
TORONTO – Sunday Fellowship Morning Meeting
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JANICE DOUMA LANGE:

I know I snuck up on you. I'll do that. Good morning, everybody. Let's all gather in here, to try to be intimate in a non-intimate room. If you need a headset for translation, back over on the table there. Gather in, gather in. Okay, morning, morning. I think I'm going to come and grab the handheld. I'm horrible on this thing.

I'm a take a nice, deep breath person, and you don't need your laptop. You really don't. Good morning and welcome to Fellowship, ICANN 45. 46? 45, we'll stay with that. We're someplace around the world. I think we're in Toronto, so it must be ICANN 45. Good morning, Nigel. Nice of you to join us.

We are so excited to have this Fellowship program at ICANN. I've been lucky enough to manage it for almost five years, almost my lifetime at ICANN, and we've built a family. We have a very large family. We are sometimes a bit dysfunctional, but we're a family.

There's over 500 fellows now, in our alumni network. What you're joining into is just one huge hug and one huge network of information. As we go through the week, you all have a very special little angel here. Mama J is one, but it is a fellowship program.

We, as a unit, take care of each other through the week. Other folks who have come in, and some of you have come to an ICANN before, and you know what it's like to wander the halls and the closed doors, and everyone seems to know everyone, but you know no



one. If someone talks to you over coffee, you grab onto them like they're your new best friend.

In this, you have new best friends, and if there's someone that you know that you're sitting next to now, I want you, after the break, to sit next to somebody else and next to somebody else, so you keep getting to know each other. The bonding that we do on the emails, before we even get here, helps us all to make this week go so much more smoothly.

I want to thank the board for doing such an awesome job, for putting together the whole travel bonding experience, because that is so helpful, and everyone knows someone else is going to be at ground zero, when you get there.

So, we start our week. The first thing we'll say is breakfast, 7:00 a.m., in our room. This is our temporary home for today, so all the newcomers, this is your home all day, for all the different sessions. I am here, so I see, and you belong to me today, in this room.

The alumni have some choices, because I don't need them to sit again through another session they already know, but if there's a session that wasn't covered, when you were here on your last program, when you look through the newcomer track, I would like you to take that program in, but if not, I need you out there, networking.

Thank goodness it's raining, you can't go shopping, but the alumni, I need you out there, doing what you need to do in the community,



not sitting here, listening to the same thing again. But if you haven't seen it or heard it, stay here.

It's really important to be on time, every morning. Good morning, Maureen. Welcome. That's one of our alumni. When I say be here at 7:00 a.m., sharp, in Frontenac, which is our room for the week, after today, I'm very serious.

I like to play at night, but I need to be here in the morning, as well. It's all part of it. You have to balance it. The reason we do that is you get to get your breakfast, which we provide in the morning, you get to get online, you get to get yourself, "Okay, everything's good at home, I can settle," then the laptops go down and you're focused on everything happening in the room for the next hour and a half, two hours.

Laptops are not up during any of our presentations. We record. This morning, I'm not recording, because we're just loose, but we record all the presentations. All week, they're all recorded. You don't have to nervously be grabbing every word that everybody's saying.

Key things that you want to remember, names, things like that, but all of the sessions are recorded and then transcribed and translated. You really want to take it in. In our fellowship room, it is so early that we get our presenters to come in, that I want to make sure everybody gives them their full attention.

I sent you the slides, so that you could see the presenters from the different communities and start to think, "Oh, I want to ask the



chair of the business constituency this,” or, “I want to ask the chair of the security and stability advisory committee that.”

I want everybody to be thinking of questions, because it's very interactive. They don't come to sit there and teach you. It's interactive. This is your golden opportunity to talk, 24 on one, to a community leader that you may be interested in, or you don't quite understand what the work is that they do.

It's a golden opportunity that 900 other people out there don't have, but you have, through the fellowship program. That's it. I'm teaching Ollie as we go here.

Today, we're doing just getting to know each other, and we have members of our global partnership and engagement team here, from the different regions. They'll be introducing themselves to you, so that you know who know in your region, from ICANN, who can help you from this point on.

Anything that you need, any information, they're one-stop shopping, as I'll be, as the alumni will be. Then, we have one person from the community coming in today, one community member who used to be on the ICANN staff, Maria Farrell, and she'll be talking about the non-commercial stakeholders group, which she has now joined.

Tonight is our social event, and that, too, is mandatory, because it's mandatory networking. We have the board members, we have the



executive team from ICANN, we have staff members from ICANN, we have community leaders.

They all come to meet you over some beer and some wine and some food and stuff, but it's a very casual way to start your week and get to know the people in the community and on staff, who's face you then can recognize, and the hand goes out in the hallway, "Oh, I met you at the ICANN social." It's the best way to start to get to know everybody in a very relaxed way.

This is the newcomer track. This is what we were talking about. We'll go over all the basics of ICANN, the idea of the multi-stakeholder model, the policy overviews, more about GTLDs, what's new in the domain space, things to get you acclimated to the week. It's at a more basic level.

Some of you are much deeper already into this information. It is on a little bit of a basic level, but again, you can ask questions at any of these, and get it to a deeper level. If somebody's in a room and says, "Okay, I've got all that, but I need this next piece of information," we can either answer it there or say, "Hey, later in the week, there's a much more advanced session on GTLDs, or a much more advanced session on IDNs or compliance," but it's a good place to start.

We talked Monday. Our commercial stakeholder group chairs are here, altogether, on Monday, tomorrow morning. It's a very absolute early start. We need to leave our room, which is really the government advisory committee's week-long home, Frontenac. We



need to leave that room by 8:30, sharp, tomorrow morning, which is half an hour earlier than we normally do.

I absolutely need everybody in the room tomorrow, by 7:00, so that our presenters can start by 7:10 or so, to get everybody in. Then is the welcome ceremony, where the president and CEO, Fadi, will be making his first address as the President and CEO of ICANN.

It's going to be long, so get ready. Have some padding here, but it's his first opportunity to really tell the community what's going to be happening with ICANN, some changes and transitions.

Then we have an event – I have some tickets for everybody here, to the North American RALO event, food and drinks, and again, meeting the folks from at large, celebrating a five year anniversary for the North American Regional At Large Organization. They gave me tickets in advance for all of you, and I'll hand those out for everybody.

