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CLAUDIA RUIZ:

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BIYI OLADIPO:

Thank you very much, Claudia. Good morning, everyone. Good afternoon and good evening depending on where you're joining us from for those who are joining online. Welcome to the question-and-answer session for Board and Council elections. This is a very unique one because we're having Board and Council together as opposed to when we-- usually we'd have separate sessions for Board and separate sessions for Council.

Today, we're having a very interesting session. For Council, we have candidates from Africa, Asia Pacific, and Europe and North America also. For Africa and North America, we have one candidate each, and for Asia Pacific, we have two, and for North America, we have one. Now I'll just quickly introduce the candidates, and then we'll go straight into the question-and-answer session. And for Board, we have only one candidate. And so, what we'll do is we'll sort the Board session first, and then we'll go to that of the other candidates.

So, I'll introduce the candidates very quickly for Board. This is for Board Seat 11, and we have Katrina Sataki from .lv. She's actually going for a second term, so we would ask her questions related to her, what she looks at doing at the Board. And then for Council elections for Africa, we have Ali Hadji Mmadi, who also is going for a second term on the Council. For Latin America, we have Jennifer Lopez. She's also going for a second time in Council. For North America, we have Sean Copeland from .vi, and he also is going for a second time in Council. For Asia Pacific, we have Jiankang Yao from .cn. He also is contesting for a second time in Council. And we have Sami Mohamed Ali from .bh who is joining us today online. He's coming for a first time in Council.

Then for Europe, we have Irina Danelia from .ru. She's going for a second time in Council. Second or third? second time. Yeah, second time in Council. Then we have Peter Koch from .de who is also coming in, well, he's coming in for an attempt at the first time. And then Nicklas Pousette from .se who is also coming in for an attempt at the first time.

So, gentlemen and ladies, welcome. And we'll just click on. The format is I will kick off by asking the candidates questions, and then we'll throw it open to the house. Please feel free anytime, to raise your hand in the Zoom room. I'll call on you, and then you can speak as you are called upon. But please note that this session would follow all ICANN acceptable rules and standards. All right? So, with that, I'll call on Katrina to just tell us very quickly what she would like to do for a second time on the Board. Katrina.

KATRINA SATAKI:

Yes. Thank you very much, Biyi. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Of course, as you know, it's impossible to do anything when you do it alone, especially on the Board where which is a collective body. And, of course, also, considering the fact that, well, it's community that drives the process, and it is a bottom-up process. However, there are some things that I am currently leading being on the Board, and I really would like to continue doing that.

So first, as the chair of the Board's Organizational Effectiveness Committee which oversees reviews, I'd like to continue working on improving the way we run reviews at ICANN to ensure that they really deliver, that recommendations are implementable, that they are implemented in a timely manner, and that we all benefit from that. Of course, pilot holistic review is one of the first things that are on our plate, then improving of the way that the recommendations are stated by review teams, and also implementation of the continuous improvement program, which was one of the recommendations from the ATRT3 review, which stands for accountability and transparency review of ICANN, which is one of the basic things that ensure our bottom-up process and our multistakeholder approach.

Then I'm also leading, together with Danco, those efforts to make Board's interaction with the community more lively, more useful, more interesting for the community. Another thing is of course, I'm also chairing, together with Patricio, a caucus group which moves forward ccNSO policy on the review mechanism. Currently, as you may know, we have received several comments from different ICANN groups. And right after this meeting, we will come together to review and discuss the report from this public comment period and move it forward. And then,

of course, there are many other committees I'm participating in, but I will not perhaps take time now. Those are three most important things that are on my plate at the moment. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you very much, Katrina. Do we have anyone who has a question for Katrina? Anyone online, on-site? Okay. So, I think that's more or less concludes the discussions with Katrina. And I would like to go to the candidates for Council. Thank you. Okay. Very quickly, I give each candidate one minute, and you would tell us just give us a quick overview of your candidate statements. And for just for the record, the candidate statements have been posted in the relevant Council election space on the website, so you could look at that. But we would just like to hear from each one of them. I will start from Jiankang. We would go down like that, so we'd have one minute. Just a quick rundown on your candidate statement. Thank you. Jiankang?

