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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Hello everyone. Please take your seats. Welcome to ICANN66. I'm happy to see all of you and meet my newcomers here. I hope that you will enjoy this meeting, which will be your first experience of being in a crazy environment, in a crazy meeting and everybody is running, everybody's talking, everybody is in the sessions, but I am sure you will be enjoying this. I'm Siranush Vardanyan, with whom I'm sure you have talked for the last three months receiving my long emails. Getting the information, how to do this, how to do that, and I'm sure you were thinking, who is this crazy lady and writing these much emails to us, but the only purpose of it, to make your arrival as easy as possible and to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

So, I hope that all this information was useful, but I'm open to any suggestions, if you want me to change any way of doing any emails, I'm open to evolve the program approach based on your recommendations. So, with this, I want to kick off, to start our meeting today with the intention of introducing each other. So we know each other, who are the fellows, for ICANN66 and also to know some people who are here with us so you know them by face and in case of necessity, you can reach them, ask them questions, and we have also here our mentors, some of them are here, so we'll get to that as well.

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And I also would like to first note that we have interpretation here. We have Spanish, French and English interpretation. So, if anyone would like to use those services, feel free to use them. Don't take this with you out of these rooms, because they are counted and then later they will come to me and say your fellows took this, so don't take this, leave it here, because you will find it in other rooms, as well.

With that, there are some initial tips for you, as I have mentioned in my email, breakfast is served in your hotels and please take time early in the morning to go to your restaurant in the hotel and take your breakfast before coming here, because early in the morning there will be no coffee here, no sweet serves, but we will be having during the day two coffee breaks here and starting from Monday until Thursday, so those four days we will be having our fellowship lunch, right before our session.

So, our session is listed in the agenda as from 12:00 to 1:30 or 11:45 to 1:15. Those first minutes only is for our lunch. So if you are not on time for the lunchtime, you are on time for your session only, you miss your lunch because it will be cleaned, so please make sure you are there not to miss your daily lunch. It will be tasty, nice lunch, so come and enjoy. You saw that it takes about 10 minutes to come from your hotel, but I think it's a nice morning walk, today was beautiful weather, I hope it will keep the entire week the same

But in case if it is too cold outside there is an inside place to come here. So I think many of you might have taken this internal, this tunnel way to come here. So there are two options, whatever you would like,

but consider this time coming here, not to be late for the sessions. And today you have a bit of excuse, first day, but no excuses for the entire week, okay?

During our sessions, laptops down. We have this rule for the fellowship sessions, we don't open any computers. Please, laptops down. I think that for one hour or two hours per day, this will relax for your eyes, not to open your computers, not to look at your cell phones, and just enjoy the sessions. Enjoy the presenters who will be coming to us especially for doing introductions for you so you will learn something out of that.

I think you don't need computers, you will not get any emails from me at that time because I will be with you. But then, during the entire week, please check your emails, because sometimes I will be sending daily updates for the next day or I will be sending some information, or you will be sharing some information about fun parties here, so all of us to be there and enjoy and not miss that, because this is the big part of the ICANN meetings, as well. So, please check your emails from time to time, especially when it comes from Siranush, and I hope you didn't block me already.

Okay, so we have our presenters coming only for one hour, please respect their time. We are not able to do longer sessions, but for the entire week there are so many sessions going on and I'm sure you already checked the whole agenda and you know where to go every single day by coming here, and if we don't have early morning sessions like this during the week, it doesn't mean that you have to

sleep at that time. No, it's the time for you to be here and to be at one of the sessions which probably will interest you by the sector you represent or by the information they are providing.

So please, use this time, come here. I know you want to see Montreal as well, but it's too cold. So, enjoy here. It's safer here. But I hope you also will manage to see some outside Montreal lovely places, but this is after 6:00 or after 9:00, whenever you don't have any party here, but it's never an excuse to be late for the next morning saying that all these fellows kept me the whole night by drinking or partying in the pub. So, no excuses for being late in the morning. You can stay the whole night, party, but you should be here. So it's 24/7, if you don't know until now, fellowship program is 24/7. Once you are in, you don't have the option to go out. And we always say with the fellows, those who already have been a fellow, that once a fellow, always a fellow, okay?

I started my journey with ICANN as fellow. Yes, I came to ICANN as a fellow and now taking this role it's just a blessing job I have in my life. So I was one of you and I am one of you. I'm always a fellow. And we have a couple of people here who I will introduce later, who started as a fellow here and now they are either active ICANN community members or staff here. So, as I said, we have interpretation there, laptops down, and lunch, so we're all good. The presentation which I sent to you, it has these lovely slides with ICANN multistakeholder model with all the communities which are part of supporting organizations and advisory committees.

So, as you may know already, by doing some webinars before coming to ICANN, we have three supporting organizations which are address supporting organization is called ASO, so start training your brain that you will be hearing a lot of abbreviations, but whenever you don't understand anything just stop that person and ask to open this abbreviation. If you don't understand don't feel ashamed to ask questions. So, supporting organizations are Addressing Supporting Organization, ASO, Country Code Name Supporting Organization, which is ccNSO, and Generic Name Supporting Organization which is GNSO. So, you will hear GNSO, ccNSO, but you have this PowerPoint with you all the time to go back and check and all the links which I provided there, they are active links.

So please, if you don't know what this supporting organization is doing, just click on the name on the slide, and you will see it will take you to their website. So you will have this information. We have four advisory committees which advise ICANN Board on the policies and one of them is At-Large Advisory Group and many of you probably are part of At-Large. We have European At-Large Organization which is which called EURALO, we have Asia Pacific, APRALO, we have African region, AFRALO, we have North America NARALO, and we have Latin America and Caribbean, which is LACRALO. So, these names should become music to your ears from now on. So, you should become used to those names.

And if you are part of any region, feel free to join their communities, the people, get to know them, introduce yourself, never feel ashamed to introduce, always say I am ICANN66 Fellow, I'm here to learn and

everybody here is open to respond to you, they love fellows, believe me. And if they see the people are passionate to learn, they're open to provide any type of information which is needed for you. Okay, so don't feel shame, go and ask questions. We have the Government Advisory Committee which is called GAC, go those who represent governments can go to their sessions and find them interesting.

The Root Server System Advisory Committee is called RSSAC, we have one guru among our mentors, Naveed, who can help you with information. I'll give the floor to our mentors to introduce themselves, but you always can go and ask them. And we have Security and Stability Advisory Committee which is called SSAC. So, now you know seven abbreviations, right? And plus five from regional At-Large organizations, RALOs. Okay? Get used to that.

So, here you have all them listed separately with explaining what each of them is doing. I'm not going to go deeply into each of them because tomorrow we have a Newcomer's Day, and for those who this ICANN meeting is the first ever ICANN meeting and first fellowship, Newcomer's Day is the place where I should see all of you. And those who are second time fellows, I would encourage you, just for the refresher, come for the Newcomer's session, and tomorrow you will see all the leaders from all these SOs and ACs, which are supporting organizations and advisory committees, SOs and ACs, coming there.

