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YESIM SAGLAM:

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JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thank you very much, Yesim. By the end of that, I forget what meeting we're at sometimes. But welcome to ICANN78. It's so good to see all of you here and in person and face-to-face. It's very exciting. This is one of our larger meetings, the annual general meeting. So we have incoming and outgoing ALAC members and RALO leadership. And so, it's sort of a maximum participation meeting, which is the most exciting in many ways.

One of the things I wanted to do is just welcome the incoming members of ALAC and regional leaders. As far as the new incoming ALAC members, we have Aziz Hilali, Shah Rahman, Pari Esfandiari, and Lilian Ivette De Luque Bruges. And then from the NomCom selected, Bukola Oronti, Justine Chew, and Claire Craig. So these are all our incoming. We have incoming delegates to the NomCom, Seun Ojedeji, Maureen Hilyard, Betty Fausta, Lia Hernandez, and Alfredo Calderon. So thank you. We unfortunately won't see much of them anymore now that they're part of the NomCom. It's a top-secret organization.

And then incoming RALO leadership, we have Hadia Elminiawi from AFRALO, Bram Fudzulani also from AFRALO, Ali AlMeshal from APRALO, Lance Hines from LACRALO, Sandra Rodriguez also the Secretary-elect from LACRALO and Adrian Schmidt, the new North American secretary. So let's give them all a round of applause as well.

Okay. All right. Everyone will be here when they can. No, Leon. I was just trying to do a blanket everyone will be here when they can. I walked Leon over here. I thought that would be enough to—but like me, he gets accosted in the hall a lot on the way. So I thought that would be enough to get him here.

But again, welcome everyone to this meeting. It's a big meeting. A lot of celebrations and parties because as you know, it's the 25th anniversary of ICANN itself. Jeff Neuman was regaling me of tales of the very first ICANN meeting that basically involved everyone coming up to the microphone and screaming at the board and calling them illegitimate. So some things just haven't changed, right? That was the first ICANN meeting 25 years ago. And it is also the 20th anniversary of the ALAC. So we have something to celebrate as well. So that's exciting.

I had a meeting of the SO and AC chairs yesterday and I was sort of asked, what is going to be our emphasis for this meeting? Everyone was asked, what's your emphasis going to be for this meeting? And for some it was subsequent procedures and for some it was some other issue. And I feel like our focus for this meeting is the path forward. A lot of talk is going to be about what's gone before because it's natural. We're having an anniversary. How did things get started? What's the history of ICANN and who are all the really old people that started it and

everything like that? And we're going to have conversations like that all over throughout the week organized by ICANN.

And we, in fact, have an anniversary session ourselves on Wednesday. And we're going to devote about a half an hour to looking backward and then an hour and a half looking forward. I've got a discussion with the fellows later today. We're going to try to get them involved. What I want to do is really have a conversation about what we want the future of the At-Large community to look like. What should our areas of focus be? What should our priorities be? What should our decision processes be? How should we participate? These are things that we sort of operate on a set of assumptions for a long period of time and it's worth opening them back up.

Some of you were on email lists when we started to have some of these conversations about a mission statement or something like that. And so, I want to have a really widespread, wholesome discussion about what we want to be going forward the next 20 years of the At-Large community. So we're going to spend a lot more time looking forward than we are backward. And that attitude is reflected in the sessions we have planned as well. In the absence of ICANN plenaries, we have a number of them ourselves. One of them that Marita has organized is about what is the actual on-the-ground responsibility of different groups to communicate in the leadup to WSIS+20.

We're going to hear over and over again over the course of the week the threats to ICANN's mission that are coming from those who would rather see ICANN's functions happen in a multilateral environment instead of a multistakeholder environment. And so, with WSIS+20

coming up very shortly in just a couple of years, what kind of messaging do we need to get out and who needs to do it and say what. And Marita's handling that. Hadia is hosting a session on new technologies and the effect that that's going to have on the work of ICANN. Different types of DNS's and things like that and how are we going to work together so that we'd minimize end-user confusion and maximize the utility of these new technologies.