JIANKANG YAO:

Thank you. My name is Jiankang Yao. I'm from CNNIC. I'm currently in ccNSO Council. So, my first ICANN meeting is in 2007. So, I'm involved also in IETF worker. In current my role at ccNSO Council, I'm involved ccPDP4 IDN working group and ccNSO Universal Acceptance committee and also a lot of IDN related work. So, since IDN's first day in 2003, now it's 2023, so it's 20 years, but it's still not gotten bigger deployment. So in the future, I will do more work to help with the IDN and UI, UA related things, universal Council work or ccNSO work. I join ccNSO, I think we can increase the diversity and provide views from the technology standing point since I have a lot of technology point. I'm

also waiting to help the ccNSO community capacity building. I also promise to commit my time to any duty related to ccNSO Council work. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Jenifer?

JENIFER LOPEZ: Thank you, Biyi. I'm going to speak Spanish. [Spanish 00:11:37].

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Jenifer. Sean?

SEAN COPELAND: Thank you, Biyi. So this will be my second term. I've enjoyed working with my fellow councilors very much. It shouldn't be surprising after Washington that an area that is of great interest to me is Providing a resource for small and medium-sized ccTLDs in terms of succession planning. And I believe that this will actually end up being a flip coin to a major work item within Council and within the community over the next two or three years, so I'm looking forward to that.

And the other thing that I am highly interested in is the continuous improvement and the different methodologies that we have tried out this past week. And I believe that in Looking at those and working with the Board and supporting what Katrina is actually pushing, that we will actually enhance the membership involvement within the ccNSO, so I look forward to doing that over the next three years. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Sean. Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: Hello, everyone. I'm seeking the support for my second term. And during the first term, I did gain additional experience from my fellow Council colleagues, but also from entire community, and this would help me to be even more involved and focused in exercising my duties. So if reelected, I will focus on the implementing the ccNSO strategy to achieve ccNSO goals in the following areas.

First, to ensure that ccNSO contribution to ICANN broader work is at highest level and that our voice is heard and considered. Secondly, supporting ccNSO related policy development and also implementation of this policy. And secondly, ensuring that ccNSO activities are prioritized and conducted in the most efficient manner, so we provide timely response to the upcoming requests. And I will keep continuing ccNSO in an honest and collaborative manner, making sure that every voice here is heard and providing all my energy and knowledge to the benefit of the entire ccTLD community. My focus is not only discussing and speaking, but also making things happen. So, I'll definitely focus on the deliveries. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Irina. Nicklas?

NICKLAS POUSETTE: Good morning all. I think most of us see the need and the use of policy work, but let's not forget that what unites us all more than two letters for a country code, and a dot is the technology. We live from converting name to numbers. So, what I want to do is put technology higher up on the agenda for the ccNSO Council. That's the first thing. I think that could bounce to other parts of the ICANN as well, for example G space is the same situation as we have. That's the first thing.

The other thing as I come from a small country up in Northern Europe with lots of minorities, I indeed want to work for both diversity and inclusion in all aspects of ICANN and ccNSO. So, that's the two things I will focus on in this role. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you very much, Nicklas. Ali?

ALI HADJI MMADI: Thank you very much. Good morning, everyone. I'll speak in French. [French 00:17:23].

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Ali. So, we have Peter.

PETER KOCH: Yeah. Thank you, Biyi, and good morning to all of you who have found their way here to listen to us and ask us questions. So, my name is Peter Koch. I work for DENIC .de as a policy adviser. I have been around in domain management, I guess, since 30 years by now, not all the time at

DENIC. And I have also been involved and active in the numbers, the protocol arena, and more recently, in governance circles.

So first and foremost, this cross-community and cross-silo work is important to me, and I consider it important for the community. And being on the Council would be one opportunity to actually add that experience and contribute furthering that work because it is also going to be increasingly important within ICANN Circles. There are lots of cross-community committees, and the previous ccNSO Councils trusted me to act as one or one of several appointees to those committees. Most of them technical, but also governance of the root server system and so on and so forth. And again, this cross-community work is a very important role for the ccNSO in ICANN.

