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ANDREA GLANDON:

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BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Thank you, Andrea. And good morning to everybody. Thank you for getting up early this morning to be in this session. When you see these schedules, you don't know the practical implication of it. It's just like,

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yeah, we have a space. Then only to figure out that, ah, it's so early, why? But anyways, we're here this morning. So I just want to welcome you to the non-commercial user constituency meeting. This is the home for academics, researchers, civil society organizations. And anyone who cares about human rights, freedom of expression, no censorship, all of that, it's very close to our hearts. And we've been doing that from the beginning of ICANN. And all of our veterans or those who have gone ahead of us, have stayed true to these principles. And we are part of the non-commercial stakeholder group. And that's where we participate in the policy development process. So this is where everyone is free to discuss, share their views, the community doesn't gag you to what you say. You are welcome to our community and we hope you engage actively in today's conversation.

So our agenda, we're welcoming new individuals to our midst today. I will give you a little bit of updates. We're excited about something. We just revamped our website. We're also going to discuss briefly about one of our rep—and then we're going to allow Oksana to make a presentation here about something she's passionate about that also in a way interface, kind of resonate with us as well. And we're looking forward to how you could participate this morning. Moving forward, we'll show you other ways to engage as well as the event we're going to have later today. As I look around the table, I'm trying to find my escorts. So, Mili, would you introduce yourself quickly and—

MILI SEMLANI:

Thanks, Benjamin. This is Mili for the record. I am the NCUC EC for the APAC region. Thank you.

KEN HERMAN: Good morning, everybody. Ken Herman for the record. I am the NCUC Executive Committee member representing North America, Canada, United States and Puerto Rico.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you. I thought you also share a word of motivation or encouragement, not just your name.

KEN HERMAN: I'd be happy. Ken Herman for the record again. Happy to share my interest in becoming part of NCUC. I have many years of experience in information technology and then doing international development, having worked for NGOs and United Nations for much of my career after completing a master's degree in computer science. They were the punch card days but we don't speak about that.

During that time, I had the opportunity to assist most both small organizations as well as individuals establish a presence on the internet. I experienced the challenges that they faced in obtaining a domain name, trying to navigate the essentials of computers and connectivity. And in recent years, some of the more difficulties in managing their domain names, what do they do when they get notices of various kinds, how could they move to a different registrar if they were becoming cost prohibitive for them, etc.

And while in the work that I was doing, I had always been exposed to ICANN, I had an interesting experience working at the UN when the

initial round of gTLDs were announced and the United Nations was attempting to preserve their second level domain names or their names at the second level for that which was still under discussion I guess at the international organizations. And so my role as ICT coordinator for the UN system, I worked with the legal department to communicate to the organizations what the issues were as well as bring back some information about it. And that's led me to an interest in becoming more involved at the operational level like we are here. So that's my background. Thank you very much.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Ken. I wanted you to motivate us. But briefly because we have-- we can quickly go around the room because we are not that many.

MILI SEMLANI: So my background in journalism and media have always been passionate about sharing people's voices, views, and opinions. I think that's what also brings me to NCUC since we defend the rights of the common person and more so in a policy way. So I would see that as a lot more impactful. One other thing I'm really passionate about in this space here is definitely building a bridge for a lot of the newcomers, fellows included, that come to this space, like me, do not speak the language of policy or technology like my really adept colleagues here. But I think to build that bridge by mapping them to veterans and seniors like Kathy, Stephanie, everybody else who has been doing this for a long time. So I want to spend a lot of time building that bridge. Thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: So I also like to acknowledge the presence of some individuals in the room before we go around the room generally. Yaovi, do you want to say a word or two? And if you don't, Kathy, I'd like to introduce you as well. Thank you. Go ahead please.

