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MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Good morning, it's almost that time, can you please take your seats?

Good morning, everybody. Thank you for joining us today for the ICANN75 Public Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This is the last public meeting of the year and ICANN's second hybrid public meeting after two and a half years of virtual only meeting. I would like to thank the community for the robust discussions during the week and for progressing key issues such as DNS security threats, generic top-level domain, registration data, internationalized domain names, Universal Acceptance, and other equally important subjects. Several of these initiatives allow us to evolve how we evaluate and implement recommendations.

This marks the culmination of a very productive week as well as a period of time that has been challenging and continually evolving. Yet, the ICANN community has again come together, continue to progress the work and collaborated in whatever means they could, b. oth in the room, and online. Let's celebrate together all the good work that was done recognize the relief that

some of us feel now that we are actually back in the same place after so long.

So back to the session at hand, let me highlight how the public forum is always a great opportunity for the ICANN Board, and the community to come together. We cannot do our job though if we don't hear from you. It's our responsibility to act in the collective interest of all stakeholders, and to hear directly from you about what's on your mind. On behalf of the Board, I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and share your thoughts.

The Board is committed to facilitating the bottom-up multi-stakeholder progress, process to progress the work, and of course we are committed to continuous improvement and getting the job done together. Please also remember that the session is not a replacement for public comments t. hat ICANN is seeking on various issues and policies as you . will find on the relevant pages on the ICANN websites. If you want to weigh in on specific issues that's up for public comments, please use the online system available. It's the only way your comments will receive proper consideration from the appropriate committee, supporting organization, and staff members.

So thank you for being here, and I look forward to your questions and comments. But before we start, ICANN's ombudsman Herb

Waye would like to say a few words about ICANN's expected standards of behavior. And then Alex Dans from ICANN org would explain the format of today's session. Herb the floor is yours..

HERB WAYE:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. My name is Herb Waye, and I'm the ICANN's ombudsman. The other ombudsman Barbara Curwin is attending virtually. We welcome you to the ICANN75 Public Forum with a special welcome to newcomers to ICANN. I hope your first experience with ICANN has been positive and pleasant. Our role is to ensure that the ICANN community is treated fairly both online and in person, and. that everyone can enjoy a professional and respectful environment.

As we now participate in our second hybrid meeting, this annual meeting in Kuala Lumpur continues an ongoing effort by my office, the ICANN community, ICANN org, and the Board of Directors to promote both an in person and a virtual participation that is safe, respectful, and professional, and also diverse, equitable, and inclusive where . all can feel they belong.

We are all entitled to expect professionalism and courtesy when engaged with ICANN in its formats. ICANN's expected standards of behavior govern all aspects of interaction between participants in ICANN activities including verbal, visual, and written communication. Harassment will not be tolerated. I wish

you a professional and respectful public forum, thank you stay safe and be kind.

And in closing, I would like to personally and from my office thank Maarten and Leon for the collaboration and support they have shown towards the office ombudsman and I would like to wish Tripti and Danko a very successful and productive term in their new roles with the Board. Thank you. Alex.

ALEX DANS: Thank you. Welcome everyone, my name is Alex Dans, and I'm the communication director for the America's at ICANN org. I'm going to briefly explain the format for this session and how you can participate. Today's public forum will last one hour. The session will be divided into three blocks. All three blocks are open to any subject of community interest, and in each block will be facilitated by a Board member starting with Edmon Chung, followed by Manal Ismail, and then Akinori Maemura.

Once the first block begins, there are three ways to ask question or make a comment. If you're attending the event in person, simply go to the microphone and wait for your turn to make your comments. Please remember to keep your comments brief and respectful to those attending online or in person. Before stating your comments or questions, please say your name, where you

are from, and who you are representing of affiliated with if applicable. And remember to speak slowly and clearly so that the scribes and interpreters correctly capture your words.

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I want to thank our incredibly skilled interpreters for making this feature possible, and also remind everyone again to speak slowly and clearly as possible when asking a question or making a comment. The language spoken in Zoom may vary through the session, depending on who is speaking. For the best experience

we recommend you select the language you speak or listen to by clicking on the Interpretation icon located on the Zoom Toolbar, for example if you select English, whenever someone speaks in a language other than English, it will automatically be translated into English on the channel you've selected.

Let's now open the first block. Our first Board facilitator is Edmon Chung. Edmon, the floor is yours.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. Edmon Chung here, let me speak briefly in Chinese. Hello I would like to speak Chinese. I would like to say this because Alex told us we can use interpretation services. Welcome to ICANN Public Forum. Let's get started.

MICHAEL PALAGE: Thank you, Edmon. My name is Mike Palage. I'm from the United States. And I'm speaking here today in an individual capacity. I would like to start by dedicating this intervention to Marilyn Cade who the ICANN community lost. She spent most of her life dedicated to the advancing the multi-stakeholder model and I think that's something everyone here should strive to do. Goran, this intervention is directed to you.

Earlier this week I was cautiously optimistic when I heard news within the contracting party house about advancements being

made in connection with DNS Abuse from both a contractual standpoint as well as a potential policy development process standpoint. However there been a couple concerns that have arisen over the week which I would like to address here.

