

TRANSCRIPT

IDN PDP Working Group 2 Meeting

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- Hiro Hotta: Okay, working group to start now. So is anybody on the phone?
- Kristina Nordström: We are dialing Paulos now, but sometimes it's hard to get through to his number, so we'll see.
- Hiro Hotta: Okay, so while we are waiting in joining him, I want Bart to lead the discussion.
- Bart Boswinkel: Thank you, Hiro. I think if we look at where we are as a working group, I think we have two major tasks ahead for us. First is we sent out the draft final report on the inclusion of IDN ccTLDs and we did not receive feedback. And if you recall from the final report, the draft final report, there was a minority and a majority view included on one topic, and that was on the formal voting in the ccNSO. I wonder, and that's probably where your input is needed today, is whether we want to present it this way to the council and the membership so they can vote on one of the options. So we leave it open. Or that we include it as -- because what it does is that we need to structure say the final report for the membership in such a way that they can vote on different recommendations, whether they are in favor of it, that makes a vote very complex. Or that we present recommendations as a full set of recommendations and you vote over the full set of recommendations.
- Because what I fear, what I fear -- or maybe separate the two out. Because there is a whole set of recommendations in the final report say on membership definition, changes to some of the articles to, if you recall, to initiate a PDP, that they need to be from different territories. And then we have this elephant in the room of voting. So I'm seeking your input in how to move that forward if there are any thoughts about it. And we don't

need to decide it today, but maybe I should rephrase it and send it as an email to the group because it's very -- let me say give another perspective on this one. I need it. I need it as the issue manager in order to prepare the final report for the council and the ccNSO membership and how to present it. And it's a matter of the working group how they want to have it presented to the membership and to the council.

So maybe that's something to think about, and what I could do is, what I will do is, I will send an email to the group and we should have a discussion about it. I think that is the next step because we didn't have any feedback so there is no preference with the exception of the working group for one of the options. I hope this is clear because that is one of the things that I've been struggling with as issue manager.

So that's with regard to the final report and it needs to be a little bit redrafted. But then it can be included as soon as we finish out the other one because I think we will not separate the two things out, the overall policy. And the fact is, we made the structural split between two working groups so that at the end of the day we're talking about one major process that's on IDN ccTLDs. So that's one. That's my first issue.

And the second thing, and I haven't looked at it for awhile, is that we probably need to have a look whether we've captured everything and where we are with regard to the changes to rules and guidelines of the ccNSO. That was our second major project. And we discussed it briefly I think in Dakar and then since Dakar we have tried to set up one call and there were only two or three participants on that call and then it got set again and so I'm partly to blame for that, might totally be.

But it's -- I suggest that I'll send the final, say final document that we agreed and discussed once again to the group and that we revisit it say somewhere between now and Prague, maybe on one or two calls, to see if we've captured all we needed to, so it's more a sanity check, and what needs to be improved in order to present it under the condition as we've discussed with the council. So once you implemented or implement the rules and guidelines, at the same time you change it to the bylaw, changes to the bylaws will be implemented.

These are in fact say my two suggestions for the working group and so it's not so much a discussion for today as for the future that we set an agenda which we know in Prague to complete it. And in order to do so, because I think what is also worthwhile is that Gabi and/or Kristina will send out a due report for at least three calls between now and Prague so we can schedule them really early so everybody knows. And in that sense we force ourselves to make progress. And I think that was one of the things lacking over the last -- between Dakar and this is that ad hoc we came up with these dates, but it doesn't work because we are all so busy and it's easy to schedule it ahead and push something in your agenda two weeks in advance.

These are in fact what I would suggest for today. And if you agree with this approach, then I think I'm fine with it. Any comments, questions, remarks, blames?

Unidentified Participant: You said there are two ways of presenting this. One is stating the majority and minority view. And the other one I didn't understand. You said what exactly?

Bart Boswinkel: In fact, if you look at it, it's a whole list of recommendations. Say recommendation one, recommendation two. I think we have about eight according to my memory which is not very good sometimes. We can present them say as recommendation one, do you agree or disagree? Are you in favor or not in favor, that's in fact the question. And regarding the membership vote, do you agree with say the minority position or the majority position? Because if you do it for one -- or do you disagree at all, say leave it as it is? That's one way of presenting it.

A second way of presenting it is say, look, here we have the whole list of recommendations. You either adopt all the recommendations or not.

Kristina Nordström: I just wanted to say Paulos just joined.

Bart Boswinkel: Hello, Paulos.

Paulos Nyirenda: (Inaudible)

Bart Boswinkel: You are very difficult to understand. I'll continue. Does this answer your question?

Unidentified Participant: The recommendation, was it the majority recommendation that was being --

Bart Boswinkel: Yes, but in order -- it's a question, how the working group wants to present it. And if its majority, then you can include in the final report say -- and if people feel very -- are very concerned about this approach, then they probably -- yeah, if it weighs very high on their list and you present it as a whole list of just you're in favor or you're not in favor with the whole list of recommendations, it's something -- the working group needs to take into consideration how they want to have the vote. That's what I mean by it.

Hiro Hotta: Just as a point of clarification, I understand that one way you propose it is to have a list of alternatives and propose this list in some kind of indefinite set of alternatives. But I prefer to have groups of solution maybe or aggregate the alternatives in one proposal or another or another. Not just a set of aggregated items.

Bart Boswinkel: That's an alternative as well, but say these two came to my mind in order to illustrate the issue that the working group will face, and we need to discuss between now and Prague to finalize say the report of the working group to the issue manager. Because then as an issue manager, I know what to do. And it's the working group determining it, not me.

Paulos Nyirenda: (Inaudible).

Bart Boswinkel: If you look at the presence of the current attendants, it's a very limited group, so I think we lack quorum to make any final decisions whatsoever. So I think this is the best way forward and probably not this upcoming week but the week after, we still send out suggestions for dates between now and Prague. So probably we need three calls. One is on each of the documents and then on say your item and then the last one is probably not needed, or hopefully not needed, but at least an approval, so this is it from working group, too, and then we can submit it to the issue manager or he or she can submit it to the issue manager. And then it's -- say that's the final report of the working group and we need to discuss some of the issues and where we are with the rules and guidelines as well. So my suggestion will be to start with the final report because that has an impact on the rules and guidelines, not the other way around. The rules and guidelines need to reflect what will be the proposed recommendation. Yes? I thank you for your attendance.

Unidentified Participant: So we will expect to receive an email from you summarizing the alternatives and then we can commence on that? Is that a deal or not?

Bart Boswinkel: The first thing that needs to happen is that we set these calls, because I know how I work. If there is a call, I know that there is a call, I will start working. But I'll try to send you an email say by the end of next week or early the week after. So then you'll have say the way that we have clear understanding of what will need to be discussed over the coming weeks and maybe we can do a response. But I will send you an email including - - say Gabby or Kristina will send out a due report for some dates.

Unidentified Participant: One request. If you guys cancel any meeting, please do before 24 hours.

Bart Boswinkel: Thumbs up. Because what we receive, and I think in the last case it was Hiro was -- I think you were not able to attend the call. And that came up very closely to the end. And it -- I feel very uncomfortable doing this because that's not my role. I don't mind doing it, but it's -- then it's easiest -- I know yes, sometimes you schedule your stuff, but I think it's always the best of the two options that it's just you and me on the call.

Unidentified Participant: Thank you again.

Bart: Bye-bye.