Joanna is running a session on behalf of EURALO that's about sort of the world beyond the one that we're used to. The extraterrestrial, the ET of DNS issues, satellites and things like that and what's the effect of those things on the DNS and on internet availability to end-users, and the next billion users, for example. So all of these plenaries, when you think about it, are about the road ahead, right? We're looking forward. We're looking at the future. We're trying to anticipate what are the challenges that are going to be faced by individual end-users. Those interests that we're meant to represent and we're trying to get ahead of it and talk about them in advance, and those are our plenaries.

We have something like 18 meetings total planned. We have a lot of face-to-face discussions with the GAC, the Public Safety Working Group of the GAC, the GNSO meeting we have as well. We have a meeting with the board and we've worked hard to figure out what the community questions should be between us and them for each of these face-to-face meetings. But beyond that, I really encourage you to get out to the meetings that other groups are having because the best way to be influential in an ICANN meeting is not to sit in this room but to sit in the rooms where the other conversations are taking place and making sure that we're having our voice heard.

So that's the goal is to be a constant refrain in every meeting at ICANN and bringing up the interests of individual end-users. So that's our plan for ICANN78. I don't know if [inaudible] you wanted to do some logistical type of stuff? No? Okay. There's no logistics. Everything's going to be great. And we also have a big party planned for Thursday night. So I hope you're all able to make it. The theme that I've chosen for our anniversary is a children's book that's very popular in the United States called, The Little Engine That Could. And I'll be talking about it as we go further on, but I'm thinking about the ALAC as the little engine that could in the context of the ICANN community. So you'll hear me keep bringing it up.

We don't have Leon here. So I think what we should probably do is jump right into Hadia's presentation of the—oh, sorry. Yes, Sébastien. Sébastien would like to welcome you as well. Sorry.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much. I will speak in English for a quicker way to do it. I will leave to go to the ccNSO meeting about the continuous improvement program. I hope that I can learn some tricks on how we can use that for the At-Large. I wanted as a EURALO Chair to welcome you in Europe. We were created in 2007. A few months later, the definitive ALAC was created. And yes, 20 years ago, the interim ALAC was created. But really, the start of the work of the full At-Large was in 2008. And I really would like to thank you for being here. There is plenty of things going on as Jonathan already explained. But what we need to learn from the past is how to go for the future.

And it's why I really feel that in addition to all the topics that Jonathan put on the table, I think the continuous improvement program and the holistic review are also topics we need to discuss together during the course of this meeting. Take a chance to visit Hamburg. I don't know the city. The only thing I know is that my grandmother, who was born in [Quime] but from German parents, was living here until 17. Therefore, I will go to see where she was living. It's my link with this city. And it's my first time here, like a lot of you, I guess. But have a good meeting. And you can ask any EURALO members if you need some help and support. We are here to help you too. Thank you very much.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you so much, Jonathan. This is Hadia for the record. So the At-Large talking points revolve around the messages. At-Large aims to communicate to the ICANN community. These messages pertain to the topics we as At-Large actively engage in and prioritize due to their significance to internet end-users. They represent the core messages we wish to share with the wider ICANN community concerning these topics. These talking points serve as a tool for maintaining focus and organization while disseminating essential information from At-Large to the ICANN community.

On this initial slide, we have outlined the key areas of consideration for At-Large, which are categorized into policy and operations and governance topics. During this session, we will also highlight At-Large plenary sessions. Also, please note that we have on the slides a link to some of At-Large resources. If we can have the next slide, please?

So internationalized domain names. The IDN, internationalized domain name expedited policy development process for gTLDs aims to strike a balance between linguistic diversity, technical feasibility, and user-friendly internet experience that prioritizes users' online safety and advocates for avoiding user confusability. Prioritizing IDNs underscores At-Large commitment to making the internet a more inclusive and accessible space for people from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds. However, addressing script confusability is essential to prevent phishing attacks and user confusion. Promoting IDNs and universal acceptance alongside user education and awareness are among At-Large priorities.

During the ICANN78 meeting, we have three sessions about internationalized domain names. The first is today and is happening now. And then you have the second also today just after this session. And then you have the third one on Monday, the 23rd of October. There are also two sessions in relation to universal acceptance. One is on Tuesday. They're both on Tuesday, October 24th. If we can have the next slide, please?

