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MAUREEN HILYARD: Nice to see you, Nigel. We're just waiting until the photoshoot is over. Welcome back, everyone. We've just come from a really good ALAC-GAC meeting and we are now … It's only a short session, 45 minutes, so we really do need to get through things a quickly as we can.

Our first guest, of course, is Nigel Hickson, known as Mr. IGF to a lot of us, affectionately. So, one of the things that we need to hear from him is what … I'm really interested to hear his view on what impact At-Large has at the IGF, in whatever context. Also, in light of the fact that we need an argument to start getting some money so we can get back into it again.

Also, then we'll have Tijani who recently went to the RightsCon Conference, just to get some feedback from him on that. That would be a use to us. Thank you. Nigel, all yours.

NIGEL HICKSON: Thank you. Well, good morning. It's very nice to be here, indeed. I suppose I should say who I am, sort of thing. Well, I know you said, but I'd like to do it formally. I work in the Government

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Engagement Team. We have a team of government engagement led by Tarek Kamel and I work in the Geneva office. My responsibility is mainly the interface with international governmental organizations, so Geneva is quite a good place to do this because the ITU there, the UN, WIPO, [WTL], etc. So, that's where I am. In the engagement team, we've got representation in Brussels and in New York as well as someone in Los Angeles. So, that's what we do. If I could have the next slide. I'm going to talk about the IGF but I thought just before I get onto the IGF, talk about just to mention a few other issues that are affecting ICANN. Many of you will know about these anyway and some of you were present for our cross-community working group on Internet governance session with the Board Working Group on Internet Governance on Monday, so you will have heard something about this.

The first is ICANN is now a sector member of ITUD. We've had a relationship with the ITU for some time. That relationship has been, I suppose, up and down over the last 10 or 15 years, but under Fadi Chehadé and now under Göran Marby. That relationship has considerably improved, and as a result of that improving relationship and as a result of our engagement with ITU on capacity building initiatives and other work, the board decided to put in or the board decided that an application should go forward for sector membership. So, that happened last week

at the ITU Council on what's called a fee exemption basis. That means that we didn't actually pay a fee because we have reciprocity. ITU members come obviously to our meetings.

So, being a member of the ITU, a sector member of the ITU, obviously it helps us to an extent in terms of furthering ICANN objectives, etc., and talking about the DNS and other related issues when we need to. Can I have the next slide? Oh, yes, that one. That's great. Yes. So, that's that.

UN cybersecurity. It's interesting that we were just discussing your cybersecurity capacity building work with the GAC and this is just so important. Cybersecurity is so high on the international agenda and I just wanted to flag that while we discuss in these wide open spaces cybersecurity with all stakeholders around the room and in informal setting with inputs from everyone, the UN are having closed door meetings on discussing whether there should be cybersecurity treaties. Those treaties could, or could not, affect the domain name system. We just don't know. We might be told. We might be invited or some people might be invited as experts. The government group of experts is 25 countries that meet to discuss cybersecurity issues. The open-ended working group is going to have its first meeting later in the year and that will, as we understand, include observers from organizations like ICANN. So, at least we can understand what's being discussed.

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I was going to flag WIPO, the World Intellectual Property Organization. This was mentioned in the GAC this morning. We have excellent relationships with WIPO, and in one of their domain committees where we get involved – sorry, one of the trademark committees where they get involved, they discuss geographical names. You might say, well, everyone seems to discuss geographical domain names. But the only reason I mention this, the work in WIPO has been going on for some years, but it does affect what ICANN eventually might do. If WIPO comes to some decisions on the type of geographical names that should or should not feature at the second level, then that could influence some of the work that we do.

Then, just to flag the World Trade Organization work on e-commerce which includes references to the domain name system, and again is work that we try and track.

[inaudible] this bit, the UN High-Level Report. So, the United Nations Secretary General commissioned a panel – a high-level panel – to look at digital cooperation that operated for about nine months and reported a few weeks ago. The report is out for public comment. We briefly alluded to this in our meeting on Monday. I urge all interested parties to have a look at this. It's quite an interesting report. It's quite a readable report on the importance of digital issues and the Internet development, etc. And it really does flag the Internet is just so important now that it needs the

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cooperation and it needs the involvement of all parties. It really does sing to the ALAC tune I think. It's amazing that this report is to the UN Secretary General, the same UN Secretary General that sets up a government group of experts of 25 countries without anyone else in the room. But perhaps I'm just …. Anyway.

