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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please everybody take your seats, we are about to start agenda item 12, which is the USR WG meeting. Please take your seat and remember when called upon, please state your name and affiliation for transcript purposes. Will give the floor to the chair of the Working Group.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, good afternoon, everyone. My name is Pua Hunter. I am the co-chair of the Working Group. I would like to move quickly through the agenda and take comments and questions at the end.

I will be shuffling the agenda but to start with the revision of the plan followed by the new joint effort and the on boarding program update and the [indiscernible] development workshops update. Joining me on the panel this afternoon is Alice Munyua, and she will be providing an update on the capacity development workshop.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So to our agenda, we have activities that need to be updated in terms of progress and realistic approach to achieving these. Therefore the document will remain a living document and the group will update tasks as these are completed and new tasks surface. For example there are activities that can be subof the main activity. We have one activity there, which is a survey to understand challenges in the -- and another [reading] and these can be activities of capacity development. In our work plan also the development activity has been ongoing and busy in 2017, and Alice will be going into detail later in the session.

The next agenda item is the joint efforts requests we work closely with the country code names supporting organization and pti [indiscernible] to completing the frequently asked questions on delegation and redelegation of the ccTLDs Working Group would like to know if there are potential topics for our consideration. For example, yesterday's session on two country and character codes at the same level, seemed like some members, myself included are not familiar with the agenda item, and this could be a potential topic for the Working Group to work in cooperation with other communities. And I hope that you will have some input to this which I will take at the end.

And to the on boarding program update, there will be a session on this program on Thursday morning from 8:30-9:00 a.m., and you can refer to the briefing that Tom sent us on agenda item 3

2, our [indiscernible] from Cambodia [indiscernible] from St Kitts and Nevis. Unfortunately, is not at this ICANN61 meeting, therefore, I would like to ask [indiscernible] to provide update on their work.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Pua. I was fortunate to be selected as the GAC mentee for ICANN60 in Abu Dhabi. A great experience for me. The purpose of the community onboarding program really is to improve engagement and retention of new participants and we all would be aware coming to one of the ICANN meetings can be pretty overwhelming, information thrown at you and sometimes you don't know where to start. So the [indiscernible] aims to bridge the divide between those who actively participate in ICANN meetings and the newcomers.

What was clear from that meeting was that the various communities were at different stages of development in terms of their onboarding activities, and one of the commitments from all who participated was to ensure that we all get to the same level. So we're materials were not available, commitments were given to develop those materials and have them formally adopted. A draft, onboarding guide for the GAC was developed jointly with [indiscernible] and myself using guidelines from other communities, and that, I understand, will be reviewed by

the GAC during this meeting. So I think it's on Thursday Thursday, that is supposed to happen. Another document that was prepared was an info graphic that sort of gives a snapshot of what ICANN is about and the GAC structure.

There are plans also to produce a video. Additionally, (indiscernible), as you are aware, is from Cambodia, and I am from [indiscernible] so being able to have time to have sessions was a bit challenging, so a suggestion was try to identify members from different regions in the world so we can pair amenities from someone in their region and provide as many opportunities for engagement between the mentor and mentee.

For new GAC members coming on, they should have a less intimidating experience at their first GAC meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Alicia. Now so the final agenda, I won't waste much time here, will hand over to Alice.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you everyone, very quick barred to the chats development initiative that the underserved region Working Group has implemented. [indiscernible] in 2017 and endorsed by all of you, the GAC. Have had about three regional workshops, the first was for the African region and for the Pacific

in April 2017, and we had a thematic one for law enforcement agencies -- thematic in Johannesburg, and all were extremely success.

For 2018, started off with Asia region, took place in February Katmandu. We had one here on Saturday, focuses specifically on DNS disaster recovery and relief, and it was well attended from members of the Caribbean, although I don't think we had quite the numbers we had expected, but had very good content.

The next one will be a thematic one for law enforcement agencies, and take place during the Africa summit in Senegal, and the last region for Latin America will be in June during ICANN62 in Panama. After that we would want to as we would mention when we started the initiative is to conduct an evaluation to we can see to what extent this initiative has had any impact. Whether we need to perhaps change approach or continue with a similar approach.

We have an evaluation framework that you all endorsed and approved in Abu Dhabi. And if I recall you approved [indiscernible] preworkshop survey which really has contributed very well in terms of setting the agenda and ensuring that we have the right [indiscernible] that speaks to the GAC in the various regions and a preevaluation survey that could provided recommendations on how we take this forward.

And so far we've had several -- the surveys are quite revealing because led to us several conclusions that we see recommendations taking place throughout all the workshops we've held and the thematic ones. So for example, greatly appreciated the opportunities for GAC members to network. Commendation to Alice and Pua, up top now I think we have gone through two main activities for which I really appreciated. Mostly the workshop, the capacity developmental building workshop. Also assistance on the frequently asked questions mainly based on the delegation process. But my main concern, even if these topics are quite helpful for most of Africa countries and other members of the underserved regions, I think we shouldn't limit our activities to these kinds of topics. They're not specific and special topics, only to the underserved regions. I think as government representative and delegates, we are bound to give explanation to all the activities going on within ICANN. I think [indiscernible] enough on the Internet governance eco-system to understand the environment, the Internet industry, but as you just mentioned, there are hot topics going on within the ecosystem now. The PDP, -- I think we should come out beside the capacity development workshop and embrace the normal topics, the normal hot subjects of the ICANN, so that we shouldn't be just confine today particular topics or subjects but able to discuss and also bring our point of view and also contribute to the normal, actual current topics

going on within the ICANN environment generally. Thank you, Alice Munyua, thank you for that very useful recommendation. We will take that on board.

GUYANA: Some of us want to train some more of our people, to be able to do that and also make little more nimble in terms of putting up new topics, curriculum, so certainly I support that and if there is any assistance that you need for that, employees don't hesitate to ask. Thank you, chair.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Don't worry, we will come to you, thank you. Yes.

KENYA: I would like to thank both pua and Alice for your dedication and effort you've done a good job and we're seeing a lot of value out of this. Alice has raised concern about the GAC members if [indiscernible] are held back to back with other policy meetings. I would like to point out it's very important governments are involved over and above ICANN meetings in also engaging in the discussions held regional [indiscernible] policy public meetings and case in point, if you recall Alice, Nairobi, as much as we want to encourage holding the capacity building workshops during

ICANN, I recommend we consider having such meetings back to back with other relevant public policy meetings.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you Vincent, I agree with you, just in terms of joint efforts to get everyone together at the same place, thank you. Harry.

NEW ZEALAND: -- capacity development workshops in the future, assuming the evaluation comes back positively, which I'm sure it will, thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Unfortunately, the [indiscernible] cannot here, he could have responded much better regarding the budget. But having said that, I do believe there was already a budget until the Panama regional workshop which will be taking place alongside the ICANN meeting. Focusing Latin America, making the Panama workshop the last of the series. After that I think I suggested by several of you who have attended these workshops and now we will focus specifically on thematic workshops on an as-needed basis. Just judging from [indiscernible] I am not too sure the current approach -- we're going to continue the current approach but likely is more thematic workshops, I suggested for example by drc looking specifically now at what ICANN is

considering, what topics, and those will either be provided online through ICANN learn and on the GAC website as well as perhaps a couple of hours at every ICANN meeting just to introduce a topic. That is an approach we may want to consider so doesn't impact so much on the budget. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If there are no other comments from the floor, we will close the agenda's session. And thank you, everyone, for your attention and for your responses. And thank you also [indiscernible] and Alice for the updates. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can break for lunch now.

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