The other part that we've seen in the recent years that there's still some policy work to do like global policy, policy for ICANN that the ccNSO must shape for the benefit of the ccTLDs. So, I have been involved in the recent ones on the retirement, the review, and the IDN ccTLDs, which are all coming to a close, so don't be worried that I would be bound by those in parallel to sitting on the Council potentially. And there's probably some other policy work in front of us which has been discussed recently, like emergency reactions, and such.

Other than that, I think I have a certain track record of advocating for strong independence of the ccTLD both from ICANN, but also the diversity so that we are jointly working on things, but we all take care of our own policy and shield ourselves from that influence.

Finally, another important role, and I think the Council has started well attended initiatives in this meeting, the information sharing and the

more direct conversation between ccTLD managers within and across region in particular is also becoming increasingly important due to regulations having influence not only regionally, but also globally, GDPR and others coming from Europe, and there are account is in other directions as well. So, that all I think would be a good contribution to the Councilor. In addition, I have this tech policy combination. I would like to be able to add that to the Council. Thank you very much.

BIYI OLADIPO:

Thank you very much, Peter. Sami?

SAMI MOHAMED:

Hi. This is Sami for the record from .bh I have been involved with ICANN for almost five years and .bh being fairly new ccTLD, we had to go through a lot of processes with ICANN and IANA for redelegation, which was very informative in terms of the whole process.

What I would like to share is the idea and the concepts that we are working on in the region of Middle East and Asia. Currently, I've worked with the APTLD policy development working group, and we are working on the Iraq policy development. I'm also part of the IANA review function representing ccNSO community. I would like to use all these skills and all this information in developing ccNSO. And Asia Pacific region being one of the most diverse regions in ICANN with so many languages, we are heavily working on Universal Acceptance with ICANN and developing courses for the universities and to implement projects that will enhance the use of Universal Acceptance within the region and support the community in the ccNSO.

So from my goal, if I'm appointed as a ccNSO councilor, I would like to emphasize more of my duties towards Universal Acceptance and the ccTLD development for the region and use the global experiences from other colleagues and implement them within the region. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:

Thank you very much, Sami, and thank you to all the candidates for the statement. I would like to kick off the question and answers like this. I will ask a question to the candidates, but I'll concentrate more on the region where we're going to have elections. So that's the Asia Pacific and the European region, but to give opportunity to the other regions too to chip in. In all the discussions and everything that has been said, if you think it's come to the fore, I hear the word support, I hear the word involvement, collaboration, engagement. How would you, and this I'll start with Peter, how would you work to bring more people from your region to be involved in the work of the ccNSO?

PETER KOCH:

Yes, thank you. Thank you, Biyi. I think that the regional organizations have a strong role to play here. And in our case, I think we might be a bit privileged because we have a long tradition in CENTR to already have a good network and connections within the region, and it would be natural to advocate for more involvement in the ccNSO by sharing the opportunities, like explaining what the different committees and the different working groups actually offer. Which also means that we might need to bring more people in outside the usual suspect area. So not only send policy people, but people with a different background to these different committee.

And first and foremost, actually, I, of course, agree with your premise that, yeah, we need to increase the engagement. You are specifically for the region, and that would be my approach. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Nicklas?

NICKLAS POUSETTE: The short answer is try to spread the word through different types of organization within Europe such as CENTR and different activities. I went to CyberChess in Lithuania last month, which is a good event. Trying to push what is done within the ccNSO and see how are you willing to contribute and how would you in such case contribute. And also falling back feeling like a parallel to the technology, and if that unite us, let's work from that and see if we have a joint mission there, could we collaborate and see take the next step on that and do that within the ccNSO umbrella.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: First of all, I always use an opportunity to talk at local, national, maybe regional, or end events about this, what ccNSO is, what is its role and what it does and why it is important. Secondly, at the individual level, I believe that it's very important just to guide potential newcomers, potential active leaders when they start to demonstrate the interest. So

if I see within my organization or somewhere around somebody young and active and willing to learn, I always offer my guidance and support and try to explain what it is and how you can contribute in the most efficient way.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Can we have Sami?

