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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Claudia. And I am doing what I'm going to ask you to do now. It's to please all ccNSO Councilors who are connected through Zoom, which you should be, please put ccNSO Council in your name tag. So it's easier to see you for the voting purposes. So there we go. So welcome, all, to the ccNSO Council meeting 199. Let me copy and paste again the wiki that has all documents that we will need for today's meeting in the chat so you have them handy. And may I ask Kim if we're quored?

KIMBERLY CARLSON: Yes, we are quored.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much.

KIMBERLY CARLSON: You are quored.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I'm reminding to speak slowlier. So, sorry for the interpreters if I go too fast. So let's go to the administrative matters. We have the relevant correspondence link and we received various requests for comments. We have items for these during the agenda, so we will discuss them there.

Moving along to item three, minutes and action items. The minutes were circulated on the 17th of October and no comments were received. Regarding the action items or most action items are completed with the exception of the action item 198-08, that's the liaison to GAC to follow up regarding virtual joint meeting. This is a waiting for the discussion between the GAC and the ccNSO teams.

And moving along, we have an item for intermeeting decisions. I just want to clarify that in the first draft we included an item, but now it's put as a separate item just to make the decision today. So here we have the decision to provide comment on the second version of the terms of reference. And for this, the drafters of the first comments will be asked to prep and comment over it in the next two weeks to meet the deadline that we have. And the intermeeting decision that we have done already is the appointment of members to the task and thank you for joining it.

Moving along to item five, we have intermeeting decisions from the triage committee. No additional decisions have been made, but the quarterly monitor has been published in the link that it's in the agenda. Moving along, we have the updates and for this we take the updates from the meeting itself. So that will go to regards to the IDN ccPDP4, ECA and CSC, and all the working groups and the liaisons, which brings us to item 10. So update from the OISC Review. So may I ask Nick to provide us with a summary on this, please?

NICK WENBAN-SMITH: Thank you. Nick Wendman-Smith for the record and part of the OISC Review team. We met with the OISC on Sunday. Sunday. What day is it today? I have no idea. And I think we had a very frank and open conversation, essentially. The situation for those that are not aware is that this committee was constituted slightly unfortunately in terms of the timing just before the COVID times. And the mandate to the committee is to do outreach and interaction with the community. So they had a lot of bad luck, I think, in terms of the timing. But for whatever reason, the momentum of the committee didn't ever really get going. And in fact, they haven't had a meeting since 18 months.

So when one of the questions, naturally, that the review team have got are around. And I speak from this, I think, on behalf of all the review team, which is that we should be honest with ourselves because we start lots of initiatives. And maybe if there's initiatives which we start and then found for whatever reason or fall short of the objectives, maybe we should stop doing those sorts of initiatives because there's a limited amount of capacity amongst the volunteers and we should use our time effectively. And if useful functions and activities are taking place, that is fantastic. But if they don't seem to be taking place, then one option certainly is to discontinue the committee, and that could be our recommendation.

We also talked about two alternative recommendations, which is because we looked at the work of the activity and the terms of reference, and I think all of us on the review team completely agree that these are very useful and important activities. The outreach and capacity building aspects of the OISC were thought to be really valuable and important parts of the overall mission of the ccNSO, but we could we could continue with it or we could maybe reconstitute it in a different way. So we've had that sort of conversation and we're going to carry on with the work and the analysis and we'll bring our recommendations forward in due course once we've completed that process. But it was a really positive meeting, very constructive and open and frank about it.

Just one observation which was made is that a lot of the work of the ccNSO does actually involve an element of outreach and capacity building already. So there's one question which is part of the problem of this this group is that what they're doing also overlaps with activities and particularly when it comes to outreach, whether that's through the SOPC on the ICANN budget or the DASC on DNS abuse or the Internet Governance Committee, for example.

All of these things are doing inherently doing quite a lot of outreach and perhaps there's a bit of a crowded space for outreach. So maybe we need to think a bit about how we organize ourselves in terms of efficiency and effectiveness. So that's also, I think, in the back of the review team's thinking and mind. But if there's any questions, I'm very happy to take them. And I think that's probably plenty for now. There are members of the OISC here. If they've got any thoughts or think I've mischaracterized that, then I'm very welcome to be corrected as well.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Nick. Any comments or questions for Nick? I see Pablo has his hand up in Zoom.

PABLO RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Ale. And thank you, Nick, for the work that you have done. It's been amazing and it was quite enlightening. I strongly believe that this is an excellent opportunity to reconstitute the standing committee and refocus its objectives. So once again, I thank you and the rest of the team for the work you have done.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Pablo. And looking forward for the final verdict from the review. Any idea of a timeline or is it too early to ask?