So, the UN High-Level Report is well worth looking at and certainly we will be discussing it further in the cross-community working group on Internet governance. If I could go to the next slide, I'm conscious of the time.

So, the IGF 2019 is in Berlin in November. We have a number of ICANN sessions in day zero. It hasn't been scheduled yet but we put in a proposal to have a DNS abuse session. Not just on DNS abuse but on some of those wider issues and hopefully we'll be able to scope that very soon. We put in a proposal to have a workshop on universal acceptance. That's been accepted, so we'll be doing that, and again we'll be scoping that and discussing it in the cross-community working group. And we'll have an ICANN open forum. This is an open forum where Göran Marby and the chair will host a session at the IGF to discuss ICANN issues.

There's going to be an ICANN booth where we're cooperating with ALAC on the booth. The booth is a square table and we're going to divide it down the middle and we're going to have one … You can have the left side and I'll have the right side or something like

that. We're very pleased to work with ALAC at the IGF. And in all seriousness, the booth this year, for those who have been to IGFs before, the booth is in a much bigger area. It's going to be a fantastic – well, it is a fantastic – venue in Berlin. I think it's going to be a really good and positive Internet Governance Forum.

I also hope that, at the booth, because they are fairly large and we're going to have people around, we might be able to some flash sessions. This is something that we're discussing with the IGF secretariat whether we can do some impromptu bits and pieces, not singing and dancing so much but talking about some of our work at the ICANN booth.

Then, talking about singing and dancing, we're also going to have a – well, we hope to have a technical community reception. This is something we did in Paris last year for the IGF there. We held a reception with our colleagues in ISOC and the Regional Internet Registries and we hope to do that again. Therefore, all our friends in ALAC and other parts of the community that are—

MAUREEN HILYARD: Are able to come because [inaudible].

NIGEL HICKSON: Yes, that manage to come to Berlin hopefully will be able to come to that. Just on the IGF, then I'll finish, so to speak. We regard the

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IGF as … Many of us, if you like, grew up with the IGF. It is the only global multi-stakeholder vehicle that there is. Warts and all, as they say. It's obviously not perfect. The planning process can be quite cumbersome and quite difficult. It is, to an extent, a shame that it's been in Europe. Nothing wrong with Europe at all, but obviously it's a global IGF and therefore, hopefully in the future it will resort to other geographical regions. But the substance of what it discusses and the fact that it involves all people on an equal basis is, we believe, very important and that's why ICANN is very supportive of it in terms of resources and in terms of funding as well.

Final slide, if I may. I just wanted to finish on this. This is something that came up in the cross-community working group on Monday. For some time, ICANN has been involved in what we call legislative tracking. There's nothing sinister about this. All it means is, as you know, we have a Global Stakeholder Engagement Team. Some of them are around the room here. And the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team, I used to be in the European Stakeholder Engagement Team and one of our jobs is to understand what governments are doing and what regions are doing in terms of legislation and policy and then obviously report that in. So, this takes place. It's now being formalized as a key objective in the strategic plan and in the [CEO] goals. Three

reports have been published on the legislative tracking on bits of legislation that affect – or potentially affect – the DNS and ICANN.

What we reported on what was discussed on Monday with the Board Working Group is this process is going to involve, to an extent. We're going to perhaps have some sort of platform linked to the cross-community working group where people in the community can report and discuss pieces of legislation which they think potentially affects the operation of the DNS and the Internet.

Then, this final point on analysis and action. Again, this has always been relevant but our CEO has made it explicitly clear in a recent post he made. Where it's considered that pieces of legislation or pieces of policy is being proposed might have an affect on the DNS, then we should go and talk to those countries or those regions concerned and not say, "You can't have this legislation." We're ICANN. We've got no role in this. But we have got a role in saying, "Look, if you introduce this legislation, it can have an effect on the DNS in this way or that way."

