, sleeping a lot, just also as a highlight that on Thursday during the ALAC wrap-up part 2, there will be a 10 minute slot, or there is a 10 minute slot for a status update or a report by the GIA mentor and Ambassadors, so perhaps Sylvia can just translate that, interpret that quickly?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Yes please.

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One other thing that I wanted to mention is that the Global Indigenous Ambassadors in Abu Dhabi and their mentor, we found it very important, an important priority for us was to coordinate on a public forum presentation to the board of directors of ICANN, and I want to make sure that as a mentor to both Sylvia and to Chyloe that we make the same opportunity and priority available to them.

So as I am introducing them on site, and I hope everybody else will, to all of the wonderful people that engaged us as new Ambassadors in Abu Dhabi that we think about that opportunity as well, to speak to the board in open public forum about the importance of the Global Indigenous Ambassadorship and the priorities of these to Ambassadors. Sylvia, if you please?

SYLVIA VIVANCO: Yes, what is the date exactly?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: I believe there are two separate times; there is an early—

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, Geoffrey, sorry to interrupt, no; there's just one, it's going to be on Thursday. There are two during the annual general meeting, but only one during the community forum.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh that's right, thank you for the correction.

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GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Thank you. I think, back to our agenda, are there questions that the Ambassadors, that Chyloe or Lilian have on the agenda? And the information that Siranush has sent to us?

CHYLOE HEALY: This is Chyloe, I have no questions right now, I feel once I'm there...I might have questions.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: You know Chyloe; it can definitely be overwhelming to begin with. Once you—and even the first couple days, it’s a wonderful introduction for Newcomers, but I think the more study and the more opportunity and the more flow of information now, the better it will be. And once you’re on side, absolutely, that’s when the real fun begins, and it really is; it’s incredibly stimulating. So much, as I said before, it can be very exhausting, but I know that there’s a lot of opportunity.

One of the things that I learned, I will say, one of the things I learned about the Global Indigenous Ambassadorship is that it really was a stage pass to almost any structure to be able to enter and sit and listen and ask questions, and I think one very important thing I want to encourage both you and Lilian, especially with the assistance of Sylvia and Claudia and the entire team here, is to be just as fearless and as encouraged as possible to meet as many new folks and to engage with as many new folks as possible.

As I told you during our call; this is our journey, not ours, not mine, but we are all here to help you as you step into the ICANN world, so bring all your contact information, I have already started making a list of all of the people that I met that I want to introduce you to, and as we work through that list and as we bump into many other folks and follow the training that’s been laid out before us by Siranush and Heidi and everyone else. There will also be opportunities for you to advocate, like in the board meeting. So if there are any other questions though, that’s the last thing I’ll say on the activities and the agenda.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: May I? This is Siranush.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Of course.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I just would like to give you a heads up, so potentially tomorrow we will be launching the online course, especially for the Fellows, and you will be included also in that list. I will send the directions how to join to ICANN Learn, and please take time before you come take this course; this is about ICANN multi-stakeholder model, so you will get an idea what is ICANN, how global it is, how big it is, and what is this multi-stakeholder model, what does it mean? So please take the time to take this course; I will be sending the details tomorrow, so please just a heads up that this is coming.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Thank you for that, this is Geoffrey. I have told Lilian and Chyloe that the ICANN Learn was so helpful for me, it can be dense, but it was very helpful and it is good to know that you are updating for folks, so I look forward to that as well.

SYLVIA VIVANCO: And Geoffrey, this is Sylvia, I have a question from Lilian to Siranush and she says that if the Fellows can participate two or three times, how can

the Global Indigenous Ambassadors participate in future ICANN meetings, what would be the way to do this in the future?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Ah, good question.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So Sylvia, actually we are working together with At-Large team with Fellowship program and Global Indigenous Program, you begin at ICANN 61 after your successful participation in ICANN 61 in the Fellowship session, and also after your submission of report, you will get a Fellowship certificate participation, so you will be considered as a Knight of ICANN Fellowship Program together with all other 60 selected people, and you will be eligible to apply for second and third time.

We had the experience already that our first time Tribal Ambassadors later became as a Knight of the program applied to the Fellowship and have been selected as a Fellows to come to ICANN meetings, so this will give you an opportunity to be a first time Fellow, but also have the opportunity to apply for the second and third time Fellowship opportunities within ICANN.