NICK WENBAN-SMITH: I'm trying to remember, we did have a we have got a timeline. So we have got a plan that off the top of my head, I can't remember when I've conveniently forgotten when any deliverables and tangible deliverables are expected. But I think certainly in the beginning of calendar year 2024 should be final conclusions to counsel.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much, Nick. With this, we move forward with item 11. That's the update on the ccNSO Website redesign. And for this, I would like to see whether Stephen or Kim can contribute to this, Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Kim, correct me if I'm wrong. We were working pretty diligently. We can't be forward, but everybody lost their heads over coming to this meeting. It was hoped that we would have a face to face here, but that did not happen for several reasons. We are using what's known as a persona-based approach, where we try to think of basically different users of the new website and how they would use it and what would be important for that particular user. And we've got some written where a couple more do, I believe. And with any luck, we should be able to reconvene hopefully mid to late next week when everybody's home and somewhat recovered. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Kim, do you have anything to add?

KIMBERLY CARLSON: Yeah, just that it won't be next week.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Bummer. I was being optimistic. I should know better.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Well, thank you. Thank you very much, Stephen. One quick remark that I wanted to do is that now the ball is on our side. So it's up to us to keep things moving because progress is being made. But I totally understand about that. Thank you. Thank you, Stephen.

With this, and now we move to item 12. It's update from chair, vice chairs, councilors, regional organizations and the secretariat. For this, I have a couple of updates I. Well, we've BG and Jordan, we joined the SOAC's chairs roundtable here in in ICANN78. The main agenda for that was to share all our priorities for this meeting. So it was the board's

	priorities, executives' priorities, and all the chairs shared what they had planned for this meeting.
	And my next update is to let that Laura Margolis has been appointed as a ALAC liaison to the ccNSO. So welcome back, Laura, to the ccNSO Council. And with this, I would like to ask Jordan or BG if you have any other updates. Yes, please.
JORDAN CARTER:	Just one. Thanks, Alejandra. I wanted to let people know if they hadn't seen it, that I've been appointed to the multi-stakeholder advisory group that is responsible for a small part of the program of the Internet Governance Forum. So that's a 2024 appointment on behalf of the technical community. So just to let you know. And thank you. And as for next week, I'm planning to sleep for next week. I don't know what else is planning to do.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:	Thank you. Thank you, Jordan. And congratulations. Anything from any other councilors or I see Pablo, you have your hand up?
PABLO RODRIGUEZ:	Yes, I have an update. For those of you that don't know, the next ICANN meeting is ICANN79. And guess what? It's in Puerto Rico. It's ICANN79. And guess what? It's in Puerto Rico. So we're expecting you there.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Pablo. Anything from anyone else? I don't see any more hands up, or in Zoom. Okay, moving along, we go to item 13. This is the approval of the ccNSO membership of the IDN ccTLD .Israel in Hebrew as member of the ccNSO. So are there any questions regarding this topic? And I'm watching the Zoom room, so I see Pablo, you still have your hand up. Is that an all hand? It is an all hand.

So no hands, and I will look only to Zoom, so it's easier. May I have a mover for this? I see Chris and I heard Steven to second. Thank you very much. I will read the resolution. It's the decision the ccNSO approves the membership of the Israel Internet Association, the ccTLD manager for the IDN TLD .Israel in Hebrew, and welcomes the Israel Internet Association as member 177 of the ccNSO.

These resolutions becomes effective upon publications. Do we have any questions regarding the resolution itself? I don't see any hands in the room or Zoom room. So with this, I will ask you to please use the Zoom room for the vote. So if you are in favor, please use your green ticks. If you abstain or object, please use your red crosses. And as a reminder, this is for ccNSO Councilors. I see only green ticks. Thank you. Thank you very much.

For good measure, I will ask for a raise of hand if there's anyone that abstains of objects. Seeing no hands in the room or in Zoom room. So this has been approved and happy to increase the numbers of members. So moving along, we go to the appointments to working groups and committees. We have received various requests to appoint members to working groups and committees during the week.

And all the appointments are combined into one resolution. We can see the appointments in the screen. We have the chair and vice chair for the Universal Acceptance. We have Abdalmonem Galila for chair and Regina Fuchsova as vice chair. We have the appointment of Busayo Balogun for the DASC. We have appointment for Javier Rua and Demi Getschko for the IGLC. And we have the appointment of Olga Cavalli, Abdalmonem Galila and Eleanor Bradley for the SOPC. Do we have any questions on this topic? I don't see any hands. May I have a mover? So I see Nick first. And just to be fair, I'm going to look on the other side and Ali seconds. Thank you very much.