So, I'll finish up. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I'm happy to answer questions. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE:

So, we have a short queue right now. Myself, Joanna, and Tijani in that order. I just want to bring to Nigel's attention. I'm not sure you were in the session earlier today but At-Large rolled out a strategy with UASG on universal acceptance communication strategy and we can share, you can watch the meeting at your leisure but we will be working with UASG directly with the RALOs, so the opportunity [inaudible] there's potential for additional collaboration with respect to your work with universal acceptance at IGF. Thank you.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Great.

JOHN LAPRISE:

Joanna?

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you very much, Nigel. You know I'm very passionate about all of those issues. So, trying to cut out the passion and just go in for the questions. I have one comment and one question.

So, in terms of the [UN GT] being closed off to civil society, that is certainly true, whereas the open-ended working group, as the name has it is an open group, the specific question is whether ICANN is considering is any form of participation in that group.

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And I have this is a highly political question, but I will not answer my question myself. I'll leave that to you. So, the question is whether the open-ended working group is a platform for ICANN to intervene in the ongoing cybersecurity processes.

And in terms of the comment, just please let me note that there are forums where ICANN has been visible and is being visible which have a high impact on the cybersecurity dialogue. [Here at] At-Large, we hosted the Global Commission on the stability of cyber space. I believe that was a successful meeting that we had back in Kobe and it is quite impactful when it comes to understanding what … They used the term core of the Internet which stands to prove contentious but that seems to have a high impact on law makers as well.

And as I have signaled to Nigel before, there is a new venue right there in Europe when we're talking about GDPR and security which is the new cyber forum that is open to civil society as well. The first annual meeting was … Oh, sorry, I didn't look at the time. Sorry. I'll just stop here. So, the question is whether the open-ended working group is a good venue for ICANN. Thank you.

NIGEL HICKSON: Thank you very much. I love your passion, as they say. These issues are just so important. So, the open-ended working group is not actually open-ended in a multi-stakeholder sense. The open-

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ended nature of it is, as I understand, because it's open to all member states. So, whereas the government group of experts that the UN set up is only 25, the open-ended working group is open to all the missions in New York to take place. But at their inaugural session on the third of June, they agreed that non-government organizations could act as observers, in a very similar way that ICANN actors and observers at institutions like the World Trade Organization but also at the UN CSTD, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development where we discuss WSIS issues. We are an observer there.

So, it's under consideration whether we should be an observer on the open-ended working group, but perhaps we will. It's to be decided.

JOHN LAPRISE: Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. Thank you, Nigel, for this presentation. You said there will be ICANN sessions in Berlin. There will be ICANN staff and Board sessions. There will not be ICANN community sessions because ICANN decided not to fund anymore any activity of the community at the IGF. We are back to a situation before DNS where only ICANN staff and board have an activity at the IGF.

I think that the period where ICANN funded community members to have activities at the IGF gave ICANN more visibility, more credibility, and we saw more people coming to us. But this is their decision. I will not discuss it.

As for the booth, the best participation of ICANN – no, the best time we had good participation of ICANN [inaudible] was in Geneva. In Geneva, we had our own booth. NCUC had their own booth and ICANN had a booth and we made a real impact. Now there will be one booth for all people. We are having now less and less activities at IGF. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: Adam?

ADAM PEAKE: Thank you. Just on the booth. The selection on who gets a booth is nothing to do with ICANN. That's the selection of the IGF and the IGF secretariat. So, we can't help with that, but you're very welcome all the same to join the ICANN booth and we'll make sure that happens.

Some of the issues that have been raised on the civil society participation and the New York activities. There was a call during the RightsCon meeting by some of the larger NGOs that do participate in these types of activities to call, to coalesce around

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issues and how they would participate in that. They're talking about how do they open up the modalities of participation in these closed, open, open, closed meetings as Nigel described and it would be rather like the opening up of WSIS, as Tijani will remember where asking for three minutes on the floor, 15 minutes on the floor and iteratively trying to get more time to speak, making friends with the chair so that you're called upon, etc.

This is a sort of professional activity. It's the large NGOs who have policy offices and so on. But their call was open and I think it was on the best bits list. I shouldn't say more because I can't invite you but it was an open invitation.