So you will know these people in person, will know their faces, and whenever you see some of them in the corridor running to another session, you can just grab him and ask questions, okay? And don't pay

attention if they are running, they are always running, they are always late for somewhere. Ask your question and take give your card, not credit card, your business card and ask for their business card, as well. So, try to extend, expand your network as much as possible because you can use them later. And believe me, at the end of the week you will forget everything, so you will need time to go back, find your business cards, go to the meeting website, go to the sessions, hear the recording of them, so refresh and digest what happened during this one week.

So, you see advisory committees here, and then I have listed every single one separately. So you know what they are doing. And you can click, o you see everywhere, learn more. Go this is their website, so find out more. If you are interested, for example, in ASO and ASO's numbers, supporting organization, so NRO and ASO are usually the same, so you may hear about your regional registries, so RARs, like we have five, and one in each region.

So, in North America, we have ARIN, we have Europe Center, we have APNIC in Asia Pacific, we have LACNIC in Latin America and Caribbean and we have AFRINIC in Africa. So, if you want to learn more, just go there. The information is listed. ccNSO, we have another guru among our mentors Alejandra Reynosa who is Vice Chair of ccNSO now in the Council, and she knows everything about ccNSO. So they are the ones who know everything, not me. So don't ask me. I will send you to them, okay?

GNSO, Generic Name Supporting Organization, that is one of the biggest portions of the community, which includes different parts commercial and noncommercial. So you may be part of commercial group and go to their sessions or noncommercial like they call it NCSG, NCUC, and NPOC. You see noncommercial stakeholder group which is the last portion and you see this, Noncommercial Stakeholder Group means NCSG. And then it has two separate groups, Commercial Users Constituency which is NCUC and Not for Profit Operational Concerns, which is NPOC. So hopefully tomorrow all the representatives will come and will explain you the differences of all those communities and you will find where you want to go, what sector is close to your heart, what interests you have based on the work you are doing in your country.

We have our fellows here who can direct you, so please feel free to ask them. It's not shameful to ask questions, because I'm here, this is my 29th ICANN meeting, but I'm still learning. So every single time there is something new to learn. But if you don't ask people will not know what you need. Okay, that's why please ask questions. So we have At-Large and I told you about the At-Large, all these five regional organizations.

So the coming week from Monday to Thursday they have their ATLAS III, which is an At-Large Summit, the third one in a row which is being done once in five years, so this is the time for them to have their third one, and they will have four full days for their delegates and you will see separate stickers to their badges saying ATLAS III. If you are

interested to learn more about At-Large from the perspective of end users go there, go to their sessions.

They are open, sessions here are open, so you always can open the door. Stay there 5, 10 minutes, say you don't get anything, close the door and go to another session. Don't stick in the room. And if something is unclear, don't open your computer and start doing your own job. You are not there just to do your own job, but go and learn. So, we have Governmental Advisory Committee GAC and we have another guru among our mentors, Mistura Aruna who is a GAC representative and you always can ask questions to Mistura about GAC, and not only, but she knows about GAC very well, almost everything.

As I said, Naveed can help you to understand RSSAC Root Server System Advisory Committee and Security and Stability Advisory Committee, so always feel free to ask. These are the sessions which some of them might be closed. So, if you see C in the agenda after the session, it means the session is closed, which means you can't go there, don't go and try to open the door and say, no, I'm here, I want to learn. If they are closed, they are closed, but usually they try to do as much open session as possible so people can come and learn. So check the agenda and see which are open sessions.

Okay, now I will just go through the entire week so the main important sessions where you have to be. And after that, I will give the floor, the guests who came here early in the morning, our global stakeholder engagement team members and our ombudsman team who are here

who would like just to introduce themselves and for you to know them. So Saturday, today, as you see some of the sessions are listed in red, mandatory for ICANN66. This is not just to highlight, but this is to make sure that you notice this, that you have to be there at that time.

I listed also the rooms, but sometimes rooms can change on site, so please check also the website because it's updated, but I hope that there will be no changes of the rooms. So wherever I put community meetings and sessions, find your own place for your sector of interest it doesn't does mean you are free, you can go and see Notre Dame here, or something, no. You need to be in one of the sessions and you can see this listed in almost every day, because there are some important sessions which I highlighted for you, but there are others which you can find them helpful and useful based on your sector. And 10:30 today I would recommend you to go to GAC opening plenary, this is the place where this will be for the GAC representatives, so you will see how they set the scene for the future work for the entire week. It's an interesting place to be. So please take your time, go right after this session, after your coffee break go to GAC opening.

By the way, you don't need to go anywhere, it will be here. You can go take your coffee and come back and today we have we have fellowship networking event. This is your evening. This is your fun part. So this is our party. And we invite the entire ICANN community to come and see you, meet you. So, introduce yourselves to whomever you see, whomever you want to talk, talk to each other, make this network make this friendship, because this is lifetime

experience. This will be your party, okay? Enjoy it. There will be some food and you can go some other place, have other parties, as well.

So tomorrow, Sunday we have Newcomer's Day, I mentioned those who are first timers. This is the place for you to be. It's a long meeting session from 10 to 3 so you will be busy the whole day. Lunch will not be provided tomorrow, please note. There are a lot of restaurants nearby, so please make sure, or there will be some rooms with the lunch served, but not closed lunches, so make sure you don't take someone else's lunch. And there are some recommended sessions for tomorrow.

Tomorrow evening we also have NextGen five years celebration. So NextGen is another program where we invite young students to come here. So this is our younger generation, fellows are older generation. So you can take the lead and try to teach young students, help them to find their own way in ICANN. So tomorrow will be their five years anniversary. On Monday at 9:00 we have opening ceremony. So the official opening ceremony for ICANN66 and all first time fellows, all newcomers for whom this is the first ICANN meeting will be asked to stand up. So, please be there. I want to see all of you standing up and showing the power of the program and the power of you being a fellow.

So, from 9 to 10, don't be late for the opening ceremony. It's always nice to be at the opening ceremony, just to see how it goes. It's interesting if you are first timer, just to see how the big corporations are doing the opening ceremonies, how the local host is coming and

doing the introduction. So please come, these are the sessions which if you don't learn anything you will see for your professional growth. It's something interesting for your entire life. Honestly, it's a lot, you are gaining a lot for your own professional growth. So please be there.

There are some sessions highlighted and the main mandatory for you is fellowship daily session, but the first day we devoted to policy development. This is one of the key aspects in ICANN. So the main work which we are doing is policy. So our policy team members will come and explain to you how to make a policy, how the process is working here, how the people can write a policy, can recommend a policy, and who can recommend a policy to ICANN Board. What is the procedure. So it's a good learning and this is mandatory, so our daily sessions, as I have said, are mandatory for all ICANN66 fellows. So, be there, please, and I will be counting. So at that day, we will be having to public forums during the entire week.

