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Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you very much, Gary. Good morning, good afternoon and good evening, this is the Meet the Candidate call on Friday, 18th of November, 2016.

On the call today we have Rafik Dammak, Glen McKnight, (unintelligible), , Ines Hfaiedh, Anna Loup, Ed Morris, David Cake, Raoul Plommer, (unintelligible), Tapani Tarvainen, Tatiana Tropina, Sara Clayton, Farzaneh Badii. We have apologies from Matthew Shears. And from staff we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much. Over to you, Rafik.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Maryam. And thanks again for everyone to join the call. Just as a matter, I mean, matter please, if you don't speak, please mute yourself. There is usually a core problem that make this quite noisy.

So the call today is kind of an experience we are trying to reiterate for each election and to give opportunity to members to ask the candidates and to allow more discussion where the candidates can submit statement and they should do so. The call give the chance to – for more interaction.

So what we are trying to do in the beginning is to allow each candidate to really make a short concise statement and then we will go kind of question that come from those on the call.

So let's first start maybe with Farzaneh, if you can make really short statement to explain why you are running for the chair position and so on. Farzaneh.

Farzaneh Badii: Yes, thank you, Rafik. Farzaneh Badii speaking. So as I said in my recent statement, the main reason to run as – for the chair is to – is for NCUC members and NCUC mission, very valuable for me, to protect the non commercial users interests at ICANN as well as support NCUC members and their voluntary work.

And for me accountability and transparency is (unintelligible) that are very important and are the normative values that I will – with the help of the regional representatives, if I get elected, will uphold with the mechanisms that are predicted in our bylaws and they are – and also with the procedural rules that we are supposed to draft as well as I will do whatever I can to – for effective communication with the members to know all the opportunities that are available to them for their work at NCUC, to get engaged. And also I will support all the regional executive members in their work for outreach in their region. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Farzaneh. Now I think we can go to executive – the candidate for Executive Committee position. And for this we will try to follow alphabetical order. It's, I think, more straightforward here. And we will start with Anna Loup. Anna.

Anna Loup: Hello, this is Anna Loup for the record. (Unintelligible) for the…

Rafik Dammak: Anna, sorry, we – it's hard to hear you. Can you please speak up (unintelligible)?

Anna Loup: Yes, can you hear me now?

Rafik Dammak: Yes, much better.

Anna Loup: Okay, again, this is Anna Loup for the record. I'm running for the EC North America chair. I'm really interested in not only serving the NCUC as a general group but also trying to recruit more individuals from North America because I believe that there is an untapped civil society constituency that would benefit greatly from working with the members of the NCUC because of the collective level of knowledge and experience.

I also believe that the NCUC is, you know, serves a critical function in the ICANN community. And this is something that I wish to support not only as my – through my work on the EC but also as my work in different working groups. Thank you so much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Anna. Thanks for the statement okay, so now we can move to David. David Cake. David, can you speak? Okay, I cannot hear David. I'm not sure if he's connected Adobe Connect or the dial-in. But maybe in meantime maybe Maryam can double check and we can move maybe to – okay I see Benjamin

that just joined. Maybe we can move to Benjamin to keep with alphabetical order. Benjamin.

Okay so let's – we fix this kind of call-in issue. In the meantime we can maybe go with Ines. Ines, can you hear me? No, Benjamin, we cannot hear you. So please wait, maybe. Maryam will check for you and David and meantime we will go with other candidates. Ines, can you hear me? Ines, can you please speak up? I'm not sure, are you joining from the Adobe Connect or did you dial in?

Okay. Okay, so let's try with (unintelligible) I understand that there is some issues for those connected through Adobe Connect. While Maryam will support them to speak up in the Adobe Connect we can move with Joao. And hopefully we can hear you. Joao.

Joao Carlos Caribe: Can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes.

Joao Carlos Caribe: Yes. Oh yes, I can. So my name is Joao Carlos Caribe. I do not speak like this. I'm from Brazil (unintelligible) cyber-activist. This will be my third (unintelligible) in NCUC. NCUC was a (unintelligible) to me. The first time I participate on ICANN meeting in Beijing, I don't have any ideas what is ICANN. So I can understand now the ICANN is the (unintelligible) member of the Internet (unintelligible) ecosystem. So ICANN is the more powerful and just ICANN is (unintelligible) for our actions on – activities or actions of operation Internet.

Since this meeting on Beijing in 2012, I made four (unintelligible) four new members for NCUC and ICANN. (Unintelligible) for member was one is

Benjamin on my second meeting in Durban I bring Benjamin to the NCUC and Fellow Program.

Another member was Renata. Renata was – I was mentor of Renata on first time, the support (unintelligible) to get the Fellowship Program. And (unintelligible), (George Karavalo) was another member (unintelligible) that joined At Large, not NCUC.

My work on NCUC EC just was (unintelligible) after Zika that I avoiding a lot of meetings on the (unintelligible) region that (unintelligible) lack of participation of LAC members. ICANN trying to recover this through kind of effort participation (unintelligible) participation. So I just acting further of LAC member all the times and (unintelligible) second mandate just bringing them the preference to the CROP support, the tribal support, or support and other issues related to LAC.

So I (unintelligible) continued support the LAC member continue to work together after African EC member just to empower the (unintelligible) on the ICANN NCUC EC. Also I empower the communication membership (unintelligible) problem on the last year because the lack of participation of the member that expend too much time to (unintelligible) so is running now. It can run this year to 2017.

So I of course now, if you have a question please let me know.

Rafik Dammak: Okay. Thanks, Joao. So okay, so as reminder please keep your intervention short and concise so we can have room for question and answer. So now we go with Raoul. Raoul, can you hear me?

Raoul Plommer: Yes, can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes.

Raoul Plommer: Okay, right, name is Raoul Plommer and I've been a member of the NCUC for approximately one year now. And I have to say that I'm very pleased to have joined. First and foremost it's given me an opportunity to expand my network of people (unintelligible) with the same issues as I've done as a member of the Pirate Party and Electronic Frontier (unintelligible).