For the alumni ladies, the DNS Women's Breakfast is Monday morning, so folks like Maureen and Magaly, they get a pass. The ladies get a pass from the morning meeting, so it's really important for them to go and network with the community, now that they've done the basics of ICANN. That's one of the ways that the alumni get to have a pass through.

On Tuesday, Olivier, who's the chair of the At Large advisory committee, Alan Beregier [INAUDIBLE 00:11:40], from the nonprofit, which is the newest constituency in ICANN, and Denise



Michelle will be here. Denise is a senior advisor to the CEO, and has been with ICANN about six years, has done various jobs including policy director.

She has been in charge of a new initiative called My ICANN, and I can't tell you any more about it, because it's super, super, super secret, but because we're the fellowship group, we get to have a training in My ICANN, whatever that is, and I can't tell you, or I'd have to kill you, or me, but it's really, really cool. Denise will be coming to our room, to share that with us.

Constituency day is Tuesday. It's just a crazy day. If there's any day that you're going to feel like, "Why am I here?" it's Tuesday, because you have a lot of chickens running around with their heads cut off, i.e., the members of our community, who have agendas for that day. It is their day to get their business done, it's their day to cross-constituency, to talk to one another. It's their day to get the board into their room and talk with them.

It's one of those days where you're going to walk into a room, they're going to be headlong into an agenda, and talking about things that they have been talking about since Prague or since their last monthly work session. You will feel a little distanced, but hang in there. If it's something that you are interested in, from a business constituency or for a not-for-profit, or for the intellectual property, stick it out.

Find a community member, find a staff member that you met at the social on Sunday, or at the social on Monday. Find someone, ask



them the questions, sitting next to you. If you get someone's card, type them the questions. If you have a question, get to the mic and say, "Excuse me, I know I'm new, but I need to ask this question. What the heck are you talking about?"

Don't feel badly about that. That's normal on Tuesday. Tuesday's a sampler day. It's a great day to walk in and out of the rooms. Don't let anybody look at you cross-eyed because you step into a room, partway into a meeting. That's what it's all about. If this doesn't taste good, pick up your things quietly, get out of that room, and look at the schedule and figure out what's the next room to go to.

I've got people that, just for the sake of it, take Tuesday to taste six different things. Sometimes it's the only time that you can get into a GAC meeting, the Government Advisory Committee. If you have that opportunity and they have an open session, go in and listen to the governments talking to each other.

It's a great opportunity. It's a mini-UN. You belong everywhere. The only place you don't belong, it'll say meeting closed on the schedule, and that's for a reason. They have to talk about things that are super secret. Everything else is open, and you can walk in and out.

You'll learn, later today, multi-task, in a sense, of, with your laptop speaker off, you can bring up another session while you're in another session. You can be listening with your headset, multi-task a little bit. If you hear something that you like in another meeting, and this one's not going so well – not this one, in particular, because



you're stuck with me, but you get to just pack up and say, "Well, I want to be there live." There's lots of options on Tuesday. Don't get discouraged.

Then, when you're dead tired and you just think you just want to crash and go to bed, you don't, because you come with me to Music Night. Music Night started in Seoul, at the ICANN meeting there, and it's our way to let it out, to let it loose, to get rid of the day and the heebie-jeebies. Get up on stage, grab a microphone, or just dance or just watch everybody else and be a wallflower and I'll pull you off, but it's a great time to just get that constituency day heebie-jeebie off you, by going to Music Night.

This is just what we're talking about, with the day, the different things. On Wednesday, we're super stoked to have Fadi Chehadé come and speak with us. We've been very lucky, Rod Beckstrom made it a practice, as CEO, to come to every single Fellowship morning meeting, at one morning meeting. I asked Fadi, when he came on board, and he said absolutely.

He's bringing with him two of his new senior advisors, who, by the way, were also looking to be the CEO of ICANN. There are three people who are invested in the new ICANN, in the transitional ICANN and what we're going to become. It's going to be fantastic. Patrick Falstrom, for the security instability – good morning, Tracy – advisory committee, and Paul Diaz, who works with .org, the public interest registry.



He asked me this time, "Could I come? I watch your Fellows, I see them, I would just like to come and meet them." I said sure, come along, so he's coming. Oh, and that's Gala Night. Gala Night, I also have scored tickets in advance for all of us, so fear not. We all have tickets, and I will get them to you later in the week. It will be at the CN Tower, so it's going to be phenomenal and fantastic, and I don't care if you're dead tired. We're going. It's food and drink, it's going to be marvelous and fantastic.

Then, on Thursday, we have Vanda Scartezini. Vana is a friend forever, one of the very first people I met in San Juan, in 2007. Vanda has been on the board, she has been chair of various committees, she's been Businesswoman of the Year in Brazil. She is the outgoing chair for the nominating committee.

They nominate members to the board or to some of our constituencies, people from around the world. The nominating committee is in charge of finding. Not just people in ICANN move up to the board and to layers. We look for people all around the world, who we can get their intelligence and get them engaged. It's a pretty heady job. As the chair of NomCom, she'll talk to you about it.

Lesley, the chair of the CCNSO, a friend of the fellows, she has come to every single Fellowship morning meeting, and Heather Dryden, who's the chair of the Government Advisory Committee. Then we have some fun. We leave the GAC room that morning, we move to another room, and we just do this, phew, and we talk about the week and how it worked and how it happened. We take pictures



and we cry, and it's crazy. That's how our week ends, and that's where we'll be.

Then, Artak, from Armenia, we were hoping he was going to be here. He could not get his visa. When he was in Prague and went out on a boat trip, he took a picture of this ship, and then, of course he autographed it with his own name on the left, but then he said, "Welcome to Fellow Ship." I asked him if I could own that picture, so I do.

We're going to talk at the end of the week. As you do sail away from us here, we're going to talk about the final report, which is not scary. It's just my way of getting your impressions for the week. It's my way to see what you are taking in, and what you're going to take back. You can't do that, sitting here.

You have to go away, and you have to give yourself some time to get it all in. You might want to take some notes, take some pictures, remember what the week was like in that way, so that when you leave here and spend about a week thinking about it, you'll be able to write me back in a slideshow, a photo diary, an email, a Word document, a PowerPoint. It's easy, it's just coming back and telling us what this experience was all about.