First was the number of contracting parties which appear to be in the know. While ICANN has over 2000 contracting registrars and over 1000 contracting registries, there seems to be a disparity between those that had knowledge of these negotiations. I think it is important that whenever ICANN enters into any type of negotiation that they make sure there are representatives from all stakeholders within those particular groups, as well as honoring the respective charters that both the registries and registrars have.

The second and perhaps bigger concern was the discussion about an expedited PDP. This is concerning in light of comments that you, Goran, made earlier this week about the choice regarding the upcoming ITU elections and how that the ICANN model is about empowering individuals to have a voice. I totally agree with you. What my concern however is, is there potential danger if ICANN is negotiating with a certain group of people and then not being able to have the ability to have a steak at the table. Therefore, in light of your own goals for 2017, specifically goal seven, I ask you detail all discussions you've had with contracting parties regarding DNS Abuse, when you had them and any

relevant documents that you exchange.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you Mike. That is directly to you, Goran.

GORAN MABRY: No one else wants to take it from the Board?

EDMON CHUNG: He asked you directly, I think.

GORAN MABRY: First of all, thank you very much for bringing up. Marilyn. I think we all miss her a lot. I miss her standing in the queue and presenting herself with her name. As she always did. Can you hear me? Some people can hear me.

Anyway, to answer your question, so the contracted parties has been discussing and considering a proposal among themselves to initiate amendments to the contracts focusing on improving existing DNS Abuse provisions. They've share this idea with us. And I am, but I can be supportive of this effort by the contracted parties to bring meaningful and enforceable changes to help to

raise the common floor for combating DNS Abuse by proving improving existing provisions.

If this happens, negotiation will take place between ICANN org and respectively registry and registrar stakeholder groups, as prescribed in the agreements. And then we will do, if we reach an agreement, we will have a public comments period between, w. hich goes out to the full community. If other community members have questions, we suggest engage directly with the contracted parties, and ICANN org is very supportive of this to keep this limited,. but is also a proposal is limit it to, and this is important. This is to the provision-- sorry.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: A little slower.

GORAN MABRY: Oh again, that was only the second time this week. These are limits to the provision already existing in the contracts. Anything that is new, of course, has to go through the PDP process, and it's not going to be outside our mission, it's going to be technical capabilities, for instance when it comes to contents. And it's not going to affect any of the discussions we have about domain registration data or access to that data. So thank you very much.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Goran. Next please.

Nur Adlin Hanisah Binti Shahul Ikram: Hi, everyone. My name is Adlin, NextGen from Malaysia. I'm a PhD student from the International Islamic University Malaysia. My question is, does ICANN have any plan to have its own journal publication to encourage students, scholars, and industry players around the world to write discussion on the current issues related with ICANN. , or foresee certain emerging issues, and give some ideas, suggestions, and recommendations in a single platform? The current practice is the published articles are scattered in different journals. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you for the question. Very good question. In fact, on the Asia-Pacific side, which I believe you are from, there is a newsletter that the Asia-Pacific APAC Hub sends around, and also there is the APAC Space which receives that information as well, I believe. I don't know if any other Board members would like to add to that. Please Kaveh.

KAVEH RANJBAR: I think it's a valid question, especially if it's you're talking about academic journal. We don't do such a thing, and I think ICANN

would be too biased us to run such a thing. But if there are initiatives, I am sure they can ask ICANN, and I would be one of the supporters that ICANN should basically support this initiative. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Kaveh. Next in line please.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: My name is [00:16:45-inaidible]. I speak in a personal capacity. I have two points; one about domain Abuse. There is the statistics saying that it is going down, that is not true. What is going up is the ability of abusers to remain undetected. And that gives the impression that the abuse is going down. We have to focus on new ways to deal with that. Chasing down abusive domains is not going to work alone. We have to mark trustworthy domains as such in a compute readable fashion.

My other point is about new generic top-level domains. Because we are talking about a new round, we had a very incomprehensible word to refer to this, we call it the SubPro program, o. r for subsequent procedures, the point was to avoid to use round. It seems now that we're talking about rounds anyway. And the logic for rounds is such that if people do not

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know that there is another round, I mean, one round is announced, everybody will jump on that round. That's exactly what happened last time. It led to fundamental disorder. The 2012 round was highly flawed b. ecause there were so many people inside and of course it took long to process. The attempt to make everything predictable actually defeated itself because of the delays and the lack of a one round. So please make sure that when you start the next round that the following round is already announced and can be relied upon. That's all.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. I guess in terms of the DNS Abuse, the Board is definitely looking at the issue very actively. And we do know that there is dynamics in the marketplace about DNS Abuse, both in terms of mitigation and in terms of the statistics that you see. But I wonder if Becky, or Avri, or others want to add in. Avri, please.

AVRI DORIA: Thank you Edmon. Edmon, excuse me first. Yes it has been a long time. One of the things that you mentioned while you were speaking was that there were a lot of flaws. One of thing that had been intentionally announced that's part of that flaw is while there would be subsequent procedures or perhaps called other rounds, that first there would be a period of analysis, understanding, and rework. That assumption still stands. And with this round or procedure, once it occurs, the notion that there

will be long periods behind won't be part of it because that analysis has been done.