And these public forums are place for you to be. This is interesting way to learn how you can do a public comment how people are coming and complaining about different work here or outside or about the policy about the life why it's cold in Montreal, so you can complain about anything you want, but how it's being done and what is the procedure. So one day, if you would like to do a public comment, you know how to do it. You have the prepared text. You have one minute or two minutes time allocated, you shouldn't go above when it says done. So, you will learn the way how to make a public comment publicly here at the meeting. So, public forum is the place for you to be. And this is Public Forum One, the second public

forum will be on Thursday. Monday, we have Gala Night. The host provided us the venue here for Gala Night, so come and enjoy it. Tuesday we have plenary sessions, some sessions there for you to find your space.

We have an important thing at 11:00, we have our group photo and I need to have every single ICANN66 fellow there in that picture, we will not do Photoshop, adding someone, but I can assure you, you will be happy later to see you in that picture, so don't miss it. And I also invite all the time our alumni to be there because they are always part of this huge family, so be there. I will send you the additional note where we are going to meet. So whenever I say we meet at 11 somewhere, please be there by 5 to 11, not 5 after 11, because when it says from 11:00 to 11:30, it doesn't mean the picture will be taken at 11:30, it means that we will stand by 11 and then if by 11:10 we are done, then that's it, you missed your opportunity to be there.

But please be on time there at 11. We have that day fellowship session and we will be having our North America global stakeholder engagement team coming and talking to you as we are in Canada, in North America, so the representatives of this region will come. Global stakeholder engagement team is part of ICANN, people who are working there are your first contact in the region and I'm happy to see many of them here, so I will give them the opportunity to introduce and you will learn who is your regional representative and we very much appreciate the followup and later engagement into your regional activities. They always need your support and you will always

find a space to be helpful, to be engaged, to be part of this regional strategy and activities.

That day in the evening you might know or don't know, Tarek Kamel, who was our senior vice president in ICANN, he passed away recently and we will be having celebration for Tarek that evening. His wife and son are invited and will be here that day. So we invited the whole community come and give a tribute to Tarek. If you don't know Tarek just do some Google and find out he was a Minister of IT in Egypt. He was very well known professional on a global level, and he worked for six years in ICANN. He is a person who we will be missing a lot. So this evening will be devoted to him. Come and celebrate with us in memory of Tarek.

Wednesday we have a couple of highlights there so you can go and find some sessions, that day fellowship daily session, we will be having an introduction to ICANN reviews. ICANN is doing a lot of reviews here for different communities, how they work. So come and learn how the process is being done. It's an interesting session for you. And then at that evening we have community recognition reception during those recognition receptions we usually recognize the active ICANN community members who devote their time, passion to the global IG ecosystem. So come and see our community members recognized and Thursday is a very full day as you can see from my PowerPoint, but the highlights there, so morning at 8:30, like today, we will be having.

ICANN 21st Annual General Meeting so you know that this meeting is Annual General Meeting, ICANN holds three meetings in a year. One is Annual General Meeting, which usually takes place in October, November, the second one is Community Forum, which takes usually place in March, and Policy Forum, which takes place in June, July. So for the fellowship program which is open for everyone for AGM Annual Meeting and Community Forum. The policy one is limited for alumni only, which means once you are fellow you can apply for the Policy Forum. So the next Policy Forum will be in Kuala Lumpur, and all of you those for whom this ICANN66 is first meeting are becoming eligible to apply for the Policy Forum. Okay, so just keep in mind.

We have that fellowship daily, it's a wrap up for us on Thursday, and we will be having ICANN President and CEO coming and talking to you. So he will be our special guest. Prepare some interesting questions and have fun, it's always very interesting to talk to him, and we'll be having one hour 45 minute session out of his full packed agenda, but to come and talk to us. After that there will be some wrap up for you to know what's next. And right after that, it's not right after that, but a bit later, we have Q&A with the ICANN Organization Executive Team. It's like all our executive teams sit there and everybody can come and ask questions, so it's very interesting session to know and to ask questions, actually, if you have any.

And the second public forum that day will be from 5:00 to 6:30, so Public Forum 2, which will be wrapped up by the community cocktail party. So, that's all for the agenda. Do you have any questions for the

entire week? Do you know what to do starting from 10:15 today? Yes, you have a mic.

ISAURA MARIEL ARANDA ORTELLADO: I'm Mariel Aranda, and just for the newcomers, there is an application with the ICANN meetings and they can see all the meetings there if they don't know [inaudible].

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay, so there is an application for ICANN66, I hope you already downloaded it. If you are not, then it's on the meetings website. Go and upload this in your apps. So you can find it also in App Store just searching ICANN meetings, and you can have it in your phones. So, you know, not to open computers every time, you can find quickly in which room are the sessions. Any other questions? So, I will come back to this during our last wrap up, but this is something I want you to start thinking from today.

Take a note, because these are the questions which will be asked for you to write in the survey which will be considered as your post ICANN meeting report. So you have to list every single day which sessions you went, how many sessions you attended, what working group sessions you attended, and there will be some questions for mentors. What are your main takeaways. It will be a short essay for you to write and the one interesting question, how many miles you fly to get to ICANN66. So, these are the questions you should start counting from today. So please take a note every single time you go somewhere

because I assure you that at the end by Friday, you will forget all the sessions, all the names.

So, have them listed so later it will be easier for you to write your essay and we will be having only two weeks for you to submit your post meeting survey and only after you submit your post meeting survey you will be considered as successfully completed fellowship and only after that you will get your certificate of successful participation. So this slide is very important to keep in mind the whole week. And you always can send me an email if you have any questions. Okay. Any questions for now? No questions? Everything is clear? Then I'll take the opportunity to start introducing my guests today.

Here we have our global stakeholder engagement team members, and I would like to start with Joe, who is our host, our GSC member from North America, and he will introduce and tell you.

JOE CATAPANO:

Joe Catapano, I'm the manager for the stakeholder engagement team North America, which I'm sure Siranush has told you covers the US, Canada, and some of the island territories. I interface with all sectors, business, civil, society, government, technical community, academia, and end users. And I think I'm speaking to you guys on Tuesday, so we can dive into a little more detail about what we do in North America and what we're up to. But for now, if you're not from the region, welcome, and welcome to Canada.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Joe, and that day we also will have opportunity to see our vice president from North America. Chris Mondini, who will come to talk to you, as well, together with Joe. Thanks for coming and I would like to introduce one of the favorite regions because the major group of this team came from the fellowship program. So ICANN29 was the first meeting where we started ICANN fellowship meeting and Vice President for Latin American Caribbean Rodrigo de la Para and Manager for Caribbean region, Albert Daniels were first fellows in ICANN. So let me give the floor to them.