However, in the last ICANN meeting in Hyderabad have I finally been able to gain some perspective to the internal structures and processes that make ICANN what it is. I now feel able to start working for the NCUC rather than using it as a platform for making connection to advance my personal digital rights agenda, which are shared among more people within the NCUC.

I'm very happy to be one of us and the membership has – even though (unintelligible) work harder on the (finish) issues, we're faced with back home. I also think that if I do my job well I could actually mention this role in my (unintelligible) vitae which I intend to use for hopefully getting paid to what do what I've been doing out of passion for eight years so far.

Therefore, I'm highly motivated to extend my work which I've chosen to become a member of the Executive Committee. My academic achievements are much more (unintelligible) than most people here in ICANN and I have a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics. But I think I can compensate that with my network and out of the box thinking. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Raoul. Moving now to Renata.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Hi. Renata here. Can you listen me to me all right?

Rafik Dammak: Yes, we can hear you, Renata. Please go ahead.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay. Okay. I am on quite a busy place but I hope, well, you understand me. I wanted to do something a little bit more than just repeat my candidate statement, but I will begin by it.

So I am a researcher in Northeast Brazil for (unintelligible). And I decided to be a candidate for NCUC Latin America because it's important that underserved and underrepresented areas participate more on the ICANN process. And this is one of the tasks Executive Council has. Also, I believe that this will tackle gaps in the policy making process. It will make it faster. It will make it more efficient and inclusive.

And a quick bio, I am also part of the Internet Governance Forum, Multistakeholder Advisory Group. Which helps organize the events, which will happen in Mexico next December. I am a collaborator of my local university, local public university, a Fellow of Internet Freedom Festival in the regions (unintelligible). And I graduated from School of Internet Governance of Brazil and South (unintelligible) and India, School of Internet Governance.

I'm also a participant in (unintelligible), and well, I do believe that it's important to participate in NCUC activities via the meetings including the – I always try to keep myself updated with the policy committee decisions. And my – one of my plans of communication with the members is writing a newsletter about events and other opportunities in Latin America that members could be interested in. Also using social media and trying to do diagnostics of what members could take from NCUC activity and how could they contribute.

So about the future of NCUC, I would phrase that there are increasingly more challenges in the post-IANA transition scenario. NCUC encapsulates most of these challenges. And the growth of LAC participation can be increasingly better. So how to view this growth sufficiently and how to have these members included in a way that they are actively engaged is the most important challenge.

So capacity-building, improved communications, a few actions that need to be (unintelligible) and discussing also how to engage more civil society organizations. I was also a member of Open Knowledge Brazil which Raoul also is working (unintelligible) NCUC. And research groups and think tanks which is also in this area. And I do believe that NCUC will be evermore a player in the global policy development process in Internet governance. And the members can collaborate on this.

I also think that it's urgent to address the language barrier gap in NCUC. So I plan to send out my candidate statement in Spanish later. And if any other folks want to do that feel free to have me translate yours. That would be it. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Yes, thanks, Renata. Okay, let's move on to Tatiana. Yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Sorry, just a quick one. Can we just advise candidates to please keep to the two minute mark? So I'm just going to use the raising hand button for myself to let you know you need to (unintelligible) please, yes. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Yes, thanks. Yes. Concision is quite important. Okay so, Tatiana, please go ahead.

Tatiana Tropina: Thanks a lot. Hi, everyone. My name is Tatiana Tropina. Many of you know me already. I decided to run because I'm very active already at the NCUC and I do consider the Executive Committee position as just a very logical step to promote our values. Because I believe that to do so we have to (unintelligible).

Hello, can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Okay, yes, we can hear you, yes.

Tatiana Tropina: I'm sorry. I don't know who placed me on hold. So I believe that to have – to promote our values effectively we have to ensure that we are following them within – within our community so that we have effective governance, that we have transparency, that we have visibility and credibility in the community inside, outside of the ICANN.

I'm very well connected in Europe because I'm participating in different Internet governance and cyber-security and other events. I already carried out many like outreach efforts, small and big ones for the NCUC so, again, this would be just continuing my normal activity serving the interest of the NCUC.

And I already wrote in my candidate statement that I'm aiming to work on the (unintelligible) on the governance structures on the involvement of the NCUC members, so not only on recruiting more people but also getting them involved in different policy processes in accordance with their interests and especially European region membership since I'm running for the European seat.

So my (unintelligible) with engagement and also to ensure that we are visible and credible from the outside of the ICANN. And I already told that no matter

what the outcome of this election is, I will be serving NCUC in any case in terms of outreach and ensuring transparency and accountability. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Yes, thanks, Tatiana. Okay so we'll try to go back to those who didn't speak in the beginning and I think starting with David. David, can you hear me? Can you speak up?

David Cake: Yes, can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes, we can hear you. Yes, please go ahead.

David Cake: Okay, so I just wanted to state obviously I'm – have a lot of experience in NCUC and NCSG. I've been on the EC before. I've – and have been Chair of NCUC – interim Chair. And I just finished four years as a councilor.

I believe that the EC is a very important role. I don't think – I think it's very important that we do have a few people on the EC that have a really strong depth of experience and really know ICANN very well as Rafik or Bill previously as what we can provide.

We – I think I'd be able to provide that level of experience understanding, but that isn't the (unintelligible) have been very interested in my work on outreach and deal with some of the issues there. I've been quite involved in a lot of outreach efforts in the – and coordination efforts in the Asia Pacific region of various kinds.

And I'm very keen to work on that. Also just generally work on – I think there's a lot we can do and I know that people have been working on this, but there's still a lot more work to be done about how we can get – make more efficient use of the resources we get and (unintelligible) resources especially

like staff support and other opportunities and the CROP program and things like that that we're getting from ICANN now and keep pushing for more useful outreach. I think there is a lot that we can work on there.

And I really think with the, you know, understanding of what how this fits into context, I think I've got a lot to add. I could say a lot of the work they do on the EC is quite similar to work that I do – I'm also the Chair of Electronic Frontiers Australia which had a lot of similar challenges in terms of getting an effective sort of policy team working on Internet and so on.