So, figuring out how the rounds will proceed will probably get much more attention, and there should not be this long gap. I don't think any of us expected that it would be as long as it has been. But as you said, there was a lot to work on. And it is being worked on. So I am hoping that this time it will be understood and accepted t. hat the rounds will go around in a predictable order. Thanks.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Avri. Did Becky want to add as well?

BECKY BURR: No, I agree with everything Avri said. I think Sarah had something to add on DNS Abuse.

EDMON CHUNG: Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you. Yeah, DNS Abuse. We have competing data going on. We see data showing, it's going down. We have other parties and the community telling us it's going up. At this stage, we think it is

fruitful just to have everyone focus on the fact that DNS Abuse is an important issue regardless of the volume or the trends. And we should take credit certainly to extend we mitigate that that is something the Board would like to see, some common movement, and we are very ready to see the movement towards mitigation rather than we could debate endlessly on up or down. Thanks.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you Sarah, I will not pass it to my colleague Manal for this traffic [00:21:24-inaidible]. Manal, please.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much Edmon, and speaking Arabic briefly before we start. I would like to welcome you to the second part of the meeting of ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur. I would like to continue to receive the questions, and I would like to ask you to stick to the two minute time limit so we can answer the largest number of questions possible from those who are participating here, or remotely. So let's have the thing. Queue please.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Thank you. Hello everyone. My name is Raoul Plommer. I'm the chair of NPOC and member of the non-commercial stakeholder

group. I am from Finland. I'm going to start off by quoting the ICANN CEO's comment from Monday, "We are a nonprofit organization and all the money we have should be used for the public interest of what we do to secure the stability of the Internet." Like Goran implies here, and I think no one in this room is going to argue against, the Internet is really for everyone. ICANN is really a global public utility that is also accountable to everyone that uses the Internet.

Now, as far as I am aware, and correct me of I am wrong, but ICANN doesn't have any policy on taking care of its environmental impact. Goran written a blog post about ours CO_2 emission in 2019. But unfortunately the community did not act on it since. Now it is time to make ICANN sustainable and stop it from making climate change worse than it already is. As I am far too often reminded, the ICANN Board needs community driven new initiatives the so-called bottom-up approach.

To act on the impending climate crisis, what the ICANN Board needs from us is a strong show of support from its community. I think we can easily accomplish that here today, right now. So everyone, if you want ICANN to start this journey in becoming carbon neutral, and do it share in reducing world carbon emissions, p. lease stand up. Really? If we want to make ICANN carbon neutral, please stand up. Okay. That is better. I think that is a quite strong show of support for that. So I hope something

will happen about that.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much. Maarten, would you like to respond?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you, Raoul. and thank you for all. And also in the quarters people have talked about this, and we fully recognize that this is a world where we are part of and we play our role. And there is focus is not to fight the global warming, our focus is to consider what it means and how we take it forward. So I do think more discussions on this will take place and we are committed to do this. One thing is that the fact that we now move to hybrid, and maybe we can use it as a means, and it is something that we need to determine together, it's not only up to the Board or the org, it's up to all of us to see to how we best facilitate this, do a job that matters, and do this in the most ecofriendly way. So thank you very much for your remark. I should see you on behalf of the entire Board.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much Maarten. Before we continue with the queue, let me take remote participation. Please, Alex.

ALEX DANS:

Thank you. I will read a question in Spanish. So maybe you can use your headphones. This is a question from Alberto Soto. The next LACRALO general. assembly will take place out of an ICANN75 meeting, hence LACRALO volunteers will not be able to join unless they pay for their own air ticket and hotel accommodation. Given that the highest cost is the airfare to attend this meeting, why are you doing this, this way? Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you very much, Alex. Who would like to take this? Yes, Leon, please go ahead.

LEON SANCHEZ:

So since the question was raised in Spanish, I will also reply in Spanish. Leon Sanchez takes the floor. Thank you Alberto for your comments. We are working together with the org to work out how we can support as many people as possible so that they can attend the LACRALO general. assembly in Cancún. We are fully aware that traditionally this general . assembly has been held a couple of days prior to the ICANN public meeting, or else at the very end of the AGM.

So those of you who are not funded travelers need to return home. So in a way, this makes it a little bit difficult for everyone to join, to participate. It makes it hard to attend both the assembly and the public meeting, but we are looking into this. And I am hopeful that we will come up with an option that will make it possible for participants to attend the AGM as well as the LACRALO assembly. So please bear with us, I appreciate your patience, and stay tuned to our updates because we are working to make this possible, thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much Leon. And let's continue with the queue please.

MASON COLE: Thank you, Manal. My name is Mason Cole. I'm from the United States, and I'm here with the business constituency. I offer the following regarding the WHOIS Disclosure System by the business constituency. As Becky indicated earlier this week, it really should be renamed a request system in order to avoid confusion. Further, logging is critical to determining demand level even for nonparticipating registrars. The BC believes that the design paper should be revised to anticipate mandatory participation

even if staff was not so instructed t. o avoid having to reengineer the system later to accommodate community needs.