RODRIGO DE LA PARA: Thank you very much. Good morning, everybody. Buenos dias, Bonjour. So, we have quite a diverse group from Latin America and the Caribbean. Welcome. It's good to have you here. I think it's your favorite region, just say it just like that, you don't need to hide your preferences. Welcome and congratulations for being here. You know, this is hard to be a fellow. Some of you are second time fellows, I can recognize that. So, welcome back again. This is a good sign because you didn't get scared about coming into ICANN so that means that this is a safe place for all of you coming for the first time, people will come many, many times.

Actually, I've stayed here, I've been here for many years, it was 2007 when I became a fellow together with Albert and other of my colleagues involved in here. And this is the idea, the idea of the fellowship program is to have you have a soft landing entering for the first time into the community and then to stay. Many of the colleagues

I see from the Latin America and Caribbean region, they are already very well involved and engaged in different activities in the region where recent ccTLDs or the GAC, yeah, many ccTLDs today, and Society from Brazil and private sector, and it's great. So, welcome again, and thank you, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. As I told you, once you are in there is no way out. So with great pleasure we have Chris Mondini joining us. So we gave Joe first to introduce himself, but he is our main host here, so please, Chris.

CHRIS MONDINI: Well, thank you very much. I'm sure Joe did an excellent job. My name is Chris Mondini, I'm the Vice President for stakeholder engagement for North America, working with this guy, and all my colleagues, I don't have very much to add except to welcome you all, since it's in the North American region, I get to have these very ceremonial roles of telling you about North America and everything that we do here.

For me, I always say that the fellowship program and the fellows sessions are where I always return to when I personally want to be inspired about the future of ICANN, and the work in ICANN because sometimes the conversations are very complex, sometimes they're long, sometimes they're difficult. When I come back in here and I see the enthusiasm and all the brainpower and all of the energy, it revitalizes me. So I want to say thank you all for being here and being

part of the program. Ask us anything and this is also very important for your participation in ICANN, ask questions. Sit up at the table, sit next to somebody, tug on their sleeve.

Ask them what's the acronym, ask them to direct you to some guides to explain the topic. You will find that people are very happy to help you out. It helps you to learn. And it also reminds the people of the importance of bringing the new experience to ICANN. And I don't know if Siranush told you, I give a little bit of a speech on Monday, and I'm going to ask everybody who's new to ICANN to arise and be recognized. So be ready to stand up, because I'll be really embarrassed if I say please stand up and nobody stands. Alright, thanks for being here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thanks Chris, and thanks for being a great host for us. So, Albert Daniels?

ALBERT DANIELS: Good morning, everybody. As Siranush mentioned, I cover the Caribbean as part of Latin America and Caribbean team for the two territories in the Caribbean. But the message I want to leave you with today is that the fellowship program is one of the most precious programs in the whole of ICANN. You have a fantastic opportunity to learn about ICANN in the best place that you can learn about ICANN.

Those sessions that Siranush told you about where the leaders from the different parts of the communities come to you and speak with you, they don't speak at you, they speak with you. You have a chance to engage them and learn from them and bring your concerns to ICANN. Many of you are newcomers. But in your own regions and back home, you are experts in your respective fields.

So the expectation is that you come to the fellowship program, you learn as much as you can, and then you become ambassadors for ICANN when you go back to your respective countries. I came at first as a fellow, and now I'm ICANN Staff and still as an ICANN Staff member I keep coming back to these Fellowship Program sessions to learn about ICANN because this is the best place to learn. So make the most of it and reach out to all of those who are eager to help you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Albert, and to complete with LAC region here, another lovely fellow, Rodrigo Saucedo, please.

RODRIGO SAUCEDO: Good morning everyone, my name is Rodrigo Saucedo, I am originally and based in La Paz, Bolivia. I'm part of this great LAC team. I'm in charge of the LAC strategy and as Siranush said, I was a three-time fellow and I truly believe that the fellowship program is, as Albert said, unique. It's a fantastic place where you can really understand what is ICANN, how it works, and the structure. The only advice I can give you is just don't stay put, just reach out to everyone and everyone is open.

If you see me or someone from the team just reach out and we will help you whatever you need. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you Rodrigo and thank you for your time being here. Now we'll move to Asia Pacific. Asia Pacific is a big region. It has Oceania separately, it has India, It has the Middle East and Asia Pacific itself. So I will start with the head of our Asia Pacific office in Singapore, Jia-Rong.

JIA-RONG LOW: Thank you, hi, good morning, everybody. My name is Jia-Rong. I wear two hats, one as the engagement vice president for Asia and the other as the managing director for the Asia Pacific office which is based in Singapore. The Asia Pacific region is very large, it starts actually from Armenia all the way to the Pacific Islands. So there's no way for one of us to be able to cover the whole region. And that's why we split the region into sub-regions to look after you. So, that doesn't mean that say if you are from Armenia, or if you're from Pakistan or Afghanistan, you're not from Asia. It's just that we split the work amongst ourselves.

So Baher and Natalia, they will introduce themselves in a bit, they each look after a sub-region to be looking after you So when people ask you which region are you from, you're from Asia Pacific region. Don't worry, alright. But who is looking after you, it could be Baher, it could be Samiram, it could Natalia, it could be me. So, a big welcome

to everybody and next June, just now Siranush mentioned, next June the ICANN meeting is going to go to Kuala Lumpur. And you're also eligible to apply for fellowship for the Kuala Lumpur meeting. So I look forward to seeing your application and also welcoming you to Kuala Lumpur.

But before we go to Kuala Lumpur, take this opportunity to learn all you can because the Kuala Lumpur meeting is going to be a policy meeting. And that means that you should equip yourself well enough to understand how to participate in the policy development process. This will allow you to be able to participate effectively when you go to Kuala Lumpur. So I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Jia-Rong. I will introduce the sub-regions within Asia Pacific, Baher, we'll start with you.

BAHER ESMAT: Thank you. Good morning, everyone. My name is Baher Esmat, Ben Smith, I come from Egypt and I look after the Middle East region or subregion. So, Middle East, as far as ICANN engagement team is concerned, covers Pakistan, Afghanistan, all the way to Egypt, North Africa. So, I fall under actually two regions, APAC and Africa, I'm not sure if Taher is here, so the Middle East community is lucky because you get served by different teams. So again, welcome to ICANN. I'm not going to repeat what my colleagues have said about the importance of the fellowship program, obviously, you know, has

progressed over the years and it has also resulted in many community leaders and ICANN Org staff and leaders that you know we have today.

So welcome again. Make sure that you find this during the week. I know some of you here, not all of you are new to ICANN, I've met some of you before. So if you have any questions, if you want to meet up on any issue or topic, just find us. I'm sure Siranush will be able to find us and grab us to meet with you. Welcome again, and thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Baher. And we will go now to India. Samiran, please.

SAMIRAN GUPTA: Thank you, Siranush. I've just got here last evening and my throat is already dry. So anyway, welcome to this meeting and I'm Samiran Gupta, I'm based in New Delhi, India. I can see a couple of fellows from India back there. You can speak to them and they are pretty experienced, they've been in the ICANN system for a while. And so my job's done. They care of everything.