SAMI MOHAMED: Yeah. Hi. Sorry, Biyi, can you repeat the question, please?

BIYI OLADIPO: How would you work to bring more people from the region to the work of the ccNSO?

SAMI MOHAMED: All right. Thank you. Thank you for the question. As I've mentioned, I'm actively participating in the Asia Pacific top-level domain name group where we do engage with all the regional development and support for any organization. So it's more of how we communicate with them and how we encourage them about and share the knowledge related to ccNSO and the work that is being done in a broader perspective of ICANN. And the more knowledge you share and the more engagement you have will encourage the new entrants to come, feel at ease when they're rejoining ccNSO or ICANN.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Jiankang?

JIANKANG YAO: Thank you. So first, I already joined many meetings such as APTLD, API, GFO, and also ITL meetings. So, when you have those issues related to ccNSO, I will encourage them to join the ccNSO activity. Second thing, I think, if we try to make a ccNSO a good platform, we can attract the more people to join the conference, so it's like activities. So maybe we can do some more capacity buildings.

So currently, I'm involved in a lot of Universal Acceptance activities and join many working groups. So, in future, I will also plan to have some UA activities all over the world because APTLD may just work in the region, but ccNSO, we can be a global region, so we can move together. So, we can bring, raise, held some activities so we can attract more people to join ccNSO activities.

If ccNSO has some seminar or some, I will also help to promote this information to other organization or other people to attract them to join our ccNSO activities. ICANN has already have UA Day as a top priority in I think in 5 years or 10 years. So this is a big topic I think we all need. Also, IDN ccTLD will be applied in the near future. I think in future, we can do a lot of things to attract more people to join. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. You can join the conversation by asking questions. So please, you can put up your hand on the Zoom room, and I'll call on

you to join the conversation. My next question is to everyone. Okay? Whether you have an election in your region or not, this is to everybody, and I'm going to call you randomly. It's not going to be according to any order. All right?

And this question is, the ccNSO is 20 years, and a lot has been done so far. We've had a lot of milestones, and things have been done, lot of work has been done to date. My question to you is, in your opinion, what do you think the ccNSO's priorities should be going forward? So in the next 5, 10, 15, 20 years, what should ccNSO be focusing on? Anyone who wants to answer first, or should I just take a random take? Okay. I see Peter first, and then we'll take every other person after that. Yeah, Peter.

PETER KOCH:

Yeah. Thank you, Biyi. This is Peter again. I think this week already set some expectations and also some directions that shaping the role and explaining the role of the technical community is something that the ccTLDs and therefore the ccNSO as well desperately need to engage in. Not to engage in desperately, but. Most of us have good connections into the government. That doesn't mean that all the relations might be perfect, but the connections are there. There's a lot to explain, and not to complain. Just to remind you of my previous slides. So explaining the role, explain what we're doing, also maybe explaining what ICANN does and what ICANN means in our specific context, I think that is one of the priorities.

And then I will be brave, the way you asked for it. So the five-year horizon, I guess, is enough for that. I do think and I mentioned that

earlier I do think that, also recent political or other developments have suggested there's also some still some policy work to do. And other thing on the agenda is probably shaping the work that we do within the community. From having been appointed to a couple of committees, I understand that we need probably to broaden the pools of candidates for that that relates to your previous question, how we can engage more people and maybe how can we also engage people who won't be able to travel to ICANN meetings but could be otherwise very helpful to the ccNSO. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:

All right. Thank you. Yes, team.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

We have a question online. It's a question to all candidates, and I'm going to paraphrase part of this. What will you do to improve the method or the meetings to make it more effective benefiting the ccNSO members?

BIYI OLADIPO:

Okay. Any volunteers to take? It's a question to all candidates, so anybody can take it. Yes, Sean.