It's very much a system shortcoming if registries are not included. Otherwise, it is a hunt and peck system for WHOIS data. In order to be utilitarian there needs to be transparency in results reporting including the reasons given for nondisclosure and on disclosure rates. The BC believes there's an opportunity now to use this community feedback to make improvements on the design so it's more than merely a ticketing system, but has community utility. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Mason. Shall I hand this over to you Becky, please?.

BECKY BURR: Thank you, Mason, and I believe appreciate the detail and a Christmas with which you are providing input. We've heard on several occasions on our constituency day issues questions about the logging and I believe that org has jumped right on that and is looking into the possibilities for that. I certainly understand the issue about making sure we collect as much data as possible.

What the Council asks for is for something that was simple, easy and quick to build. , and cost-effective. And that's what ICANN org went out and tried to implement during the design phase. I think we have identified this logging issue as something that most everybody in the community seems to think is pretty important. We can continue to take requests for additional functionality, for including all registries, or mandating that all registrars participated, or any of those things, but there is a trade-off here, what can we do? The longer we do the iteration on what the function we will have, the more time it's going to take to build, and the more cost is going to be associated.

The Board has been quite clear and I will just repeat myself a little bit, that we want to make sure we understand that the community has a shared understanding of what the system formerly known as SSAD Light will deliver and will not deliver, and we want to understand that the community believes there is value related to making it easier to submit a request, potentially easier for registrars to process those request based on more complete information, and then data collection possibilities. That's what we are looking for. And any help you can give us on how we should interpret the request for additional functionality in light of the competing goal of building something quickly and efficiently would be also greatly appreciated.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Becky. And can we take the next? Thank you. Please, Kathy, go ahead.

KATHY KLEIMAN: Hello, Manal. Hello, everyone. I'm Kathy Kleiman from American University Washington College of Law, and also a cofounder of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency speaking on my own capacity. First it is wonderful to be back together after difficult years. This is my first meeting in a long time. Each SO and AC supporting organization advisory committee are working very hard to build capacity and bring new people in. To that end I have three suggestions, two quick ones and one longer one.

The first suggestion is when ICANN staff, ICANN org whoever prepares the agenda is listing the sessions, please don't use acronyms that don't involve the acronyms of the SO and the AC those are the only ones I really know coming in from ICANN learn modules. So to that end, NCAP final update, or let's celebrate there is grill. It doesn't help. Let's tell people that this is names collision, that this is celebration of the root zone label generator rules. And then people will know to click on the session and go in.

Second, many of our sessions are led by ICANN org, others sessions are led by members of the community. For those that are led by members of the community including policy development process sessions, let's list the names and pictures of those volunteers who are leading the sessions. That means people can butt and would listen in the hallway, and they can ask about the sessions. And we can try to build a bridge and bring them into our sessions. For four years my name wasn't in there. , Brian Beckham name wasn't in there, for Goran's name even though we were co-chairs. I think that's a better way to do it.

Third, let's provide history and context, good history and context when we set out documents. There is an ICANN org framing paper for March 8th about the closed generic system and the closed generic discussion also called exclusive access to a common generic strain. And yet it does not talk about the fact of the extensive opposition in 2012, 2013, 2014 to closed generics. That was an opposition across the community, across GAC, across the world from the largest and smallest businesses. And I really think we need to provide more context and more history. Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Kathy. Thank you for the timely suggestion. It's well noted, especially as the GAC also is reconvening its capacity building activities. So we're taking note

of your good suggestions. Anyone who wants to add to this?
Edmon, . please go ahead.

EDMON CHUNG: Not on the closed generics, but for the first point that you made, I
think I'm unraveling that the acronyms are very important. And I
understand the challenge, but of course the acronyms have their
use as well. But I take it well that the agenda shouldn't include
that. But even the root zone label generation rule set wouldn't
tell you too much. Whether is the [00:35:45-inaidible], which we
cannot speak. Yes, actually, we probably called it out in terms of
languages to be included in domain names. Celebrating different
languages is now possible in different domain names. So thank
you for that comment.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Edmon. On closed generics, Avri, would
you like to respond?

AVRI DORIA: Yes. Thank you, Manal. Just briefly on the closed generics. I think
in all the discussions leading up to the facilitated dialogue that's
going to be going on with the GNSO, GAC, with the participation

of ALAC, there has been very much a realization of their being very strong oppositional positions with lots of positions in the middle.

So I don't think any position is being denied and I think there is a full awareness that there is a very broad range of views on it. So thank you Kathy. And thank you for continuing to remind us, but indeed I think there is an awareness that there is a range from here to there on it. So thanks.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Avri. Before continuing with the queue, if I may ask we take a remote participation, please.

ALEX DANS: Thank you, Manal. Before going to the remote participation, I want to remind everyone to please speak slowly and clearly for the interpreters and the scribes. The next question, it's not a question, it's a verbal queue. It's Abdulkarim Oloyede. So please can we unmute him. Your line is open, Abdulkarim. Can you unmute yourself? Okay, let's go then to the next person. We have Rick Lane. Can we unmute Rick Lane, please?