But seriously speaking, if you have any questions about what's going on in India, what else we're looking to do that they don't know about yet, I'm the person to look for. I would just like to add that I've been with ICANN for five years now, and I wish I had actually been a fellow once, so as Albert was saying, I like to come here every year. Every time I'm at ICANN meeting I like to come to the fellowship sessions

and join in and sit and learn things that I thought I knew, but learn them again. So thank you and all the best for this meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Samiran. We will go to another subregion within Asia Pacific, which is Oceania, and Save, please.

SAVE VOCEA: Good morning, everyone, my name is Save Vocea, I come from Fiji originally but I live in Sydney, Australia, looking after the subregion call Oceania. Some of you may not know this term Oceania, but because it's all the islands in the Pacific Islands. So that's what Oceania is, but I don't see any Oceania people here as fellows, but you know sometimes when they do come to as fellowship recipients, they are the life of the party, I think. But anyway, since I'm here this week I look forward to meeting you and if you have any questions for what's happening in the region if you have any interests in the ccTLDs that are there, they do important work. So, just reach out and I agree with everyone else who has spoken before, we are available to you. And we serve the community. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Save. We usually have a group coming from Oceania. But this time something has happened. And the last region within Asia Pacific is Eastern Europe and Natalia please.

NATALIA MOCHU:

Thank you, Siranush, that sounded fun, the region from Asia Pacific is the Eastern Europe. Good morning, everyone. My name is Natalia, I am working with two regions basically, it's the European part of the European region, Eastern Europe, and part of the Asia Pacific, indeed, which is the Caucasus and the Central Asian countries. So I'm happy to welcome you all here at the fellowship program. I'm glad to see a couple of people from my region, attending this ICANN meeting.

I regretfully was not a fellow but I'm engaged with ICANN for more than five years now so happy to be in the staff and work with you locally in our regions. And what I would like to say is that you are such a great support for us in the regions because if you came as a fellow it means that you already know a little bit of ICANN, you are in one way or another involved in one of the constituencies in one of the communities that ICANN works with.

So keep on going. Take your time to learn as much as you can, to meet and network to as many people as you can. We are here available to assist you and even that I am serving the Eastern European Central Asia region, I'm open to help any one of you who needs our assistance. Have fun, enjoy, take your time to learn as much as you can, and welcome to ICANN66.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Natalia. Natasha will serve you as a contact person for Europe as well because we don't have our European other team members here and I don't see Yovi. So, our African team, Yovi and vice

president Pierre are here, but they are at some other meeting, so they might come by the end of our meeting. So thank you everyone. Thank you for being here. Thank you for showing up to this session, and I hope you know them in person. And whenever you have any questions they are always very supportive to all of you here. So please take the opportunity to talk to them. Last but not least, I would like to introduce you the Ombudsman team who is here just for a couple of words to welcome you. Herb?

HERB WAYE:

Good morning, thank you, Siranush. Welcome to Montreal and Canada. A unique cultural place, and I hope that you enjoy your stay. My associate at the back, Barb Curwin is the Adjunct Ombudsman and we're both here for you for the week and through the year. If anything should pop up what I primarily would like to remind you, is that the ICANN community and organization have an expected standards of behavior that you can refer to. It's on the main web page for the ICANN meeting and it also has, ICANN has a community anti harassment policy.

And I would invite you to go into the meetings page and read up or just take a brief look through those two documents because they are there to protect you and to ensure that ICANN, and when I say ICANN, I'm including the community, the organization and the board, maintains and supports a healthy, safe harassment-free environment for everybody. We have people from all over the world. ICANN represents diversity and I look at you as a group of fellows and I see people from

all over the world, speaking I don't know how many languages, coming from I don't know how many different cultures.

But that's ICANN's strength, but it's also one of ICANN's weaknesses, because when you bring so many people, and I think there's going to be over 3000 people at this meeting, I think the head count so far is somewhere around 3500 people, when you get that many people from that many different places in the world, there can be cultural clash, there can be issues of diversity that that occur. And I want you to know that ICANN is there, and when I say ICANN, the community, the leadership in the community, others that that you will be speaking to through the week, myself and my colleague, Barb. We are there to make sure that this place stays safe and that you can enjoy a comfortable week with ICANN in its community.

So if something does occur, and you feel uncomfortable, something or somebody makes you uncomfortable, feel free to tell him to stop because you will be supported by this organization, by this community, and by people like myself and Barb. So if something arises, come see Siranush, come see myself, we're one floor down. If you're interested in ombudsmanship and want to learn a little bit more about informal dispute resolution, please feel free to drop in to have a chat. And we can have a nice conversation about where you're from. It will be an opportunity for me to learn a little bit more about the community and for you to learn a little bit more about ICANN.

So have a safe, fabulous week. Welcome to ICANN, welcome again to Montreal. This is what I consider my hometown. Barb and I have both

worked I think a combined total of something like 50 years between the two of us here in Montreal. So we know the city. If you have any questions about the city or the people, or the culture, or the food, just reach out. Thank you and enjoy your week.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Herb. We do feel ourselves safe in your hands. So, we have also health and safety group here. When you come by escalators, on your left side you will find safety and health booths. So, if you need any medicine, if you don't feel comfortable, or you catch a cold, or, I don't know, whatever, just come to them. Come and visit them, they are here to help you with whatever support you need.

And also, it's always a great pleasure, when I say fellowship is a family, I do really mean it. Because, I love seeing our alumni who were fellows many years ago still coming to ICANN meetings and coming to the fellowship sessions and I would like to introduce you to Saso, who is from Macedonia, who came to see us today. Saso, if you can introduce yourself, please.

SASO DIMITRIJOSKI: Good morning everyone, my name is Saso Dimitrijoski, I'm from Macedonia. I'm currently a GAC representative to ICANN. And, as Siranush told you, I start this beautiful journey almost nine years ago. So, having in mind that you are elected from more than 400 applications, so you are a lucky one. And, I just have one message, use this week very clever and grab any chance and find your way to stay in

this community. And, finally, I hope to see many of you in the next ICANN meetings. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Saso, and thanks for coming. Lilianna, please. Can you introduce yourself briefly and we'll go to our fellows?

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you, Siranush. My name is Lianna, I am from Armenia. I'm one of those lucky guys who've been a fellow for several times, and I've enjoyed being a mentor also. And, you are very lucky to have mentors also, because that prepares you for the hard meetings of the whole week and all across the acronyms of ICANN world and ICANN language. I welcome you in this country and in this community, which is really open and engaging. Keep your activity up and enjoy the whole week of meetings, make networks, and make new connections that will give you a lot of experience, knowledge, and reach your sharing, the whole picture of ICANN. Thank you very much, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Lianna; thank you for coming. And, any questions for our lovely group here, who introduced themselves? Okay, if not, then I would like you, every single person, to take the mic, just for 30 seconds, who you are, what country you are, and just one interesting thing about you. But I would like to start with our mentors, who are

here. So, Alejandra, please. You can use your mics or you can use this mic, whatever is comfortable.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Siranush. Hi, everyone, my name is Alejandra Reynoso. I come from Guatemala, and as Siranush already told you, I'm on the ccNSO council, I'm one of the vice-chairs and I'm a mentor of this very lovely group sitting at my table and they're all here and I'm so happy to have them, they're very good.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Alejandra. Mistura?