Don't stress, it's fun. We'll talk about the stipends, we'll talk about joining our Facebook and our LinkedIn and how you become an alumni. Thursday is just a get some good information on your exit from some community members, and then we take it down. Any



questions at all? Am I talking too fast? Tell me to slow down, if I do. I'm a speedster. Okay, awesome.

Now, what we need to do is you've met me and you know our agenda for the week. Now, we are going to start with my good friend from Russia, Fyodor. This is what I need everybody to do. Just very quick, I do not need to know your family history, I do not need to know everything you fill your nine hour workday with. We just need to know each other, to start the week.

You'll have plenty of time to get to know each other better and what you do. Right now, it's just we want to know you and where you're from and just a quick couple words, boom.

FEDOR SMIRNOV:

I am Fedor, from Russia. It is my second time at the ICANN meeting. The first one was in Prague, in June. By the way, I am the guy that started the stuff with the list of arrivals. I hope someone made use of it. In my case, I arrived late yesterday, and I had to cope with the confusing public transportation system of Toronto, myself.

What drives me to participate in the ICANN conference, I have a wide range of interests. I am editor of the biggest Russian domain names magazine, related to DNS topics, called Infounique. I worked for the biggest Russian registrar in the past, [INAUDIBLE [00:22:06], and I am also interested in topics like information security and DNS security and stability. I worked as a marketing specialist for the Positive Research Center.



Now, after some experience in Prague, I hope to make my current employer, a big social media platform, to be a part of business constituency. Here, at Fellow, I represent business community. I just want to welcome new members and alumni.

I am always here for you, so any assistance, any questions, any advice, I am ready to help. I would like to say that as you are selected as a Fellowship member, as a member of the program, you are really lucky. You don't realize it at the moment, but I think it will bring much profit in your personal and your professional development. Thank you.

NARAYAN GANGALARAMSAMY:

Good morning, everybody. I am Narayan Gangalaramsamy. I am from Mauritius. Je parle francais, so for those who speak French, don't hesitate when you talk to me in French. I am from the law enforcement. This is my second time Fellow. The first one was in Prague.

I have 25 years service now, in the police. I look after cyber crime and digital forensics. After being here with ICANN, in Prague, I'm now also a member of the security and stability advisory committee of ICANN. I just became a member. I'm also blown back with global law enforcement community, working for a better WHOIS database.

We have been making a presentation with ICANN, for a better WHOIS database. We know the problem we have, when we do investigations. I'm with those groups, working for that. Otherwise, I



just wish you all to have a good time together, as Fellows. We'll have time to talk. My dear friend, Olivier, and I, the last time we were together in Prague, we knew how warm it is to be together, so I wish you all a good time. Thank you.

MAGALY PAZELLO:

My name is Magaly Pazello. I'm from Brazil. This is also my second time with the Fellowship. I work with known government organizations in Brazil. I am also Senior Fellow of EMERGE, that is a research center in the Fluminense Federal University in Rio De Janeiro. I collaborate with different organizations, known government organizations in Brazil and outside Brazil.

Also, like my colleague, I just was elected for the GNSO council, as an NCSG representative. Thank you. Any question about the known commercial users constituency that I am part of, and through the NCUC I got this seating, the GNS Seoul consul, any question about the NCUC, please just come to talk to me. I would be glad to talk about the NCUC and NCSG and also the GNSO. It would be a pleasure. Thank you.

SIMON BALTHAZAR:

Good morning. My name is Simon Balthazar. I am from Tanzania, and I work for TZNIC, which is the .tz registry. I have a technical background. I am a technical contractor. This is my second time as a Fellow. My first time was in San Jose, Costa Rica. We are a member of ccNSO, my organization, and we're represented in the city ccNSO



meetings. It's my third ICANN meeting, so I have a bit of experience of what's going on around. If you need anything, just come and ask me anything. I'll be able to assist you. Thank you.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Hi. This is Ali Almeshal. This is my second Fellowship, and as you can see, I'm not holding that greenish sticker anymore. I've graduated. Today, I have been promoted, so I'm not sitting with you. I'm sitting here, in front, a fantastic promotion. Thank you very much, [INAUDIBLE [00:28:07]]. I'm presenting an NGO in Bahrain. It's called Bahrain Internet Society. We are part of the At Large community. We are also a part of the ISEC chapter.

As I mentioned, this is my second time. The first was in Prague, and this is the second one. Actually, it is a fantastic team to work with, gathering, communities, events, the workshops that you will attend. Don't miss them. As Janice has stated, if you did not like the one, just go out, go to the next, and you will find your interest. It is a very interesting, the meeting schedules. Please try to get as much as you can from it. Believe me, you will not regret any single minute you spend here. Thank you very much.

WALUSUNGU GONDWE:

Good morning. My name is Walu. I come from Malawi, that's Africa. I represent the academic community. I work for the University of Malawi, so I'm here to represent the academic community, here in Malawi. This is my second ICANN meeting. My first was in Dakar.



That was last year, in October. A couple of faces that I recognize from Darkar, of course Mama J, and a few faces from Dakar. I'm looking forward to a very productive week.

Let's talk, let's interact. One of the things that I'm here for is to network with a lot of people, to get to know a lot of people. When you see me, people say that I don't smile a lot, but actually, inside I'm smiling, when I don't look like I'm smiling. Just approach me and talk to me. I'm a friendly guy. Let's network. Thank you.

ROSALIA MORALES ACOSTA:

Hi, everybody. My name is Rosalia Morales. I am from Costa Rica. I work with the .cr registry, NIC.cr. This is my first time as a Fellow. My first ICANN was at Prague, and I'm very excited to be here and get a chance to get to know all of you. I've already had a chance to meet a couple of you, and I'm looking forward to a great week and having a great time and sharing experiences.

ALMAZ BAKENOV:

Good morning. My name is Almaz Bakenov. I am from Kyrgyzstan. This is my first time to get involved in this area. I am a director of the National Information Technology Center in Kyrgyzstan, and we, for eight years, are doing educational activities in our country. We're running a Cisco academy, an Oracle academy, a Microsoft academy. This year, we got license from our communication agency, and we became an ISP.