Transfer policy. So the At-Large community has a vested interest in the ICANN transfer policy review policy development process as it directly affects domain name registrants, including individuals, small businesses, and not-for-profit organizations. One of the primary concerns is to advocate for an efficient domain name transfer process. At-Large is interested in policies that make it easy for registrants to transfer their domains to different registrars while safeguarding against unauthorized or abusive transfers. Simple, safe, and secure inter-registrar transfers and change of registrant updates is one of At-Large

priorities. We have a session related to the transfer policy review policy development process today after this session. If we can have the next slide, please.

So the GNSO guidance process for applicant support. The At-Large community within ICANN has interest in the generic name supporting organization guidance process for applicant support, which pertains to the development of guidance for applicants seeking support in applying for generic top-level domains. I would like to give the floor to Maureen. Maureen, would you like to say a few words here? Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Just a few. I think that what the talking points that Hadia has listed very much summarizes the sorts of things that we're actually really been working towards on the GDP. The most important one being that over the next few years, we're going to be working on the IRT. We'll be working on developing the manual to make sure that there is sufficient information going out to potential applicants. And the whole point is that rather than one successful applicant that we had last time, we actually would like to have a few more. So make sure that we have the information that we get out and comes through our ALSs. I mean At-Large is going to be really important in regards to the outreach that we do.

So these talking points, so how can we as a community assist the GNSO to get that information out to potential applicants. The communication, the comms team is actually putting together, or will be putting together the packages that we will use when we actually take those messages out to our communities. And we just want to make sure

that we get as many successful applicants as possible supported for this program. Thanks.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you. Yeah.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

There's a lot of detail to the idea of this applicant support program and how to make it work. But I think a fundamental messaging point for us around this meeting at cocktail parties, at coffee breaks, in every meeting, is that if we do not diversify the applicant pool geographically, economically, culturally this time around, this round will be a failure. There is no longer a need for more names in the DNS, right? There's 1500 of them. And then that times every word that exists, right? That's not the need. The only reason to have a new round is to bring more people into the community.

And the purpose of the applicant support program is to bring people from underserved regions, underserved economies, et cetera, so that the applicant pool is not concentrated in the US and Europe the way it was before and after the 2012 round. So in the absence of real diversification of the applicant pool, this round will be a failure. Just because a bunch of brands managed to get their name does not a successful round make. And I think that's the fundamental message that we need to convey at every single meeting is that that is the one criteria that needs to be applied as a success criteria for the next round.

EDUARDO DIAZ: This is Eduardo. So within that respect, how do we create that pool? Just by talking or is this a program behind that?

JONATHAN ZUCK: We'll talk more about it all week long. I don't want to totally derail, but yes, there's a huge push from ICANN through the RALOs, through the At-Large loop that we're developing. All those things will have work associated with the applicant support program.

HADIA ELMINIAMI: Thank you so much, Jonathan. This is Hadia again for the record. So indeed, diversity and inclusion is what we are seeking. If we can have the next slide, please? Thank you. So SubPro, and this is again about—for us, it's about diversity and inclusion. SubPro is about having a systemized and ongoing mechanism for applicants to propose new top-level domains. It builds on the existing policy requirements from the previous round. At-large, a focus now is on supporting inclusion and bringing more communities online. How do we support applicants that would bring new TLDs that serve the needs of specific communities? How do we support applicants who bring new language communities online? How do we promote the new round and the applicant support program? Inclusion and diversity are key messages here.

And we have four sessions. There was one during the prep week. The session, which is on Wednesday, October 25th, which is the NCUC issue form, I believe it will be addressing the issue of public interest commitments and registry voluntary commitments. There are links on the slides here to the sessions. One of them is happening just after this

session. And then we have two others on Wednesday and a fourth one on Thursday. If we could have the next slide, please?

So registration, data accuracy, scoping team. Accuracy of the registration data is vital to protect compromised websites and individuals. At-Large, a message to the community is that accuracy of the registration data is still important. I believe there is only one session during ICANN78 that addresses this topic and it's a GAC session that's happening on Tuesday. If we can have the next slide, please?