We have a resolution here. I will read it. It's a denomination of the ccNSO Universal Acceptance Committee. The ccNSO Council appoints Abdalmonem Galila as chair and Regina Fuchsova as vice chair of the ccNSO UAC. And thank both for volunteering these leadership positions. The ccNSO Council appoints Busayo Balogun as member of the NSFU Standing Committee. Demi Getschko and Javier Rua as members of the ccNSO Internet Governance Liaison Committee, starting at the end of ICANN78. And Eleanor Bradley, Olga Cavalli and Abdalmonem Galila as members of the ccNSO Strategic and Operating Plan Committee. The ccNSO secretary is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible and inform the various appointees and the relevant committees. This resolution becomes effective upon publication. Any questions on the resolution? Yes, Chris.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Just for form, I either put the ccTLD after each name or don't, but don't have some with the ccTLD afterwards. So Busayo has.ng and then

	there's a whole heap of names without any CCs. So I'm just suggesting that in the drafting, we should probably designate which CC, if any, they're related to.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:	Thank you, Chris.
CLAUDIA RUIZ:	Alejandra, as a reminder, please speak slower for all the speakers. Thank you.
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:	So sorry. Javier.
JAVIER RÚA-JOVET:	Hi, Javier Rua, for the record. Just for transparency and to clarify, my term as ccNSO Councilor ends now. And so I wonder if the reason why .pr is placed besides my name is because there is support from the TLD .pr to allow me to remain in the IGLC, despite the fact that I'm not associated directly to IGLC and I'm not a councilor anymore after this meeting. So maybe that's a reason. And just for transparency, just for everyone to know that fact also.
PABLO RODRIGUEZ:	I support what Javier has said. Nevertheless, the registry .pr fully supports Javier Rua as a representative from the .pr TLD. So absolutely, full support.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Javier, you still have your mic on just to let. And yes, it is a requirement to be associated with the ccTLD to remain in the ccNSO working group, so that's why. And yes, Chris, we will fill everyone's associations to their ccTLDs. I thought we did, but we missed some. So we will do that for the final version. Any other comments? If not, let's go to the vote. So please use green ticks if you are in favor or your red crosses in case you abstain or object. I'll give you a minute.

I see all green ticks in Zoom for a good measure. I will still ask for a raise of hand if you object or abstain from this decision. To be recorded that Javier is abstaining from this decision. With that, this has been approved. So thank you very much and thank you for everyone for joining the several working groups and taking the leadership positions. Thank you very much.

With this, I am moving along to item 15. It's the update from Council Election and Board Nomination Process. And I will ask Joke that it's our manager for these processes to give us an update on this. Joke, please.

JOKE BRAEKEN: Hello, Alejandra. Hello, everyone. Thank you for giving me the floor. So let's start with the board seat 12 nominations. Please to let that the due diligence background verifications have been concluded and no red flags have been raised for this nomination round. There was one candidate only, and that is Katrina Sataki. She was nominated, seconded, and has accepted her nomination. Due diligence verifications, as mentioned earlier, are completed, so now the vote will start on the 7th of November. The timeline previously adopted by council foresees a first round to start on the 7th of November and to end on the 28th of November. Should there be a need for follow up rounds, that is also determined by the timeline adopted previously by council. The results of that first round will be known on the 29th of November.

That in terms of the board seat 12 nominations. And then in terms of the ccNSO Council elections, there are five councilors whose term ends at the end of the ICANN79 community forum at the start of 2024. The nominations were open in September and there are several candidates that were nominated and seconded for the African, Latin America and Caribbean and North American region.

There was one candidate that was nominated and seconded and accepted the nomination. And this means that for those regions, no elections will be held. The nominated candidates that have accepted their nomination will automatically be selected for another term on council. In terms of the European region and the Asia Pacific region, there are more than one candidate. Three for the European region, two for the Asia Pacific region.

So elections will indeed be held for those regions, for those regions only. They will start on the 9th of November and will end on the 30th of November. So that is in the same week as the board C12 voting procedures, however, not on the same day to avoid confusion. In terms of the nomination procedure, council adopted a new guideline in December 2023. It was the first time that this guideline was put into practice and there were some additional or some changes with respect to the previous version, namely in terms of who is eligible to nominate the candidates. And the guideline specifies that only the representatives of the ccTLD manager are eligible to do so.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: For the interpreters, please slow down.

JOKE BRAEKEN: We'll do so, apologies. So pause a moment. So in terms of the details regarding who can nominate and second candidates, there was a requirement that nominations and secondments are accepted only if made by the representative of the ccTLD manager. There were some questions regarding who was the representative for particular ccTLDs and also as election manager, I flagged some of the concerns or comments regarding the eligibility to those that submitted nominations and secondments. I will note down all those observations in the election report, which will be prepared following conclusion of the voting process. And if there are any recommendations regarding potential adjustments to the guideline, they will also be included in that report.