KATHY KLEIMAN: I'm interested in hearing about everybody here, but thank you Benjamin. Kathy Kleiman and I'm one of the founders of the Noncommercial Users Constituency. So it goes back to the beginning. Before there were stakeholder groups, there were constituencies. And coming together at ICANN, there was no other voice for the noncommercial community and particularly for noncommercial speech on the internet. We were the first speech on the internet, guys. The internet was founded for, well, initially it was, you know, a DARPA experiment and data packets, but then it was handed off to the US National Science Foundation and they connected colleges and universities. The early internet was a network of education and research and personal speech and political speech. And so when I came into this world in the mid-1990s, as we were organizing ICANN, I was involved earlier when I was in computer science, there was a big push kind of almost, purposely or inadvertently to push off noncommercial speech because commercial speech was coming online and they were creating rules that would really hurt everybody else. And so we show where proposed rules might hurt noncommercial speech and how we work for real fairness and balance in the system. Back to you, Benjamin. Thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Kathy. Manju, do you want to introduce yourself?

Benjamin, I might-- I can actually at least introduce myself. I guess that's proper. Yeah. So I'm Julf Helsingius. I'm chair of the NCSG. I'm a Swedish-speaking Finn and there's this wonderful Finnish saying. And so whatever you say better be more valuable than the silence you break. So I'm not going to spend any more airspace on that. Thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you. Manju.

MANJU CHEN: I'm Manju Chen from Taiwan. I'm representing NCSG on the GNSO Council. And yeah, thank you very much. I'm here because I'm an NCUC member. I like to attend my membership meetings. And yeah, we can talk more later I guess. I'm time conscious so.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: So we could go around the room right now quickly. Just tell us, yeah.

SHITA LAKHSMI: My name is Shita Lakshmi. I'm a first-time fellow in ICANN offline and online. Thank you very much. From Indonesia.

LETITIA ADELINE MASAEA: My name is Leticia. I'm from Solomon Islands and I'm a first-time fellow.

NAIMA AWAN: Hey everyone. I'm Naima Awan. I'm a first-time ICANN 78 fellow from Pakistan. Thank you.

SARAI FALEUPOLU TEVITA: Talofa, hello. I'm Sarai from Samoa. First-time fellow and first time in ICANN meeting. Thank you.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS: Hello everyone. My name is Juan Manuel Rojas. I am NCSG member. I think that's it. And the incoming chair. I'm incoming chair from NPOC.

ILIYA BAZLYANKOV: Hello everyone. My name is Iliya Bazlyankov from Bulgaria. For the moment, I'm just observer. But in the past, I was part of [inaudible] initiative which pioneered in Eastern Europe.

[NADIA BAZLYANKOV:] Hello everyone. I'm Nadia Bazlyankov from Ukraine. For now, I'm observing and learning. Thank you.

SAM LANFRANCO: Sam Lanfranco, NCSG. This is my 10th year with ICANN. I'm interested in integrity and trust.

JEAN-FRANCOIS: Hi everyone. Jean-Francois [inaudible] for the record. I am the incoming communications chair for NPOC.

RAOUL PLOMMER: Raoul Plommer. I'm the current chair of NPOC.

FLAVIO WAGNER: Flavio Wagner, professor for computer science in Brazil and a member of NCUC since 2009, I think.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello everyone. I come from Benin. I'm president of ISOC chapter Benin. Thank you.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Hello. Oksana Prykhodko. I am from Ukraine. I am member of NCUC since 2009, but I was a silent member until now. Thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: And Oksana is also our fellow for this event, for this ICANN meeting. So NCUC does that as well to give a slot to a member to come to the meeting. So participating with us, we can also facilitate that for a member. So thank you, Oksana. And thank you everyone for introducing yourself.

INES HFAIEDH: Hi everyone. Hi Benjamin. This is Ines Hfaiedh. I am NCUC executive committee member for Africa. And I wish you a great meeting.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Ines. So thank you everyone. One of the ways we show our presence is to ensure that we have a robust and strong website where we can share views. And really this is another way members can engage or participate beyond the mailing list. So for example, I was telling some of the newcomers and members I've met, if you have an opinion about a particular conversations that you've engaged in this meeting, it's okay and fair for you to put up a blog and with not so much strict reviews but as long as it resonates, share a perspective of some of the conversations we have been having, we're eager to post it on our website. And for us, it's that expression that we also bring. So in that purpose, we have invested significantly to get, you know, our website back on in order for it to be as responsive as what is obtainable right now. Andrea, can you help us please?

ANDREA GLANDON: I'm unable to get to the website right now. I'm getting an error.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: No way, not today.