Closed generics. So closed generics are no longer on the critical path for the new gTLD program. The ALAC prioritizes public interest and fairness in domain allocation. Closed generics, where a single entity has control over a generic term as a domain, can limit competition and public access to domain names. There might be concerns about the potential for closed generics to be used in ways that could harm competition, limit users' options, or lead to abusive practices, and therefore safeguards are necessary to address these concerns. I stop here, and I see Greg. Greg, do you want to say a few words here? Thank you.

GREG SHATAN:

Thank you, Hadia. Greg Shatan for the record. I almost didn't want to stop you because I was learning so much. No, it's just—the group stopped after essentially three sponsoring organizations decided that we'd gone as far as we could go. There were a lot of—our report left a lot of the more difficult questions unanswered, and it would have taken significantly more work by the group to deal with some of those most naughty points. There is an open question or perhaps it's not so open depending on who you ask, about whether the status quo for closed

generics or at least the current status should be that, as in 2013, closed generics are not allowed.

Which was the status not at the beginning of the application process but was after the GAC's Beijing communique. So, at least GAC and ALAC have continuously supported that, or at least I should say the GAC chair and ALAC chair supported that position initially with the GNSO chair, but the GNSO has tried to take a step back from that position, saying that it's policy, and the GNSO Council can't just make policy pronouncements. So we'll see what happens with that. In the end, I think that's a technical discussion. I'm not going to predict what the GAC will do, but I wouldn't be surprised if the Beijing advice was reiterated here, just to make sure that everyone understands that until the closed generics problem is solved, the door is not open for closed generics.

And as you were saying, we need to cover—the GAC's point, certainly their primary point was public interest needed to be truly served in any closed generic. And that is still not happening, and I think is very much an At-Large talking point as well. You just hammer that in. It needs to be public interest, public interest, public interest, and not just public interest limited, but public interest unlimited. So that there is not just a facade for some sort of crass commercial scheme.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

That's a lot of information. The talking point for this meeting is that there shouldn't be any closed generics allowed until further policy work is done by the community. The real question on the table right now is whether the community should decide whether they're allowed or the board should decide whether they're allowed. That's what's going on right now. And it's been our position and the position of the GAC that it should be the community that decides and not the board. That's the message for this week, is that the community needs to do more work before any closed generics should be allowed.

I don't know if we talked about it, but closed generics are when an everyday word relevant to an industry is run by a single company for its own purposes. So like a L'Oréal getting .beauty or something like that, but only for their own use. That's what we mean by a closed generic, right? So that's the thing we want to be in a public interest, but that isn't even a conversation that's taking place right now. It's about who should decide and I think that's an existential question for this community is who should be deciding policy and it should be the community and not the board. So that's really the message point for the week.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Jonathan. This is Hadia again for the record. So no closed generic without more work from the community. Thank you. So if we can have the next slide, please. It's about DNS abuse and the At-Large community within ICANN has a strong interest in addressing DNS abuse to ensure a safe, secure and trustworthy online environment for internet users. To minimize the number of users who fall victims to DNS abuse and to minimize the severity of incidents, At-Large is concerned

with users' education and developing their skills. The skills of common internet users to remain safe and secure online.

Also currently, contracted parties' contracts are being amended. The new amendments require contracted parties to mitigate DNS abuse and enable ICANN compliance to go after non-compliant actors. And of course, we support the contract amendments. There are four sessions during ICANN78 taking place that address DNS abuse in a form or another. And again, on the slides you have links to the sessions. If we can have the next slide, please?

Holistic reviews and—so the Pilot Holistic Review Revised Draft Terms of Reference, a public comment proceeding, opened on the 28th of September and will run through the 27th of November. So there is a link on the slides to the terms of reference public comment proceeding. And also, this will be discussed during the At-Large operations finance and budget working group meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. local time. I will stop here and ask—I don't see Sebastien. Ricardo, would you like to say a few words here?

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: I would say no but—

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: I saw Sebastian and Serio. It's Ricardo Holmquist for the record. Yeah, that's something that's been discussed most of this year. And yes, a big

talking point for tomorrow's session on the OFB working group. The next ICANN of the next 25 years of ICANN and how we are in the picture are very related to this holistic review and this review of ICANN. How it works and how all the legs of the table are placed. And we want to keep being one of these legs and an important leg in there. So it's important that these [inaudible] of reference are really good shaped. So the holistic review is a good review.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Prior to the transition away from the Department of Commerce, on the posters you see a big seven in addition to the 25. That's seven years since the transition and that's the transition they're talking about. I feel like whenever I talk about the transition, it feels like something from a science fiction movie or something like that, and it feels that way sometimes. But prior to that transition the Department of Commerce through something called the Affirmation of Commitments imposed a series of reviews on ICANN.