MISTURA ARUNA: Good morning everyone, my name is Mistura Aruna, I'm from Nigeria. I represent my country, the government advisory committee, and I'm also representing GAC as a mentor. So, to all my eight mateys around, thank you very much for making it very easy for me to mentor you. We had four pre-ICANN online meetings and you all were wonderful. Please, can you stand up for recognition, please? I really appreciate you, thank you so much, eight of you. Thank you so much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Mistura, thank you. Naveed? One of our lucky mentors who was losing his mentees on the way. So, unfortunately, we got 12 rejections. These are rejections, we were 40 and now we're 28 for this

meeting. So, unfortunately, the majority of them were Naveed's mentees. So, feel free to use his services. He's free.

NAVEED UL-HAQ: Yeah, good evening, this is Naveed, good morning, rather. I'm still in the wife's evening already, you know. Okay. So, I'm from Pakistan and I've been in ICANN for more than five years now. So, I'm representing RSSAC on my mentoring team. So, unfortunately, I lost nine of my mentees, right? So, only two made it here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Can you stand up? Those two, please.

NAVEED UL-HAQ: The lucky ones.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You are the luckiest.

NAVEED UL-HAQ: Just, I would like to have a common suggestion to everybody, is to make your experience of ICANN, like, objective driven. Like, you should think about one or two single objectives, or goals, that you would like to have achieved by the end of this week. And then, compare it with what you actually have experienced and how close you are to your goal by the end of this week. So, thanks a lot.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Naveed, and thank you for yourself also making this visa and being here with us. Otherwise, I was afraid of losing you as well, as a mentor. So, we have two mentors as well, Andrew Mack, who is from GNSO. What was GNSO? Yes, so, Andrew is arriving tonight, so hopefully he will be at our fellowship session. And we have Sarah Kiden who is from At-Large, and I guess she's vice-chair from AFRALO, secretary in AFRALO, but she, I think, is busy with getting ready for APRALO, ATLAS III activities, but I'm sure she will come to our fellowship evening session, so you'll have a chance to meet. And now, I will go to our fellows, yes, please.

WARUNA SRI DHANAPALA: I am Waruna from Sri Lanka, one of the alternate GAC members. This is my second ICANN meeting, after Barcelona. Nice to see you all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Thank you for coming to our session. ICANN66... Yes, please.

OUSMANE LY: Good morning. I am Dr. Ousmane Ly from Mali. I'm the GAC representative from Mali and this is my, I think, sixth presence in ICANN conference. I was at Barcelona, Marrakesh, and so on. And, one of my objectives is to become a mentor of newcomers one day. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Actually, we are in the GAC room, which means all GAC representatives have their [inaudible] here. So, that's why you may see a lot of GAC members here. But, if you find the GAC member from your region, get the chance to introduce yourself and learn about them. So, please, let's start. Let's start from here, Suada.

SUADA HADZOVIC: Hello everybody, my name is Suada, I come from Bosnia and Herzegovina. I am the GAC representative and this is my first ICANN fellowship, but my fourth ICANN meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Welcome. So, my suggestion, whenever you go to the mic, at any session, first of all, the first thing, state your name, "I am Suada Hadzovic, I am an ICANN66 fellow, but I'm speaking on my personal capacity." So, but, say your name and state that you are an ICANN fellow, and every single time you take the mic, state your name. People will start remembering your name and your face. So, this is very important, whenever you take your mic in any sessions. So, this is a skill in ICANN. You'll learn. Yes, please, Austin.

AUSTIN RUCKSTUHL: Hi, I'm Austin Ruckstuhl from The United States and this is my first fellowship, but I was a next-gen fellow, or next-gen ambassador as well before.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, next-gen; I told you about the next-gen program, so these are the students. And, some kind of natural follow-up for next-gen'ers is to become a fellow. So, you are a student, you come and learn, then you can be a next-gen ambassador to teach the young next-gen'ers. But then, for you, for your development, you start applying as a fellow. And Austin is one of the highlights of the next-gen program who is now a fellow. Welcome, Austin. Please, Lilian.

LILIAN KAMARA: Hello everyone. Good morning. My name is Lilian Kamara, I'm from Uganda and I'm an ICANN66 fellow as well. This is my first ICANN meeting, yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Lilian. It's a pleasure having you with us and feel free and comfortable to talk to anyone in this group. Yes, please?

JACOB ODAME-BAIDEN: Hello, I'm Jacob Odame-Baiden, I'm from Ghana. I am an ICANN66 fellow. I speak in my own capacity. Yes, yes. I'm a lawyer by profession and I'm also an ICT police specialist. This is my first fellowship and I'm so excited to be here, hoping to learn from all of you. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Jacob, welcome.

MOHAMED YAZID AKANHO: Hello. My name is Yazid, I'm coming from Benin, West Africa, an ICANN66 fellow. I'm very glad to be here. You know why? Because this is my, maybe my sixth application. Since 2015 I have tried and never give up and this is my first ICANN fellow, so I'm happy to be here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And, you know what? He is really a leader. He applied once, he was rejected, he said, "I will reapply." And he is the only one who got the visa after reapplying. Yazid, welcome, you made it. For all of the members, the fellowship program is very competitive. For ICANN66 we had 454 applications, so out of them, you are ones who had been selected. Benjamin, yes please.

MOHAMED YAZID AKANHO: One more thing. I don't remember if it was you, but November of last year, I asked the question, "Why have I never been selected?" and you said, "Just keep trying, just keep trying." And I was asking in my mind... So, really, I'm glad to be here, and, yes, I'm discovering a new family and, yes, let's make it fun.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Yazid. And, also, Yazid, he just volunteered, being this as his first try, he will be presenting at Tech Day about his experience.

So, come and listen to him, huh? And welcome him to ICANN. Thank you, Yazid. Thank you for being with us. Benjamin, my favorite.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Hello everyone. Good morning everyone, my name is Benjamin Akinmoyeje. This is about the third ICANN meeting. Right now, I'm an ICANN66 fellow, speaking in my own capacity. I'm a research student right now, I'm from Nigeria, but I live in Namibia and I've very, very interested in internet governance. I know the way around; I paid my dues so I could show you. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, Benjamin knows well about some group which we call NC SG, NCUC and POC, so these are strange names, but he's the guy who can explain to you what it means, okay? Go to him, make him work. Otherwise, you will see him active in all parties here, having fun. But I'm glad you made this visa issue. I think you are the only one from Nigeria who got the visa. Oh, yeah, Mistura and... You are two, because about 10 people from Nigeria got rejected. Yes, please?