SYLVIA VIVANCO: Excellent, thank you, Siranush.

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GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So just to confirm my understanding as well Siranush; are the updates to the ICANN Learn, those are specific to the Fellows, the Fellowship?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: This is for the Fellowship Program Participants only, so this is welcome to the Fellowship Program course. The specific course for the Newcomers, so among ICANN 61 Fellows will have 35 Newcomers to ICANN meetings like Chyloe and Lilian, so this is for those Newcomers who are coming to ICANN for the first time, and this is to give you the opportunity to go through this model with ICANN beforehand, and then interactive, see how it works. So this is specifically for the Fellowship Program course.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Very good. So Heidi, Siranush, Chyloe, Lilian, I do think we need to turn to the last item on the...I think it's the last item on the agenda. The status of the information, bios, photographs, the announcement of the workspace; have we received the bios and the photographs? Chyloe, have I missed something? Are we still waiting on something from you?

CHYLOE HEALY: No, this is Chyloe, I forwarded them last Friday I believe; both the bio and the picture.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Chyloe, this is Heidi, to whom did you forward that? Perhaps I just have not seen it.

CHYLOE HEALY: I forwarded it to... is it Wes and Geoffrey? So I can send it to Heidi.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Yes, please do. I will look as well. I must have missed it or it is— because I'm looking now. I don't think I received it.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Geoffrey, if I might, and Sylvia, if you can interpret, the reason that we are following up so urgently on these photos and bios is for two reasons; one is that we do have a work space for the Global Indigenous Ambassadors, and we are waiting to update that with the new team, and then the second one is that Geoffrey and Laura are working on the announcement to post on the ICANN website that we'll be announcing in introducing all of you.

So in order to gain that recognition once you're on the ground, we need to post that this week or early next week, and we are hoping to be able to post your photos and just a very brief bio on that, and what the GIA program is, so if you can get that to us even tomorrow that would be ideal. Sylvia?

SYLVIA VIVANCO: It says that Lilian says she already sent it to Geoffrey, a bio and a photo. Okay?

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Yes, we received Lilian's, yes. Oh, Chyloe, everyone I have found it, I found it in a separate e-mail box and I will forward it right now.

SYLVIA VIVANCO: And let me explain to Lilian.

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GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Chyloe, thank you for clarifying; I was able to find your e-mail and I will forward it, very good.

CHYLOE HEALY: Perfect, thank you.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Something else I have to follow up with my IT department on, I wonder if you guys do marketing with your organization. I will forward that to Heidi right now. Heidi, what else, are we then in need of anything else?

SYLVIA VIVANCO: It looks like Heidi dropped the call.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: So I do have access—we will be working on the workspace, I have been into it a couple times and I think that there is, it obviously needs to be updated so we'll work on that, but I think making sure now that we've found Chyloe's information getting the release done is a priority as well so I will help work on that.

And it looks like a very nice picture as well, very good.

So I actually have lost our—I'm on my mobile and I've lost our agenda on the web. What is next on our agenda?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Geoffrey, this is Heidi.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Oh good, we're right down to the end, anything else Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, that sounds all good. I think that this has been a very productive meeting, looking forward to meeting all of you and seeing Geoffrey again.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Looking forward to seeing everybody as well. Especially I'm looking forward to meeting Chyloe and Lilian in person.

CHYLOE HEALY: Absolutely.

GEOFFREY BLACKWELL: Well, thank you again for all the time. Thank you very much everyone, thank you very much Heidi for reaching out when you saw that questions were coming, for offering to host this, thank you for sharing the management of this call with us and for answering for you guys, answering so many questions and taking worries off the plate and putting the work of ICANN on the plate.

Please let us know about—I am going to try, I will, one last piece of information for me; I am going to see if I can change my flight in to be able to be part of the coaches meeting on Friday. Right now I don't arrive until very late in the evening, the options to come from New Mexico just weren't great, but I will stay in touch with you separately on that, Heidi and Siranush, but thank you very much for the time.

I think if there are no other questions, I'm just going to try to check...is there anything on in text? I think we are done, and we will adjourn. Is there anything else from anyone?

Wonderful, then we should probably go ahead and adjourn, thank you very much. I look forward to seeing everyone in Puerto Rico.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you and gracias everyone.

CHYLOE HEALY: Yes, thank you.

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