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BRAD WHITE: Ladies and gentlemen, please take your seats. The public forum will begin in one minute.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome ICANN incoming chair Maarten Botterman. Maarten.

[Applause]

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you, everybody. Thank you for joining us for the second public forum of ICANN. For those of you who are new at ICANN, this is our second public forum, our open microphone session of the week.

As you can see, the Board has changed a bit since the last public forum. At our Board meeting this morning, I took over as Board chair from Cherine Chalaby and I'm excited to be opening today's session and look forward to hearing from you.

But before we go on, I'd like to welcome our new Board members whose term started during this morning's Board meeting: Mandla Msimang and Ihab Osman.

I will give them a brief opportunity to introduce themselves.

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Mandla, would you be willing to introduce yourself.

MANDLA MSIMANG:

My name is Mandla Msimang. Just by way of background, I'm currently in the private equity investment space. But for the last 20 years have been in the telecoms, regulatory, and policy arena working at some point with the regulator in South Africa and prior to that -- and after that consulting for private sector mainly across the African continent.

My main areas are around universal service and access, broadband, Internet policy, and the rest.

So I'm really looking forward to joining the Board and sharing my governance, policy, and business experience with the team and working very closely with the community. So thank you.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN:

Thank you very much, Mandla. Thank you for being with us. We already learned to appreciate you and I look forward to everything you are going to bring.

Ihab Osman is not with us in person physically but he is with us in spirit and online.

Ihab, could you introduce yourself.

Can somebody unmute Ihab? He is not online. Welcome.

IHAB OSMAN:

Hi, sorry. The line was muted. Thank you, Maarten. Hello, everyone. I wish I was there in the room. I was there in Montreal until day before yesterday but unfortunately had to leave. I'm really excited and honored to be joining the Board and the 19 other amazing directors on the Board.

I spend most of my career in the telecom space, both -- well, started my career in the U.S. and then moved to the Africa-Middle East region. In the last few years, I have been in the M&A space but also did quite a bit of work in the public policy space.

And in the mid '90s, actually I was ccTLD administrator for the .SD of Sudan. One of those nice IANA stories, was looking to register the domain under .SD and the domain -- the TLD was not active yet and there was not an administrator for it. So IANA said: Do you want to be the administrator for it? And I did for a few years as a volunteer until turned it over to a bigger, more professional organization.

I am really excited to be back into the ICANN community and look forward to working with the rest of the directors and every single part of the community to drive ICANN and its vision and the whole community forward. Thank you, Maarten.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN:

Thank you, Osman.

Thank you to you both. I'm looking forward to the year to come.

So today's public forum will last an hour and 30 minutes. I hope you take this opportunity to make comments, ask questions, and raise issues that you have worked on or observed during the week we spent in Montreal together. These public forums are very important to us. The Board cannot do its job, if we don't hear from you.

For those joining us remotely, my colleague Ron da Silva will tell you how you can still submit questions and participate in that way. And please remember, this forum is not a replacement for public comments that ICANN is seeking on various issues and policies. That can be done online at appropriate forums.

Let me remind you to take advantage of the skilled interpreters we have here supporting us. If you wish, in addition to English, you may ask questions in Spanish, Russian, French, Arabic, and Chinese. Thank you for being here. I look forward to your questions and comment. With that, I will hand it over to our ombuds team, Herb Waye and Barbara Curwin to speak to you about the expected standards of behavior governing this session to ensure that we are an open and welcoming community.

Herb, the word is yours.

HERB WAYE:

Hello. My name is Herb Waye, and I am the ombudsman. I'd like to present my assistant and in the name of the ombudsman office, I would like to introduce you to Barbara Curwin. I would like to welcome you to the second public forum.

And I would like to remind you that we have some standards of behavior. [Audio difficulty] interactions in this diverse environment.

We as a collective ask of everyone not just -- not to just be professional and respectful but to demand the same of fellow participants. Our goal is to make everyone feel safe and welcome.

BARBARA CURWIN:

I would also like to take a brief moment to remind everyone that the ICANN community Has an anti-harassment policy that specifically addresses all forms of harassment, bullying, and other inappropriate behavior. The Office the Ombudsman is there for anyone who is a victim of harassment or who has observed incidents of harassment.

For those of you who have the ICANN app -- ICANN66 app, you may have noticed there is now a button on the main page to report harassment. It can be as simple as that. Together we can make a difference. Thank you. Merci.

I would like to pass the mic over to Ron da Silva.

RON DA SILVA:

Great. Thank you, Barbara. I have the pleasure -- yes, we can applause.

I have the pleasure of walking you through the process we'll use for the open forum. Same as we've done before, we'll have two blocks of Q&A or comments about 30 minutes apiece. And during those, we will, as Maarten said, entertain whatever questions or comments will have the

microphone. Speaking of which, it is located there to my right. If you want to begin queuing, you are welcome to begin now.

So with previous forums, there's also an option for remote participation.

Wow, lots of excitement already at the queue.

[Laughter]

Love it. What did I say?

If you are remote, you are welcome to submit questions via email to publicforum@icann.org. If you don't like the queue, this is actually a cheating way to do it. You can actually do it in the room as well. Again, that's publicforum@icann.org.

Once we receive your question whether it's via email or form this extending queue, we will take turns. We'll have facilitators up here from the Board to help entertain the question.

I am going to provide a little bit of transparency that we normally don't do. You see, we all have our laptops or iPads or some gadget out in front of us. There's a secret here. What we do is we have a messaging up, and we share amongst ourselves very quickly based on the content of your question who gets the shortest straw for answering it. So if you see us scrambling, that's actually what we're doing, we're negotiating who gets which question.

So that said, if you send it in by email, Brad White who's seated over here to my left, he will read it out on your behalf. And then we'll respond accordingly.

When you speak, remember three things. Speak slowly, primarily for the benefit of our interpreters so they can keep up with you, and clearly. Provide your name. And if you are representing someone or an organization, please indicate that as well.

We will have a timer of two minutes as you recall if you have been in this before. And you will have two minutes to express yourself, the Board will, in turn, or if we redirect that or ask staff to take it on, they will have two minutes to provide a response. And if you desire further commentary or have a clarifying question related to the topic that you raised, you can have another two minutes if you need to further express yourself. And then we will reciprocate, likewise, with a maximum of a two-minute response.

We hope to hear from as many people as possible. But there is a cocktail afterwards, so kind of keep that in the back of your mind.