On legislative tracking and so on, please let me know in the regular monthly calls of the outreach and engagement. I'd be more than happy to … We can discuss it. We can take it back to Nigel and make sure that what you hear locally, regionally can be fed back into the GE process because we do need community eyes, ears, knowledge on the ground to tell us what you're hearing. It's rumors, almost, sometimes. It's somebody is thinking to do something as much as also commenting on drafts that appear. I think I'll hold it to that. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: Ricardo.

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RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Yes. Thanks, John. I wish to know you're tracking all the legislative things in the different countries. What do you expect to do once you find out that Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela or whatever country are doing something? Who do you plan to engage? How do you plan to go there and understand what they want to do? Because sometimes they want to stop something, [OTT] or whatever, but they're directing to a DNS problem or something like that. How do you plan to engage? The next step after you track it. Thanks.

NIGEL HICKSON: Thanks very much for the question. It's an excellent question. Göran Marby in speaking about this on a couple of occasions when he's had exactly the same question has said, of course, it rather depends on the legislation, where it is in the process, etc. It might be that a country is going out for consultation on a piece of legislation, and then obviously ICANN is like any other body, has the opportunity to input during that consultation phase. So, that might be one process.

There might be another process where there's parliamentary committee calling for experts. This has happened in the UK. Sometimes, when a piece of draft legislation is being considered, a committee is set up and they call for experts and then ICANN

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can ask to be an expert and can go along and say, "Well, if you introduce this legislation, then you affect the DNS in this way," that you should understand this has an effect. Or there might be an opportunity, depending on the relationship with that country for Göran to have a direct discussion with ministers or with other parliamentarians.

So, I think it is very much a decision based on what the analysis is telling us and what importance of that legislation is in terms of the timeframe and the impact it might have. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Nigel. Thank you, everyone, for your questions. I just wanted to finish off. I thought because EURALO is going to be in charge of our booth at the IGF, the co-chair of EURALO and the current chair of EURALO. They'll be in full force and I just thought that Olivier might be able to give us – in case anyone is thinking of going and wants to be involved, Olivier will let us know what's happening.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Maureen. EURALO has got about $2 million worth of funding to send people to … Oh, no. That's the wrong place. We do not have $2 million to send people to the IGF. Apologies for this. Wrong forum.

EURALO is indeed in charge of putting together the booth. Matthias Hudobnik is the person or point of contact for this. He's part of the Outreach and Engagement Working Group and he has started collecting feedback from everyone.

We've effectively looked at what we did last year, what our community did last year at the IGF in Paris. So, in a way, there is a repeat occurrence. And last year, of course, there was a Wiki page that was set up that had links to first, of course, the IGF website but also everything to do with the IGF including a list of At-Large and ICANN-related workshops. There was a link to remote hubs. There was, of course, a sign-up sheet to volunteer for the booth and we are likely to have the same thing this year as well. Also, a list of At-Large people that might not have workshops or be involved in workshops but that will be present on the ground. In fact, at some point, we always try to get some kind of gathering of EURALO and other friends of EURALO in formal gathering. There's also a link to the sights and sounds and to some reports that were [filed] to some people.

So, this year we also have now another list that is here. It actually adds a few more items. One is a link to a page that will be an At-Large promotion items request. As you might have heard, this year's IGF is going to be greener than previous IGFs and they are frowning upon vast quantities of paperwork that gets brought over to the compound and ends up in the bin. So, we're less likely

to have documents that will be of a printed manner. We are being pushed to have more electronic information that has QR codes and that people can zap on their phone. So, we're going to have to work on this because it involves some technology and we need to have the required pages that the QR codes will point to.

In addition to this, we will have, as I said, the same thing as everything else. We will, of course, ask for volunteers to be in the booth. If you have any suggestions towards other activities that we should have in addition to Paris or any criticism about what happened in Paris, then please let us know.

I gather, from what we've heard from Nigel, that the booth will be larger than the one in Paris and therefore there will be ample space of all of the At-Large people that tend to crowd around the booth. That's a good thing to welcome newcomers and people that don't know about At-Large and don't know about ICANN in general and can certainly look forward to the synergy that there will be between ICANN and At-Large.

Just to remind you, in fact, in Geneva the previous, previous IGF, we also had some material at the ICANN booth. It was prominently displayed and I think a lot of it went to [inaudible]. We were present in more than one location. It's good to be able to put things together.