SEAN COPELAND:

Sean Copeland on the record. I'll address this question, just because of the work that we actually did this meeting, attempting to use new methodologies. You raise a good point because what we did we did

here, it was not online, and that does cause a little bit of a break for those people that are offline. They don't get to experience what we did. And I am hoping over the next three to six months, within the community work groups, we work on a way to bring that to you when you are online so that you can experience what we experienced in the room, and experience the resulting work output that we got that was very, very good. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Ali, I saw your hand for that question.

ALI HADJI MMADI: Okay. [FRENCH 00:38:17].

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. I know we have another question online. Before we take the question online, I'd like Irina and Nicklas to react to the priorities question.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sami has his hand up to address that previous question as well.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. All right, Sami. Let's give Sami that opportunity, and then we'll come back to Irina and Nicklas.

SAMI MOHAMED:

Hi. This is Sami for the record. Thank you, Biyi, for allowing me just to share my thought on the question that you raised earlier for the ccNSO plan for the next 10 years. As ccTLDs are mainly part of a variety of countries and languages, so I think Universal Acceptance is something that is dear to us because Bahrain being Arabic language speaking country, and the option of having Arabic language or any other language in the Internet other than English would be very useful to make sure that everyone can use the Internet, and we can support the whole community.

So that is one part we are working very hard on. And as Ali mentioned, the academia, we are also quite aggressively working with ICANN to introduce some programs that will fulfill the Universal Acceptance, IDN, and in general, domain name work for the students to make them understand what all goes in Internet governance platform in general and how the whole Internet community works. So this is something that I would like ccNSO to focus on and push hard to accomplish it sooner than later. Second point-- Sorry?

BIYI OLADIPO:

Sami, we would need to move to the other two so that we can cut this quite short. All right? Nicklas and-- Well, Irina, then Nicklas.

IRINA DANELIA:

Okay. Talking about priorities. I fully agree with the point made by Peter on that it's necessary to ensure that the technical community is taken into consideration and its voice is heard when discussing the Internet governance issue. And in terms of internal collaboration, well,

this is one of priorities, I mean, collaboration, we think ICANN with other stakeholder groups and advisory committees, the coordination and exchange of views would be even more important in the coming years with regard the potential holistic review process and some other processes within ICANN where we will have to come to mutually agreed solutions and decisions.

Also, another priority is that the voice of ccTLDs is heard and is taken into account in the global ICANN community, in the discussion with regard the coming with the next five years strategic plan. In the efforts ICANN makes in relation to the registrants or registrars. In other various activities, in their prioritization work where I participate on behalf of the ccNSO. It's part of annual planning cycle, and here, I aim to ensure that ccTLD related initiatives are prioritized at the level that will satisfy us as a community. So, that would be maybe the street.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Nicklas?

NICKLAS POUSETTE: Well, I agree with my colleagues that aligning technology with policy work is a very, very, very Important task to do. I also think that a couple of quite small organizations. We heard earlier this week about CIRA and SIDM collaborating and joining resources that we produce more in a better way. I think If we could work tighter together in different aspects, that will join the industry as well, and it will join all of us together. So looking into that and see how can we unite in a better way will be something I would advocate.

And I also think the world is going through some quite tough political challenges right now. I think it's important for the ccNSO to be like a stable part in this world and see how can we unite and stand up for our agenda in a good way. That's my short answer.

BIYI OLADIPO: Oh, okay. All right. Thank you. So we have a question online, and then we'll take [inaudible 00:44:14]. Let's take the question online first.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thanks. This is also to all the candidates. What do you think about the ccNSO mentorship program? Would you reintroduce it to ensure better participation and good succession planning?

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Who wants to take that question on ccNSO mentorship program? Jenifer?

JENIFER LOPEZ: [Spanish 00:44:40].

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Any other person with suggestions on the mentorship program? Okay. Seeing none. Jiankang.