And with that said, I'm going to hand it over to our first facilitator from the Board and that's Avri.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you, Ron. I'm not sure how I will follow you in that. I would like to welcome those of you that are in the line. Please, first person in line. Name, where you're from and your question, please.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: My name is Ariane Nakpokou. I am a participant in the ICANN Next Gen program for ICANN66. It is my first ICANN participation, and I'm speaking for my peers. Because our question in our program are focused on diversity and inclusion, I will now continue in French.

During the opening ceremony, many people from the executive Board told us about the development in countries of the South. In South America, we have no hub. We have no registrars. And in Africa, we are also missing out with registrar and registries. We have a specific situation in South Africa, one of the goals of the strategic plan of ICANN for 2021-2025 is to have more regional participation to the multistakeholder model. What can you do so that we have more participation from those countries?

AVRI DORIA: Thank you. Who would like to take that one? Leon, please.

GORAN MARBY: Thank you. Thank you very much for coming up to the mic.

There's a couple of things that -- first, ICANN org and ICANN as an institution is represented in South America and in Africa. We used to call our offices "hubs" but we actually upgraded our office in South America, Uruguay, to a regional office. So we are not -- we are an organization -- today we are currently in 55 -- sorry, 35 countries. We speak 55 languages fluently inside ICANN org.

But you're right, we cannot be everywhere. When it comes to the sort of expansion of the registrars and registries in those parts of the world, I think I will hand over to Becky to talk more about that and the intention by introducing competition in the domain name space.

Could I point out it's Thursday?

BECKY BURR:

I'm sorry. I'm going to put my headphones on because I couldn't actually hear what you were saying.

GORAN MARBY:

Thank you. So when it comes to the actual domain name market, which you named the registries and registrars in this case, it's not sort of ICANN org or the board that gives that market. That's done led market play as it sees the possibility.

I might like to add we spent an enormous amount of money and resources to protect the domain name .AFRICA which belongs -- which was very important for us. And my understanding is that makes it possible for growth in the region. So thank you.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you. Next, please.

ALFREDO CALDERON:

I'm going to speak in Spanish. My name is Alfredo Calderon, and I come from Puerto Rico in the At Large community.

Basically, I'd like to do two things. First of all, I'd like to thank ICANN staff for the support they gave me on Monday. When I went through a medical situation, I got the unconditional support so that they would see to me, they would care for me not only when that happened, but also, surprisingly, the following day, early in the morning, they called me to my hotel room to see how I was doing health-wise.

So thank you very much to everyone and each of you. I don't want to mention any names so as not to leave anyone out. But everyone, everyone has been so nice, I really couldn't believe it. So I'd like to thank you for that and I'd like to thank Goran for being an excellent CEO and president, because even he himself physically came to me twice to see how I was doing. And to the other members of the board who were concerned about me, I don't want to exclude them. Thank you very much for looking after my health. That's my first comment.

And secondly, since I'm here, I'd like to thank everyone who participated in our second School of Internet Governance in North America. You may remember my name, Alfredo Calderon, because I really bothered you with many emails to follow up on you and make sure that you were going to understand the dynamics of that meeting.

But in the first school of governance of Internet that took place in Puerto Rico, and the second one. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

AVRI DORIA: Thank you, Alfredo. And thank you for the invitation for me to speak at that school.

Who would like to take the question or the -- and also I'm so glad that you're doing better.

So I'm really having trouble keeping track of who is taking the next question.

Leon, please.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Avri.

Well, I participated in the NASIC (phonetic). Not only do I share your interest in these events continuing, but I also understand how valuable they are, how important they are for this -- for the community of end users and for the academia, for the technical community, et cetera.

And you may remember that we had a session with ALAC, and during that session, I asked you to coordinate our work through that organization and to build ideas on how we can support you for these programs, not only to continue, but also to grow.

I just wanted to repeat what we have already said. You are the leaders here. So please help us with your ideas, and we'll try and see how we can support you and keep facilitating these valuable efforts that you carry out.

Thank you very much.

AVRI DORIA: I'd like to go to Brad White for an online question now, please.

BRAD WHITE: We have a question from Luc Seufer Luc Seufer.

I'd like to know if ICANN will take any special measures to protect the fellows from the danger of spring break in Cancun.

[Laughter]

AVRI DORIA: Okay. Goran, that's a question for you; correct?

[Laughter]

GORAN MARBY: Yes, yes. I drew the short straw for that answer.

We expect, of course, the ICANN community members, as they always do, we behave according to how we should behave and don't need me as a chaperone. But as a backfill, I have Nick Tomaso to look after you.

We will have, of course, security, medical aid, and all of that in place. But it's -- I believe in you, the community.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you. Next in line, please.

RICK LANE:

Hi, my name is Rick Lane, I'm here as an individual. My first exposure to ICANN was back in 1999 when I was a director of eCommerce and technology for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. And two people came to me, Marilyn Cade, and Sarah Deutsch, about this important new nonprofit called ICANN and that they needed the business community's support. And we worked in those early days to create the foundation, at least from the U.S. perspective. But we also focused on WHOIS and trademark.

19 years later, I'm here again focusing on WHOIS, but in my capacity as a volunteer, advising about 150 anti-human trafficking and child safety groups on the importance of technology policy, including things like DNS over HTTPS, ORTO, and other issues, Section 230. I helped lead the effort on the Fosta-Sesta legislation that created a new law in the U.S. to amend Section 230 that allowed local and state law enforcement to be able to go after Web sites that are knowingly facilitating human trafficking.

But in order to know who is facilitating, you have to have access to the WHOIS database. And so I came to Montreal to see what was happening in that space because of the implications of the GDPR. And one of the things I did find is the hard work that a lot of individuals are putting into this. The hours that they're spending, I sat through a few of the meetings, and I don't know how they do it, but they were -- it's amazing.

But I'm also hearing murmurs that maybe the WHOIS isn't really necessary anymore, that it's kind of past its time. And that concerns me, so I asked a lot of folks here if that was true. I asked cybersecurity

experts. I heard the FTC and the FBI say how important the WHOIS database is to their efforts to protect individuals and other third parties who access them.

So my question to the board is a very simple one, and maybe it can be with a show of hands. How many of you believe that an accessible WHOIS database is important to the stability, security, and the safety of the Internet and its users?

AVRI DORIA: Thank you.

RICK LANE: Thank you very much.

GORAN MARBY: The board has made an official comment about this, which you know, because we talked about it before, so therefore the question is just a question.

The board has said that the WHOIS is in the ICANN bylaws. We have said that the job for us is to preserve the amount of -- WHOIS as open as possible under what is possible under the law.

And the board have said that repeatedly times. Thank you.

RICK LANE: Thank you very much to the board.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you.

I have one question that I'm going to read that came in online. Will there be any guidance for registrars/registrants, or Internet service providers when asked to disclose information on their customers? Specifically, can the customer be notified of any inquiry, as some may be simply for data collection and may negatively impact the customer or business.