ABDEL GAFFAR OURO-AGORO: Hello everyone, I'm Abdel from Togo and I'm an ICANN66 fellow. By profession I'm an IT and telecommunication engineer at the Regulatory Authority of Togo. And so, I'm involved into the ccTLD, the .tg management and that's why I'm here. I can say that it's my first

experience as a fellow, but it's my third attendance to an ICANN meeting. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. Welcome to ICANN fellowship.

NATALIA DULKOWSKA: Hello. Good morning everyone. My name is Natalia, I'm an ICANN66 fellow, as well as Austin, this is not my first time, because I was next-gen in Barcelona last year. I'm from Poland and now I'm conducting research on trademark, as I'm a lawyer in New York. And as I am a lawyer, and as a student I focused mainly on trademarks, so my area of interest focuses on BC and IPC, yeah.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is BC and IPC?

NATALIA DULKOWSKA: Business constituency and intellectual properties consultant.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So, they are in GNSO, generic names supporting organization. So, BC and IPC, business constituency and IPC, intellectual property, they are under GNSO. Thank you and lovely to see you. Martin?

MARTIN DLOUHY: Hello, my name is Martin Dlouhy, I'm from Czech Republic. I'm happy to be an ICANN66 fellow and I'm working for the Online Accreditation Register in our nation. So, it's maybe like, the government of ICANN and I'm happy that I'm here. Thank you.

MOHIT BATRA: Good morning everyone. My name is Mohit Batra and I'm based out of New Delhi, India. And, this is my fifth ICANN meeting and second as an ICANN fellow. I'm really thankful to ICANN for giving me this opportunity. And, so, with regarding my work profile, slightly, I will tell you. I work as a consultant with the Indian IT ministry, that is the Ministry of Electronics and IT. Since this is the GAC room, the GAC rep from India, Mr. Rahul Gosain, was here just a moment ago, so I work very closely with him. We work on various internet governance policy and technology issues. We conduct a lot of round tables and workshops as well. So, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Mohit. Actually, this is his third meeting and second time as a fellow, not first meeting.

MOHIT BATRA: No, I said fifth meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Fifth, okay, fifth meeting and second time as a fellow. Mili?

MILI SEMLANI: Thank you, Siranush. Hello everyone, I'm Mili and really happy see you all and glad that I'm not freezing. I come from sea level, in Mumbai, and, yeah. I'm from India, second time fellow, it's been an interesting experience, it's been a year since Barcelona. I'm involved with At-Large and Non-Commercial Users Constituency, so feel free to ask me questions related to that. Someone brought up the app, as a returning fellow, I will say it's super handy. Just keep it and I usually don't delete it, because it has your history. It also helps you with the quiz later, so that's just a little tip, along with the notes. I also founded Youth for IT, we're like a young group of internet governance and enthusiasts in the APAC region, so ask me about that and see what we can do together to foster more young people in this community. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Viviane? Please?

VIVIANE VINAGRE: Hi, my name is Viviane Vinagre, I'm from Brazil. Right now, I'm in NC SG, just as Mili, and right now I'm working at the Public Policy of Viva Brazil. So, if you need something, or want to know about NCU or anything, just let me know.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Welcome, Viviane. And I see our African GSE colleague is here. Yaovi, please, if I can give the floor to you, just to introduce and people know you in person. Please come here.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Thank you, Siranush. My name is Yaovi Atohoun, I'm in the team of GSE, global stakeholder engagement, the GSE team in Africa. I'm the operation manager and stakeholder engagement manager for Africa. So, if you see the list of fellows, I was one of the ICANN fellows and also a member of ALAC.

So being in the community, I try to listen to what was said, [inaudible] fellow, and then I was working for the community and I think that is worth it to be hearing to stay in the community and today I'm part of the staff. So, being a fellow, and then now I'm working as a staff. So, we are here to help the community, the African community in particular, to be more involved. So, thank you Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Yaovi. I just wanted you to see the person and identify the face of this guy, so you can see him and ask questions. Nikesh, please? Oh, yes, Mariana.

MARIANA PALMA VIDOTTI De ANDRADE: Hello everyone. My name is Mariana, I'm from Brazil. I'm a lawyer and this is my second ICANN meeting. I was next-gen in ICANN62 in Panama. So, nice to meet you all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. Welcome to the fellowship program.

NIKESH B SIMMANDREE: Good morning everyone, my name is Nikesh, I'm from Mauritius. I was an ex-staff of AfriNIC, address supporting organization. I like music also. So anything you want about AfriNIC, you can ask me a question. I just moved from AfriNIC, I'm working as an IT manager at Poncini Limited, now.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Nikesh. Andrii?

ANDRII NABOK: Hello everyone. My name is Andrii, I'm from Ukraine. I'm a representative of my country in government advisory committee. First of all, I'm grateful to Mistura for a great mentoring process and hope for great cooperation and communication for all of us, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, welcome to the fellowship. Isaura?

ISAURA MARIEL ARANDA ORTELLADO: Hi everyone. My name is Mariel Aranda.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Sorry, I call her Isaura.

ISAURA MARIEL ARANDA ORTELLADO: It's alright, it's my first name.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I love that name because it's famous in my country from the films. So, I remember Isaura, so.

ISAURA MARIEL ARANDA ORTELLADO: Okay, I'm from Paraguay. It's nice to meet you all. I'm a member of ISOC, LACRALO, and the NCUC constituency. This is my sixth ICANN meeting and fourth as fellow. Third, third, yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Third, then once she was a booth lead, leading our information booth about what you will learn tomorrow.

ISAURA MARIEL ARANDA ORTELLADO: Yes, thank you.

MARIA JULIANA LOPERA GOMEZ: Hi everybody. My name is Maria Lopera, I'm from Columbia and this is my fourth ICANN meeting. I have been here before as a government representative for the GAC. In this meeting I'm only going to be here as a fellow, because I want to get deeper knowledge and

deeper engagement in the community. So, I'm very glad to be here and I hope to meet everybody. So, have a nice...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. Jean?

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Good morning everyone. My name is Nahum, not Jean, I come from Haiti.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: For me it doesn't matter, surname, name, whatever I remember and is easy for me, I go with it.

JEAN NAHUM CONSTANT: Okay, no problem. I come from Haiti, I work for the ccTLD in my country, so I'm a part of ccNSO. One of my best goals is to [CROSSTALK] supporting organization. One of my first goals here is to bring a lot of people in my community and ICANN meeting, because in my country, actually, we have almost 1,000 people interested in participating and being involved in ICANN. So, there will be a lot of remote participation, because to get selected is not easy and to come to Canada is very difficult from my country. I would like to thank Rodrigo and Albert. Rodrigo is the first to participate in ICANN and I'm here and the door is open for all the people in my country. So, it is very interesting for me to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back, Nahum, it's lovely to see you. And, I'm happy you made the visa issue, because one our Haiti guys didn't make it. Yes, please?