This is, I think, logical, since we're running a Cisco academy. In our country, our country domain, the second-level domain belongs to a private company. This is only one company. I came here, and I was lucky that ICANN chose me as a Fellow, to learn how to run business in this area, [INAUDIBLE [00:31:30] in this private company's business, to come to this market, and maybe to share and to develop something. I'll try to learn. Thank you.

AMIR QAYYUM:

Hello, my name is Amir Qayyum. I am from Pakistan. I represent here, academia. I am working as a professor in Ali Jinnah University, in Islamabad. This is my first time at ICANN, and I'm excited to meet you all here, in this week. Although I was working quite a lot with ITF and [INAUDIBLE 32:15], but this is new for me, ICANN. I love to know people, I love to speak in the languages of people.

I can speak multiple languages, as-salamu alaykum, bonjour, bongiorno, ni hao, and so many others. It's a way to tell you that I love to meet people. I love to make acquaintances and develop relationships, very productive, professional relationships for a long time, mutually beneficent. I'm here, looking forward to a very good week, a very productive, very fruitful week. Thank you very much.

GAVA LAKAU:

Good morning. My name is Gava Lakau. I'm from Papua New Guinea. I represent the Department of the Information Communication Authority, where all the numbering of Papua New



Guinea is created. [INAUDIBLE [00:33:22] numbering planes divide from our department, and I hope that during my meeting here will eventually lead me to do a better job in the country, and also to meet many people, as I go along with this meeting this week. Thank you very much.

CARLOS ALBERTO VILLASENOR: Hello, everyone. My name is Carlos. I'm from Costa Rica. I work for NIC.cr. This is my second ICANN meeting, that is, my first Fellowship meeting. I'm here to learn about DNS abuse, so if someone here knows about that, please, let me know. Thank you.

ULKAR BAYRAMOVA: Hi, I'm Ulkar Bayramova, from Azerbaijan. I am working at the University of Languages. I represent academia. Also, I represent Azerbaijan chapter information, ISOC chapter information. Also, I represent ISOC NGO Fellows, and [INAUDIBLE [00:34:32]. I learned a lot from him. It's my first time as a Fellow in ICANN. It was always interesting for me, how ICANN works, and I hope to learn more from you and being here, and also, we have IGF in Baku this year, and I'm [INAUDIBLE [00:34:52]. You are welcome to Azerbaijan. Thanks.

PASCAL BEKONO: Good morning. My name is Pascal Bekono, from Cameroon. I'm an IT engineer. I'm a consultant, but I will work soon for the government. I'm also involved with [INAUDIBLE [00:35:23] and ISOC



Cameroon. This is my second ICANN meeting. The first was in San Jose, Costa Rica. I also speak French, if you can speak French. I've been involved in IGF, in the past. I've not been to IGF in Azerbaijan. That's all, thank you.

FRANCISCO JAVIER VERA HOTT: Good morning. I'm Francisco Vera. I'm from Chile. I work at an NGO, a non-governmental organization, called Digital Rights, Derechos Digitales. We work on technology regulation issues and human rights, and also, we serve on the national consul for domain names, which works with the .cl, the NIC.cl. Here I am. If you need anything from me, I can talk with you. It's my first time ever at an ICANN meeting or in the Fellowship, so I'm very happy being here. Thank you.

WILSON ABIGABA: Good morning. I'm Wilson Abigaba from Uganda. This is my third ICANN meeting. The first one was in San Francisco, then San Jose, and then this one. I'm not a Fellow, but I'm a friend of all Fellows, and I like Fellowship meetings. I work for the [INAUDIBLE [00:37:06] CCTLD. I'm from a technical background, but I'm also part of the ISOC Uganda chapter, and [INAUDIBLE [00:37:15]. I am now [INAUDIBLE [00:37:20] many genesis working groups, and thus, what's why I came to this ICANN meeting. Thank you.



ANDREAS DIAMINI:

Hello, I'm Andreas Diamini, from Swaziland. It's my first time coming here, as I have this green tag on my badge. I work for the government there, for the Ministry, that's responsible for communications and information. I am looking forward to learning more about internet, about ICANN, about the regulation or governance of internet in the country. Thank you.

MARWAN RADWAN:

Good morning, everybody. My name is Marwan Radwan. I'm from Palestine. I'm the general manager of the Palestinian National Internet Naming Authority, which is responsible for the Palestinian .ps ccLTD and the .philistine IDN, International Domain Name. I'm also the chairman of the Palestinian Internet Information and Communication Technology Association, and a member of the Palestinian ISOC chapter.

This is my second time with ICANN, and first time as a Fellow. My first time was in 2003, back in Rome, about ten years ago, and I hope the experience which I will have here is different from the one in 2003, in a positive way. It was very good in 2003, but now things are changing to the better, and I hope ICANN will help us back in engagement, in more engagement with its work here, and back in our homes. Thank you for listening to me, and welcome.

VANESSA CRAVO:

Hello, my name is Vanessa. I'm from Brazil, also. I work for the National Telecommunication Regulation in Brazi. Besides



enforcement of telecom regulations, I search and work with cyber security and cyber crime. I think we're going to have a great week ahead. I'm looking forward to learning about ICANN. I think it's really, really difficult to understand, because there are so many constituencies and bylaws and proceedings and acronyms, that drives me crazy. I find it really hard to understand, so I think I will end up, this week, learning a little bit more and understanding a little bit of ICANN's mission. I'm looking forward to it. Thank you.

BIKRAM SHRESTHA:

Hello, everyone. My name is Bikram Shrestha. I am from, in my country, Nepal. It's almost thirty hours to reach here, from my country. It's a very long distance. I am working in the Bank of Kathmandu, the capitol city of Nepal, Bank of Kathmandu. I am the Head of Card Center, and I'm involving in internet society. I am the General Secretary of the Internet Society. I am also a singer. I released my two albums in Nepal, in the Nepalese language. I am very much excited to be here, at ICANN. This is my first ICANN meeting, so as the lady said, that there is a very different topic. I am very confused on which topic I choose. Thank you very much for being here. Thank you.

YAHIA ABD ELHAKAM MAHMOUD: Hello, my name is Yahia Elhakam. I'm from Egypt. I'm working for the Egyptian University's network. The Egyptian University's network was the first internet service provider for education in



Egypt. [INAUDIBLE [00:41:56]. I am working in the administration department there. I am the manager for the university. Thank you.

