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(as at 10Mar16)

1. **SSAC MEETING WITH ALAC.** The briefing provided by Patrik Fältström, the SSAC Chair, on Sunday 18 October gave a summary of the most recently released SSAC Reports, available on the SSAC Reports and Advisories Webpage. Patrik spoke specifically about the following reports:
   - SAC080: SSAC Approval of CCWG-Accountability Supplemental Final Proposal on Work Stream 1 Recommendations dated 02 March 2016
   - SAC078: SSAC Advisory on Uses of the Shared Global Domain Name Space dated 18 February 2016
   - SAC077: SSAC Comment on gTLD Marketplace Health Index Proposal dated 22 January 2016

Patrik also advised of new Work Parties within SSAC that have been established to look into:
   - Namespace Issues: This Work Party will continue on from SAC079 and examine a broader range of Namespace Issues. The exact scope is still being finalised.
   - New gTLD Auction Proceeds: This Work Party will provide support to the SSAC Members participating in the CCWG on this topic (Lyman Chapin and Russ Mundy)
   - IDN Harmonization: This Work Party will look into issues resulting from the lack of IDN harmonisation including but not limited to Trademark Clearing House, New gTLDs/Label Generation Rules, IDN ccTLD Fast Track.

2. **SSAC INVOLVEMENT IN CCWG ON ACCOUNTABILITY.** On 3Mar16, the day before the CCWG Accountability held its first meeting in Marrakech, the SSAC published SAC080 advising its approval of final draft report. SSAC was the first Community Group to do so.

As one of the two SSAC Representatives on the CCWG, I attended all scheduled sessions as detailed below.

**CCWG Accountability Meetings**

**Friday 4 March**
0800-1700: CCWG Accountability Working Session

**Monday 5 March**
1330-1500: CCWG Accountability Engagement Session

**Thursday 10 March**
0900-1200: CCWG Accountability Workstream 2 Working Session

The SSAC was briefed on CCWG Next Steps during the SSAC Private Meetings and confirmed that Lyman Chapin and I will continue serving as SSAC Members of the CCWG throughout Workstream 2. Depending on concurrent workload and expertise associated with the topic areas, some assistance from other SSAC Members may need to be requested.

3. **MEETINGS ATTENDED IN MARRAKECH.** In addition to the CCWG Accountability Meetings, I attended the following ALAC, SSAC and other general meetings and events:

**SSAC Meetings**

**Sunday 6 March**
1445-1515: SSAC Briefing to ALAC

**Tuesday 8 March**
0800-1800: SSAC Private Meetings
1400-1500: SSAC Meeting with Board

**Wednesday 9 March**
0900-1515: DNSSEC Workshop

**Thursday 10 March**
0800-0900: SSAC Public Meeting
**ALAC Meetings**

**Saturday 5 March**
0700-0900: ALT Meeting
0945-1230: ALAC Strategy Session Pt 1
1400-1715: ALAC Strategy Session Pt 1
1930-2230: ALT and RALO Chairs Dinner

**Sunday 6 March**
0945-1730: ALAC and Regional Leadership Working Session

**Monday 7 March**
1900-2030: AFRALO Showcase

**Wednesday 9 March**
1515-1715: ALAC and Regional Leadership Wrap-up Meeting

**Thursday 10 March**
0700-0800: ALT Meeting

**Other Sessions and Meetings**

**Monday 7 March**
0830-0945: Welcome Ceremony
1000-1145: IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation Session
1515-1645: How It Works – Domain Name Registry Protocols
1700-1830: Public Forum 1

**Tuesday 8 March**
1900-2100: ccNSO Cocktail Party

**Thursday 10 March**
1330-1530: Public Forum 2
1600-1700: ICANN Public Board Meeting
1700-1900: Farewell Cocktail Party