There was a review. The CCT review was meant to take place after a round of TLDs and consumer choice, confidence and competition and trust. There's a review of security and stability. There's a review on rights protection and there's a review of ICANN itself that's called the ATRT. I forgot what it stands for now. My brain just went empty, but what is it? Yeah, what does it stand for though?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

Accountability, transparency.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah, accountability and transparency. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I know we don't often use these words.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yes, exactly. How untransparent of us. But anyway, so one of the findings of the latest ATRT review was that this imposed set of reviews was too inflexible in terms of its time frame, in terms of the topics that needed to be covered. And so, the ATRT has become kind of the review of reviews. And rethinking about how we want to review ourselves. And so, out of that came a recommendation as Ricardo said to have a holistic review of ICANN as a whole, which is a very daunting idea, a very daunting task, and it's part of why we're moving very slowly on it. Because it's hard to understand what the scope of that might be, which is why there's a proposed pilot to take a small part of it and get an understanding of how we should try to review ICANN as an organization.

So it's critically important. So please, everyone, try to make it to that meeting tomorrow when we're discussing how to help push this along. Because it's something that makes a lot of people nervous. So we want to push this along as the as the At-Large community. And Sebastien I think will be leading the conversation at the meeting tomorrow. So hopefully, that's helpful.

YESIM SAGLAM: Hadia, I'm sorry, we cannot hear you even though your microphone is on.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah, okay. Now it's working. Okay, thank you. This is Hadia again for the record. Thank you, Jonathan. So join us tomorrow during the OFB working group session. If we can have the next slide, please. ICANN governance and operations. So At-Large contribution to the FY26-30 strategic plan is vital and necessary. Again, this will be discussed tomorrow during the At-Large operations, finance and budget working group meeting during ICANN78. Ricardo, would you like to say a few words here?

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Yes, thank you. [inaudible]. About the strategic plan. I guess, there is— can you hear me?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's Darth Vader.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: It's better now? Sorry for that. It's Ricardo Holmquist for the record. Yeah, about the first one, the strategic plan is a strategic plan from ICANN. There is a meeting. I can't remember when. I guess, it's next Wednesday from the ICANN planning team. It was about two weeks ago, the first session. Although there were some people from ALAC and I may say that half of the people there was from ALAC [inaudible]. But there was very few people. And ICANN is trying to plan for the next five years

and it's very few people involved in that. That's the idea of this talking point is, yes, I know there's a lot of policy going on. There are a lot of things going on. But if we don't plan for the next five years, I know that people will say, that's my priority and put it on.

So the idea is that we put our priorities there and if this is multistakeholder model or this is whatever, that we put these priorities there. That's the idea that will be in these planning sessions. These are ICANN planning sessions. These are not ALAC planning sessions. But the idea is to talk about in the OFB working group and the OFB working group as a group to be the place to discuss about this strategic.

And the other one is the budget. We have an incoming budget in the next two months, both the IANA and the ICANN budget. And the idea is not to see just the numbers, but also the strategic priorities. Sorry, the operating initiatives that ICANN has in there. So we know how to fit in there. In my country, they say, por la plata baila el mono. Sorry, I don't have the translation for that. These are the monkey dance, where the money is. And money, money, money is the problem for the next years. And so, don't forget the money. There is a lot of money here. Thank you.

MARITA MOLL: Let's see. It was only [inaudible], Ricardo. It's okay now. No, no.

YESIM SAGLAM: Sorry, Marita. Marita, could you please try to use the other microphone? Maybe it's better.

MARITA MOLL:

He is going to charge me, he says. Yeah, I just wanted to thank you. I'm okay now, yeah? I just wanted to add on a little bit to what Ricardo was saying about getting involved in the strategic planning process. When I started at ICANN, they already had a five-year plan on the go. I think it's really cool if you're coming in now and you actually participate in a new five-year strategic plan because it doesn't happen. It doesn't happen very often. There's going to be a few of us were in on the very first session and yeah, there weren't very many people. And I think it was just—it requires a little more outreach and awareness.