VICTOR NDONNANG:

My name is Victor Ndonnang. I'm from Cameroon, so my first contact with ICANN was in 2008, in Paris. It was my first meeting. Since 2008, to 2012, I'm still involved in ICANN. I can say that what ICANN does is interesting. I hope newcomers will continue to be involved in what ICANN does.

What I do is, I can say I work too hard. The first is I am an IT consultant. I run my own small IT consultancy services company, specializing in domain name reselling and web hosting. I'm also active in the civil society. I can say on my name in the Fellow list, because I'm a founding member of ISOC Cameroon chapter.

SPEAKER:

Victor, we need to see the same energy you have in the emails. Wake up! Your emails were so energetic, so let us see that.

VICTOR:

Thank you. I'm a founding member of the ISOC Cameroon chapter. Last February, I also made the chapter become an ICANN accredited structure, to get more local individuals, learning what ICANN does. If they're interested, they can participate more actively. I can say, lastly, my goal here, since 2008, is to make Africa have a more accredited registrar. I say, principally, I'm a reseller of domain



names, and my objective is to become the next ICANN accredited registrar in Africa. Thank you.

JERRY TAN:

Hello, everyone. My name is Jerry Tan [NAME INAUDIBLE [00:44:43], and I'm from Hong Kong. I work for the [INAUDIBLE [00:44:46] Foundation, a community-based new domain name initiative. If you went to the last ICANN in Prague, you probably have heard of the presentation by another two colleagues of mine.

If you want, if you have interests or questions about it, I will be stationed in the Community .ASIA booth, so we have a great video and just a lot of information to tell you about. I'm also an ambassador of netmission.ASIA. I've been working in Hong Kong with a number of other young people on issues, like censorship and digital dividing. I'm just so excited to be here, to learn as much as I can and share with you as much as I know. Thank you.

JANICE DOUMA LANGE:

We're so excited, and that's the other thing I just want to say. We welcome anyone into the Fellowship. You're very lucky – not lucky, you earned your spot. It's not luck, its because your application showed who you were and why you need to be here, so I'll shut my mouth on the luck.

It's a special trip that we get to take, but we want to always welcome into our family our friends from .ASIA. We've had a coordination with .ASIA since the Seoul meeting as well. Please welcome them into our family. They're wonderful, information and



knowledge and fun. Please do welcome this group, and please introduce yourself.

DAVID:

Hello, I'm David. I'm also from Hong Kong, and I'm representing Dakar's Foundation. I'm also a member of the First China Organization in Hong Kong. [INAUDIBLE [00:46:21]. Maybe you have met the members in the last meeting, in ICANN, in Prague. [INAUDIBLE [00:46:28], we want you including some information of participants and child protection into your running domain.

We hope that you will support us to include the guiding principle of children's rights into the foundation, and running [INAUDIBLE [00:46:45]. If you have any questions, you can find us in the booth in .ASIA, and the .ASIA Community, just beside this conference room. For this ICANN, I want to learn more about the large participation models in ICANN, and the multi-stakeholders models, which we want to include more children into ICANN, to force out their voice. Again, welcome all.

JANIS:

Hi, everyone. I'm Janis, from Hong Kong. As Jen said, I'm the [INAUDIBLE [00:47:23] of the Non-Mission Ambassador Program, which is supported by .ASIA. We're working on youth engagement in internet governance. We recruited a group of ambassadors like Jerry. We trained him on internet governancy issues and bring him to ICANN or IGF meetings, so that we can have more youth to



participate in internet governance, to make the multi-stakeholder more well-rounded.

Also, we're organizing a workshop in IGF, as well, in Baku, so we can meet you there. Actually, this is not my first time to join the ICANN meeting, but it's my first time to join the Fellowship morning meetings. I'm so glad Jen has welcomed us, and I'm happy to meet you all. I hope to have fun with you guys in the coming week. Thank you.

SHIVANJNI ANAMIKA:

Good morning, all. I'm Shivanjni Anamika, and I come from Fiji. I work as a research assistant in the Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Center. We provide regulatory and policy support to the Pacific Island countries. This is my first time at ICANN, and this is my first time as a Fellow. As my colleagues have also said, there are a lot of sessions to pick from, and I'm also not sure which one to go for. I'm hoping to a very productive week. It's nice meeting you. Thanks.

PLAMENA POPOVA:

Good morning, everybody. I think I'm the last one. I am from Plamena Popova, from Bulgaria. I feel very happy to be here with you. I represent academia. I teach Intellectual Property Law, in the University of Web and Status Information Technologies. I am also a legal advisor in a law office, which represents one of the biggest associations of trademark commerce in the world, in Bulgaria. I am very interested in the establishing of the trademark clearinghouse,



here at ICANN, and I am also interested in the general issues and problems, which will be discussed here. I am looking forward to a very interesting week. Thank you.

JANICE DOUMA LANGE:

Who haven't we heard from? Tracy, I know. You know I have to give him the last word, so I have to look away. Everybody's had a chance to say hello? Good. Well, you're learning again, I know. You're with us again, from Beijing, to be learning more, fantastic. In preparation for Beijing, we have the Chinese interpreter starting. We had you with us in Prague, so thank you. Welcome again. We're happy you're here with us this morning. I guess I do need to give the microphone to Tracy. You'll understand who he is in just a moment.

TRACY HACKSHAW:

I'm Tracy Hackshaw. I'm from the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago. This is my I don't know how many'th ICANN meeting. I think ninth, maybe, or tenth. I started in 2009, Sidney. It's a nice place. I met Janice, had longer hair, but still looks the same, still young and vibrant as ever. We had a really great time there.

It's very, very important to understand that the Fellowship program is a place where several countries who don't normally get to participate in ICANN meetings get to participate, whether you're from a small island or from a less-developed country, or from somewhere that they normally can't send people to meetings



regularly. It's very important to understand you're here and you're very special.

It's also very important to understand that you are the next generation of ICANN. What that means, you'll see, for those of you who are new, when you move around, you'll get a certain level of familiarity and camaraderie among the people here. You guys are new, and you guys are the people who are coming in, to hopefully take over the positions that you see being held by these other people.