Becky, will you take that, please.

BECKY BURR:

Thank you, Avri. And thank you for the question.

This is one of the issues, among a number of other issues, that the EPDP, the expedited policy development process, is considering. They will be developing policy with respect to access to nonpublic registrant data. And there have been -- indeed, there have been discussions about the circumstances under which registrants might be notified if their information is requested.

That policy issue has not been determined yet, but it will be determined by the EPDP.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you.

Next, please, in line.

JAY SUDOWSKI:

My name is Jay Sudowski. I'm the chair of the Nominating Committee.

I have two parts to my comment. The first is mostly actually for the benefit of the community.

I wanted to let the community know that we're making a substantial change to the timing of our processes this year. Specifically, we're going to be opening up our application period in the middle of December, and we'll be closing our application window in the middle of February. Historically, it's closed at the end of March.

So we're doing our best to make sure the community is aware of this change. We're working with ICANN communications and global stakeholder engagement to ensure that the word gets out there. But I'm also doing this.

The second part of my comment is that there's an interesting situation which, thankfully, I think is only hypothetical, but it's a conflict with the bylaws, with respect to geographic diversity limits and the timing of when SOs and ACs need to inform the EC of their appointments for board members and when the NomCom needs to.

Specifically, in this cycle, Chris is term-limited. And theoretically, the ccNSO could appoint somebody from North America. At the same time, we already have five directors from North America. And while I have no guarantees that Avri and Sarah will reapply -- I assume that they will -- and we could end up with a situation where the ccNSO gets to install a

director from North America four months before the NomCom notifies the community.

The bylaws don't contemplate how to handle this situation or resolve it. So I'm raising that as I expect in the future that may be an issue as well.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you.

All right. I am not sure who would -- Tripti, please.

TRIPTI SINHA: Thank you. Sorry.

Thank you. That was brought to our attention as well through a very well-written analysis by Stephen Deerhake. And we are aware of this. And we will take this under advisement as we look at future changes and enhancements to bylaws and see if this is a situation that can be handled in a better manner. But thank you.

JAY SUDOWSKI: Thanks.

AVRI DORIA: Next in line, please.

CLAUDIA SELLI: Thank you. Claudia Selli of the business constituency.

So the business constituency has been very engaged in different meetings with the GNSO groups and also with the board this week in Montreal. But we haven't been engaging with the rest of the community, so I just wanted to share with everybody where we stand.

First of all, we are very sorry about Tarek's loss. His wisdom and warmth will be highly missed.

Secondly, we are sad to see also Cherine departing as chair of the board. We really enjoyed his passion and leadership. And Maarten, welcome on board.

We are looking forward to working with you and working with the new members of the board.

Next, as you know, we are concerned about DNS abuse, which is a growing online trend in abuse that is undermining, certainly, the trust on -- in the Internet.

And so the BC came up or it has conceived four vectors to address domain name abuse.

First, registry and registrar suspending abusive domain via best practices. We are enthusiastic supporter of the framework that has just been adopted by a dozen of registry and registrar so far.

And since the (indiscernible) registrar and resellers aren't probably going to adopt the framework, the second vector we see is for ICANN compliance to enforce contracts against those registrar.

And then if -- We gathered also this week that certainly ICANN compliance has limited enforcement power under the public interest commitment. But, however, there may be enforcement tools in the IRR that ICANN compliance could be using more aggressively. And we are also supportive of ICANN having additional resources, if needed.

The third vector is if ICANN compliance --

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CLAUDIA SELLI: Can I finish that part?

AVRI DORIA: Please finish.

CLAUDIA SELLI: Sure.

So if ICANN compliance lack authority, basically, we would also propose to pursue new contract language.

And the fourth would be that eventually to develop new consensus policy to address DNS abuse. Although it's not our preferred avenue, certainly we stand ready to do that if needed.

And I also wanted to invite everybody to our celebration of the 20th anniversary in Cancun. So everybody is welcome to attend that.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you. I thought you were going to finish number three. I didn't realize you were going to run to number four.

And one thing I'd like to recommend is, if you do go over, please don't start reading quicker. It makes it difficult.

[Laughter]

So, please, I'd like to start with Goran on the compliance question and then go on for anyone else that wants to add.

GORAN MARBY: Thank you.

In general, I have to say, it's been very good discussions about Jamie and our compliance this week. I think it's been a positive discussion in the sense that many people have learned what ICANN compliance is all about, which is in general to check that we have implemented the community policies the right way. That's the checking point. So they actually very much work for the community.

When it comes to if you want to have more -- we have what we have today, and we work together -- what we have -- we went out a couple of weeks ago or months ago with the registrar audit, when we also said we are engaging with the contracted parties to see how we can better utilize, look into the contractual provisions that exist today.

It's a little bit technically complicated, because we have contracted provisions about abuse reporting that actually doesn't come out of ordinary policy. And that is what you mean.

So we are engaging in that discussion right now. And I thank you for your support of it.

When it comes to the resource part, I wonder how much Jamie paid you to say that question.

[Laughter]

GORAN MARBY:

But I will talk to him later and ask him what that came from.

We are a well-resourced organization, and we think that we're doing a good job. Just to give you a number, we handle about 30,000 to 40,000 reports into compliance every year.

Thank you very much.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you. Before I go to the next question, I've been asked -- okay. You're going to go on? Okay. Please go on, and then I'll say what I was going to say.

SARAH DEUTSCH:

Yeah, so I just wanted to thank you for raising this issue and to assure you that the issue of DNS abuse is something, at least speaking for myself, I take very seriously. I'm concerned to see that abuse levels are rising, especially phishing. And we see good progress happening, and we have (indiscernible) looking at it, we have a lot of different reports, we've had a lot of productive discussions here. There seem to be

activities driven by a few bad actors. So I'm happy there are things converging where we can look for solutions through the multistakeholder process and wherever we can to address this.

Thank you.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you.

Would anyone else like to add something? No. Okay.

Next person, please.

ROD RASMUSSEN:

Hi, Rod Rasmussen, chairman of the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, and I am here in my official capacity as SSAC chair.

I'm here today to express the SSAC's deep appreciation of our colleague Don Blumenthal. Don passed away last month leaving us too early and our condolences go out to his wife Jane and his entire family. Don was known throughout the ICANN community as he spent time working across many constituencies and issues, always seeking common ground to working to resolve issues and advance the cause of a safe, trusted Internet for all.

He volunteered many other organizations as well, all dedicated to making the Internet a safer place for everyone.