The process formally concludes following adoption of that report by council. So it depends a little bit on how the voting rounds will go. If there is only one round, council could potentially already adopt the voting report or the election report at its meeting in December and otherwise in January. The term start of the councilors will be at the conclusion of ICANN79, which is the community forum in March 2024. Regarding the voting, ballots will be sent to the emissaries of the ccTLD managers that is both for board C12 and for the ccNSO Council elections for the European and Asia Pacific region. If there are any questions regarding who is the emissary for particular ccTLD, I'm happy to answer them. Please feel free to drop me an email. I will add my email address in the chat. Thank you very much.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Joke. Are there any questions or comments for Joke? I don't see any hands on the room or in the Zoom room. Thank you for the update.

So with this, we are moving now to item 16 and it's an Alert on the Approval Action Decision. Changes to the IFR related bylaws, articles 18 and 19 that are fundamental bylaw changes. So after later today in the next block, there will be the approval community forum where it will be explained, these changes and it's also the opportunity for anyone to ask any questions or express any concerns if necessary. And later it will kick off the 21-day period for the decision. Participants to either give their approval, their objections, or to abstain. So this is just to let you know that it's going to happen.

With that, we move to item 17, that it's the Progress on Implementation of statement of interest and conflict of interests. May I ask Kim for an update on that one? Please, Kim.

KIMBERLY CARLSON: Hi, Alejandra. Thanks. Bart and I have been working on an internal process. That is done. In addition to that, we are introducing the SOIs broadly, hopefully November 1st, if the council approves on that. We've developed some scripting to assist the leadership and various working group chairs on how to remind people and ask people to complete it. I know David already does that on his meetings. So it's just going to be a good habit to get into. But it does look ready to go as of November 1st.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much, Kim. And that was going to be my next question, if we're going to be ready and when. So we have our date. So I think we should go for it. There's no other decision to be made. We're just waiting for the green light to go. So we will look into that in November 1st. So be ready to complete your SOIs when they're distributed to you for all councilors. And we will start asking new participants to working groups and committees to complete theirs when they join. So with that, thank you, Kim.

We will move to our item 18. So this is a bit of a new section on the agenda that we decided to include to allow the council to review some outcomes of the sessions held at the ICANN78 and see if there is a need to have any next steps on those. So we will start with item A that is the update on the ad-hoc Council group on the ccTLD caretaker and other policy matters. And for this, I will ask Jordan to talk about it.

JORDAN CARTER: Thank you, Alejandra. I gave a little bit of a pre summary of the workshop at about 9:28 on Tuesday morning. But just to recap for us here, the summary of the workshop really was that the ad-hoc group would be mandated to prepare the council in the community sessions for ICANN79 on possible ccNSO work relating to three areas. The consolidation of policies, identifying gaps in current policies and practices, and how to address future undefined issues. So no decisions were made on any of those, but we just agreed to keep going with a small group to develop a plan of sessions at the next ICANN meeting.

And then the other thing that we mentioned at the end was just the chance to confirm the ad hoc membership of the group, see if there are any additional volunteers or retiring volunteers. So those are the two points to raise now, I think, Alejandra, if I've got my speed under control.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Jordan. I bet it's very appreciated for our interpreters and it keeps us on the correct pace. So with this, I saw Irina's hand up.

IRINA DANELIA: I was just willing to remind that I would love to join this group.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. So noted. And for this, I would just like to formalize here in our meeting if we are still with moving forward with these steps that we agreed in our workshop. So may I ask for green ticks if we are confirming that this is what we want to do? I see green ticks. Thank you very much. And we know that Irina would join this working group too, small ad-hoc group, sorry.

With this, I don't see any hands up. So we move forward with the next one, that it's the registrant capacity building. For this, maybe Biyi, you can give us a quick summary and see if there's any further steps that need to be followed.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you very much. I'll be very glad to do that. The registrant capacity building session was actually planned over a period and the whole idea was for us to see what the ICANN registrant capacity building team is doing and how that relates to us at ccTLD. So two things were quite evident. First of all was for us to review what they're doing and see how it includes or takes care of ccTLDs. And of course, all the reviews came out that it had very little to do with it. Of course, that's also understandable in the sense that CCs have their own policies and how they relate to their registrants, which is quite different from the way each individual CCs, there's difference between the way individual CCs relate.

However, the second part of the program was actually to see what part of that, of what ICANN is doing, can we adopt and adapt as ccTLDs. And it was so interesting that this session was planned for 30 minutes. It was initially planned for 30 minutes and later additional slots opened, so we extended to one hour. And eventually we spent an hour, 30 minutes trying to sort this out. It was quite interesting and engaging. And in my own opinion, and I think a number of people will agree with me that this is the conversation that we should continue. And it's very useful to all of us. And I'll propose that we can have something similar to having a small group that will continue to, the same group that planned that program, can we have them form like a small group that would continue to look at the conversations and then we can extend it and take it forward. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you very much, Biyi. And to try to make this a little bit more efficient, I will ask differently, is there anyone that thinks that we should not continue with this work? that sets it then. No objections. So yes, the small team should move forward with that. And lastly, we have the other session that could potentially raise some next steps is the corporate social responsibility. And may I ask Molehe to tell us about it?