ANDREA GLANDON: I know. I'm sorry.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: It shows on mine. Maybe your computer is--

ANDREA GLANDON: Yeah, I have a bad computer obviously. Do you want to share your screen?

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: I didn't mean your computer is bad. So, don't you guys like our website? This is our new website. So, yes, we deserve a round of applause. So, remember it took us a while to come up with this and the process we had to work with a couple of individuals to get this website up and running. We're open to feedback. We sent it on the mailing list for individuals to chime in and give us their feedback. But this is what we have. So what we want to encourage individuals to do is to go to the website, look at it, there's still-- I mean, this is the final product that we signed off on. It shares our mission. You could go there and see some of our past engagements, some of our members, when you see them on the corridor, you can catch up with them. And also, maybe people you know that used to be part of us and all of the things we do, it's-- we try to express all of that through this website. So, yeah, they put this here. So you can see all of our members. You see, this is Kathy, this is Tomslin. We're a happy bunch and we get serious thing done. That is Ken and that's Mili. So everybody is here. And we try to put a twist to this. These are executives. So all of this is on the-- So here are places where you can-- We really need to update our content in terms of bring up to date conversations to the page. And that has to be done by us. We can't pay people to share their views. We expect things you're passionate about to come on the websites. So at this point, I just want to know if there's anybody that has any reaction or any opinion about this website you've just seen right now. Or if you have been wanting to share something about the website, this is the time to do that. Or if you've gone through

it and you noticed anything. Hello? So Olga was our EU-- I said EU, what? European representative worked with-- What is his name now? Somebody behind this scene to get our website up. And a lot of the work that goes into having web presence is voluntary. It's individuals who just have the technical skills that support us. We have the E-team that help us. And you can join that team as well to help improve our capacity to be present online. Help us with our social media, all of that. Those are different areas where we need support.

KEN HERMAN:

Ken Herman for the record. Thank you, Benjamin. Just while we're describing the website, I just want to point out that it was a huge effort to transport the website to a new site. And so much of the focus really was on making sure the content got migrated to a new server, using new technology. Not much was done about the content. And I think that's what Benjamin you're getting at, is that we made some small effort to try and sort of pare out the content that might have been a little older and really wasn't relevant. Mostly what the website was done was streamlined and things actually making it work. So there's a lot of content there that really needs review and can be updated. We have pages on policy that are really quite old, some blog posts that may no longer be all that relevant. And we'd be looking for new content. So, you know, the EC together are-- we're making an effort to review that but encourage other viewers who have an interest in a particular area or who see something that is obviously a little out of date to let us know and help us to maintain the content a little bit more current. As you all know, working on websites, it's a huge effort to do so. And we'll be talking about other ways to do engagement during the course of this

discussion. But I just wanted to point out that don't-- you will notice as you look at the website that some of that can be refreshed and we know about that. And we need help to address that. Thanks, Benjamin.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Ken. I can't add any other thing to that again. That's exactly what the situation is. So here you have it. We have a new website and we hope you engage it and we look forward to your feedback so that it can fully represent who we are online. Thank you. And this can also go out as a call for a blog, a call for opinion post, a call for anything you'd like to share with a broader audience. We're willing to give you the platform as long as it aligns with our missions and values. Thank you very much.

At this point, I think I'm done with sharing my screen. We can go back to the minutes. I should stop sharing. So the next agenda item is we're talking about our LAC representative. And we've put out a call for election in accordance to the bylaws, what we're expected to do. Currently, the individual we have right now, Pedro, I think he's in another time zone and it's pretty difficult for him to come online. So, well, the election for that position is going to come up November 16. And so please, we would like everyone to participate and just at least vote, which is one of your responsibility as a member of NCUC, is to participate in the election. So this is just an election for one position which is the Latin America regional representative. So I hope that is okay. And is there any reaction to that? Andrea, please.