RICK LANE: Hi, can you hear me?

ALEX DANS: Yes we can, thank you.

Rick Lane: Rick Lane, for the record, on behalf of myself. The dark WHOIS GDPR risk to cybersecurity, consumer privacy, and child protection is already well documented by law enforcement, cybersecurity experts, intellectual property owners, and consumer protection entities as stated in the recent federal drug administration letter in response to Goran's letter to the FDA. The dark WHOIS GDPR risk is not due to the inability to make WHOIS request to the contracted parties, but to gain access to the underlying WHOIS registration data.

Does the Board believe and willing state for the record that the ability only to request WHOIS registration data as proposed in the WHOIS disclosure and should access our system design paper without any guarantee of a response or even participation when the registries or registrars help solve the underlying dark WHOIS GDPR problems of access to the registrants data that's putting Internet users at risk? And does the ICANN Board believe that another two years of the status quo of the lack of guaranteed

access to WHOIS registrants' data helps or hurts the Internet users? Thank you.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much. Goran, would you like to respond to this?

GORAN MABRY: Sorry, I think I can start and maybe Becky can fill in. First of all thank you very much. As we have discussed a couple of times, the reason why WHOIS information was retracted because of the GDPR legislation that came up a couple of years ago. We went through a process first to get the ability to keep the WHOIS and have the contracted party the ability actually store some data of transactions with the European data protection Board who issued guidelines for us to handle. After that the community based on those, the law went into a process, first with the Board which we call a temp spec, and then for phase 1 in the expedited PDP, and that's why we have known access to the information.

There are many conflicting views about if this was a good law or this is a bad law. But for ICANN it's not a question of questioning that in that sense. What we have done instead is that we asked for instance for European commission and the European parliament if we can be this so controller for disclosure of this

data. Unfortunately that has not happened. We also asked the European commission and parliament if it was possible for us to have access for this data for accuracy. Unfortunately, that didn't happen either. So I would think it is safe to say that, thank you very much for the question, I think you can reiterate that with the European commission.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Goran. Becky would you like to add?

BECKY BURR: Apologies just to say yes, we had all hoped that we would be farther down the road to establishing the community develop policy that is compliant with GDPR, but obviously ICANN as well as registries and registrars are compelled to comply with applicable law.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you very much, Becky, and as we moved to the third block allow me to toss this over to Akinori Maemura, please.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much, . Manal. Yes, let's start on the third block. Next lady, please.

NADIA: Thank you. Hello, I am Nadia [00:41:54-inaidible], from Ukraine speaking in a personal capacity. As a Ukrainian I highly appreciate your support of Ukraine. Thank you so much. I have two questions, firstly, there was a lot said about the review of the Ukraine support program, well at $1 million this week. I would like to know, do you plan to engage the Ukrainian community into this review. And secondly, what do you think of the Ukrainian Internet Governance Forum which is scheduled for November 24, 25. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much, who is going to take this? Maarten.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you. The granted 1 million, and for sure our empathy to the Ukrainian. We've been able to hand this to the best organization we could imagine to use this for the best. And this is what we have been doing. And we are looking how to do it better. So look back for feedback later. But our commitment is to make

it land as well as possible and for that we've done what we could at this moment. Thank you very much.

AKINORI MAEMURA:	Becky.

BECKY BURR:	I think all of us are interested in knowing a little more about the Ukrainian IGF. So if they will be remote participation in that kind of stuff it would be great to know more about it.

AKINORI MAEMURA:	Thank you. Next one please.

KALPESH CHAUDHARI:	Hello, all. I'm Kalpesh, NextGen from India. I want to ask, Asia-Pacific region being quite biggest most populous and being more diverse in its composition, so what kind of peculiar methods that ICANN want to take in the near future or implementing right now so that the inclusion of the diverse community of this Asia-Pacific region gets judiciously taken into the consideration? Thank you.

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AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much. Who will take on this?

EDMON CHUNG: I am happy to start and see if others would join. I think that's a very good question, and I think the ICANN org itself is doing a lot of work through the Asia-Pacific Hub, which Goran heads. And it also, from what I understand and maybe Goran or others can add, there are different bureaus now, for example we have representative in India to engage the stakeholders there.

And I think in terms of that diverse region, I hope you also came to participate at the APAC Space. Part of the ICANN community also started the APAC Space which is also we are quite happy to have the ICANN APAC Hub help us push it along over the years as well. So please participate there and engage others to come to the APAC Space and start the ICANN journey there. Thank you.

UNKOWN SPEAKER: I think to that point . I've seen that there are lots of interpreters are there. Like several interpreters are there. And I personally missing the Hindi interpretation in . that because not to happen to anyone, but I heard you. I understand you, but not fully. I just understand partly what you said because accents are different. So that one should be the point that I want to suggest this. Thank

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you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much. Maarten, do you want to?.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Yes. Thank you very much for your point, and very much for-- we do care about representation and inclusion of the global community. We have many languages and Hindi is a big one, yet we follow the UN languages for the interpretation to be as inclusive as possible. Your point is well taken. And it's in constant consideration by both the Nomination Committee, and SOs and ACs, and the Board. So thank you for that [00:46:18 -inaudible].