MOLEHE WESI: Thank you, Alejandra. The session that was planned on the 24th of October was to share experiences across the regions on initiatives that the respective ccTLDs were doing around corporate social responsibilities. We had good presentations, notable moments through those ccTLDs presenting. And from one's observation, I think it is work that from the ccNSO, we need to continue monitoring and engaging on in terms of the approach. I think it aligns quite well with the work that the IGLC is doing. If of course, the council and the chair of the IGLC agree, it can be added as one of those standing agenda items in terms of engagement. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Do we have any comments on that one? Thank you. Oh, yes, Javier.

JAVIER RÚA-JOVET: Thank you, Javier Rúa-Jovet, for the record. That session was very good. And one of the presentations within the CSR paradigm was by Belgium on sustainability and sustainable SDGs and carbon impact of operations. And that seems also to align with other conversations that are happening elsewhere in our communities, even at the ICANN org level now.

Now ICANN is asking itself, there is a new goal for the CEO, ICANN goal number 8, that now Sally Costerton must start thinking as an org about ICANN's view of its environmental impact and what it's going to do with anything. And I think that has to do with some of the things that Philip from Belgium was talking about. What is the energy that ICANN uses? What is the impact of its servers? And other controversial things like travel. So very, very avant-garde conversation happening in ccNSO on CSR. And it was really, really, really good.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you, Javier. So maybe this is something that we should let the IGLC see if there's more interest on bringing that topic again. And if so, to let the MPC know that this is a continuous topic of interest. Instead of telling them that they should seek for it, maybe let's see how they feel, the community, if they want to tell us more on what they're doing on that. Would that be okay? Yes. Thank you very much.

With this, I'm moving forward with item 19. It's the review and adoption of ccNSO external and review of Council Roles and Responsibilities and appointees. So with this, as part of reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the ccNSO appointees to other groups, and as part of the succession planning process, the small team has reviewed the roles of the ccNSO appointees and also liaisons and otherwise. And the council has been updated regularly on the matter. And the latest changes were added to the file where we keep the descriptions. And the latest were on the RZERC and the RSS GWG. The goal is to approve the overview now. So we do have a resolution for this, but first, is there any question on this topic? I don't see any hands.

May I have a mover? I see Olga and Irina seconds. Thank you. So I will read the decision, is that the ccNSO Council adopts the ccNSO overview of external appointees, including the descriptions of skills and requirements. The ccNSO Council group who prepared the overview is requested to continue its succession planning work and report on its progress by ICANN79. The ccNSO Council appoints Pablo Rodriguez as ccNSO appointee on the ICANN Fellowship Selection Committee, replacing Stephen Deerhake, and for the duration of Stephen's term. The ccNSO secretariat is requested to publish the updated overview as soon as possible and publish it as well as this resolution. This resolution becomes effective upon its publication.

Any questions or comments on the resolution? I don't see any hands in the room or in Zoom, so could you please use your green ticks if you are in favor or your red crosses if you abstain or object? I see only green ticks. For good measure, is anyone objecting or abstaining? I don't see any hands. So with this, it's approved. Thank you very much.

And moving along, now we have another item. It's the review and update, if necessary, of council roles and responsibilities. But here what we are bringing is what we discussed in the council workshop regarding the need to exchange liaisons with the registry Stakeholder Group. The goal is to keep each other abreast of the areas both groups are focusing and inform each other and discuss mutual topics of interest. Before appointing councilors, we will need to ensure that the registry Stakeholder Group is interested too in this. So one of the formats to consider is to appoint liaisons per topic.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Alejandra?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: You're fast.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Sorry, I'll slow down. So to appoint liaisons per topic for example, DNS abuse or other, or maybe a general liaisons. Any comments on this one? I don't see any hands up. So we all agreed that this was a good idea during the workshop. And I want just to make it formal, if there are any volunteers to help discuss this with the registry stakeholder group. And I see Chris's hand up. Would you like to say something?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I've already started having a chat with the leadership and I think maybe we get our leadership together and I can just make that happen over a call in the next few weeks. We can start talking about how best to do it to suit everybody and maybe start gently and build to something more important over time. So if you want to ask me to do that, I'll be happy to do it.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I believe we all agree that it's a good idea. So yes, please. Thank you, Chris. With that, we move to item 20. And for this, we have the requested input and guidance on ccNSO and WS2 accountability recommendation 2.3. And may I ask David McAuley to introduce this topic for us, please?