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- ANDREA GLANDON: I just want to make sure all the members know regarding the election, the check-ins we are using are from the election that just happened in May, June. So there will not be new check-ins. We will be mailing ballots to everybody who checked in to the election that just happened. Because during that election, there was nobody to stand for LAC reps. So that's why we're doing that now. Thank you.
- KATHY KLEIMAN: And you said there's one candidate, that's Pedro, who's just written two comments for our community. So already very active on issues. That's great. Thank you.
- BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Kathy, for highlighting that. That's very important for people to know. Pedro has been very helpful and very supportive as well. He's also, though he's remotely participating, he has been tweeting when his time zone comes to align with the meeting. Thank you. He's a good candidate, pretty much. I'm just saying. Thank you. I don't know if there's anyone with any other reaction or contribution towards this conversation. Okay. So Oksana, as I said earlier, is our CROP fellow for this meeting. In case you are wondering what does CROP fellow mean or what does CROP mean, CROP is community outreach program. And this is what gives the community, NCUC as a community, non-commercial user constituency, as a community, it's a way we reach out to our community to get them engaged. So we get this financial support or even technical support to reach out to the community. So here we are in Europe and it's our duty to bring in people from this constituency to our community. And this program gives us the

opportunity to invite new persons or bring in a fellow to engage in this meeting so that we can ensure that we are known or they know about our activities. So Oksana is a beneficiary of that. And once you're a beneficiary, there are a few things expected of you. Either you contribute to this meeting, share a view, or even after the meeting, share some output. So as her contribution to this meeting, she wants to share a perspective that many of us might not know about at this meeting. And then we'll take about five-minute presentation and then we can react to it. We can say one or two things about that. It doesn't necessarily mean a view, but it's something that is concerning to her and we will move from there. So Oksana, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO:

Thank you very much. I would like to ask for help with my presentation. And once again, thank you very much for the opportunity to present preliminary results of our project. Once again, I am Oksana Prykohdko. I am Director of International Non-Governmental Organization with headquarter in Ukraine. And now we are implementing the project, Internet Identifiers in Time of War with financial support from RIPE NCC. Next slide, please.

So the survey of Ukrainian end-users is the most expensive and it seems to me the most important part of our project because official reporting in Ukraine just now is closed in wartime. And our private companies and our NGOs have no budget for such researches because they have just to survive. So this research, this survey was done by professional marketing agency according to international recognized methodology.

It was conducted in February this year in territories under Ukrainian control. Next slide, please.

What are the most important findings? Nine percent of respondents had been to the occupation, survived the occupation. Thirty-seven from this survived occupation did not have any access to the internet during occupation. Seventy-three percent of all respondents had problems accessing the internet during blackouts. Please, next slide.

We also surveyed the marketplace. In Ukraine, there are more than 6,000 ISPs and nearly 120 registrants. So this part of survey is not representative because we individually interviewed only 28 key actors to this moment. We hope to interview maybe five or seven more, but it's, I again would like to stress that is not representative survey and I will highly appreciate any advices how to organize representative survey of the marketplace. Nevertheless, we received such results. Infrastructure destruction from 20 percent to 100 percent on [deoccupied territories and] on territories under Ukrainian control. Nearly all infrastructure is restored with huge amount help from around the world. Besides infrastructure destruction, the main reason for financial losses in average of 40, 50 percent is mass evacuation of Ukrainians abroad. No impact of sanctions against the country aggressor. What I mean by sanctions? I could just talking about international sanction because we have Ukrainian sanctions and they have impact. Next slide, please.

Internet identifiers under ICANN coordination. Autonomous system numbers, IP addresses, DNS protocol parameter numbers. Next slide, please. We analyzed first of all, identifiers under responsibility of RIPE

NCC, ASNs and IP addresses. Official statistics of all transfers are keeping by RIPE NCC official statistic. You can find the link to them. We just now to analyze what is the reason for such transfers because it is discussed that such transfers, first of all, on occupied territories are forced. And just now we have a lot of criminal investigations. After they are completing, we will receive more concrete results. Nevertheless, 54 ASNs had their country code changed from UA to country code rule. Next slide, please.

Dialogue with RIPE NCC community. RIPE is trying to understand concerns of Ukrainians. A lot of Ukrainians participate in RIPE NCC meetings. We have huge amount of private meetings with RIPE NCC leadership. Open dialogue, open discussion, open consultation. RIPE invites all to participate in the policy development process. And this process is extremely successful. There is a draft. And as far as I know, the discussion of this draft is completed. And we expect the adopting of this new policy. There is also best current operational practices task force with a lot of very good propositions. All transfers from Ukraine are under extra strict control. And also RIPE NCC gave us money for this project. It's very important for us, but maybe not very interesting for you. Next slide, please.