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much, Maarten. Before we continue with the queue, I would like to take a question from the remote. Alex.

ALEX DANS: Thank you. We have a question, a hand raised from Shreedeep Rayamajhi. . Can we unmute him?. Did you open your line Philip?. You're unmuted.

SHREEDEEP RAYAMAJHI: This is Philip from Nepal. My question to the Board is we say ICANN is a multi-stakeholder committee, why is it the most of leadership team is close in constituency in multi-stakeholder talks about collaborative leadership, and we practice close relationship? How can five people in a leadership team take the decision of the community? 100 heads are better than 5. Similarly, the same people repeating-- different position is a greater challenge and inclusive and newcomers for leadership position, how can we get people, when the same people are repeating the position can make the community more concentrated? Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much. Who is going to take this?. Maarten, you can?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Sure. The way the leadership of ICANN is coming up is in fact bottom-up. And this is the process to which we come to this. So I hear what you are say. And the way to do this is to make sure that bottom-up leadership emerges that you feel it is

representative.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you. Okay let's go on with the queue. Goran?

GORAN MABRY: I just want to say it's a very important question, and thank you for raising it. But also adding to that the leadership of the Board is not the real decision makers when it comes to many of those things that happen in the PDP and the reviews. Well you can participate. And what we are trying to do for more is make sure that that participation works. For instance, last year, and I mentioned this before, David all his team, only his team supported Board in 4000 different counts of calls with the community of people all over the world.

And if I'm not mistaking at the ICANN meeting right now we have representation of more than 100 countries. Which means that the actual work should be very diverse. But I can also add to it from our side, we are always trying to be better and try to learn so we can have active participation from people around the world. The reimbursement program for instance that the Board initiating a couple years ago for people in other countries to be able to help them with the internet [00:49:27 -inaudible] only one example. So thank you for making sure that we continue to strive to do better.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you Goran. Let's go on with queue. Thank you for your patience. Mr.

LEIF SAWYER: Thank you. Good morning. My name is Leif Sawyer, I'm an ICANN75 Fellow. It's been a very busy and informative meeting. I want to thank everyone on the fellowship committee for all their support and for the engagement. I mean, to the program committee, there was no number sessions, this isn't ICAN, this is ICANN, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. I understand the difficulty in making numbers flashy. But fellows like me and others are missing out on half of what ICANN's mission is, and it is important to give them the full experience, n. ot just the name side of the multi-stakeholder process. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much. Let the record take this. . Thank you very much today for your input. Yes it is actually Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers. We are dealing with numbers as well as names. And as you know the numbers part is [00:50:49

-inaudible] with regional [00:50:52 -inaudible]. So I would like to welcome you to any of the regional [00:50:57 -inaudible] meetings in your respective regions. We actually have some sessions for the SO, but not this time. , unfortunately. We will keep on having that, so please expect that. Any other comments from the Board? Leon.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Akinori. Yeah, of course numbers is a very important part of ICANN's mission. But back in the day when I was a fellow I was encouraged to jump into any sessions that were of my interest regardless of whether we had a presentation on them or we didn't. Again when I was with the fellow these session, in these meetings, I encourage you all to jump into those sessions. So if you feel like there is something missing in the program for the fellows, by all means, just jump into whatever sessions attract you, engage with the community, and try to learn as much as you can and seize the opportunity to be a fellow.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you, Leon. I would like to announce that now queue is closed. Thank you very much for coming up to the microphone. Next gentleman, please.

RON ANDRUFF: Good morning. My name is Ron Andruff. I want to put forward two observations. One, I really appreciate Michael Palage's comment. I think we all miss hearing my name is Marilyn Cade. If there was a father of the Internet she was certainly the mother, or maybe the one who helped the birth. The fact of the matter is, it's wonderful that her name is invoked, because particularly when I start to look around and see all the younger people, a whole new generation of people stepping into leadership roles.

During the course of this week. I heard from colleagues that have been here as long as I have and more. I came around Montevideo some 60 meetings ago, and this new change of the guard is very exciting. We are seeing a whole new generation of 30 and 40-year-olds that are coming up and mostly coming through the NextGen program and the fellowship program. So I have really great admiration for that, because I know Marilyn put a lot of time and effort into that. And am wonderful to see how the staff and all of the family that we are having embraces those people to actually have the courage to step up and take these roles.

And in that capacity, I've watched the small group for example, work on DNS Abuse. And here we have younger minds, people who want to get engage. They don't want to spend another 10

years, we have 30 years of working on WHOIS. They're working on mitigation, let's move forward. I so I really hope that the Board and all the community can embrace this younger generation and give them the energy, the power, the materials, the resources that they can carry things forward, and not get bogged down in all things that guys like me have been carrying a lot of baggage for years. So with that, I just say compliments to the staff, compliments to the team, compliments to everyone. And tip of the [00:54:15 -inaudible] to Marilyn Cade. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much for your comments. Very well received. Now I would like to take the question from the remote. Alex.