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- JIANKANG YAO: Maybe I add one point. So in the future, if someone related to the ICANN meeting from ccNSO, so ccNSO can get the list of which participants from ccNSO members. So, we can ccNSO maybe have mentoring group. So ccNSO Council have select, for example, five mentors. So there's newcomers from ccNSO, then there are the mentors. In every meeting, every ICANN meeting, the mentor will give the newcomers a simple training, maybe in a working group. So we share information together so we can let them easily join the ccNSO program or working group that lets them learn about each other, so we can be a ccNSO family. So let them feel all we are very friendly family. Thank you.
- BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you.
- CLAUDIA RUIZ: I apology apologize for interrupting. Just a reminder for all the participants and the panelists, please go at a slower pace for our interpreters. Thank you.
- BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Thank you for reminding us to go slow so the interpreters can work well, and we don't put them on fast pace. Yes, Eberhard.
- EBERHARD LISSE: Okay. If elected, what will you do that during future question and answer times for candidate, every candidate is given sufficient time to answer the questions?

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay, thank you. That's very well noted. Yes, Abda. Yes, Abdalmonem.

ABDALMONEM GALILA: Abdalmonem for the record. Actually, my question to all the members here, all the candidates, what are the hottest topic regards to your region? Select one of them and speak about. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: I want to understand that question.

ABDALMONEM GALILA: Yeah. What I said is related to for Africa, there are some topics in the stage of ICANN related to that region. So how could I as a Council member candidate could go for this area, one of this topic? I want them to speak about that.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So that that seems to tell me that you're asking each one of them to tell us what their focus is as far as their regions are concerned coming into the ccNSO Council. All right. Great question. I'll start from Jiankang, and then we'll go all the way, and then we'll go to Sami.

JIANKANG YAO: Okay. Thank you. I think Universal Acceptance is currently a hot topic. So the UAC community, [inaudible 00:48:51] is the chair of the UAC committee.

BIYI OLADIPO: Please, we'll do it very quickly, one minute each.

JIANKANG YAO: Oh, okay. Okay. So, in future, we will use work with UAC and ccNSO to promote our Universal Acceptance in Asia Pacific region in our region. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Jenifer?

JENIFER LOPEZ: [Spanish 00:49:21].

BIYI OLADIPO: Sean?

SEAN COPELAND: Thank you. For this one, it's a personal thing. In North America and in particular in Canada, my focus is very much aligned with what CIRA's is, which is improving the access to Internet with indigenous communities throughout Canada. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: I would say that definitely dealing with DNS abuse and malicious usage of DNS system. Secondly, the legislative initiatives that are coming from different governments and ccTLDs have to deal with them. Also, both implementing them, but before that, trying to educate their governments.

BIYI OLADIPO: Nicklas.

NICKLAS POUSETTE: I would say the hottest topic in Europe would probably be the NIS2 directive that's going to hit many of us hard in a couple of months. And that will affect policy work, legislation, probably down to centralization of Internet resources in some way. I will say that's the main topic to be aware of. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Ali?

ALI HADJI MMADI: [French 00:51:26].

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Peter?

PETER KOCH: Thanks, Biyi. I would, of course, agree with Nicklas that, obviously, the hottest topic in the European Union, and the region is larger than the European Union, but most of the non-European Union states in Europe will also be affected one way or another by what is happening there. It's not only the NIS2 directive and that kind of regulation. And I think I wrote that in my statement.

The regulatory appetite of that very legislator, that is also ambitious to set examples for other world regions. And this is, I think, what it might make that a topic for the ccNSO. Otherwise, we'll deal with it in the region, but in this effect, the spillover effect in a positive or negative sense—GDPR is another example—that could be of concern or should be of concern of interest for the ccNSO and spread the word there. Other than that, these topics are covered in ICANN in many places already. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Sami?

SAMI MOHAMED: Hi. This is Sami. Just to reiterate that the hottest topic right now or the main focus in the region is on the Universal Acceptance followed by a DNSSEC to improve the security, and the third is the challenge of capacity building in relation to the know-how of how domain name and the Internet governance works. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. I think we can squeeze in two more questions very quickly. So we have one online, and then I have-- Oh, is that your question? Oh, okay. So good. That's the only question that we have. So that last one, let's squeeze that in.