It's a very, very noble [INAUDIBLE [00:52:14] that ICANN has set up, to expand and globalize the group, to take it to another level, away from what you would call the trench levels, take it to the third world, to the developing world and emerging countries. Take the opportunity that you see here, and make it work for you. I'm on the GAC. It's a very interesting place. I'd like to invite you to the GAC meetings, when they open, because they're very hard to get to see the GAC and the board discuss things, so come to those meetings.

It's very important. Keep in mind that your time here, learn as much as you can. For those who are first timers, learn. Learn from your Fellows who are second and third timers, and learn from others around you. Ask anybody anything. They will talk to you, trust me. Stop anybody, stop me, stop anyone. Ask where you're going, use the newcomer's lounge, and find your way around. Find your space. It's very important, because you are the ones that we're investing in, to come and take the ICANN vision forward. Thank you.



JANICE DOUMA LANGE:

The reason I say you'll understand, when Tracy starts to speak, he's become my voice and my ambassador everywhere, with his passion for this program. Two things about Tracy, one, he was just nominated Vice Chair of the GAC. To accomplish that, for your voice, from Trinidad and Tobago to be small island and to have come in here two years ago and to have risen to this, and to have your voice heard for your region and now for your government, and to represent the GAC to the community, as a Vice Chair, I am just over the moon. I am so proud of you.

The other thing Tracy did for me, and I expect alumni to do this, is to kick my butt once in a while, because it needs to get kicked. This program needs to continually evolve. It's about you. It's not about me. I'm the keeper of it, for now, but it will be someone else, sometime in the future, but if something's not working well in this program, for your region or for the constituency groups that you're trying to become involved in or work with, you need to tell me.

Tracy told me, in Cartagena, and Maureen Hilliard, who is here from the Cook Islands earlier, they said we're not going to be able to apply for the Fellowship program, because the World Economic Bank has not been recognizing some small island developing nations. I wasn't focused on it. The application system was just drawing from the world bank, as it had started in 2007, on a certain criteria, and I truly was not focused well.



Tracy kicked me into gear, and I kicked it back to he and Maureen, and they worked on it. It'll be almost a year and a half now, that we've added two UN lists for small island developing countries to the Fellowship application process, allowing these developing islands to be part of the Fellowship program. It would not have happened without Tracy and without Maureen.

I count on people like Tracy, who has just become so passionate, along with me, not just about the program and the people, but also about ICANN and having a voice here. Please, always feel free to share with me, as you get more and more involved, what's not working with this program for you, so that people like yourselves can get here. If I don't hear it, I don't know it. I'm sequestered in my own little world.

My hat goes off, and Tracy and I are mad love friends, so I really love him and what he does here. I'm going to now have some of our global partnership, and Nigel, I'm really not sure how to introduce you, but we have members of our global team.

These are the folks that are out there. They can help you. You can reach out someplace closer than Los Angeles, California, someplace closer to home, that know what you're going through in your region, and can come to conferences or things like that. Nigel, if you don't mind, a little bit about the global team.



NIGEL HICKSON:

I'll just pull out my socks. Well, good morning. That's what I like, a lively lot. It's really fantastic to hear where you all come from, but I'm very, very disappointed, because I didn't hear that anyone comes from Brussels. No one from Belgium at all. You might ask why I ask that, because I'm obviously not from Belgium. Where do you think I come from? Oh, god.

Well, I'm English, I'm very sorry. It's one of those things that you can't help it, can you? You just get born that way. I'm English, but I live in Belgium. I work in Brussels, for ICANN. That's the first point to make. I'm part of the Global Partnerships team. Global Partnerships stands for Global Partnerships. It's difficult, isn't it? It's not one of these ICANN acronyms. They're dreadful, aren't they?

Someone mentioned these ICANN acronyms. Yes, there's a lot of them. I've only been a member of staff since the end of March, and I'm still trying to get my head around some of the acronyms, but I think the advice from Janice is best. Just turn up at any meeting, and if someone asks an acronym, just put your hand up and say, "Excuse me, what does that mean?" You'll get thrown out, but at least you might learn the acronym. Global Partnerships, what are we all about?

Well, of course, ICANN has to be international, and you'll hear a lot more about that tomorrow. I'm not going to talk too much about globalization or internationalization, because tomorrow, you're going to sit down in this great hall – well, not this one, but the one nearby, and you're going to listen to our chief executive officer, Fadi Chehadé.



He's going to speak to you for a long time. I think Janice mentioned that. He's got a long slot, and in his speech, he'll mention globalization, he'll mention internationalization, because ICANN is changing. We're reaching out. One of our Fellowship alumni, from Palestine, mentioned that the last ICANN meeting he'd been to was quite some time ago.

Well, I think you'll find ICANN has changed for the better. ICANN, for its very legitimacy, has to be international. It has to be global, and that's why there's a Global Partnerships team. Now, globalization, Global Partnerships team is not just about having an office. It's just not about having an office in Brussels or having an office in New Delhi or having an office in Egypt, in Cairo or wherever, not that we've got offices there, but it's not just about having an office.

It's a sense of mind, it's a sense of a whole change to the organization. The center of gravity, if you like, of the organization, is shifting eastwards. I was talking to someone about this last night, and they said, "Okay, if you go from Los Angeles," and I'm not very good at geography, but if you go from Los Angeles eastwards, if the center of gravity of ICANN is shifting eastwards, where do you get to? Do you get to Brussels? Hopefully not.

I said, well, you probably get in the middle of the Atlantic, and you probably stop about there. It's the sense that ICANN is becoming a more global organization. As I said, you'll hear more about that tomorrow. Global Partnerships team is here to do two things. It exists in ICANN to do two things.



Firstly, it exists to listen, to understand what's going on in the different regions, to understand what is happening in the various constituencies within the regions. We have five ICANN regions, as some of you will know, and we have a region-wide President. We have four regional Vice Presidents. Unfortunately, I'm the only one that's here this morning, but they asked me to send their regards.

We have a regional Vice President for North America, we have a regional Vice President for Latin America, we have a regional Vice President for Europe and the Middle East, which is myself, we have one for Asia and the Pacific, which is Xiaodong, who is based in Beijing, and we're recruiting one for Africa, which is for the continent of Africa. Underneath that, we have regional managers that serve within those regions, and some of them are here today.