ALEX DANS: Thank you, we have a hand raised from Mohammed Mubarack. Mohammed if you can unmute your mic. Okay we should go then to the next person in line. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you, Alex. Next gentleman, unmute your mic, please.

JAVIER RÚA-JOVET: Hello to all. Good morning. Javier Rúa-Jovet from ccNSO from Puerto Rico. I will speak in my individual capacity. I am here to

support Raoul's statements on green thinking by ICANN and to express my appreciation for Maarten's reply and also for Goran's blog in the past on carbon emissions. Coming from Puerto Rico, climate change is so real to me. ICANN was really important when ICANN went after Hurricane Maria to Puerto Rico. It meant a lot to us. I just want to express thanks for that in the past.

And to express that myself and other members of the community are here to help out in any way we can, to sit down and think along these lines. ICANN is in many way is a moral leader in aspects and we want just to make ourselves available to help out as we can. What I do in my job in the day actually has to do with renewables and resilience. And maybe there's conversations to be had on how this thinking can move forward. So just as to express that, and to think ICANN. To be open to think about these things.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much. Leon.

LEON SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Akinori. Let me say this in Spanish. This is Leon speaking. I going to speak in Spanish, Havier. First of all our thoughts go out to the people of Puerto Rico. We understand we

are going through a very challenging time, which inevitably derives from climate change. So once again our thoughts and support and our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Puerto Rico, as Martin said, we are all very sensitive to these topics, and we are open to engage so that we can make a concrete commitment to achieve carbon neutrality in what we do. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Next gentleman, please.

STEVEN DEERHAKE: Thank you. For the record, I am Steven Deerhake from the ccNSO community and chair of the ccNSO's PDP3 with respect to retirement and review mechanism for ccTLDs. The review mechanism has been under consideration by the Board for about a year, maybe a little less, maybe a little more. I am heartened to see that a decision point is being arrived at, and i. t's on the agenda for the Board meeting. On behalf of myself and the rest of the working group members, I just want to thank you for coming to a decision, which I don't know what it is, but I hope it is favorable, with respect to the retirement policy. I just want to thank everyone in front of me in advance. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much. Please.

RICHARD CHEN: Hello, my name is Richard Chen, and I'm from Hong Kong. I was on the mission alumni, and I speak in my personal capacity. I will speak in Chinese. I am very happy to be back. I was fortunate to attend some civil society activities. One of them was involved about public voting, and public engagements. When I was in that activity, I saw some core groups, saw a lot of problems. For instance, in Apple stores, a lot of them cannot put their products on them, s. o they put up a website so the public can participate in this process.

ICANN is a very important role in this. I hope ICANN can give us some guidance, so during our civil society activities we can ask all the public to be engaged in this kind of process, and can use their resources and help from ICANN. The second thing is that in the civil society activities, we need to focus on the high risk activities. I have heard a lot about the WHOIS materials. I would like to ask you, what are the differences between autonomy and privacy in the WHOIS system?. .

AKINORI MAEMURA: Because you are speaking in Chinese, so I would like to answer you in Chinese. The two things you are talking about are actually related. 'WHOIS" System, the privacy of the WHOIS system is very important for the civil society activities. If you look back, read the GDP are provisions, concerning privacy. You will actually find that part in the "WHOIS" system. I am answering your question in Chinese, and actually our native languages Cantonese, b. ut we are speaking in Mandarin Chinese, so now I will switch back to English. We can also both speak English as a second language, but the other part of the question I think I will leave it to others to add in terms of the WHOIS and privacy.

BECKY NASH: I think I'm not quite understanding the question, are you suggesting that access to registration information in different languages is an important issue that needs to be addressed? Is that the suggestion?.

RICHARD CHEN: I am asking if there is a possibility for ICANN to have a guideline for civil society when they are considering and working on their

own project, a? nd there is a guideline, what sort of support or resources is available from ICANN or the community to empower the civil society to work on their current projects?

AKINORI MAEMURA: All right. Thank you very much.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: I think we'll get back on that. Basically, what we do is have discussions here i. n the room, and for a specific outreach, there is Goran.

GORAN MABRY: For Specific outreach team, it's CRM. Just a small marketing thing is that on the Board, we are working on what is called the ICANN Grant Program, w. hich is a lot of money that we would have available for different projects around the world which you'll be able to apply for. So without knowing the specifics of what you are thinking you could do, that could be an avenue for you when it comes to funding from ICANN.

That program is designed and it is from the ICANN community, f. or things that are in support of the ICANN mission, a. nd according to our bylaws. I haven't done that in a while, we never

have the opportunity to thank the people that worked almost 5 years together in the ICANN community to come up with the grant program and had a lot of work to do that because that's . something ICANN has never done before. So, that was my answer, but also, a big thank you for all the cross community group with the premises for the ICANN Grant Program. Thank you.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Please.