So there's a lot of overlapping tools and things that I have a lot of specific things I think I can offer to the EC role. And I'm, you know, very keen to pass on a lot of – to work with all the existing (unintelligible) and a lot of what I've learned with that and (unintelligible) things. And now that I've been – no longer focused on the Council and policy role as much, I'll have to time to be able to do that.

I'd also just want to, yes, I mean, I generally I think the EC will be (unintelligible) to have someone with a strong experience (unintelligible) ICANN to balance out all the enthusiasm. Yes.

Rafik Dammak: Sorry. Yes, sorry, trying to keep the two minutes.

((Crosstalk))

David Cake: I'm done. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Okay. Yes, thanks. Okay so let's – I think what remaining is Hago and Ines. Hago. Okay, Hago, can you speak? Okay, Maryam, please double check if we

– Hago has any communication problem. We will go with Ines. Ines, can you hear me?

Ines Hfaiedh: Yes, I can hear you. Can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes, please go ahead.

Ines Hfaiedh: Okay great. Thank you. Good morning, good evening, everyone. I'm Ines (unintelligible) from Tunisia. I'm really honored to be – to have been nominated for EC Africa. And I hope to live up to your expectations. I've had – I have an experience in academia. I've been teaching for six years. And also I have some technical background because I'm a specialist in ICT like technology implementation in education.

I have worked on the official curricula back home in Tunisia. And I had the chance to participate in national and international conferences where I represented Tunisia and the African Consulate.

I had the chance to be an ICANN 55 Fellow where I – when was my very first encounter with NCUC and the noncommercial interests. And I found that was my right place, the right place to be. And then I came back to ICANN 57 in Hyderabad as a coach for Fellows and I was very happy to air and to share my experience with NCUC and about the NCUC mission to my colleagues and my fellow ICANN at ICANN.

I'm really happy and ready to serve as best as possible for EC Africa to represent in the best way. And I feel that I have the potential to do that. I'm happy to dedicate some time and to give back to the noncommercial interests so that for a good function of the administration. I really hope that NCUC will

broaden and we become even more important and I have voiced this hope at ICANN 57.

And I'm ready for your questions and I hope that I can be – serve you in the best way possible. Thank you very much.

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks, Ines. So I see that Benjamin is connected. Benjamin, can you speak?

Benjamin Akinmoyeje: Yes, I can speak. I'm on the call.

Rafik Dammak: Yes, please go ahead, yes. So you have two minutes to kind of introduce yourself and make statement, yes.

Benjamin Akinmoyeje: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Benjamin. And it's with excitement that I was nominated and I would love to serve on the NCUC EC to represent Africa since I was privileged to join as my mentor had mentioned, (Alia), in – at the first African Summer School of Internet Governance. That's when I actually came across ICANN. And I was introduced to NCUC.

My general interest came from the fact that Internet has become – it must have critical infrastructure for development. And as you know, Africa needs that more than anybody. For me, being at ICANN and at NCUC I want to ensure that Africans and developing country participants, engaged more and understand the policy development process. In that way we can champion ideas, and policies that will support some of the great mandates of NCUC such as access to knowledge, human rights, freedom of expression and global Internet governance issues as well as multilingual Internet.

In this way, innovation can really confirm our regions. And that's what I want to see happen for African participants at the NCUC because I also work for development organization and I see the intersection of Internet governance and development agenda. For me, at NCUC once you can get more persons involved, if we can simplify the development, the policy development process, it will be easy to contribute.

As an NCUC member of the membership engagement team under Africa, we worked and I saw that it was still the veterans that were overburdened by the work of ICANN and NCUC. So one of the things we need to do is make it easy for new entrants, new comers to join on board and that's what I hope to do. So I hope with this I'll be given the opportunity and privilege to serve at the NCUC EC Africa lab. Thank you. Hello?

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks Benjamin. Okay I think if I'm not missing anyone most of the candidate give a statement maybe accept (Hegal). (Hegal) can you hear us? (Hegal) can you speak? Okay I'm not sure what the problem but almost I mean all candidates except (Hegal) spoke so I guess it's a really good time to go with the question and answer.

And I see already we have one question to Farzaneh. And it's, "What can members do to increase the engagement of Civil Society organization request representative in NCUC? So the same question for you for Farzaneh?

Farzaneh Badii: Thank you (unintelligible), Farzaneh Badii speaking for the record. This is where a question that I have thoughts about and have tried to reach out to organizations in Europe as my capacity as a European representative. And I believe what we should do is to look at the organizations their members and the organization members and see what their mission is and how it's aligned with NCUC mission and also be very clear what NCUC mission is which I

think it we clarify that it where will make them understand how to effectively they can get engaged. So I think in the broader perspective if we can reach out to the Civil Society organization who are members then see what their mission is and how we can get them engaged. But that can be through writing up guidelines and reaching out to them like one by one to their - of their representatives. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Farzaneh. Okay the next question I think is for Ines and it's about the representation of African Middle East North African Eastern in NCUC and I think how it can be improved. Ines?

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much. Can everybody hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes. Please go ahead.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much for your question, very interesting indeed. The presentation of Africa and the MENA region and (NCC) it can't be improved but we have to work more on outreach. We have been noticing and I had the chance to attend ICANN 55 and ICANN 57 and I have been noticing that every - after every single ICANN meeting we are winning more members from the region where the ICANN is organized.

For ICANN 55 it was in Morocco and this time it was in Hyderabad in India. And you can notice that we have had a very successful outreach. So I think the ICANN meetings on the region are very important in terms of disseminating our ideas and mission but it's not, definitely not enough. So that's why I'm again I don't want to sound redundant but I really feel that as NCC members we must have some tools and some strategy to be multipliers in our respective communities so that we can attract more people from our communities. Thank you very much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Ines and next good question I think to Raoul and, "What's your take on ICANN open data initiatives and should NCUC have one too?" Yes Raoul?

Raoul Plommer: Yes hello. Can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes.