But what you're going to be asked if you're involved is, what do you think is going on in the world right now that ICANN should be looking at? Should be prepared to deal with? Should be prepared to address? And there's nobody in this room that doesn't have at least one answer to that question. So I really encourage everybody to either go to one of the sessions that's available here, because you're going to be able to do it live or—well, they're all live but in place or do it online for the next couple of online sessions that are available because it's really important that everybody sort of gets their two cents in, as we say, and participates in this. And it's an interesting part of the work you can do here when you're here, yeah.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Okay, now it's working. So maybe this one. Okay. So this is Hadiya for the record. Thank you, Marita. And please all join the At-Large OFB working group face-to-face meetings and online meetings. Can we have the next slide, please? So At-Large key messages, inclusion and

diversity, users' online safety comes first and for that users' education and awareness is essential. If we can have the next slide, please?

And now this is about At-Large ICANN78 sessions, plenary sessions. So the first plenary, if we can have the next slide, please? So the first plenary is happening on Tuesday, the 24th of October. This session is composed of two parts. The first part of the session will highlight ICANN's adoption of emerging technologies, showcasing their integration within the organization. And our main speaker is John Crain, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at ICANN.

And then the second part of the session will feature a roundtable discussion with internet pioneer, Steve Crocker, focusing on future prospects, novel concepts, and forward-thinking ideas. If we can have the next slide, please? On Wednesday, we have At-Large EURALO plenary multistakeholder governance for new internet infrastructures, SpaceX, IRIS2, and Equitable Internet Access for all. This is part two. Part one happened during prep week. And Joanna, would you like to tell us more about this? Thank you.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Oh, just very briefly. Thank you very much. It is about outer space. Thank you, Jonathan. ET is my favorite movie of all time although not when it was advanced with the new technologies. I hate that version. But the original one with the plastic ET, that's my favorite movie ever. So thank you very much. This discussion builds on the previous theme that Hadia kindly mentioned with the impact of new technologies. But it's not so much about—I apologize for being trivial. How many domains

we're going to sell in the new round but it is rather about the evolution of the multistakeholder model.

So the question we were asking here during the prep week was whether the multistakeholder model remains relevant when we look at new technologies. You could say, well, clearly, this is the way of the world. We've seen this happen with different infrastructures undersea cables, 5G. Now it's nothing new, just that the infrastructure has changed. If that is indeed the case, the question we're trying to answer here is, is there a role for us as the At-Large maybe to raise awareness about equitable access, who holds the data, who builds the infrastructures, and if there is a way for us to have our voice heard in the ongoing—that's an ET fragment. I know it is, yeah. I know it is.

So the question is whether there is a role for us to have our voice heard in the developing multistakeholder discussions and how we balance the increasing pressure from multilateral institutions like the ITU with the multistakeholder model. And hopefully, the outcome of that discussion will be the multistakeholder model remains relevant regardless of how the governance of infrastructure evolves. And as you can see here, we will have our own community speakers and an invited speaker working for a German—NGO supporting the German foreign ministry and elaborating on IRIS2.

So Europe wants to have that infrastructure that will be equitable and available for all. So we will look into that aspect and try to answer the question on the role of the multistakeholder community in infrastructure governance. If there is any kind of a role that the ICANN community may play. That's it. Thank you.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you, Joanna. This is Hadia again for the record. So join us on Wednesday the 26th. Can we have the next slide, please? And that's the second plenary. It's WSIS+20 towards an engagement strategy. And I don't know, Olivier, would you like or maybe Marita, would you like to say a few words here? Thank you.

MARITA MOLL: Hello. All right, thank you. I think we're good. Yeah, WSIS+20. WSIS+20, World Summit for the Information Society. Back in 2005, the term information society was everywhere. We don't hear it that much anymore but that's still the name of the process that began in 2005, which was a major UN process to try to address the changes that were going to happen. Lots of things came out of that but one of the things was kind of the legitimization of something called a multistakeholder process in order to govern or sort of govern parts of the internet as it was evolving.