We will miss his impressive expertise, but even more, his great humor and wit. And the selfless effort he brought to our work here. He made

all our lives better while giving so much of himself. He was a true inspiration and a role model for what the ICANN ethos is all about.

Thank you, Don, for all that you've done for us.

[Applause]

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you. I really want to tell you how much I'm going to miss him, and I really appreciate what you said and wrote.

He had a really incredible life history, even before he came to us. So I'm really hoping more and more people find out about him, because he was really a cool guy.

Does anyone else want to add anything before -- Yes, Maarten. Please.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN:

Yes, thank you, Rod. It's been an intense week, and we've been thinking of him and Tarek very much during this week. I really welcome your warm words, and I carry them here, too. We're grateful for having had him.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you. I'd like to pass to Brad for a remote please.

BRAD WHITE:

Question from Kristina Rosette. The ICANN expected standards of behavior do not contain a standard that requires ICANN community

members to be accurate, complete, and truthful in their interventions, in working groups, meeting sessions or otherwise. While this omission is presumably inadvertent, the ESB should contain such a standard. Who owns amendment to the ESB? If the Board does, would the Board please approve such an amendment?

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you. Who is taking -- I see no one is volunteering.

I don't know the answer, so that's why I'm looking to the others.

Goran? Maarten? Becky?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN:

Well, for sure this is a subject close to our hearts, and we care about this. So I think we're going to look into how we can do that. At the same time, we don't want to become the judges of every statement, whether they're true or not, before answer we them. But let's consider this.

Thank you very much for the question.

GORAN MARBY:

So quickly getting some intel. There's been discussions in the parts of the community this week about what you might call an ethic policy. And my understanding, being a newby in all of this is this, that this has been an ongoing discussion that surfaces and resurfaces now and then.

You might be interested to know that we internally in ICANN org is looking into something more deeply with that for us. But that is to the

extent that it -- I think it's really something that has also to be done by the community.

Thank you very much.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you.

Next, please.

GEORGE SADOWSKY:

Thank you. I'm George Sadowsky. I'm a previous member of the ICANN Board. I'm speaking for myself.

I want to address an issue that is going to be very current, I think it's critical for ICANN, and that is the possible delegation of closed generic TLDs in the next round. I think that's a horrible idea, and I'd like to give you an analogy.

Before the Internet, there were sources of information, and the typical source of information was your public library. So for some 60 or 70 years ago, the library was the focus of where you went when you needed to get information.

Now, I realize that I think none of you were alive at that time, so just take my word for it.

[Laughter]

So if your public library had a time -- had subcontracted the operation of the library to a source, an information source, that in fact said, well, we'll take the library but we want to choose the books that are in it, would you have subcontracted to them? Absolutely not. And this is the analogy to the closed generic TLDs question that's coming up.

Why, in a community that values a free and open Internet, are we even thinking of creating closed information spaces that are under the control of somebody else for whatever purpose they choose to use it for?

Closed generics will give total control of an information space about a major product group or an industry with no control over its structure or its content. The owner of that information space has the power to shape, to distort in any way they choose the market for that good or service, without the possibility of any online -- on-site or online reputation.

The notion of closed query -- of closed generics should be rejected and abandoned. If it is not, it would leave me to conclude that --

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-- ICANN's multistakeholder experiment in governance is inconsistent with the objective of maintaining the global public interest.

Thank you.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you, George. It sounds like this is still a question that's being discussed within one of the PDPs. So hopefully you have contributed your input to them.

In the meantime, Sarah, did you want to comment further? Thank you.

SARAH DEUTSCH: Yes. I wanted to thank you for raising the issue. I think it does raise really important issues about the global public interest, how it might affect the competitive marketplace, speech issues, content issues. These are all issues that need to be considered by the sub pro.

And I would say because it came up so many years ago and we have a new board here, we would benefit from learning about the history. For those of you who fought those battles before, I would urge you to share those with us so we can all be up to speed with what happened the last time.

Thanks.

AVRI DORIA: Yes, that would be very good. There were many sides to that issue, as I remember the last time it was discussed. So I'll be curious to see what reaches us as a recommendation when we finally do receive one.

Next, please.

JOHN LAPRISE:

Thank you. John Laprise speaking as a member of the At-Large community, and my statement today is not so much for the Board or for the org but for the community.

Following the IANA transition, the community was really successful in binding the Board and the org to accountability. The community, however, has not done such a great job of taking its own responsibilities to the next level to the org or the Board. And I would urge the community to rethink what responsibilities we owe to the org and the Board in order to ensure the mission of ICANN.

And for me, the biggest example of this is the existence of the EPDP. We knew about this a long time ago and did nothing. We did not initiate a PDP in a timely fashion and so now we're stuck with an EPDP. This is a failure of the community to take action in a timely fashion. And it's one of our responsibilities as the community to help the Board and the org do their jobs.

Thank you.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you.

Becky?

BECKY BURR:

Thank you very much, and I think we very much agree that we all share responsibility here for moving this organization forward. The strategic plan identifies as one of our goals the need to be more proactive about

identifying changes in legislation and regulation that could affect us, and to make sure that we are able to communicate early on with those regulators about how those changes would affect the stability and security of the DNS identifiers. And of course that will also facilitate our ability to address these issues proactively.

I do think, however, that people probably did know about GDPR. It wasn't really a surprise. I think we have to acknowledge that it is a piece of what has been a very difficult conversation for nearly 20 years about registrants' data, some -- used to be called WHOIS. And the other part of this puzzle that we have to crack is associated with the discussion that we were having with Brian Cote this morning about what -- how do we set a table where people come to the table in good faith to find solutions to problems in a timely and effective manner.

So I think this is all very much tied up. We're all very aware of it, and it is tied up in successful implementation of the strategic plan. We think the community has an important role on that, and you're going to be hearing from us continuously.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you. Did anyone else, like, Lito, did you want to add something to the response?

GORAN MARBY:

So --

AVRI DORIA: Goran, sorry, and then Lito, perhaps.

GORAN MARBY: No, no, Lito first.

LITO IBARRA: I just wanted to thank John, and through you the whole community, because that type of commitment and offerings from the community is what we all need. So thank you very much.

AVRI DORIA: And to you, Goran.

GORAN MARBY: Thank you.

I wasn't here when GDPR was enacted, but we take note of it. And just to remind some of you what the actions we've done to not to be able to be happening again.

So we started out with the help of the community started tracking system of legal proposals around the world. The next thing we did was to come up with a charter how to interact with governments when they're actually forming legislation as a technical partner.

The last thing we did, and we've done this to the SOs in leadership this meeting, is to propose an interaction point with the community where we can have those discussion with the community about legislative

proposals because here is one point where we actually need your engagement, your support, your ideas, but also your contact networks. Because it's not that easy for a small organization like ours to actually keep track of them.