Raoul Plommer: Okay so thank you. Yes okay the ICANN open data initiative was just launched while we were in Hyderabad on 9th of November and I think that will be a great asset in getting the open knowledge internationally to join our work at the NCUC. That it's a massive network of people fighting for open access all over the world. And I think it can contribute greatly in the work of the NCUC. And I definitely think that NCUC should have went to. I can't - I just can't stay (unintelligible) off the bat on what exactly are we not putting out openly at the moment. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Raoul. I think we have a question from Amr and it's for all candidates or mostly probably executive committee candidates. So the question is, "How will you support NCUC members from your region engaging with GNSO policy development work for returning (EC) candidates? How have you done this in the past?" So I think for all candidates so who wants to start first? Okay Tatiana I see that you are volunteering yes. Please go ahead.

Tatiana Tropina: Yes thanks Rafik. Hi everyone again Tatiana Tropina. This is really a good question because I believe that at least Europe is not actually suffering from the lack of outreach or lack of membership but many of the memberships - members in the region are not active in a way of their engagement into the policy processes. So there are a few tracks I could identify. First of all in the

last year we noticed that people get engaged when there is an area of their particular interest.

For example when there is a request for public comments sent or what the public comments prepared people jump in and start commenting, start amending start expressing their ideas. So this is one way of getting people engaged in getting people hooked. I don't understand that this is a very last kind of stage of the policy development processes for many of them but still it does mean engagement. Secondly I do believe that moratorium, the policy committee work and moratorium that the GNSO work and update in the regional membership of what is going on can also play the trick can also get more people engaged.

Then of course announcements of the major policy development processes. I believe that that's how we got for example some of the bright guys from Europe like (IDEN) to the RGS policy processes. So I believe that we just have to figure out how to reach the broader membership like for example on the last stage on the public comments and let them contribute on the specific issues on their interest but also to inform them on the very early stages. There would be much less people contributing probably but at least we will let them get engaged as soon as possible.

And the third thing is of course mentoring. Whenever ICANN as I promised not only if I'd be on the executive committee. In any case I do think that one of my commitments is get new members not only recruited but also engaged. This applies also to current members. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Tatiana. I see okay we have a queue already. Benjamin yes please go ahead.

Benjamin Akinmoyeje: Yes thank you. I if you listen to my 2 minute speech I told you about getting members really engaged because I've seen that and I'm also a victim of that. And I've been a champion of mentoring, old members that are mentoring new ones. A lot of was observed and I think it takes a lot to move from the point of the - from observing to participation.

And it's simply because members, new members want to understand the issues so that it can take a stance. And for me one of the best ways to do (unintelligible) people who are (unintelligible) is by mentoring and in that way not just official mentoring but particular relationships mentoring that empower new members to move from the first stage of the meeting to becoming very active contributing members.

And that's one thing I'm going to champion and encourage members to pick up mentees follow-up that relationship till they start yielding fruits especially in the policy development process. Again I will also try to map people's interest, people's interest with particular processes or policies that are going on so that it cannot direct impact of participating in particular policy process or particular issue of discussions.

That I would do tenaciously by simplifying the top level issues to very basic level of understanding and pointing new members to members who are ex-pat in those areas by first of all also trying to understand the issues. One of my first proposals of getting participation and involvement is to understand the issues. And I want to do whatever it takes to understand the issues with whoever needs to explain those issues to me.

Finally for my region I say that I'll talk for my country there are a lot of issues happening that NCUC, there are also NCUC related issues or mission or issues. These meetings would be good places to showcase NCUCs work and

let them know how it goes up to the level of ICANN. So when issues are started from national or regional levels it can then you can find champions who have made these issues their mission from their countries up to sub regions and then bring it to ICANN. And that way it's a progressive work. It's not the work done at NCUC levels or want to get to their countries (unintelligible). This is the way I hope to get engagement. And for young people we hope to - I hope to use some media activity straight up with book…

Rafik Dammak: Benjamin, sorry I don't want to interrupt but I think that yes, just we need to keep it short for - we have still people who want to answer the question. Thanks.

((Crosstalk))

Benjamin Akinmoyeje: Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Thank you. Renata?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Yes Renata here. I hope you can hear me okay. I wanted to address Amr's question about how to support members in our region to engage with GNSO policy development work. I do see that there are two levels of engagement. One of them is becoming a member getting to know the constituency. Another one is really to start doing policy work.

There are language barriers. There are many other obstacles that make - that for example Latin American Spanish speakers have a (unintelligible) being involved in policy development work. So my answers to that would be participating in regional events but also doing capacity building and policy development and working with regional organizations as well on policy development process so this would bring more members from the region to be

active in the PDPs. Is it - so that would be my answer to Amr now. should I answer Ines question now is that all right Rafik? I believe I have someone more time?

Rafik Dammak: Yes thanks Renata.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay so…

Rafik Dammak: We have other candidates I think who want to…

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay.

Rafik Dammak: …respond to the question so maybe you can…

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay.

Rafik Dammak: …respond later too yes.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Joao?

Joao Carlos Caribe: Can you hear me everybody here? So I've just listened to the questions and I see if it appears to be election for the membership affairs not the executive committee. So our question is about engagement that are (unintelligible) like this. So to engage members on NCUC, you know, to keep this engagement from NCUC members for ALAC it's easy.

So we have participate in too much groups of submissions and there by this group some (unintelligible) groups and Portuguese and Latin American, and

Spanish (unintelligible) specific Spanish groups and (unintelligible). So and participating in this group we can see and share concerns and bring this back to NCUC.

The great cash questions is there but the first meeting or I participated in ICANN meeting on China I created a (unintelligible) as just a (front) questions because they have a build this (unintelligible) where I put the microphone on (unintelligible) I just really the question about the (unintelligible) so one word one can add (unintelligible) holder and some (unintelligible). And the question is we - when we see the bottom up which button do we think about?