We have to complete our project in a month. We publish, of course, it on our website. I am sure that it will be on RIPE NCC site. And once again, thank you very much. And please contact me with any of your questions, propositions, or ideas. Thank you very much.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Oksana. There's a question for you.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: I had two questions on this slide. The first one is, it mentions there's a lot of criminal investigations going on now. I just wanted to understand, are these criminal investigations as a result of the internet identifiers or what sort of criminal investigations are those? Then I'll ask the second question. Thanks.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: First of all, it's about deoccupied territories. For example, I can provide you with two examples, Bucha, a small city near Kyiv. It was under occupation for 33 days with very strong battles and all equipment, all internet infrastructure was destroyed from the very beginning. And for 33 days, no internet access, no mobile connection, nothing. No criminal investigation just now as far as I know in Bucha. In Kherson, Kherson was under occupation for 265 days and before the infrastructure was not destroyed from the very beginning, but internet connection was rerouted to country aggressor ISPs and Ukrainians received access to extremely another internet, no one world, one internet. I have to show. And just now, when this territory is the occupied, our services investigate what was going and it's not only, I have to say, unfortunately for my shame that it was not only from country aggressor, it was also from, for example, one Ukrainian ISP who seized the infrastructure from other Ukrainian ISPs and rerouting traffic to another country.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR: On that same slide, what is the impact of the migration from the UA to country called RU to Ukraine?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: This is the main purpose of our project. When we completed it, we hope to present map, interactive map of changed address. And if we will see any connection with occupied territories and not occupied territories, we will propose next steps and maybe solve it all these 54 ASNs, all [inaudible] which are connected to this ASNs. But I have to say that a lot of market players refused to answer our question because of concerns, security concerns.

KATHY KLEIMAN: Thank you for your responses. Thank you for these slides. I'm so sorry about what your country is going through. Just to help everyone understand here what's going on, understand what you understand, could you talk about what is-- this is a basic question, what is RIPE NCC and why are you working with them?

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: I am deputy secretary of IGF-UA steering committee and RIPE NCC is our great partner for all our events. So, we are collaborating with them and I apply also for RIPE NCC fellowship and applied for budget support.

KATHY KLEIMAN: But let's give some background here and talk about what a regional internet registry is.

JULF HELSINGIUS:

One thing I didn't say in my introduction is I do have way too many hats. Besides still this year being the sort of chair of the Finnish ISOC chapter, I am also one of the co-chairs of one of the RIPE working groups, corporation working group which actually deals with things like governments. RIPE is a regional internet registry that actually maintains the registry of IP addresses in Europe and Middle East. So, that's why RIPE is a very important player in this space and they have been rather active on with this specific issue. It's very much on the radar.

KATHY KLEIMAN:

This topic I think is so important and I can't understand why we're not hearing about it more broadly at ICANN. For instance, at the ccTLD meeting between GNSO and ccTLD, this is a ccTLD issue, is it not? I think it's horrendous. I mean supposing Canada doesn't have much experience with warships circling us to take over territory yet, but we did have a dispute with Denmark for many years over a bare rock in the middle of the North Atlantic and it was all in good fun. I think they left bottles of booze on the island when somebody took over and the other left. Not funny in your circumstance, I realize. But what's to prevent a country that thought something belonged to them, say an island remote from your own main territory, what's to prevent them from taking over the identifiers? If there's no policy, that's question number one. And question number two is would you like some of us to go crash into RIPE or whatever, wherever the policy is and intervene? I see you all looking very worried at that suggestion.

JULF HELSINGIUS: No, but this touches on an issue that—Manju, would you actually want to comment on the fact that this is something we're not really happy with? Many of the organizations of how they treat the name of your country.