No doubt they're going to say a few words in a minute, and correct what I get completely wrong. The sense is that we exist to listen, to understand what is going on, to understand what's going on within the governments, to understand what's going on within the business, to understand what's going in the registrar and the registry community, in the business and the academic community, to understand what the needs are for the ICANN organization. That's the first thing.

Secondly, to update people, not to educate people, but to inform people about what ICANN is all about. I want to come back to that in a second, but this ability for us in the regions to talk to governments, I, in Brussels, have the opportunity to talk to the European Commission, to talk to governments in Brussels, to



international governmental organizations in Geneva, whether it's the ITU in Geneva, whether it's [INAUDIBLE [01:02:14] in Geneva, whether it's the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, whether it's OECD in Paris, to talk to these international organizations about what ICANN is doing.

That's what the Global Partnerships team is all about. We're here to listen, and we're here to update people on what ICANN is all about. Before I finish, let me pick up on this theme of, if you like, ambassadorship or partnerships or global outreach, because really, for ICANN, the key importance is the ICANN community.

Yes, we and the staff can do some things, the board can do some things. We have an ICANN board, and many of you have been to these meetings before, so you understand a bit of the structure, but the real importance of ICANN is people like yourself, which are ambassadors for ICANN, that you've come here under a Fellowship program, that you're ambassadors within your countries.

All your countries are important, wherever you are. Your countries, of course, are important, and it's important that you're ambassadors for ICANN, because if we really, truly believe in this multi-stakeholder model, then we have to be ambassadors for ICANN, for the future of it. It's fantastic seeing you here. I think the advice from Janice – she's marvelous, isn't she, by the way? She's great, until you hear her singing. No, I didn't say that.

The really important thing is that you do go back into your countries and be ambassadors for ICANN. I'm sure you will, and I look forward



to a really good week. As Janice said, just ask anyone any questions. Just go up to people, ask questions. Ask the board questions. Ask questions in the public forum on Thursday, if you have any queries about what ICANN is doing, because it's your community. Great. Go for it.

VENI MARKOVSKI:

Hi, I'm Veni Markovski, Regional Representative for Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States. I know some of the people from here, from Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Macedonia, although he's not here I think, right now, but he's in the GAC room. This is my I don't know which number of ICANN meeting, but I'm also chairman of the Bulgarian Internet Society. I hear many of you are from different ISOC chapters, so welcome twice. I also hope that you will enjoy the week here.

One note, you guys don't need to wear suits and ties. I understand you have them. We know that. You can just put them in your rooms and just start to wear casual clothes, unless you don't have any other. If you don't have any other, Janice, I think we should work on that. The green thing doesn't say anything. I have a green thing which says troublemaker.

The thing is, ICANN is a very unique community, because there are no formal rules. You can go and take the microphone and say something really smart or something really stupid, and it will have the same impact. In other words, people may not understand what



you're saying. Feel free to participate in any of the meetings, and not just listen, but also contribute.

You guys are coming from countries which are not very massively represented at ICANN. For one reason, nobody from Eastern Europe but three people, so far, have been members of any of the councils or the board of ICANN. Central Asia is even worse, nobody from Kyrgyzstan or from Azerbaijan or so many of the other -stans have ever been selected or appointed to any of the positions at the top leadership of ICANN. There is a lot to do.

You may have heard recently there is change in the leadership of ICANN. Apparently, the people who organized the other revolution last year are now moving to ICANN, so now the CEO, the COO, the Chief Advisor of Governmental Organizations, they're also in the other world. I don't know Egypt, I don't know what's going to happen, but you may get ready for something.

The ICANN uniqueness, in a way, is also that you will be able to talk to – I didn't know that Tracy is now Deputy Chair of the GAC, so you can talk to governmental officials and talk to private businesses and telecoms and nonprofits and country top level domain administrators. You really don't know who they are, you just know that they are combined by this thought that ICANN is a multi-stakeholder organization, as it's called.

You may hear, also, some people saying ICANN is not internationalized enough. You may quickly tell them that ICANN is an international organization, which just happens to be based in



California, but it's not an international treaty organization, unlike the ITU or any other UN agency, which was founded with a treaty, which means countries had to sign and agree that these organizations will exist. ICANN was created in '98 – I wouldn't say by the US government, but with the support of the US government.

When I was in Russia a few years ago, I gave a lecture, trying to explain what ICANN is. I said, look, and you can actually make it also to your own countries: Think, if the internet was invented in your own country, by the military, under a product funded by the military, the Defense Department or the Ministry of Defense or the Ministry of War, whatever the name is, depending on how peaceful the country is.

Would the Ministry of Defense ever give this internet to the Ministry of Commerce, and would the Ministry of Commerce ever agree to give it to a nonprofit organization, non-governmental, without governmental influence? Never. Well, when I said that in Russia, a friend of mine in the audience raised his hand and said, “Veni, you are wrong. The internet was indeed created in Russia, in the Soviet Union, ten years before it was created by Vint Cerf and Bob Kahn.”

It was 1959, and the five people who created the Soviet internet are still using it at the Ministry of Defense. This can give you some idea why the way we're running today, the way we're having access to the internet is so easy, and I hear, I think you said that, in Kyrgyzstan, you got license to become an internet service provider. Now, I come from Bulgaria.



The government there tried to implement licenses on the internet service providers, in '99. They didn't try, they implemented it. As Chairman of ICE of Bulgaria, I actually sued the government, and it was, I think, one of the first cases of the Supreme Administrative Court, where somebody was there to sue the government. We were a new democracy, so to speak.

Everybody believed that we were going to lose. I couldn't find a lawyer to represent us in the court, so being with a law degree, I decided to defend myself, which is the worst possible case. You should never do that, if you are lawyers. Eventually, we won. We reached an out-of-court agreement with the Prime Minister, and now, because of that, this is a lesson for everybody. Bulgaria has a seven million people population, and more than 2,000 internet service providers.

Anyone can start this business, and the result is, and I keep on quoting this, and I keep on quoting it also at ITU meetings and other international gatherings – people in Bulgaria now can have access of one gigabit at fifteen dollars a month. This price does not exist in Canada or the United States or in Western Europe.

It can only exist where there is thriving competition, when there is thousands of companies competing to get your fifteen dollars a month. It's very important that, when we talk about the internet, we understand that ICANN is a very tiny piece. The domain name system and the IP address is a really tiny piece.