So thank you for bringing it up, and I look forward to your commitment.

AVRI DORIA:

Thank you.

Next person in line, please.

MILI SEMLANI:

Hi, I am Mili from India and ICANN66 Fellow, and also the leader of Internet governance movement in Asia we call Youth for IG.

Honestly, when I came to ICANN in 2014, I didn't think it was the cool place for young people like myself to hang out, except of course for exotic places like Cancun. But I really and sincerely, on behalf of all the young people in Asia, want to say the community has done an amazing job, and I want to acknowledge and applaud that today, to bring in younger newcomers to this ecosystem.

While it has taken five years to do that I really hope we spend the next five years making this engagement more immersive for all of us. And I wanted to know in doing that, you are not alone as a community or the board. I along with the hundred -- over hundred members of Youth for IG support you. And we're ready and able to do that, to help make this

community more open and inclusive, enable future leaders and hopefully give a break to those of you who need or desire one.

Thank you.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you. Merike, please.

MERIKE KAE0: Thank for your statements. I have been very happy to see the fellows and the next gen who have participated here. And I do want to also thank ICANN org because many of the next-gen folks that I talked to and some of the fellows have said that they've gotten a lot of good advice, they've been introduced to a lot of community leaders which will also help in terms of understanding ICANN and how to commit to future meetings and help out.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you.

[Applause]

Maarten, you would like to add something?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you for stepping forward. I think what you say is an excellent demonstration of how we do pull in more people, and I've been consistently visiting the Fellows' closing day for the last couple of

ICANN meetings. It's good to see some people coming back, some people to step up as ambassador to guide their newcomers, and to see some of you now also rising up in this community.

Got one here next to us.

LEON SANCHEZ: And another one there.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: And another one on the other side.

[Applause]

So we do manage to bring people in via the program, and we will -- we are committed to continue to do so.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you. And I have Matthew who would like to add something.

MATTHEW SHEARS: Yes, thank you. Just to echo what my fellow Board members have said but also to applaud you and to encourage you and others to come to the ICANN meetings when you go back to your networks to encourage you to talk about ICANN and how important the work is that we do here and to apply the programs for support. Thank you.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you. Before going to the next person, I want to say that we're at the end of Block 1. I want to thank everyone that came to the microphone in Block 1 for speaking slowly, for giving their name. And I would like now to pass for Block 2 to Leon Sanchez. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Avri.

So this marks the beginning of Block 2. You know the rules. Follow them.

And next question, please.

NIKESH SIMMANDREE: Good evening. Niskeh B. Simmandree, from Poncini, for the record, proudly ICANN66 newcomer and fellow speaking on my own capacity.

Actually, I do not have a question. I would like to reply regarding the visa issue addressed during the public forum on Tuesday. We did not ask ourself why our visa was refused to only some and they are in the same country.

Visa has always been an issue with the applicant because they are required document on the scene already completed. In fact, it is your right to ask why your visa was refused and what other additional documents are required to receive your visa.

ICANN will always do everything to assist you since you are important for the community. Visa is not a (indiscernible). There are more

important aspects than the visa. ICANN is doing their level best. We should be recognized to diversify the meeting globally. Thank you.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Goran.

GORAN MARBY: Thank you. And thank you for having a conversation with me again. We do travel the world. This meeting we have here in -- where are we -- Montreal. Last time we met was in Marrakech. And next time we're going to Cancun in Mexico. The biggest meeting we ever had was in Hyderabad, India. So we try -- we try to get as close as possible to as many as we can.

And I thank you for your nice words about the visas. I have said this before is, unfortunately we live in times where many countries are now looking over their visa applications and that affects the ability for people to come to ICANN meetings.

With that said, I would also like to say thank you to the Canadian government who helped us a lot to get many people in and especially my team who has done a fantastic job. I think that we have -- there was a few visas denied and we take that very, very seriously as you know. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much. Anyone else wants to comment? No. Okay, good. Next question.

MARGIE MILAM: Hi, I'm Margie Milam with Facebook.

Last week Facebook filed suit against a domain name registrar OnlineNIC in its privacy service I.D. Shield for registering domain names that pretended to be affiliated with our company, including www.facebook-login.com and facebook-mails.com. We don't want people to be deceived so we track and take action against suspicious and misleading domain names globally at scale including those that use privacy and proxy services.

We proactively report instances of abuse to domain registrars, registries, and privacy and proxy services. And we are grateful that some of them collaborate with us to take down these malicious domains.

Privacy/proxy services are meant to protect legitimate owners of domain names, not to enable bad actors to engage in fraud. And they hide tens of millions of domain name's owners.

OnlineNIC did not investigate or respond to our reports of abuse and did not disclose the contact details of their privacy customer when we notified them.

OnlineNIC has been cited by ICANN compliance in the past for not complying with the RAA and, yet, they continue to engage in the same behavior.

This lawsuit is one of several cases that we intend to bring to protect are customers' safety and privacy.

Our preference instead is for ICANN to improve and fully enforce its contracts and to implement the privacy and proxy rules and to establish rules for access, for WHOIS access, for cybersecurity, abuse, and infringement as allowed under GDPR.

That's why we're bringing this lawsuit to the attention of ICANN. This week we've heard a lot about DNS abuse and about where responsible registrars and registries do to combat DNS abuse and cybercrime.

[Timer sounds.]

What's missing from this conversation is acknowledgment regarding the role that WHOIS and privacy/proxy services play in the mitigation of DNS abuse. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much. Goran.

GORAN MARBY: Just for information, we have -- we received 30-, 40,000 complaints into compliance every year. And I don't -- I'm paraphrasing the numbers now, and Jamie is going to go after me afterwards. I think we received

about 80 complaints about the temp spec. When we went up and asked again, I think we came down to 15. And we have eight active cases.

It's hard for us to react if we don't get notified. One of the things that came up during this week was to simplify the notification process for complaints, and I know that compliance and Jamie had taken that into consideration. We actually think it is a good idea. So that's something we're going to do. Yes, thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Becky.

BECKY BURR: Thanks. Margie, I just want to reiterate the discussion that we had earlier when (saying name) came to the microphone and asked the Board if we believed that WHOIS was important. I think it's fair to say the Board has had many discussions about this. We are deeply committed to working with the community to get access to the information with those with legitimate interests as soon as possible.

We understand that policy development is moving forward, but I just want to address the very last point that you made about the critical importance of access to that information for a variety of very important purposes.

LEON SANCHEZ: Just a logistics issue, the queue is now closed with the last gentleman standing in it.

And, please, next question.