Just the question is related to the importance of the not exactly ICANN but every Internet (unintelligible) that has (unintelligible) million centers around the world. The - my interest for this moment in 2012 and for now is just to bring to record this information to bring this information for the most (unintelligible) users. This I just tried this some kind of this on (unintelligible) on some presentations some new investors or other (unintelligible) related to wait on that but not related to Internet governance. And we certainly I for example I published an article about the (unintelligible) on the daily life so I just observing the people, the overall peoples and yet the (unintelligible) on the subject that are (unintelligible) and technical spirit.

So on the path I remember on the first meeting I participated in the CPG that (unintelligible) raised the question for difficult for the engagement. So I just - and we talk about that (unintelligible) problem, the (unintelligible) by here. So and the people on (unintelligible) and ICANN meeting (unintelligible) what language it is because it's is not English but there was some kind of voice they're different. So I just need to support this barriers, support these language

barriers that's to explain this stuff easy for the one peoples. And the others just to end this I (unintelligible) I try to work (unintelligible) the next task…

Man: Thanks.

Joao Carlos Caribe: #(unintelligible). Okay.

Man: Yes.

Joao Carlos Caribe: Okay.

Man: Thank you, yes. Okay.

Man: Yes.

Rafik Dammak: So we will have (unintelligible). If you are not speaking please mute your phone. Okay so we will to continue I think with Amr, Raoul and David. And after that we will go really just one minute for intervention. We need to keep some information short, straightforward and concise. Anna please go ahead.

Anna Loup: Hi. This is Anna Loup again for the record. There are three parts to my answer. It's a three-pronged my opinion it's connection, education and mentorship. The first, you know, aspect of connection is, you know, being able to connect with members on issues that may resonate with them. And this is obviously going to be done through updates. You want people to - and also through outreach which I believe as I said in my statement to other events that allow people to meet face to face and then allow them to discuss off the record a little bit their opinions and learn a little bit more from each other.

The second aspect going into that is education. I was part of developing a USC school for Internet governance and Internet diplomacy what Dr. (Nicholas McColl). It was great. We brought in many influential speakers such as (Ben Sir), Fadi Chehade, (Fiona Zander), (Cavi Cuva) and together for a week of learning and discussion. And this for me has also been (unintelligible) to be mentorship which means that there is an active mentor project that (Kathy Maden) have been part of. And I would hope to get that data program made permanent and also expand it. Thank you so much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Anna. We'll move on to Raoul.

Raoul Plommer: Okay hello there. Right so to answer Amr's question I've already decided to attend no less than three conferences plus the ICANN conference which will be in Denmark. Europe is my geographical region and those conferences are going to be (unintelligible) in March. Then there's also a (Eurodig) and (unintelligible) conference in (Talan). And the ICANN is in Denmark.

So I'm feeling pretty confident that I can use some prior people who I can try to move into ICANN after they actually become aware of it. And there are a lot of people also in Europe that have no idea what ICANN is and I want to make that situation better and I think I have a very good network in doing so. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Raoul. David?

David Cake: Right. Mostly I just wanted to respond to (Carlos)' question about the option process. I don't know that anyone in the EC will necessarily be on the auction proceeds CCWG, the full participant as we only get to see one person, one full participant from the whole SG I think. But certainly I would like to see that, you know, my feeling (unintelligible) with something about a foundation or

someone I believe NCUC should do its part to ensure that the discussion involves a number of people with strong experience in foundations and other sort of, you know, some disbursement organization and keeps it very professional and we just rely on the long term rather than just sort of thinking of things we can spend it on.

And then if we hopefully then that will be a set of funds that many of the useful projects that will get funded will be civil society projects looking at our - any number of things that we (unintelligible) issues. So that's just a brief answer to your options fund question. In response to the Amr's earlier question about regional strategy and someone I've tried to put that into the comments (unintelligible) region in particular and Australia region is a very difficult one and that we need to strengthen general existing Internet governance sort of institutions and points of discussion as well if we get to the more - to (unintelligible) the regional strategy and particularly when it - I mean ICANN has regional people really don't seem to be very effective at doing anything across (unintelligible) regional dialogue. And we need to work with them and add to that. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks David. I see Farzaneh and Raoul and Anna in the queue but I'm not sure if for which question they want to respond. So we have some question to all candidates but others just for specific candidate. We're going to have I think 30 minutes more for the call. So let's to go with (Carlos)' question for all candidates. "If you would volunteer to the auction proceeds CCWG what would be your major objective for the use of those funds?" And I think there is already some discussion in the Adobe Connect chat. Farzaneh you want to respond to this?

Farzaneh Badii: Yes Rafik. And also if I'm allowed I would like to respond to Ed Morris question now or later -- whatever you decide.

Rafik Dammak: Later please yes.

Farzaneh Badii: Okay. So as to that my answer is going to be brief because I have looking at - I have attended a couple of briefing sessions on this auction preceding. But what I hear is that the noncommercial domain name registrants rights should be protected and it's always kind of ignored and overlooked. So I support objectives that can help the noncommercial domain name registrants right to protect right awareness for them and because they are the ones that actually bring money. And it's their money to the registrars. So I think it's important and their rights should be protected.

                  And also one of the things I think that's registrants are kind of minority, noncommercial registrants are kind of minority here at ICANN. So whatever project is can advance the rights of noncommercial registrants I will support. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks Farzaneh. I think Raoul and maybe Anna yes so…

Raoul Plommer: Okay. I really feel I'm answering (Carlos)'s question and if I volunteer the auction proceeds. I would like to - some of the auction proceeds to be used for reduce the imbalance of the noncommercial actors within ICANN. I think there are several ways to do that but I think as a stakeholder group we are one of the I think most justifiable group to receive some of those funds. Since we are most of us are (unintelligible) dependent on funding whether we can participate at least face to face meetings in ICANN. And I think this boatload of money could be used…

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks Raoul. Okay Benjamin?

Benjamin Akinmoyeje: Yes thank you. If I would volunteer to the auction proceed my take would be first the proceeds that comes from that process I would use it to support any innovation that could support some of the ideas that NCUC support. (Unintelligible) is slight or small grants to any innovation that supports development, policy development that promotes social economic growth and development in other areas of the world, especially the developing world any maybe a small pilot project or any innovation that supports multilingual Internet that supports many of our noncommercial stakeholders to participate.