KIMBERLY CLARKSON: I do have a question. For the remaining questions, do you want us to send them to the election manager to disseminate and share further or? Because there are a couple questions still in chat online.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So what we'll do, we'll take this last one, and then the question from Yuri, we'll take that, and then the others, we can send to the election manager to spread around because we have very little time left.

KIMBERLY CLARKSON: Oh, okay. So the question from Yuri is within the topics, this is for the candidates in the AP region, within the topics discussed among ccNSO, there are issues other than UA. What issues other than UA that you consider important for the AP region?

BIYI OLADIPO: This is very specific to the AP region, so Jiankang and Sami.

JIANKANG YAO: Okay. Thank you. UA is maybe top one, top two. But the other important is like DNS abuse or DNS security because we sell domain name. If domain the name is not a safe, so we cannot sell more domain names. There was some issues. So we maybe cannot follow the government as a policy. We should increase the DNS domain's security or stop or block DNS abuse so we can use ccNSO to do something to help Asia Pacific region to do more, help each other or information sharing to reduce the DSN domain name abuse. Another way is to increase the security of DNS. Maybe we can deploy DOH, DOT, OT and SEC. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Sami?

SAMI MOHAMED: Hi, Sami for the record. As my colleague Jiankang mentioned, the region is mainly focused because recently we had the Asia Pacific top-level domain name meeting and the discussion is all around Universal Acceptance, DNS security, and capacity building of the nation or the region in terms of domain name knowledge. So that these are the three key main factors right now that we are working that should improve the domain uptake as well for ccTLDs as compared to gTLDs. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Final thing that I'm going to do for people from the AP and the European region, I'll give each candidate 30 seconds to sell themselves to the electorates. Okay. So we'll start with Sami, and then

we'll come back this way. So 30 seconds you have, sell yourself to the people who are going to vote for you. Sami.

SAMI MOHAMED: Hi, Sami for the record. So basically, as I mentioned, I'm currently working with multiple working groups with ICANN and APTLD region, and I would like to continue my work and increase my reach to the global impact. And that is the reason why I would like to be part of ccNSO to represent the region and the broader community. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Jiankang.

JIANKANG YAO: I will continue to do some work relate to IDN, DNS abuse, DNS security. So, so I joined the ccNSO increase the diversity broader view from the technology starting point. So also help with the policy creating or policy program. I'm ready to continue using my knowledge and experience to do some contribution to the whole ccNSO community. Thank you. Irina?

IRINA DANELIA: I've learned a lot of community, and I'm paying back my student's law, and currently, I'm even better equipped to continue to contribute the councilor work in an honest, efficient, collaborative manner, and I promise to give my energy and my dedication for the benefit of the

entire ccTLD community. And I am really focused on delivering what should be achieved and making things happen. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Nicklas?

NICKLAS POUSETTE: First of all, I hate selling myself, so this is hard. But if you agree with me that technology needs to be better aligned with policy work, then vote for me. I promise to bring some new blood into the community, and I promise I won't make you disappointed. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you, Nicklas. Peter?

PETER KOCH: Yeah. The 20 seconds limit is incompatible with the translator protection. So, I'll be brief. Strong tech policy background, track record in the ccTLDs are very important in ICANN. Help me help you foster that situation. And if you have any questions, just approach me. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you so much, everyone. I would like to say a big thank you to the candidates for being very candid and speaking their hearts. And it's left to you, the members from the different regions to vote for the candidate that you think would represent your region much better on the Council. My further thanks goes to those of us who are on this

side of the table for at least even putting ourselves out there to get nominated and contribute to the work that we're doing.

Elections would not hold in the North America, Africa, and Latin American and Caribbean regions because we have only one candidate each for those regions. But elections would hold from the 9th of November through to the 30th of November for Asia Pacific and the European region.

So, I'd like to say thank you so much, ladies and gentlemen, and wish you all the best. And for those who are contesting, may the-- I don't want to say the better man or woman. I just want to say may the best candidate win. Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Thank you. This concludes the session. Please stop the recording.

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