PAUL FOODY:

George Sadowsky basically asked the question I wanted to ask. There's been a lot of talk about DNS abuse. Does -- sorry, Paul Foody for the record.

Does the Board think that opening up a direct communication with registrants between ICANN and the registrants would do anything other than help mitigate DNS abuse?

LEON SANCHEZ:

Becky.

BECKY BARR:

So I assume that the way that we could do that is by raising awareness about appropriate use of DNS. I mean, we don't have direct lines of communications with registrants other than in a general way in the work that ICANN does in the Internet Governance Forum, for example; in the work that ICANN and the SSAC do with respect to cybersecurity and those kinds of issues.

So awareness, education, interaction, support for those who are fighting cybersecurity, who are fighting to protect cybersecurity is always a positive.

PAUL FOODY:

That wasn't the question I asked.

I said: Would establishing a direct line of communication between ICANN and the registrants who pay every year to ICANN, would that do anything other than help mitigate DNS abuse? Because you guys, you are -- you know, you are the world standard on DNS abuse. You are the global -- you guys are the people who know this. You have the answers. And by communicating your expertise and your knowledge to the registrants, can that have anything other than a good effect?

LEON SANCHEZ: I believe we have another comment on your question. Merike.

MERIKE KAE0: Yeah. As the SSAC liaison to the Board, I can say that from -- since the inception of SSAC, there's a lot of advisories that have been written that also some of them have best practices for businesses and people that are operating DNS infrastructure.

The SSAC also has just formulated a work party to handle DNS abuse.

So maybe some of these suggestions to see how we actually deal with registrants is also something useful to consider.

PAUL FOODY: Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you.

Next question, please.

LOUIS HOULE:

Hello. I'm going to speak in French. So please listen. So I have a hat from .QUEBEC would like to offer an accent on the E, .QUEBEC with an acute accent on the E. And I would like to remind you that even if the E and A are visually different in Quebec, you can see it, for all the French speakers and for all the users of .QUEBEC, we do not see this nuance. We don't have it. Nobody would understand Quebec and Quebec are different. Please make a note of it.

.QUEBEC would like to implement the tools and policies that will enable .QUEBEC to have an acute accent on the register with a similar chain.

I am going to change my hat. I am the President of the host committee. That's how I will speak now. In the name of the host committee, in ICANN -- ICANN66 in Montreal, I would like to thank you all for coming to Montreal. And I hope that you enjoyed your stay.

I would also like to thank all our sponsors. I hope that you enjoyed the show we did present on Monday night as well.

I would like to thank ICANN and particularly part of the team that worked in the shadows. And I would like to thank Nick Tomasso and his team. We are supported by them. That was a great adventure, (saying name) Jeff, Joseph, and the entire team. Thank you so much. Congratulations. Thank you and bye-bye, ICANN.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much. Goran, would you like to comment?

GORAN MARBY: Thank you. And I will toss over to Cyrus. Thank you.

CYRUS NAMAZI: Thank you very much for your question. My apologies for having my back to you. They told me I can't change the orientation of the microphone because it creates echo and feedback.

But I completely sympathize with what you said. I completely understand it.

The need, the desire, the want to have Quebec also spelled at the top-level domain with the French accents is completely normal. The opportunity to have done that would have been in the previous round of new gTLDs which opened and closed in 2012. As you like know, the community is in the final throes of completely their updated policies for a future round. I'm told, by the first half of next calendar year and beyond that, assuming everything goes as planned, then we will have another opportunity, another window for applications. And that's when you can come in and ask -- and apply for .QUEBEC with the French accent.

Now, there were a couple of things to keep in mind. There's an issue of string similarity for which there is a policy. And this is something to be mindful of, and I invite you to participate in the PDP working group to

ensure that that policy is updated so that you as the applicant for Quebec both in the English-Latin letters as well as in the French letters can have the application for both.

At the moment, that policy needs to be updated so that's something that I would encourage you to do. I'm happy to take this offline with you to guide you, if you'd like more.

And I wanted to thank you also for your sponsorship, for your hospitality, and this beautiful City of Montreal. Thank you.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Cyrus.

Maarten, do you want to say something?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Just echoing Cyrus's last words. Really amazing how you've helped us, and really appreciated.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much. Next question.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Pablo Rodriguez, executive vice president from Puerto Rico top-level domain.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind our community that about two years ago, in 2017, Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. And the ICANN community, the ICANN org, and the ICANN board made a decision to come and celebrate ICANN61.

For those of us that traveled to Abu Dhabi in ICANN60 and leaving our families in a devastated country was very hard.

Two years later, ICANN has made it public that it will come back to Puerto Rico. And I'm here to assure you that on my behalf and on behalf of my people in Puerto Rico, I want to ensure the ICANN community that you will have one of the best ICANN meetings ever. If we were able to do that under the circumstances of a devastated country, imagine what we are going to do now. You will have plenty of rooms, hotel rooms. You will have plenty of places to visit.

So, once again, thank you so much, ICANN, for putting trust in us and coming back to Puerto Rico. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Pablo it has been a pleasure being in Puerto Rico.

As you said, we were with you when the hurricane devastated the island. It was a show of solidarity from the Puerto Rican people, a show of trust. And there is no doubt that the work you did was great. And we have no doubt, either, that the future Puerto Rican meeting will also be excellent.

Thank you for the hospitality and for all the efforts you put into organizing the past meeting. And I'm positive that there will be similar efforts in organizing the future meeting.

Thank you, Pablo.

DUSAN STOJICEVIC:

Dusan Stojicevic.

I'm vice chair of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group.

I will continue where the host left, new gTLDs, IDNs. So my comment will be about universal acceptance.

While I am deeply honored by the effort that was done by ICANN org team and the tremendous effort during the years, I still don't see that ICANN org and even the board are UA-ready.

So I have one suggestion that we were discussing during this week. In order to -- for you to really feel what we are -- what set of problems we are dealing with, I will suggest to you that you can think about .ICANN. So, in other words --

[Bell]

DUSAN STOJICEVIC:

-- there is a new round. You are, like, dealing with new gTLDs, and yet you are not practicing that.

Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you.

Goran.

GORAN MARBY: Can I speak in a personal capacity?

I think this is a (indiscernible) suggestion, and this is definitely something I think the community would like to engage in in order to promote the values you are after. Thank you very much.

I don't know if anyone else would like to see something.

LEON SANCHEZ: Nigel.

NIGEL ROBERTS: Very, very briefly. I support what Goran said. I'm a great believer that you eat your own dog food.