So this would be my own idea. And then in any way there's also ways we can use it to stop more engagement of any of our new members owning a (unintelligible) that we can get people to participate more civil society or academia especially in regions where academia are not participating as expected. And we use such proceeds to support such efforts either in terms of grants or direct travel support. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks. Anna please go ahead.

Anna Loup: Hello this is Anna Loup again for the record. First I want to say that the role of the EC especially what, you know, my role would be is as a listener and listening to the membership. There's going to be a lot of multiple important suggestions as we've already seen as stated, you know, in this call. But I really want, you know, my goal is to motivate members especially members from Latin America to be active participants in this what I believe is to be a very critical discussion because I want to ensure that these funds are allocated properly. That being said however I think that due to the size of the funds it should not - they should not all be assigned to the same place. Thank you so much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks Anna. Joao?

Joao Carlos Caribe: Yes just talk about the innovative (Carlo)'s question. Latin American it was (unintelligible) the development here (unintelligible) Paraguay this year. This is great step forward on the development. So also just included to replace the need of the participation partner the ICANN (unintelligible) and Latin American I just want to bring this more to the other forums. And there was- every time there was meetings and forums on Internet governance that I tried to participate on engagement on this question.

Another question for me is as I said before, it is important to engage more (unintelligible) users, just to bring the opportunity to know and understand the Internet governance. It seems to elevate participation on Internet governance forum. That's quite simple (unintelligible) I bring to the ICANN and he participated on ICANN meetings on action items (unintelligible). That's it.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Joao. (Unintelligible) Thanks. Okay it's always funny to hear myself speaking. Okay. So we have no question more to - by a specific person. And I think one of them is to - Farzaneh. It's saying that I can provide NCUC with third times staff member. What ideas do you have for efficiency - efficiently using this resource? Farzaneh?

Farzaneh Badii: Thank you, Rafik. Farzaneh Badii speaking. So Maryam, who is our staff member from ICANN, she will do what we will ask her to do within a frame that she's assigned to do work for us. So what we need to do, and this has been done before by Rafik, our chair, and he has actually like communicated with Maryam. So what I'm going to do with the collaboration with working with the executive committee members we will have an organized effort to engage with Maryam and communicate with her and ask for specific tasks that can facilitate carrying out our duty.

And this is - I know at the moment this is a very general statement but one of the things that if I get elected I will do with the EC members, we will come up with a plan on how to engage more with Maryam. Of course this will be only the administrative tasks such as updating the website or other administrative tasks.

And I also with the help of Rafik I will talk to Maryam first to understand how - where she is in the organization and also if I would like to know if Maryam can also kind of be a bridge to other ICANN staff members who can help us with doing various things at NCUC. And one important principle is that we will only accept help with supervision of the constituency from the ICANN staff. Thank you very much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Farzaneh. Thanks for the response. Okay. I'm not sure but there is some issues for - in the white part about the question. Okay. So I'm trying to make sense. So there is a question from Ines to Renata and it's how can you make Latin American Caribbean youth more interested at engaging in NCUC? Yes, Renata?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Hi. Renata here. I hope you are listening to me. So I am addressing the question about Lat youth engagement and I will also talk about youth engagement in general and something we were discussing on the chat about (unintelligible) processes.

For some groups, specific targeted groups like youth, it is very important to communicate in a way that they know they can take on responsibility. So I am - I guess by inviting them to take on these responsibilities and showing them a welcoming environment is halfway to have this job to engage them more. Also there is an issue of a language. And also I would like to address the

question about the auction proceeds with capacity building. So this can tie everything together. Having materials in other languages, directing it to specifically targeted groups.

And one last statement is to in participation about the GNSO future question that counted. So how do you see the picture of the GNSO? Well the GNSO is indeed - because of ICANN's mission, the GNSO is disconnected a bit from CSO, from civil society organizations, and it should be more engaged and it should communicate better. But I don't see the work being reduced; actually I see it increasing. So we should address that complex scenario not to - in a way that would integrate all parts of the GNSO in concrete efforts. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Okay thanks, Renata. And seeing Joao, I think his hand - I assume that maybe he want to answer to the same question.

Joao Carlos Caribe: Sure. I'll just try to answer the same question that they made directly for Renata and to make the - since the (unintelligible) I was a member of a project with (unintelligible) and (unintelligible) in another (unintelligible). So the project (unintelligible) is the same project that was implemented on (unintelligible) in Brazil that, the youth rocks project, where they do exactly the same with this (unintelligible) just on focus on the youth.

On the other hand, ICANN has the excellent project including on that time what the guy's project that's a project that they are starting for Asia for the guy from Asia that is now a next-gen problem (unintelligible). This is (unintelligible) I just want people to see on the Brazilian (unintelligible) Internet the power and the energy of the youth members on engagement on Internet governance this year. They show up the potential for the memberships of them - the Internet governance issue - I just think it's satisfying to say this on that moment. (Unintelligible) that power.

That's one more reason I serve (unintelligible) that I can bring the Internet governance for other forums than the specialized ones. Just I can think outside our bubbles. That's it.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Joao. Okay. So I'm trying to figure out the questions. There are so many and in different order. But I would think it's more - we will go with more general questions that can be answered by the candidate and I think more specific to the executive committee role here.

Okay so I think Ed may be asking about working group - yes. So he's asking if are you or have you been members of any working group? If not, do you intend to join any working group? If so, which one? Will you recommend to giving travel support to those actively engaged in the policy process rather than giving it strictly to those who claim it strictly because of their position? A quite interesting question. And let's see, maybe starting with David.

David Cake: Sure. Yes. I strongly believe that funding should prioritize but not be entirely 100% focused on - it should be prioritized by incenting active in working groups. Obviously we need to get some EC people to the - there are a lot of jobs specific, you know, discussions that the EC needs to participate in, especially the chair, and - but when we have funding that we are disbursing to people, we should definitely keep working groups in the priority.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, David. Raoul?