I hope that all the people who are going to go to IGF are going to be able to make it. I know that there's always a problem of funding. Unfortunately, we haven't got funding, as such. We'll probably allocate either a CROP trip or a regional discretionary funding for a couple of our representatives to be present over there.

I also note, unfortunately, that some of the workshops that were submitted by this community have not been accepted, including some people that are rather unhappy about this. But that's of course not the forum to discuss this and I recommend that they take it up with individual MAG members as to see where they went wrong or why it was not accepted in the overall list.   So, that's it. I'm just very pleased to see there's a lot of dynamism between the At-Large community and IGF.

There's only one small note I should mention. The Internet Society is somehow pulling back a little bit from sending a large contingent of people. Of course, as you know, many of our At-Large structures are Internet Society chapters as well. It doesn't affect us directly because there are chapters. We're all independent and At-Large Structures are independent. But it is interesting to note that I've heard accusations being made that ISOC is trying to take over IGF by sending over 100 people at IGFs, that the Internet Society staff count is being pulled down a little bit. Well, we're not going to get any chapters to pull out of IGF. I

think it's great to see this whole support and it's great to see At-Large Structure support. Maybe this year we might be accused that At-Large is trying to takeover IGF. Who knows? It's one of these things.

So, get ready for the fake news, and in the meantime, I really look forward to seeing you all in Berlin. Oh, there is also something that will take place. There is indeed a takeover, and I think I can probably release it now. There are rumors that there might be a GEMs performance – the Global Equal Multi-stakeholder band – at IGF. They're just rumors at the moment. It might not happen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you for that news. Now, that's going to bring a lot of people in, isn't it? Thank you very much, Nigel, for the presentation, for being here with us today.

JOHN LAPRISE: We've got to close for Tijani.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I know.

JOHN LAPRISE: Satish wanted to [inaudible], but we've got to move on for Tijani.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry. We do have to … Okay, fast, fast.

SATISH BABU: I'd like to know if there is any chance of being able to present an electronic presentation, noting that all the RALOs would like to perhaps put together some kind of a presentation. Also noting that one of our vice chairs is a MAG member. She may be able to help us with any arrangement required. So, it would be a good idea to have … We could not do it in the last two meetings because of the screen and all the logistics, the challenges. But this time it will be good to have it. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Satish. Absolutely. That's one thing that we forgot to mention. Logistics-wise, I'd like to ask Nigel if there is somebody in ICANN in charge of the booth so we can work out any logistics. If there's a need for a screen, for example, who do we ask and whether ICANN would be ready to [fund] this or do we have to take this as At-Large costs?

NIGEL HICKSON: No, no. We have excellent cooperation. Adam is involved. We've already set up a bit of a discussion forum in the organization

itself. So, we'll make sure that everything is coordinated. We have resource support in the Government Engagement Team and we'll make sure that your needs are … And we obviously have a screen. And given that it's electronic, it makes it a bit easier. I have to go. I know it's the end of my time anyway.

All I wanted to say is thank you so much for all the enthusiasm that people share and thank you for your contribution to the cross-community working group. Thank you, Olivier, for being its mastermind and its leader. We really appreciate that.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Nigel is trying to steal the headphones. It's on the record. It's been caught.

ADAM PEAKE: Maureen, may I just quickly respond to something Olivier said? On coordination about the IGF booth, please try to run it through the Outreach and Engagement group of At-Large. I mean, if that's what you want to do. But I'm here to act as a formal liaison between the GSC and probably the GE teams. So, if you have messages, we can make sure it happens. We heard yesterday that there will be a screen provided by the IGF secretariat. The more we hear about what's available for the booth, then I can coordinate that. I'm very much hoping that we will have an

opportunity for small meetings and flash sessions around the booth, assuming that the space allows for it because we haven't seen the final booth layout yet. But if there's a single coordination point, then we won't mess things up too much and you can blame me if it goes wrong, which is always convenient. So, thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I'd like to ask Adam, who has just spoken – Adam Peake – whether he is subscribed to the Outreach and Engagement Working Group mailing list or does he need to be carbon copied? He's subscribed. Okay, excellent. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. I will make it short to permit for questions since we've run out of time here. RightCons 2019. It is the eighth summit of the human rights and digital age. It was organized in Tunis between 11 and 14 June. In fact, 11 we had only the opening ceremony and 14 June was only half a day. So, in total, we had two days and a half of substantial work. It was organized mainly by [Access Now]. So, I said this is the eighth. RightsCon started in 2011 in Silicon Valley and then 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, 2013 in

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Silicon Valley, 2014 in Manila, 2015 in Silicon Valley, 2017 in Brussels, 2018 in Toronto, and 2019 in Tunis. And 2010 will be in Costa Rica.