JEFF NEUMAN: Hello, my name is Jeff Neuman, and I think we have seen first that an hour for public forum, I understand scheduling difficulties, but I think in the future, we really need to give much more time for interaction between the board and the community. So again, that is not a criticism at this point, because I know there are scheduling challenges, but in the future it would be great to have a lot more time.

So now I have two quick questions. First, since it is the community, as Goran says, that does the actual work, a. nd dictates what ICANN should be doing, what can ICANN Org and

the Board do to quicken the time to implementation of the actual work that the community is doing?

The second part related is that the ICANN Board for the past, I don't know how many meetings, has asked a series of really good questions to the community and listens to the responses of all stakeholder groups and the advisory committees, but we rarely get the answers from the Board. So, I would like to turn around the questions and actually say, what can the Board do to help us communicate with you a?   nd let you know how we can collaborate, so that you can achieve your strategic priorities?

AKINORI MAEMURA: All right. Maarten.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Thank you, Jeff, for your question. In fact, you are doing it, and I think we are doing it as well.   What we have seen over time is increasing interaction in earlier phases, and I think this is a way forward that we will continue to follow to make sure that we use all the bottom-up model as it should be, but also engage early on to ensure that we don't waste time unnecessarily. So, Goran, can you add to that?

GORAN MABRY:

Yes, I have no disagreement. There's always things we can do better, and there are things and initiatives when it comes to start with how the recommendations are made, how the GNSO Council is making decisions, and how ICANN Org is doing the work with implementation, and the ODP process is one of them. I'm a little bit concerned of one of the things I've heard is that ICANN is slow, and ICANN doesn't do anything, and all of that. I think that is a very unfair criticism to the ICANN community.

There are some things that take five, six, seven years, I can't remember how long it took for the opening of this round, that was a long time for the community. I actually don't think I can say that's a bad thing, because we've learned a lot from opening the first window, a. nd that community had the CCT review and other reviews coming in and actually looking at so it'll be informed. In their RVs command that we look at. We are informed.

What I don't appreciate sometimes is the general idea that everything is slow at ICANN, because i. t takes time to do things that nobody's done in history before, and i. t takes time to build consensus. When it comes out [INDISCERNIBLE], me and the Board are very confident that this is something that reflects something more than just a special interest. I want to give a shout

out to the Multi-Stakeholder model, and just say it took 25 years for the UN system to come up with international sea law, which is something you could do in one morning. Thank you very much.

JEFF NEUMAN: Clarify. Just for the record, I didn't say ICANN wasn't doing anything or was slow, I think those are your words, I did not say that. What I am just saying is that what can we all do together to speed the time to implementation after the actual work is done, that's it. I did not imply that.

GORAN MABRY: For the record, I didn't take it like that, I just made it longer. Thank you.

JEFF NEUMAN: Thanks.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Matthew.

MATTHEW SHEARS: Jeff, just to follow up. I think it's a very fair question. I think one way of addressing this is what Maarten has said earlier on, is we

need to have more conversation but I would also like to think that we would have more brainstorming, we can have more thinking around the table. I'd like to encourage us to think about how we can make that happen. So it is not just us reporting back or you asking questions and getting the same question multiple times in multiple stakeholder groups, I think there is opportunity there to make them more of a two-way dialogue, but thank you for the question.

JEFF NEUMAN: And perhaps more interactive sessions instead of the Board, and we used to do this a long time ago, instead of the Board sitting in front of the room at a big table, is that you have actual working sessions, where it is actual discussion as opposed to question, and then maybe you have an answer or maybe you have to come back. Collaboration during the entire meeting, I think is an excellent idea.

BECKY NASH: So I just want to add that we are all thinking about how we can make every minute we have to interact with each other more effective. I was struck that constituency day has become three days. A. nd maybe we should have some alternatives, like a chunk of time where we talk about one particular issue and

anybody in the community who's interested in that, that way we get some cross-communication among the community, and the Board hears the variety of community perspectives, and we don't say the same thing five times in a row. I think all of those things should be on the table to look at. We haven't been together for a long time and this is an opportunity to take a fresh look at some of the ways we interact.

AKINORI MAEMURA: Thank you very much [INDISCERNIBLE]. So, this is the end part of the third block and my sincere apology, we ran over 10 minutes. Back to you, Maarten.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: Yes, thank you, and as always there will be more to say. I think, Jeff, your feedback on this session seem short, is also feedback we can take back to the program committee on planning future events. I also want to say, this is the first session where we sit like this. We used to sit like this all the time, normally in the room with you.

So with that, I want to thank everybody who participated today, and to my colleagues from the Board, thank you for your facilitation., and a great thanks for language services. The next

public forum will be during ICANN76, the community forum i. n Cancún, Mexico. And for this hybrid meeting, we fully anticipate the sessions to work as well as we have seen previously learning from the experiences and always improving. This concludes the participation that you are physically attending or virtually participating.

So again for participation, and next is the ICANN Board meeting starting with a connection of community members, and terms of service, and we will do so in 15 minutes. I am just looking for confirmation, because we are a bit late at half past the hour. We will be back here for doing that at half past the hour. Thank you very much. Public Forum is closed.

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