DAVID MCAULEY: Thank you, Alejandra and members of the Council. I have been working on the Work Stream 2 Coordination Group and reporting back periodically about what we're doing. So we're on the cusp of getting into a discussion, as you can see from the email and from the language on the screen, about working on creating a community-wide framework for raising certain issues that have to do with the empowered community. And it came up initially in the context of the good faith requirements for removal of a board member, but it may have application beyond that in any empowered community kind of discussion.

And so the Work Stream 2 Coordination Group staff support have asked us in the working group to raise this with our communities. And in the process, we have pushed the subject off until a little bit later this year, perhaps early in January. But it was my understanding, Alejandra, and correspondence with you that the best way for us to approach this is that the Council may wish to look at the questions. There's two questions. Roughly, how do we want to approach deciding whether we want to participate in the creation of a community-wide framework, maybe to ask the guidelines review committee to take this up and discuss. And so that's roughly the nature of the question that's been presented.

In other words, that coordination group on which I participate is about soon to launch into discussions about creating a standardized framework to raise issues for the empowered community, first in the context of board removal, then in the context of other things such as maybe bylaws, bylaws rejection, those kinds of things. And so I wanted to present it to the Council and let the Council decide if it wanted to take this up, in which case I could do more work and come and brief you, or if you wanted to ask the guidelines review committee to take it up. Is that pretty much okay?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, thank you, David. Do we have any comments or questions for David? I don't see any hands up in the room or in Zoom, but yes, David, I agree that this is a topic that the guidelines review committee could definitely tackle since it's in their area of expertise, all things related to these matters. So if it's with everyone, I would like to propose that we give this to the GRC so they could provide feedback and I will inform ICANN org accordingly. You want to say something else, David?

DAVID MCAULEY: If I could just make one more comment, sorry, and thank you for the indulgence. I did speak with staff support this morning, mainly Melissa Allgood-Peters and Alp, and they understand that if we go that road, we will not be responding immediately, but we will be taking the matter up in due course, and that makes sense. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much, David. So are we in agreement? I see Stephen has his hand up.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you. I just want to thank David for his work and time spent on this effort, both now and going forward. Thanks on behalf of myself and the Council.

DAVID MCAULEY: Thank you.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I completely agree, Stephen. So if there are no objections, this is the way we will move forward. I don't see any hands up. So Sean, now you have this on your plate. Thank you. With that, we move along to item 21, and it's the review and feedback on ICANN proposal to retire recommendations from reviews and proposal to establish a cross-community group. So these two proposals were introduced during the SO/AC roundtable that happened virtually before the ICANN78. It was a little bit concerning that this form, it's been used to gather input from the community because it complicates a little bit the processes, but I think we can work through it a little bit.

So can I ask, since this is related to continuous improvement, may I ask Sean to give us an update from the open space and see how that relates with what we've been asked there?

SEAN COPELAND: Making me think of my feet. Sean Copeland for the record. I think you guys have heard from me about how much I love the open space session as much as Pablo loves having ICANN79 in San Juan. So here it goes. The process really opened up a lot of communication from people. So when we are dealing with difficult questions or questions that normally people have a lot of ideas about but may not be willing to or able to speak up for whatever reason, the methodology really lends itself to it. And I would think Alejandra that this and other things such as perhaps a PDP could be well started with something like an open space session. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Well, thank you very much for that. Do we have any other comments regarding this topic? These two topics that we have, we have the ICANN proposal to retire review recommendations or the ICANN proposal to establish a cross community group continuous improvement. And we do have a resolution here to request the guideline review committee to review them and give proposals back. Yes, Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: Thank you, Alejandra, Irina for the record. Just preliminary impression on the proposals. They definitely require detailed investigation, but the proposal to retire review recommendations looks quite reasonable. On the proposal on the cross-community group, I personally cannot say that I'm in agreement with all four tasks which are mentioned.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Irina. Maybe if I may ask Davey McAuley if it's not too much since you're already involved in such a kind of cross-community working group to seek your views on how it works and if you can share your experience on how such work working group works.

DAVID MCAULEY: Thank you, Alejandra. Again, it's David McAuley speaking for the record. So this particular group is the first cross-community coordination group I've been in. I did participate in CCWG and accountability, but it's been methodical. It's been somewhat slow, but deliberative in discussing ideas and coming up with recommendations. We don't, of course, do things like make policy, and so it's been good, but a very large part of that is we have excellent staff support as happens typically, but that's a requirement for this particular group. There are disparate interests represented from all of the SOs and ACs and virtually all of them, and so it takes time for things to gel, but I think it's a reasonable approach, but then our challenge these days is prioritization. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you. Thank you very much, David. So I think now we have all the information together, and if there are no more comments or questions, may I ask for a mover? I see Tatiana. Thank you. May I have a seconder? I see Jennifer. Thank you very much. So for this, the ccNSO Council requests the ccNSO Guideline Review Committee to review as soon as possible the ICANN proposals pertaining to retiring review recommendations and to establish a cross community group, continuous improvement. The ccNSO Council requests its chair to inform ICANN that the GRC is reviewing the proposals, and relevant staff will receive feedback from the GRC directly. The Secretariat is requested to publish this resolution as soon as possible, and this resolution becomes effective upon publication.