ROCIO AGUSTINA De La FUENTE: Hello everyone, I'm Rocio La Fuente. I am from Argentina and I work at the Latin American and Caribbean ccTLD association. And, like Mariana, this is my second ICANN meeting. At ICANN62 I was a next-gen and this is my first fellowship experience and I'm happy to be here and meet you all. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Rocio. Jenifer. I remember someone posted in Twitter, "See the ICANN fellowship list for ICANN66. Even Jenifer Lopez is among them."

JENIFER LOPEZ: Oh my God, I'm famous.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You are famous.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Hi everyone, I'm Jenifer from Panama. I'm a ccTLD .pa manager and this is my second ICANN meeting, first as a fellow, and I'm glad to see you here, and I'm glad to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Welcome, Jenifer. Please, Decima.

DECIMA COREA: Hi, good morning. My name is Decima Corea, I'm from the beautiful island chain of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. If you haven't been there, I think you should make a visit. Like Nahum, I'd like to thank Albert and those others who have made it possible. And, one of the interesting things about me is, I love birds.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Oh, welcome. Welcome to the program.

KATARINE GEVORGYAN: Hello everyone, I'm Katarine from Armenia. I'm a 66 fellow, finally, because I also applied several times. This is my second ICANN meeting, I was in Barcelona, but just as a self-funded participant. So, I'm happy to be here. I'm from domain name register company and really hope I will find a lot of interesting things for me. And, to do my best to be involved in the ICANN community as much as possible. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to the program. Yes, please.

GABRIEL JIMENEZ-BARRON: Good morning. My name is Gabriel Jimenez, I am from Puerto Rico. Buenos dias. I'm a law school student and I'm interested in... I'm looking forward to learn more about the CSG, specifically, IPC.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is CSG?

GABRIEL JIMENEZ-BARRON: Commercial stakeholder group.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay.

GABRIEL JIMENEZ-BARRON: From the GNSO and IPC is the intellectual property constituency.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: He's ready for the meeting.

GABRIEL JIMENEZ-BARRON: Yeah, I'm also looking forward to go to the ATLAS meetings, as well.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, welcome Gabriel. Please?

MARY ROSE RONTAL: Hello everyone, good morning. My name is Mary Rose, I'm from the Philippines and this is my first fellowship and my first ICANN meeting. And, yeah, I also applied several times, so thank you, ICANN. And also, yesterday I got good news that I was also accepted for the ICANN67 in Mexico. So, thank you very much. Thank you. See you in Cancun. I'm also an IGF multi-advisor stakeholder, so if anyone is going to IGF in November, we'll see you in Berlin. And, you can also ask me about that.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Mary Rose. It is good to see you.

ROLLA HAMZA: Good morning everyone. Good morning, buenos dias, salam alaikum bonjour. My name is Rolla Hamza, I'm from Egypt. I work as a senior manager, internet policy analysis at national telecom regulatory authority. Also, I'm a Ph.D. student for management of technology at my university. I'm glad that I have been accepted; it's the first time for both, ICANN meeting and as a fellow. Thank you [inaudible,], thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome.

FIDYA SHABRINA: Good morning. Hello everyone. I'm Fidy Shabrina, I'm from Indonesia. This is my first time as a fellow in ICANN, but this will be my third ICANN meeting. Previously I was in the next-gen program, so, I'm looking forward to learn from you all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

JOAN KATAMBI: Hello everyone, Joan Katambi is my name. Once a fellow, always a fellow. So, I'm here. If you need anything, I will give you some information, but I'm here as an ATLAS III young leader, selected within the At-Large community, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you for coming.

ANGELA MATLAPENG: Good morning everyone. My name is Angela, I'm with the regulatory authority for communications in Botswana. I'm also... I am not a fellow. And, unfortunately, I have been rejected for like six or seven fellowships as well, but I came to learn and, just, you know, rub shoulders with everyone. I'm also the ccTLD manager for our .bw, which is our TLD for Botswana. I'm also the newest ex-comember of the AfTLD, so, yeah. That's about it.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Keep applying.

OREOLUWA ABIODUN LESI: Yes. Hi everyone. My name is Oreoluwa Lesi, you can call me Ora for short and I'm from Nigeria. This is my fifth ICANN meeting, but my first as a fellow. I also have applied, I think this is my second time applying, and I'm also going to be in March for ICANN67. I'm a secretary of NPOC, so you can ask me questions about NPOC, and I'm also a member of AFRALO. So, looking forward to getting to know all of you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you and welcome everyone. And here is one person who is guilty in selecting you. One of our selection committee members, Alfredo is here. So, please, introduce you to...

ALFREDO CALDERON: Good morning. Buenos dias to everybody. Yes, I am guilty if you are here. And will be in Cancun as well. I'm from Puerto Rico, so I need to talk with Gabriel for a while. I'm from ALAC, I'm from ISOC, I'm co-chair of a couple of working groups, and I'm a chemist. That's all I'll say.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And he's a fellow.

ALFREDO CALDERON: Yes, once a fellow, always a fellow, and also a coach.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Alfredo was a fellow. Pierre, you came. Lovely to see you. Our vice president for African region, Pierre, is here. So, please introduce yourself to the fellows.

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Thank you very much. The way you say president, I mean, I feel like I'm running a country. No, I'm just...

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Like we have Trump coming here, huh?

PIERRE DANDJINOU: Yeah, okay, but not exactly Trump anyway, but head of state. No, no, I'm Pierre Dandjinou, vice president in charge of global stakeholder engagement, particularly, of Africa, and where we are trying to develop this ICANN strategy for Africa. We'll be rolling a few programs there. And happy that you guys have been here and then we'll have more time to talk about, you know, what's happening with developments in Africa, [inaudible]. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you for coming, Pierre. And, the last person I want, definitely, to introduce to all of you, the person who, not as always, a visitor to

the fellowship program, but is a great person just to talk and learn from him, Nigel. Please, introduce yourself to our group.

NIGEL HICKSON:

Oh, thank you very much. Good morning, I'm Nigel Hickson, I work for ICANN. You know, someone has to. I work in the government engagement team, so I'm not like these great people you've heard from in the regions. I'm based in Geneva and I work in a team that has relationships with the governments and international government organizations, like the UN, and the ITU, and the OECD, and all those bodies. But I've been in ICANN for... oh, since 2012. And I'm particularly passionate about young people like yourselves being involved in, not just ICANN, but in internet governance in general.

And being involved in promoting an open, a secure, an interoperable, and a single internet. And I heard the passion that you talk with and the involvement that you have in your community. Some of you have involvement in the IGF and other areas and I think it's fantastic that you're here. It's fantastic what you do and have a great week. And, if you want to talk about internet governance and what ICANN is doing, then please approach me. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Nigel, and thank you for being with us. With that, once again, welcome to ICANN66. Enjoy the entire week and we all are here to help you with this journey. Please take your time, enjoy, and

participate, engage, and have fun. With that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

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