DUFAN STOJCEVIC: I would just like to add for all those IDNs here, you need to do that in other languages. They're in 35 countries, speaking 55 languages. We have translation here. So, please, ICANN can we translate it into many languages. So not only .ICANN but .ICANN on IDNs.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you. Any other comments for -- no? Good.

So we can go to our next question.

STEPHANIE PERRIN: Thanks very much. Stephanie Perrin, Noncommercial Stakeholders Group.

I just came to the microphone, actually, to thank our wonderful host and Rendezvous Quebec and the meetings team for this conference. I think it was great. Very often you get criticism about the venue, but this venue scored so well on so many points -- accessibility, range of restaurants within people's price range -- you know? The fact that you held off on the snow, too, was very nice.

[Laughter]

Excellent job done and I'd love to find that feedback form so I can tick all the boxes. Where's that feedback form for meetings? Because I think this was a good job.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you.

Next question, please.

FARZANEH BADI:

It's more of a comment. My name is Farzaneh Badii, and I'm a member of Noncommercial Stakeholder Group.

So first of all, congratulations to the new chair and vice-chair. However, I think that it is up to also think about gender diversity and how many years we've gone without having a female chair or vice-chair and also CEO. But still, please don't take this personally and hate me, but...

And the other thing that I just wanted to emphasize is that there's all this talk about DNS abuse that we've seen in this meeting. Kind of reminds me of this police tactic that goes around and says there's too much crime, so go and combat them and rule of law, and becomes really punitive. And the narrative is -- We need to debunk this narrative. DNS is great. We have crime that can be done through DNS, and but still, we use the Internet and it's a great tool for human being.

So we need to -- I'm not saying we should not combat crime, but, however, I just want to debunk the narrative of cyber doomsday and we should really quickly do something about it. We are doing something about it. We are at the PDP to talk about disclosure to the legitimate users. We are working on mechanisms for combating DNS abuse. The world has not come to an end. Thank you.

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much for your comment, Farzaneh.

Next question, please.

PIERRE BONIS:

Hello, everyone. I'm going to speak in French and respect in that way our host. It's a little bit harder for me. My name is Pierre Bonis. I'm from AFNIC, from the ccTLD .FR.

And a quick question regarding a topic that was trending during our last meeting in Marrakech. The DoH.

I didn't have much time -- I didn't hear much about it, the DoH, I didn't hear much about it this time around, so just a question for the Board regarding the DoH. It looks like some players at ICANN, registrars and ISPCP are putting together some resolvers, DoH, so that we have more diversity of resolvers, and not having everything concentrated in only one player I will not cite, I won't give the name. But if we have members of ICANN putting together those resolvers, would it be possible for ICANN to build a kind of a channel, debate channel, discussion channel with the major player with Chrome, and so on and so forth, so we have a great diversity of resolvers so that we can be heard by the main publishers of brothers that are in California. So thank you very much.

AKINORI MAEMURA:

Thank you very much Thank you very much for your comment. DoH is one of the hot topic these days, and then I can tell you that we at the Board with the Office of the CTO will keep an eye for this DoH. And then I'm happy to tell you that recently the office of CTO issued the one document which is the -- of their knowledge on the DoH which is

numbered as OCTO 003 document. Then it will be -- help you to help understanding on regard of the DoH.

Then again, we keep an eye for the DoH for the future possibility of the present needs or something like that.

Thank you very much.

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you, Akinori. Anyone else? No? Good.

Next person, please.

OWEN SMIGELSKI:

Hi, my name is Owen Smigelski. I'm with the registrar Namecheap. I'm also vice chair, policy, of the Registrar Stakeholder Group, but I'm speaking here today in my personal capacity.

I was ICANN staff until recently for about almost seven years, so I'm speaking about a topic that's very near and dear to my heart. It's been raised before in this forum, and I've never been able to speak up on it because, as ICANN staff, one does not normally participate in these. So this is also my first time speaking in the public forum.

When I first joined ICANN staff in 2012, the staff had the opportunity to go to many events where community was present outside of a work situation. Galas, there was music night, and these were opportunities where you could go socialize and not talk about work, get to meet these people, get to know them personally. And I established some strong

relationships with people who helped me in my job when I was working with registrar compliance, doing enforcement, and those were things that were good to build those relationships going, through the 2013 RAA. So it was very positive for me.

But now that there's less galas and other -- no more music night and other events like that, there's a lot less of these opportunities where staff can go and socialize with the ICANN community and get to know them, put a face with a name.

So I did notice this meeting that there was some more staff at some of the industry events, which I was surprised to know that there were so many. But would I strongly encourage, if staff -- all staff is not allowed to participate in these, that they all do have the opportunity to go. I know in the past it's been there's said there be a perception of bias or something like that, but the contracted parties who are putting that on are already paying ICANN's budget and paying the staff and I think those perceptions are outweighed by the benefits that I personally had by going to those events that are no longer existent, and I think the staff would continue to benefit for that.

Thank you.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you. I'm going to go to Goran and then to Ron. Goran.

GORAN MARBY:

Thank you. Nice to see you.

I want to -- I really want to thank my staff. We have about 150 people here to support you during this meeting, and they've done an awesome job.

So I actually asked, because you asked me this question before, why don't we always socialize? And I actually got a very interesting answer. They need sleep. And not because you're traditionally boring, but this meeting, two and a half thousand people here. We've done 330 sessions. Which means that we have -- and every time we have translators, we have technical people, we have the policy support people.

We also use these meetings because we don't always meet. We are in 35 countries, so we take the time to actually have things like team dinners so people can say, "Hello, oh, that's you. I thought you were an email address." So we are trying to engage.

But there's another part of that. We would also like to respect the community. It's important for us, this is a community event, we are here to support the community, and that's the most important for us.

But I would say, speaking in my private and personal capacity, sleep is very important for us as well.

So thank you very much, and I look forward to having you more coming up to the mic in the future.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you.

Ron.

RON DA SILVA: Yeah, thank you.

I was going to say something similar to Goran on behalf of the staff, and that is, you know, they are -- this is -- the production of these three meetings is a huge undertaking, and they are here early and supporting the community late into the -- into the day. And you know sometimes they just need a break. And perhaps, you know, they're needing to use some cover or some overhead to say, look, I'm not allowed to go, but honestly what they really want to tell you is they're tired and they just want to get a break away from all this stuff and maybe, like, have a normal dinner with a friend. So maybe don't take it too personally but give them some grace. They do a wonderful job and they put in a ton of work, and we should just applaud them just to say thanks.

[Applause]

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you, Ron.

Goran.

GORAN MARBY: Sometimes we can also think about, like, moving the opening ceremony to the afternoon so we can get some sleep.

[Laughter]

LEON SANCHEZ:

Okay. So any other comments from the table?