A handful of people would actually know, if you ask people on the street, do they know what an IP address is. If you ask them for a domain name, they may still know what it is, but if you say, for example, Google or Facebook, chances are, they will know what this is.

People don't really pay attention to domain names and IP addresses. You have to understand also, that when you are inside this community, everybody talks about those things, as if this is the foundation of the internet. It's not. The foundation of the internet is actually to have the access at an affordable price, or free.

That's why it's very important, also, when you talk to people here and when you talk to us, just make sure that you ask all the questions that you have in your mind, and all the questions that exist in your countries, so that when you go back, you can start blogging and writing and tweeting and whatever you have and organized under, for example, the .kids or .ASIA.

There are plenty of opportunities to tell people it's not only about internet domain names. It's not only about IP addresses. It's actually about how the internet should reach to the next one billion or next two billion or five billion people who are not online today, because one thing is certain.

Access to information is crucial for the success of any country. If you look at the world today, those who are connected, those who have access to information, those who can share ideas and get the latest



results in, say, science and research and technology, they are the ones that are doing better.

From what I hear, the countries that we represent and it's thanks to Janice, actually, that the Fellows here are mainly from countries which are developing, or least developed, or whatever it is the proper term. We call them countries in transition, and they need that. We need more internet access.

We need higher speeds, lower prices, and it has nothing to do with IP addresses, as I repeated. I could talk for another couple of hours, but first of all, we are limited in time, and secondly, I'm here only until Tuesday evening. You guys should talk to me when you can. I'm happy to see, finally, another Bulgarian coming for that, as a Fellow. You're actually the second Bulgarian coming, as a Fellow.

There was one last meeting, in Prague, but he lives in Europe, so it was easy. Canada is a little bit further away. I'm looking forward to talking to you, and I'll give the work to [INAUDIBLE [01:14:24]. There was a woman from Fiji here, right? There is another guy here, who can talk about this region.

SAVE VOCEA:

Good morning, all. My name is Save Vocea. I've been hired by ICANN to work in the region of Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. That's the Australia-Asia Pacific islands, the region. I come from Fiji, originally, but I live in Brisbane, Australia. That's where I work from.



It's great to be here and meet all of you. I think one of the successes of the Fellowships is really seeing that a lot of the Fellows that have come through this program have gone on to participate in the communities that are available in the stakeholder groups that are available in ICANN. That's really positive for us to see that, and what you can also contribute back home, when you go home.

One thing I would like to talk about, and some of the other advice, because you will obviously be talking to people and meeting people that are coming to talk to you here, but one thing that I'd like to say is that we are here, as managers from the region, to serve you. If you can identify with us, and many times, you come with questions, because you're new. You do not know anyone here.

If you have people that you want to meet, people from the community, say you want to meet a ccTLD manager, or you want to meet a GAC member and you do not know them, come to us, and we will make the introductions. Then, when you go back home, one of the things that we've found out, when we're working in the regions, is that people want to talk to their governments or talk to their ccTLDs, in terms of maybe trying to facilitate working on the policies of the ccTLD, or sometimes there's re-delegation issues.

Those types of things we can help with, and then to bring all the parties together, so you can see that and participate in a common room. I'll think I'll just leave it at that. I've got someone from Papua New Guinea, from Fiji, and others in the GAC. Since I'm only looking after Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands, and there's no



one looking after the greater part of Asia, I'm also accessible to the whole of Asia.

If you're from the Asia region, come up and we'll talk. I can introduce you around, because I know many people from the Asia-Pacific top level domain community, the ccTLD, and others as well, in the GAC. Yes, I'll just leave it at that.

BAHER ESMAT:

Good morning, everyone. My name is Baher Esmat. I come from Egypt, and I'm based in Egypt. I'm the Regional Manager for the Middle East. I'd like to welcome you all in Toronto. I'm glad to see more new faces, and I'm also glad to see some old faces that have become more active in ICANN, and some of you have obviously taken leading roles in different ICANN constituencies.

I think my colleagues, Nigel, Save, and Veni, they have said it all, so I'm not going to take much more time. The one thing I'd like to stress on is, as Save said, we, as regional managers, we're here to help you. We're also in the regions to help you and support you and support your work.

As much as we want you to be active during the week, participating in meetings, engaging in discussions and so on, we would also like to see you more active back home. We would like to see people coming from the ccTLDs go back home and do good jobs in helping their ccTLD grow and so on, and we can help them.



Government people go back to their governments and talk about their internet policies and policy integration to IP addresses and domain names, and here, then we can also help them. At Large people work with their academic and societal organizations, so in every activity and every effort you do, you just need to have our contacts send us emails and ask for help. Our job is to help you. Enjoy your week in Toronto, enjoy the meetings, and I look forward to staying in touch with you. Thank you.

JANICE DOUMA LANGE:

I don't even need this most days, or my voice will go, although with this air conditioning coming down, all of our voices may go a bit in the opposite direction and out the door. This is one of the things I warned you about. You get into these rooms and the air is just coming right down on top. Seriously, really, take care. One of the things that kills me each meeting, is that I do want to, and it is my job, actually, to talk, which is great, because I love to talk.

But you're constantly trying to talk over top of noise. One of the places that you meet after work, as you would your friends or colleagues, is in the lobby and the bar. For the folks here that don't take in alcohol, unlike myself, who takes in enough probably enough for all of you, but if you don't, please understand that's still the place to meet and greet.

It just becomes that the lobby bar area, and the volume gets to be at such a level that you start yelling and straining and shouting. My first two ICANN meetings, I lost my voice by day two. I learned very



quickly to monitor myself just a little bit, and I get in those situations and I say, "I really can't talk tonight. I need to wait, because I need to be in a quieter place." All these little hints about trying to stay warm, stay away from the overhead, if you don't have a sweatshirt, go buy one today, but stay warm.

We have finished up with the folks that are in here that you need to know, and I want to give everybody a quick break, because our speaker at 10:00, she's not here yet, Maria, but you guys have been so awesome and you must be wiggling in your seats. If you want to take a quick break, and then we have some t-shirts and a couple of things that I want to get handed out, before the 10:30 starts. We can get some of the fun stuff and the tickets for the NARALO event. If you wouldn't mind heading out for five, and come on back, so we can get that all completed before the next speakers start to come in.