MANJU CHEN: Yes, but Benjamin is worried about time. I mean, well, I told you guys I'm from Taiwan and it's known-- I don't know if it's known but Taiwan is not part of UN because some country don't think we are allowed to be a country and so we're not part of UN. And every time people ask me, "Oh, are you going to the IGF? Did you go to the IGF?" No, I didn't. I cannot. It's not because I don't want to. It's because I'm not allowed. It's because Taiwan is not part of UN. And if you're not part of UN, you're not able to go. And for UN, it's like we don't understand but we understand but some other organizations, for example, ISOC, Internet Society, they follow this rule. They kind of established for themselves that they have to follow the ISO 3166 list to identify the nationality of their membership. I don't think people know that but so I kind of had to sign up for ISOC memberships in 2018 and then I realized they put Taiwan as province of China. And of course, I wrote to raise my objection of this and then replied they are proud supporters of international standards. That's why they have to follow the senders to whatever thing they like to uphold this value of them. And I had this exchange and then this time we are having-- tonight actually, right? We are having an ISOC reception tonight and for some reason, they think they need to know the nationality of whoever is coming to their reception. And again, Taiwan is put as province of China and I was actually just whining to our members. I was like, "I'm boycotting the

event because they do this to me." But I didn't expect our members are so supportive. They wrote to the ISOC list and raised this issue but of course, they come back like, "Well, we like ISO so much. If you want it to be changed, tell your government to go to ISO and change it from ISO and we will follow the standard from there." So, I actually didn't know why I'm cued to say this. I don't want this to become my personal rant but yeah, this is the issue I've been facing and actually I'm less kind of like annoyed by this now than my friends. So, I thank you very much for being very annoyed about the situation that me. Thank you very much.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. For me, this is a lot of geopolitics within the Asia region and I'd like to see ICANN actually take a very good stand because if ICANN itself can identify them, take a very good stand, I'm pretty sure that all the I-star organizations will follow suit. This is a very serious issue and even though she's saying it like she's joking about it, it's actually a very serious issue. People's identity should not be messed with. That's the way I feel, right? I won't take it lightly with you if you mess with me and say I'm not an African. Thank you for the chair.

PASCAL BEKONO: My name is Pascal Bekono. I represent NCUC at NONCOM. My question concerned that presentation. You said that nothing has been done to the address of-- as you said. What do you think that ICANN can do? Have you listed some action that ICANN can do to help Ukraine solve those issues? That's it. Thank you.

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- TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR:** Thank you very much. I have very long answers to this question but very short one. I did my best more than for year to raise this issue with an ICANN without any success until just now. Thank you very, very much.
- STEPHANIE PERRIN:** Regarding ISO, I doubt that ICANN could be persuaded to send a delegation to ISO to promote moving this. They're not likely to take a political position. But that wouldn't prevent others of us from doing that if it might be helpful. ISO moves at-- well, glaciers are melting quickly so you can't even use that expression anymore. But ISO moves very slowly. And I was old enough to remember the fight over whether APAC was-- its economies because they won't recognize Taiwan as a country, you know? So, God. But I mean you have to do these things because you have to push back I think regardless of how slow and how painful, it's worth raising it at ISO. And I think we could do that. Thank you.
- BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:** Thank you. Thank you everyone. I think we've exhausted this conversation. But one thing I also want to say to Manju is that the conversation is beginning to pick steam. There was also somebody from a region in Africa yesterday that asked the similar question at the ICANN executive meeting. And the typical response was ISO 3166, whatever, whatever. So, if these individuals or this movement start gathering momentum, the community might see value in it and start-- because there are multiple frameworks for identity, identifiers that they can use. So, they could just swap to a more progressive one if that is what is required. At least right now people are fighting for a particular
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region as well to be recognized. So, who knows? That is possible. So, you might be the early starters in this battle. All the best. Thank you very much.

So, we are short on time, but we'll try to make it work. So, at this point, we would throw it open to individuals that have come to this meeting and want to ask them-- I think we can match five and six together to how can they participate. I've shared some of the ways you can participate, but I would like to hear either individuals who are thinking of a way to engage with us and what they can bring on board. We expect you to vote. We expect you to tweet. We expect you to participate in all of the call for volunteers that we put out. But if there are people who think they are bringing something new on board or there's something we should pay attention to, this is a good time to intervene. And by the way, you've met our new NomCom representative. Congratulations, by the way.

I want to stop talking now. So, I'm looking for individuals who is probably wondering how can we engage in NCUC or feel there's a topic we need to participate in. I heard yesterday that—

NAIMA AWAN:

Hello, everyone. It's Naima for the Record. I'm working at a part of an organization of New York Times working in Pakistan by the name of Express Tribune. I work for their newspaper as sub-editor. And I'm really passionate about censorship issues, media literacy, misinformation, infodemic, and human rights, digital rights. So, I want to know, how can I participate and can be more useful in related to these issues. Thank you.