It was a huge event. When I say huge, it was real huge. Because we had 2,500 participants coming from 130 countries and from 700 entities – I mean governments, companies, organizations, etc. We had 330 sessions over two days and a half. Very intensive work.

Those sessions were around four thematic tracks: democracy, conflict, and [inaudible] civic spaces, freedom of expression and censorship; misinformation, journalism, and future of online media; and privacy [inaudible] and [social] control.

I participated there under three forms. I was speaker in one session. I participated in several sessions and I was in the ICANN booth that Mr. Adam Peake organized. Thank you very much. I wasn't alone. There was another staff member, Mr. [inaudible].

So, as for my participation, I was a speaker in the session on the third Global Conference on Internet and Jurisdiction Global Network. For my participation in that, I selected 19 sessions to attend but I didn't attend them all, to tell you the truth. Some sessions I left at the beginning of the session because when you begin the session, you understand that you are not interested in.

Some others, one of them, I left because the room was so cold I left the room.

But I can give you some of the sessions I attended. Resistance against the platform monopolies. Terrorist online content regulation in Europe and beyond. I will not read them. I attended several sessions like this. I think Adam, if you have something to add, I will stop here.

ADAM PEAKE: Thank you, Tijani. RightsCon is a conference that ICANN Organization does sponsor. It began sponsoring I think five years ago. Fadi, when he was the CEO, was very keen on the event. We have actually cut down our sponsorship over the years in line with reduced sponsorship. Generally, we see it as probably the premier civil society-oriented event globally. It is a global event. It's growing enormously. As Tijani said, it was a very, very busy schedule, 2000 people. I think when we began it was probably around 700 or 500 people. Mostly around digital rights. It was established because [Access Now] wanted to bring digital rights, human rights activists in contact with the Silicon Valley new Internet companies. Seven or eight years ago, that was a slightly different landscape. But that's the background.

It's increasingly multi-stakeholder and probably 10 to 15 sessions ongoing at any one time. Very, very busy. What I find the most

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interesting thing about it is the enthusiasm and the liveliness of it. People buzzing all the time. Very good-quality speakers. Very hard to find the session you really like.

ICANN did not have a session there this year, but we did have a booth, as we said. We found two local people to help us support the group. Only one was able to make it, a gentleman called [Hanza] who was a fellow some time ago. I think he was originally through the fellowship as a civil society and he's now working for something like Price Waterhouse as [careers develop].

So, I don't know if we will sponsor in Costa Rica next year. That's a consideration that we have to look at in our sponsorship arrangements. It will be June, the 10th to the 12th I think, which unfortunately is a clash with EuroDIG. But apart from that, it's an exciting conference. They do take a lot of applications for sessions and so on. There are opportunities for day zero events. For example, there's a youth summit and so on. We sponsor mainly because think – up to now, we think it's a valuable event, probably the premier civil society event that we've selected as a global event and one that does move around.

If you have any questions, let me know. Of course, it would be one that we would consider for CROP funding. So, LAC region may be interested for next year. And if you have sessions to propose … There won't be support because it's not an ICANN-related event,

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per se, but I think Rodrigo would probably very much consider it an event that you could use for CROP. And it is exciting. It's well worth going to.