Okay. Good. So this concludes our second block of any subject of community interest.

And now I'm going to speak in Spanish. So please use your headset if you have one.

Well, this is the happy part of the public forum, particularly for me in this public forum, because as you very well know, the next ICANN meeting will be held in Cancun, which is Mexico. I'm very pleased to introduce Daniela Rivera. She's the assistant director of international affairs of the Secretariat of Communications from the Mexican government. And she will say a few words and make an introduction of ICANN67 in Cancun.

Daniela, you're most welcome.

DANIELA RIVERA:

Thank you so much, Leon.

Good afternoon, everybody, also in Spanish.

First of all, on behalf of Mexico, let me start by thanking Canada, Montreal, and our host for their efforts to ensure the success of this meeting. It has been and is always a pleasure to enjoy your hospitality.

However, the climate has been just the opposite of your warm welcome.

As Leon has said, ICANN66 meeting will be held in Cancun, Mexico. Sorry. ICANN67. After many years, Mexico ICANN35 in 2009.

Many things have changed in Mexico since then. Many challenges ahead. Nevertheless, a lot of progress has been made in the Internet ecosystem. For years, the telecommunication, Internet, and registry system was stagnated, with no promotion and implementation of new or better technologies. So, bearing this in mind, in 2013, the Constitutional Reform of Telecommunications and Broadcastings was passed, as a result of which there were very tangible results, among them, greater competition, greater offering of services, greater infrastructure investments, major drop in pricing, better technologies, better quality of services, and what I believe is the major achievement for the Internet world, for the very first time in history, we decided to include in our constitution Internet universal access as a right of all Mexicans.

Some figures for you to have an idea of this progress. I will speak slowly.

Since 2013 to 2017, telecommunication prices declined by virtually 30%. 2013 to 2018, Internet growth in households is over 23%.

In 2011, only 7% of Mexicans had access to Internet on their mobile phones. Today, more than 70% of Mexicans have access.

In the past six years, while the national economy grew by an average rate of 2%, telecommunications grew by 8%, three times the Mexican GDP growth.

Since then, we have been working hard to create an Internet system where the increased interoperability, security, universal access, and digital inclusion are the pillars.

In essence, the Internet operates as a disruptive technology, enabling everyone in the country and worldwide, allowing and promoting trade, innovation, and communication.

As a government, we are committed to working with all players with a multistakeholder approach, which, in our opinion, is fundamental to guarantee safe, stable, and unified Internet. It will be a pleasure to welcome you again, all of you, in Mexico.

To that end, we have set up a multistakeholder committee, including the government, represented by the secretariat of communications and transport; the technical community, with NICMX; the private sector, with the Mexican Association of Internet, civil society, with the ISOC Mexican chapter, the new gTLDs registry, with .2012, and the accredited registrars through NEUBox.

We've already started the work of coordination and will do our best for ICANN67 to be a memorable meeting.

I'd like to let you know, because I know this is a topic that has been discussed a lot recently, that regardless of your nationality, if you have a valid visa or a residence card valid issued either by Canada, Japan,

the United States, the United Kingdom, or any of the countries in the Schengen community, you will not need a community -- sorry, a Mexican visa. That means that any person who has attended this meeting will not need a visa for Mexico.

Whenever such a visa is required, we will work hard for this process to be as easy as possible.

On this occasion, we will be hosting you in Cancun, which is a wonderful place because of its natural beauties, but also because of its wonderful history, full (indiscernible) and cultural wealth.

We will be delighted to welcome you not only as ICANN community, but also as our friends, and see you soon in Mexico.

Thank you very much.

[Applause]

[Video]

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

It feels like a trip back home. Every adventure takes us beyond the place where our ancestors were born.

It is there where the gods of the past invite us to swim in calm and crystalline waters.

And colorful buildings, sculptures and paintings full of color that vibrate (indiscernible).

And the world is inspired with these works of art because the heritage of this country is our identity.

We came from this world, and the only thing we have to do to make it ours is to travel to Mexico.

The question is not if we are going. The question is: How far will we go?

Let us all travel throughout Mexico. Mexico, a world in itself.

A world where blue waters are amazing. A world of white sand, blue seas, and underworld sanctuaries.

Get full of it (indiscernible). Sleep under the stars.

The question is, how far will it go?

[Applause]

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much, Daniela.

Looking forward to being there.

Last order of the day is that this morning, the ICANN board approved a resolution on its consent agenda to recognize community members whose terms are coming to an end.

ICANN wishes to acknowledge the considerable efforts, skills, and time that the members of the stakeholder community contribute to ICANN. And in recognition to these contributions, ICANN wishes to express

appreciation and thanks to all members of the community when their terms of service end in relation to our supporting organizations, our advisory committees, the committee -- Customer Standing Committee, the Empowered Community Administration, and the Nominating Committee.

And the following community members have concluded or are concluding their terms of service.

Please.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER:

From the Empowered Community Administration: Alan Barrett, Axel Pawlik, Heather Forrest, and Alan Greenberg.

From the Customer Standing Committee, Jeff Bedser, Byron Holland, and Elaine Pruis.

From the 2019 Nominating Committee, Alejandro Acosta, Nadira Alaraj, Alain Bidron, Jonathan Cohen, Anriette Esterhuysen, Robert Guerra, Aziz Hilali, Brajesh Jain, Zahid Jamil, Cheryl Miller, Jon Nevett, Pablo Rodriguez, and Leah Symekher.

From the Address Supporting Organization, Fiona Asonga, Hartmut Glaser, Henri Kasyfi Soemartono.

From the Country Code Names Supporting Organization, Debbie Monahan.

Abibu Ntahigiye, Peter Vergote, and Jian Zhang.

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From the Governmental Advisory Committee, Ghislain de Salins, Guo Feng, and Thiago Jardim.

From the Root Server System Advisory Committee, Brad Verd.

From the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, Jay Daley, Xiaodong Lee, Carlos Martinez-Cagnazzo, and Don Blumenthal.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you very much.

Thanks for all these people.

[Applause]

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: ICANN would not work without you. And ICANN board of directors wishes all these community members well in their future endeavors within and beyond the ICANN community.

So to my colleagues on the board, thank you for your facilitation, and a great thanks to our language provision professionals in the booths for providing the opportunity for community members to also speak and follow along in the language they're most comfortable.

And thanks to ICANN org meeting team and full staff. Thanks for making this possible again and again. It looks so easy, but that's because they're so good at it.

Thank you very much.

And thank you again, all of you, for your time and work this week.

This is the end of ICANN66. Please join us for the closing cocktail, which will take place in room 720 until 8:00 o'clock tonight.

So thank you very much.

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