Raoul Plommer: Yes, I've participated in two working groups and it's been individual new kind of working for me. Personally the - I think the teleconference platform itself isn't the best that we could have, but maybe that's just me being frustrated with the technical issues we always have. I think I'd like to turn on myself as an

example as a person who hasn't been committed to - who hasn't had working group work but was still able to participate in the ICANN conferences, although it's been a little by luck.

But I do feel that these few trips I've made with you, and I'm getting acquainted with the whole society that is ICANN and the Internet governance, I feel that I'm really hooked. And I guess I would especially favor people who are new and working for the working groups. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Raoul. Tatiana?

Tatiana Tropina: Thanks, Rafik. Tatiana Tropina speaking for the record. I saw a question to myself but it mysteriously disappeared so I'm going to answer Edward's question and (Carlos)'s question about GNSO future. So first of all to Ed's question, yes I have been a member of Workstream 1 on accountability and a very active member, and I believe that it's because of some of us, for example the human rights bylaw made into the final recommendations and some other provisions.

I mean it's not only my work. I don't claim it, I don't own it, but I'm very proud and very happy that I contributed to these efforts on ICANN accountability. I'm a member of the Cross-Community Working Party on Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility, also an active member. And yes I plan to join some working groups. Currently I'm a member of the Workstream 2 accountability, actually four working groups, but I'm very active in human rights working group and a bit less active on jurisdiction and social accountability.

About giving travel support, yes, sure. It's also because from my experience, I was able to secure funding to attend ICANN meetings without having any

position and I do believe that it is active participation that counts and that's what we have to strive for and try to achieve.

And now about the GNSO future, I believe that we have to think about this future also in the context of the new ICANN accountability measures and about the role of the GNSO in empowered community. And this one actually excites me. On the one hand, GNSO is a very powerful policymaking body, policy development body, but on the other hand, in the context of the new accountability measures, it has almost the same weight as for example advisory committees in the whole context of the ICANN. So it's going to be interesting if something happens how this is actually balanced and what kind of flow and voice GNSO has in all these things.

By the way, I don't know if I think I wrote up my intervention here, but there was a question about outreach. And whoever asked it, I can answer via e-mail. Just shoot me an e-mail. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Tatiana. Ines, please go ahead.

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi everyone. I would like to answer (Edward)'s question about working groups and also about - so on working groups I have been a member in the RPMs and also gTLD PDP working, and also I am member in the Middle East and adjoining countries strategy working groups. And we have - at ICANN 57 we have shared our youth strategy on the Middle East and adjoining countries.

He also asked about travel support. I really believe that travel support should be awarded on a merit basis rather than on anybody's position. So active participation, involvement in outreach, engagement in the dissemination of our mission. I think that is what is important in awarding travel support. Thank you very much.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Ines. Anna Loup, please go ahead.

Anna Loup: This is Anna Loup for the record. I'm going to answer Ed's question. Firstly, I'm in the CEP working group. For me this is a really great working group. I urge everyone to join. But it's a great example of how you can use a partnership with ICANN staff within a working group that will, you know, ultimately result in sort of a more powerful and better outcome.

I believe this strongly because as an intern at ICANN, which is where I sort of got my start in the Internet governance world, I was a data analyst for the CCWG Competition Consumer Choice and Consumer Trust Working Group. And so I was able during that time to really see how things go on sort of behind the scenes and I realized that forming these partnerships with ICANN staff really is beneficial. And so I'm excited to bring that perspective to the NCUC as a way to not only inform my work but as a way to really make sure that the work that we're doing, the good work that we're doing, in these working groups really, you know, has a great impact on the community.

And in regards to travel funding, I believe that active participants should be rewarded for their hard work because then they're able to engage face to face with other members of the community, which will not only, you know, support the community, it will also, you know, better their active work. Thank you so much.

Rafik Dammak: Thank you, Anna. Renata?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Hi. Renata here. Yes, addressing Ed's question about working groups, I would also like to emphasize that I am for one in the sense of members joining working groups, at least as observers, it's been a great school

for me about ICANN. And I was NCUC alternate for (Amir) in SCI working group, and it was really important to learn more about PDPs. I also observed on accountability, on GNSO review, on RPM, and others.

And it's interesting how many fellows come (unintelligible) working groups, but to actually join, it's way harder because they won't really understand the whole scenario of the working group. And this is something that I think the constituency has to address, and it begins with our representatives talking about these working groups and the work that they're doing.

So with regards to travel support, I think that two things have to come together, being engaged in policy process and having a work inside a constituency should be requirements for just travel support. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Okay. Thanks. I think we'll go with Benjamin and then Farzaneh. Benjamin? It sounds like we lost someone. Okay. Benjamin, can you speak? Okay. So maybe we can go with Farzaneh in the meantime. Farzaneh?

Farzaneh Badii: Thank you, Rafik. Farzaneh Badii speaking. So as to Ed's questions, actually I think these questions are really good because we do need, as an executive committee, we need people that are engaged, even if it's minimal, with the policymaking processes and with various working group at ICANN. Because that is how we are going to see who is active and how to engage those who are not active. And I think that is very essential.

I have been engaged with too many working groups, I have to say, for the past year, mainly the accountability groups, and I have volunteered to be (repator) for the SO/AC accountability and also other working groups and also the Middle East Strategy Working Group.

So that is - so the other thing - the other question -- I'm going to be brief on this -- and I do believe that travel support issue that you're raising, Ed, it should be addressed and we need to judge this based on merit. And if the EC members are not really required to be at the meeting, the funding should go to those who are active in working groups and others. And that's also, I'd say, include chair.