I see that Sean is already abstaining from the voting. So thank you, Sean. And for everyone else, could you please use your green ticks if you approve or your red crosses in case you abstain or object? I see only green ticks, so thank you very much. We note that Sean is abstaining. For good measure, anyone else or objections? I see none in the room or in the Zoom room. I was reading the comment in the chat. So with that, this has been approved.

Now we move forward with item 22. That's the Request for comments for Governance Principles for the Root Server System. And for this, I believe we have Peter Koch in the room. Not sure if we have Luis online, but please, Peter, could you please introduce the topic?

PETER KOCH: Thanks, Alejandra, dear Council members. This is Peter Koch for the record speaking from the audience as one of the two appointees to the

RSS GWG, which is the Root Server System Governance Working Group. And just to remind everybody, this is a group that is set up cross community to design the governance structure, the future governance structure for the Root Server System. So it is not yet, excuse me, it is not yet the governance structure is the one that designs it.

The ask here is the working group came up with a list of principles. So there's a lot of history in the group and we had a kind of a restart a year ago and we have met during ICANN meetings and we had two physical interim meetings as well. And mostly we have been working on these principles that should be guidelines, guardrails for the output, which would be again, the design of the working group. We are not the working group. We're not designed this to fill the seats ourselves.

This list of principles has been shared with the council. The ask from the RSS GWG is that all the appointees go back to their appointing constituencies and ask for feedback, or to be more concrete for, well, not formal approval, but for hopefully positive feedback, so that we can use this as a foundation for our further work. And to that extent, we haven't, first of all, I'm not sure, Luis might be in the room, I can't see him right now, he might have to add something. While you're looking for that, I'll slowly continue speaking, but not there.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: I don't see him online.

PETER KOCH: I'm sure he could add additional comments in writing later. So again, the ask is, is there feedback? There is a mechanism, there would be a mechanism for the whole working group to do public comments, this wasn't done deliberately. Also, because of timing, and that will be done at a later stage in the plan, so this is kind of a more or less informal, appointees, please go back and get confirmation that it's the way ahead. I understand that the list of principles is very long. I hope councilors had a chance to at least look into them. And I'm asking for guidance how to work on this, so we could either go through it, or if anybody has questions, we start this, or we set up another meeting with interested parties, which could also include community members.

I know that the board, for example, has a board technical committee to deal with these things, we've had tried similar things. So the ask is to go back, it's a, I don't know the exact date, but it's rather soonish. I'm open now to respond to any questions you might have, or any suggestions to have a chance to deeper dive into this. My recommendation, of course, would be being one of the appointees. And since we've worked on this and have, I think, consensus in that group, to go ahead, but it's very important that people have a closer look. Having participated in the work, there is, of course, a certain bias, maybe group bias, so that I would also appreciate the backup, and I'm pretty sure that's Louie's position as well. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Peter. I see Jiankang's hand up, so please, Jiankang.

JIANKANG YAO: Thank you for Peter's comments. I like some feedback because this work is very, very important. So the whole Internet community may keep an eye on it. So is it possible, so ccNSO appointed members, three, maybe every month or every two months, give a report to the ccNSO community, what happened in this working group? Just a summary. So maybe half a paragraph or some key points, and that's okay. Thank you.

PETER KOCH: Thank you, Alejandra. This is Peter again. So what I heard was a request for more regular updates. Just as a note, the meetings of the committee are open, and the documents and the interim documents are accessible. But I understand that an update is different from that, just for transparency reasons, this is all available. And I would be happy to give an update. These things involve long debates and discussion, which resulted in these principles. The issue at hand is discussing about the principles, or getting feedback and backing for those.

I sense that the request for updates is in addition to that, and I prefer that we first think about the principles. And Luis and I would be happy to engage in more updates with the community, which is also something that the RSS GWG as a whole will do. But I would appreciate the support from Jiankang for that work, and I'm happy that we have interest in the community about that, and we can coordinate on dates and times. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Peter. Chris?

CHRIS DISSPAIN: Thanks, Ali. Thanks, Peter. I apologize if I missed this. When do you have to have the comments back, Peter? Or is it just an informal comment?

PETER KOCH: Again, this is not a formal consultation, and I already forgot the exact date. I'm technically limited to my smartphone at the moment. So we'll look it up and share the date with the council.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: To be most useful, how quickly do you need to get that?

PETER KOCH: I'm pretty sure that in Luis's note, which I don't have at my hand, the date was already there. So thank you.