KATHY KLEIMAN:

Thank you for being here. Thank, you know, your whole section for being here. One of the things we can talk about now, we can talk about it afterwards because we're going into a break, would be, what-- you're going around to different sessions here. So, what sessions interest you? What topics interest you? What policies interest you? And what we can do is hook you up with mentors or just people to talk to who are working on those issues here. There are so many issues we tend to specialize. And so, if you're interested in registration, directory information, the redacted information about the individuals who are running domain names, Stephanie is your expert. If you're interested in applicant support, Tomslin is leading that one now. We've all got different areas that we're working on. So, let us know what issues resonate with you and then come in, take a piece of a comment, work with us on doing the research and shaping the policy. We can put you to work right away on various issues because a bunch of them are out for comment and we're working through a bunch of really important issues including a bunch related to new GTLDs, how we're opening up the next round of applications for new top level domains.

STEPHANIE PERRIN:

I just want to volunteer that if folks are interested, one way of finding out generally what's going on is to follow council meetings. They only happen once a month. You can listen in to the council meeting. It's recommended for everybody so they can keep up with what's going on. But the councilors, I mean, we've offered many times to mentor and make ourselves available. We could set up a back channel on some kind

of social media so that you'd feel free to say, "What on earth are they talking about here?" We ask ourselves that sometimes, don't be shy. And provide some background information. That's the easiest way to get a bit of mentorship going and you'll know basically what's preoccupying ICANN at the moment. Thanks.

MANJU CHEN:

So, Stephanie mentioned council meeting but actually the same week of council meeting, every Monday we have NCSG policy committee meeting. And I said it's more like, you know, the attendance is a lot lower so you feel a lot comfortable to ask questions. So, I'll definitely-- and we go through the council agenda too. So, I'll definitely recommend that. And yeah, that's it.

SARAI FALEUPOLU TEVITA:

Hello. I'm from the National University of Samoa as an ICT director as part of the computing department delivering lectures. This is my first time in ICANN and I want to find-- when I hear that NCUC allows academia, that's why I'm here today just to listen and want to find my way in at how can I contribute and how this constituency assist us, especially us from the Pacific. Thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Thank you. And we mean that by every word of it. Kathy is an academic too. She works in the university. One of the things we need is people to contribute, especially on our mailing list. If you saw the website, there's a place called Join Us. So, after this meeting, just please go and click Join Us. It will go to your constituency and they're going to work on it

and make you be part of our mailing list. Once these conversations are coming up on our mailing list, it's a good time to put your skills into play, and as we see your participation actively, you generally metamorphose into the community. And you will really see where you belong in there. And on the chat right now, Andrea just shared the policy development accelerator that gives some perspectives to some topics. At least, everybody has to have some kind of entry path. This helps you curate all the content in an easy to digest format to engage with the community. So, that-- these are the various ways you-- we are always looking for individuals resource to participate. He's looking for-- he's our policy chair and he's looking for people to participate, hands to get on board to do things. So, we're not lacking activities or work for you to do.

We have NCUC celebration. This time we have like 90 minutes to keep talking. So, it's going to happen on Wednesday 10:30 AM in the morning. And after that, after we burn all our energy, there's lunch to replenish. So, please come for that event and tell others who are not in this room. If we can have a room this filled, we'll be fulfilled and we'll do it. And we're getting support for that from PIR Public Interest Registry. So, really come so that we can do more great things together.

KATHY KLEIMAN:

And if I might, this is where we're going to go deep diving into two issues that are really important. One is called public interest commitments and registry voluntary commitments. And the other is applicant support, how we are going to help applicants for new gTLDs that may not have \$240,000 lying around for an application fee. This will be

interdisciplinary as we say. Not just us, we will be engaging with the rest of the community and we had a great issues forum part one at ICANN 77. So, please come and continue with us in ICANN 78, 10:30 tomorrow morning. As Tomslin said, it's hall Y1 to 4 and you'll see it in the schedule. See you tomorrow.

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