So - and I'm just going to take this moment just to -- because we are kind of going late -- just to thank our outgoing chair, Rafik Dammak. We have done as an executive committee during last year, we have done so much and it would have not been possible without the leadership of Rafik. We have updated bylaws, which is going to go for vote next week, and we have made a lot of progress and changes under his leadership. I'm very thankful for that. Thank you. And I hope if I get elected, I can actually do as Rafik did for NCUC. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Farzaneh. I'm pretty sure you could do more than me. I'm looking forward to that. Thanks again. So I think, yes, we have a few minutes remaining on the call. We'll try to get intervention from who's in the queue, so we're closing the queue for now. And maybe to wrap up, if there's another I mean kind of last word or something. So let's go with Benjamin and then Joao. Benjamin?

Benjamin Akinmoyeje: Can I answer the question or just last word? Okay. I'm answering the question. I've been a member of the Cross-Community Working Group on Accountability and I've also been a member of the GNSO Next Gen RDS PDP Working Group. I must say in this working group I've been more or less an observer, simply because I struggle with understanding the issues of discussion. But I hope to join more groups, maybe not, maybe one or two, and then I want to turn to issues and contribute actively.

In terms of giving travel support, I think if I do my job well, whoever is in a position should be able to participate actively and members who are participating actively as well should be considered on that merit. For me, active participating is working, and that I think would be the type of priority for me to put support towards such individuals. And I want to believe that (unintelligible) participation if I become part the NCUC EC. Thank you. And I really look forward to serving NCUC. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Benjamin. I think we have Joao and David. Joao?

Joao Carlos Caribe: Hi. To answer the question of Edward Morris, it's a clear question, listen I'm a member of (unintelligible) that's a movement that I created in 2007. So this (unintelligible) is for profit (unintelligible). There are no (unintelligible). So I just am passionate (unintelligible). Just showing it loud and clear, I'm passionate for the causes. My passion for the causes, my passion for the future of the world is much more important than (unintelligible).

The first time I traveled out for this was in 2011 when (unintelligible) paid the price (unintelligible). So the first time I went to IGS, the first time I go to Africa in the IGS 2011 was in Kenya. So I meet new friends (unintelligible) for international forum.

Then I'm actively not participating on working group, I just try it when budget and (unintelligible) leave the net group. I was in a meeting with (Violet), me (Violet), (unintelligible) to decide the new members of the map. There was a suggestion for a vote (unintelligible) from the (unintelligible) so the members of the working group is still me (unintelligible). That's a working group that's now working now (unintelligible) question of the lack of funds but (unintelligible) of NCUC that's not working yet. If the question is this, I think

I answered the question. I have no thoughts on benefits but I have thoughts on the (unintelligible) to bring the world more clear for everybody. Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: David? David, can you hear me?

David Cake: Yes. I just wanted to respond. The last thing I want to say is I want to respond to (Carlos)'s question about the, you know, the general role of the EC. And I think it's a very good question because I think the role of the EC is evolving as we - such in the way it was a few years ago. Of course the role of the EC is always to support the role of the entire of the NCUC, particularly its policy work, but the ways it does that are definitely changing.

I think the EC has to take an active role in sort of managing all the resources that's available to us, because there're are a lot more than they used to be and some of them are more difficult to learn how to use, such as our staff support. And we are just about to get a whole new challenge in the next year of - that there are new powers for the GNSO, some of which as part of the empowered community, some of those powers will be exercisable only throughout the council representatives but some will be exercisable more directly and we need to understand what they are and get a handle on them and how we use them as a constituency.

So the role of the - the answer to the question was the vision for the EC is to support the particular policy work, including recruitment and outreach to get new people to do it but the way that we're doing that is rapidly evolving. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, David. So we are now really at the end of the call. So any candidate - I think I'm not sure - we have Hago and Elsa I think they joined. Maybe there

was some problem, but if they want to make a quick intervention or to say something, it's a really good time. Hago, can you hear us?

Hago Daffala: Yes?

Rafik Dammak: Yes, Hago. So…

Hago Daffala: Can you hear me?

Rafik Dammak: Yes we can hear you.

Hago Daffala: I'm Hago from Jordan. I have (unintelligible) in Cairo. I am an observer in some working group. Also I have (unintelligible). And also I have worked and as a volunteer for (AFNIC) NomCom, 2011 and 2012. I am in NCUC (unintelligible) NCUC. I'm also (unintelligible) to more people. I think it's very important to the vision of ICANN that consists of people (unintelligible), as I am working as the other chair in the diversity of (unintelligible). For that I am working in a university (unintelligible) in Sudan for 19 months. And I'm really happy to (unintelligible). If you have any questions, you can send it to me e-mail address (unintelligible). Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Okay. Thanks, Hago. I think also Elsa you cannot speak. So this is kind the last chance everyone if you want to add something really quickly, last word. Okay. So - yes, who is speaking? Okay, so I guess it's really time to wrap up the call.

I didn't have a chance, however, I didn't really want to ask a question to the candidates but I would like to make maybe some comments. It's really good to listen to all those I'd say statement and promise from all candidates, coming with many new ideas and (unintelligible) and the energy to do many things

within the executive committee. I wish you all candidates good luck for the election. It's kind of involving. It's not easy but it's really good that you get more involved within NCUC.

What I wanted to really to highlight is that some of you will lose the election, that's the nature of democracy. To be active and to participate in EC is not really to be in having office or being elected, but we are a volunteer-based organization, and so you don't really need to wait till you get elected to do many things of what was suggested.

Having been in - served in the executive committee in different role, what I can say is that any elected officer need your help and support. And so if you want to do something, you can really start and not wait to be in office. So we count on all volunteers and all commitments and a good way to do things.

And I also wanted to thank the executive committee which works with me. I feel relief leaving the chair position, and I think we are ensuring the continuity of NCUC. And thanks for the nice words I heard, and thanks again for joining the call.

So I don't want to speak more. I think it was a good call in terms of listening to all this intervention and really good - and hopefully a commitment to do all those stuff. So good luck everyone. I don't want to keep you more in this call. Enjoy your day and all those like me in Asia Pac, it's almost the end of the day. So thanks again and that was my last conference call chaired by me as NCUC chair. So see you soon guys. Bye-bye.

Maryam Bakoshi: Thank you all for attending the call. (Gary), you may now stop the recording. Thank you very much. Bye.

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