One of the reasons we have the model we have right here at ICANN is because that was legitimized at that time in that way. And the IGF, of course, is a direct thing that came from the World Summit for the Information Society in 2005. This particular session is also sort of a part two. There was a part one in ICANN76 at Cancun, which was a discussion about kind of what I've been talking about that—what WSIS was and how it evolved, and why it's important for us to pay attention to what's happening now in the 20th anniversary review.

This current session happening on Wednesday, I think at 10:30, it's a 90-minute session. It's going to be more about what can we actually do, because the UN, of course, is a multilateral process. It's not so easy for groups to get their voices heard. It will be a panel session moderated by our friend, Olivier, right over there. And representatives from different communities, different stakeholder communities here, ICANN, civil society, government, end users, private sector, and CC country code providers. So it will be a debate about what can be done now and hopefully, will definitely involve the community and the people in the room about how they feel they can engage in the process given the spaces that are going to be available to us.

All right. I really hope that everybody is going to be there, everybody here in the room, and bring your friends. And I really hope that lots of people from other communities will also be interested in this topic because it's very important. Actually, if this WSIS 20-year review doesn't actually decide to continue on with and improve their idea of the internet multistakeholder governance, it could fade off and it's something really special that needs to be preserved. So there you go, that's my pitch.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Marita. This is Hadia again for the record. So join us on Wednesday, the 26th of October, 10:30 local time. If we can have the next slide, please? So it's ALAC anniversary, brainstorming on the future, and this session is moderated by Jonathan. And Jonathan, I give you the floor.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I already talked.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. So please join us on Wednesday, the 26th of October, 1:15 local time. Can we have the next slide, please? We are done. So welcome all to ICANN78. Enjoy your sessions and happy ICANN anniversary and ICANN78. Thank you. Marita, go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We're just going to sort out the mic. Apologies.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Happy 20th anniversary

MARITA MOLL: So the sessions sound good. Marita for the record. Just a question is, since they are topics of extreme interest for most people, all the plenaries which are being discussed, have we kept time for audience interaction because I think a lot of questions would come. Many times what happens is we end up talking and there's just one or two questions taken.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah, we did. We did leave time for audience interaction. In fact, there was a prep week session on it. [inaudible] session specifically to allow more discussion here.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: That was my response. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: All right. We're getting the hook. We have to wrap up this session.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you. This is Hadia again for the record.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Invite them.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: So we invite you all to contribute to At-Large session reports. So if you attend a session and think that it is of interest to the At-Large community, please go ahead and contribute to the At-Large session reports. You will need to—there is a link to this, a link to the agenda. It's a link to the session report. So you will need to provide the title of the session, the date and time, your name, and then what happened in the session? What are the At-Large specific takeaways from this session? And the At-Large specific action items or next steps in relation to the topic and the discussion that you attended. So again, pick your sessions and identify them early on. If you don't, you could still also contribute to the At-Large session reports after attending the session. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: All right, two quick things. I know I'm keeping you. Hello. Two quick things. One is, the person who just handed me the microphone has a much more important job than that. We lost our policy person not too

long ago and ICANN has been searching high and low for the best person to come join the At-Large policy team and that person is Andrew Chen. We're very excited to have him join, be a regular part of the CPWG calls and our advice that we construct, et cetera. He's got a lot of experience working with the GAC and the GNSO. So I'm very excited to have him on board. And then Olivier wants to talk about gems. I was going to play for Joanna from West Side Story, There's A Place For Us because she was asking if there is, but maybe on music night.

OLIVIER MJ CREPIN-LEBLOND: So it's Olivier speaking. Just to let you all know that GEMS is back and it's going to be on Monday night, the host reception. So the German government is hosting a reception from 5 30, I think, until about 9:00. And so, there'll be some jazz. There'll be some speeches in the middle. Hopefully, short speeches. And then there'll be some rock and roll after that. So there you go.

JONATHAN ZUCK: All right. That is it for this session. We have many great sessions ahead of us. Please attend those, but also attend the ones around the community and report back on them, as Hadia mentioned. So excited to have you all here, see you all here. It's going to be a great meeting, a great celebration. And with that, you are released. Thank you very much.

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