Community members do go in their own capacity, people like the Freedom Online Coalition and so on. But there are no ICANN events, per se, there. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: I see no cards in the queue at this time. Tijani or Maureen, back to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Tijani. It's really good to actually get that feedback. Also, from Adam, very much appreciated. I know that Joanna likes to have an action item and I can't think of one at the moment. Probably someone can find one. But I do believe that in relation to the IGF – and Olivier wants the last word obviously before we finish.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Maureen. I'm just a bit slow-moving speaking about the RightsCon. It's really, really great to have had the report from Tijani and I know that many of our members went in an individual capacity to that meeting. The previous RightsCon

was also very well attended. I believe that was in Europe. And the one before that was in Canada, if I recall correctly. So, it's good that we have this. I would hope that there could be an action item for the regions concerned about the next RightsCon which is I believe LACRALO, to consider in their outreach and engagement either using CROP or whatever other … Leave it to them to do this but it's something they should consider because it's becoming such an important conference. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: Sergio?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Please wear your headphones because I'm going to speak in Spanish. Thank you. Yeah. I take your point. I think that because we hadn't taken this into account when drafting our plans for FY20, I really don't know what to do. I don't know if we can make any change at this point, if that is possible. We will talk to Rodrigo de la Parra so that this event is taken into account. We didn't realize how important it was. Now we do. So, any help or orientation will be more than welcome. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: I'm going to take a point of order. Or I guess it's not a point of order. But I'm just going to intervene on this, to Sergio's point. My

first advice would just be reach out as LACRALO secretariat directly to RightsCon and say, "We would like to participate in a formal way at RightsCon," and identify yourself as LACRALO and that might give you some additional … It will open the conversation with the RightsCon staff, perhaps. I have Tijani and then Humberto in the queue, and also Adam. I'm trying to order this.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Just to raise a concern. The CROP program stipulates that the event should be an ICANN event or an ICANN-related event. So, this might be a problem for having … Okay.

JOHN LAPRISE: Humberto?

HUMBERTO CARRASCO: I'm going to speak in Spanish. I'll be very brief. I had to apply to other RightsCon events or editions and they have fellowships if you apply as a possible speaker. So, to your point, Tijani, if we are intelligent enough to put forward ICANN-related topics for that event, we can very well resort to the CROP program, because at the end of the day, we are within the scope and the objectives of the program. The people running the CROP program also should

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be broad-minded enough to understand that we are aligned with outreach objectives. Thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE:

Just before Adam intervenes, I would remind people we just had a session today about universal acceptance and I'm sure that might be a useful topic at a RightsCon. Adam, go ahead.

ADAM PEAKE:

Thank you. Humberto, thank you very much for playing so excellently last night. The other things are that I would very strongly suggest talking to Rodrigo de la Parra about the CROP arrangement. I think RightsCon is in our new recommended meetings but I'm not sure. If it's not, then because of the effort that we put into it as an organization, I'm sure he would make it to be so. I shouldn't speak for him but it's your regional strategy, so please talk to him about it.

And you're absolutely right. There's a very extensive fellowship program for RightsCon. They do support speakers from countries around the world and it's a very diverse audience. Even in Tunis, there were a lot of people from other regions, Asia-Pacific and Latin America, and they do support speakers. So, getting involved with that community and getting your name as a speaker is very helpful.

But really, I think it's talking to Rodrigo about how to make sure that, first of all, it's in CROP and then any activities that we have you can be involved with as well.

It's a little bit vague at the moment, because we're not 100% sure that we will sponsor, but if we do, then Rodrigo is going to be very interested anyway. So, thank you.

JOHN LAPRISE: Olivier, and then we're going to close the queue because we have to close the session for transition. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. I'm speaking here as EURALO chair in support of our brothers and sister in the LACRALO region. I would hereby suggest kindly to the ALAC if they could consider supporting LACRALO in its work with GSE because it's not just a regional thing. This is a global thing. So, thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I agree. But at the same time, I think that there's some coordination that can be done on the ground and that's a good place to start, Sergio. It's a good action item for you to have a look at how you might be able to do that. Are we holding somebody up?

JOHN LAPRISE: No, we are [inaudible] technical staff.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh. Alright. Just before we go, of course, we want to thank interpreters and our support staff. Thank you very much for holding us all together. Heidi has an announcement.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Gisella is going to …

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, Gisella has an announcement.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, yes. Just as a reminder, our next session starts at 12:15. It's the At-Large Capacity Building session, current issues in cybersecurity and lunch will be served for the ALAC members, regional leaders, and our liaisons. Again, if there is any food left, we will more than happily open it up to the rest of the people attending that session. Thank you very much.

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