CHRIS DISSPAIN: I think we just need to read it and comment.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, thank you, Chris. Well, just to round up a little bit on the topic, is there any concerns that you think or anything that you think we should pay closer attention to?

PETER KOCH: I am confident that we had, like Luis and myself, had enough of ccTLD, not enough, but had a strong ccTLD perspective on this. But again, being in that discussion and in that group all the time, we would appreciate the backing. So this is about accountability of the Root Server System, also about future decision making, and also the root server operators have a very strong independence, which is to the heart of the ccNSO as well and to the ccTLDs individually. So that's a perspective we share.

On the same time, I believe that the ccTLDs would appreciate a more concrete accountability of the system as a whole. And that is probably the tussle to have and appreciate a comment or feedback in that direction. But there are no specific concerns of any one of these principles where I would say, oh, please, let's stop that. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Peter. Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Irina for the record, I have a question to Peter. Since you mentioned this is quite an important work which will progress further, would it be at any point in time the right moment to present it to the ccNSO community asking for the webinar or any other kind of event? And I'm not insisting it's now, but I'm just wondering whether it makes sense in the future.

PETER KOCH: This is Peter again. Thanks, Irina. Yes, that is of course a very good suggestion. The crucial question is what's the timing for that? For that overall work, the RSS GWG will engage in community feedback as per the charter, but also as per the intent of all the participants. To avoid, and don't get this wrong, the suggestion is great and we should do that. I'm just thinking of the progress is really slow. So to a certain extent, there is a certain moment at time when we can do this internally here, like getting the community informed, but I would like to avoid having a session every time, not because of my time, but because of yours, you witnessing a glacier move.

So take that as a short feedback of what the expected progress at the moment is. And that's our criticism. This is important work, so I'm happy we take that time for the outside observer. It might look slightly different. So maybe we can work together to sync the timings, so that we make an update session maybe next. I thought a Puerto ICANN meeting might be around the door, I heard that. So maybe at that time we can do that. But still, before that, definitely we need that feedback. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Peter. I agree, let's synchronize. So if you could send us a preferred date for us to give our informal opinion, that would be great, and then we can continue the conversation there. Thank you, Peter, and thank you, Luis, as well.

With that, I am going to the next item. It's item 23, it's the ICANN Leadership Program. We have recently received the request to select two candidates to participate in the ICANN Leadership Program. The deadline for the nomination is Wednesday, 15th of November. Today, the ccNSO Council has selected two persons that are generally, one is a councilor, and the other one is a non-councilor who serves in a leadership position in a working group or a committee. So I wonder if you agree that this year we do the same thing again, I seem to continue with what we have been doing. Is that okay? I see nodding and I see we all agree. Yes, of course.

BIYI OLADIPO: The way the ccNSO has always gone about selecting one councilor and a non-councilor in a leadership position is always makes the difference. I've attended the Leadership Academy as a participant, and Chris and I also go as community facilitators. Is that what they call it, Chris? Yes, community facilitators. And there's always a difference how the ccNSO actually brings people and brings the perspective of the CCs into the whole discussion and the conversations that happen at the academy, and I think we should continue that way. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Biyi. With that, since the deadline for nominating people is on the 15th of November, is it okay that Biyi, Jordan and I suggest the candidates to the full council and ask for your confirmation if this is a good idea so we can actually meet the deadline? I see nodding. I see thumbs up. Thank you very much. With that, are there any other business? Yes, Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I'd just like to note that in the public forum today, there was a discussion regarding a transfer of a TLD by board action, and I think we need to keep an eye on that. If it begins to gain traction, I think we're going to have issues. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Stephen. Noted. Anyone else? If not, I don't see any more hands up. I would like to go to the next part, that it's the Thank You's and Welcome. With this, thank you to DENIC and EURid for the outstanding ccNSO cocktail that culminated the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the ccNSO. It was a great party. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Thank you to auDA and SIDN for allowing the 20th anniversary session to have the right World Cafe environment to promote productive networking. Thank you.

Thank you to .vi and .as for promoting innovative setups to gather community input with Donuts at the Guideline Review Committee workshop.

Thank you to Javier Rúa-Jovet for your great energy and good work during your time at the ccNSO Council, and we appreciate that you will continue your work with us in the IGLC. Thank you for not going far away.

Also, I take the opportunity to welcome Wafa Dahmani. It's our newly appointed NomCom councilor that she will take her position after this ICANN meeting, so welcome, Wafa.

Thank you to the volunteers for organizing all the high-quality sessions, including the fun ones. Thank you to the Secretariat and extended ICANN staff for your incredible efforts and support before and during this meeting. Without you, nothing of this would be possible.

Thank you to the interpreters for coping with our fast pace and for your hard work and for allowing more participants to engage in the ccNSO activities. And finally, thank you all for participating either in person or remotely. This meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

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