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MICHELLE DESMYTER: Hello and welcome to ICANN79 At-Large Leadership Work Session. My name is Michelle DeSmyter, and I am a participation manager for this session.

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And with that, I'll hand the floor over to Jonathan Zuck, ALAC chair.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thank you. And welcome, everyone, to ICANN79. I'll make an observation that I was at NASIG for three days before this. It reminds me of some rather sadistic expressions we had in the '90s when I was working in tech. I remember one of them was, "Oh, Saturday. It means

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only two working days until Monday." And the other one was, "If you don't come in on Saturday, don't even bother coming in on Sunday."

So that's what tech was like in the '90s. And this is very reminiscent of that, but I appreciate you all being here and giving every weekend. Let's see how much we can get done before the meeting actually begins on Monday. Right?

The other thing that I want to mention very upfront, and I'm trying to be in the habit of doing it, is if you have your headphones, I want you to unwind them and plug them in and choose your channel so that the moment anybody wants to speak in a language other than English, you're just ready, and it doesn't cause a delay for them to do that. We don't want any friction associated with people using their own language. So please take a minute now and just be ready.

And then the other bit of news is that ICANN Legal has allowed us to do the long version of the Standards of Behavior introduction once and then a shorter version for meetings after that. So that's very exciting. So no longer do we have this long speech at the beginning of every single meeting, but just the first one. So that's exciting as well.

So ICANN79 is a community forum. There's a lot going on here. In general, a lot of the conversation that we're going to start to see, particularly with respect to the next round, is a little bit like a roller coaster. Right? That's a lot of how things work at ICANN. Right?

If you've ever ridden a roller coaster, you know that the way up the hill just feels ponderously slow. It's like chunk, chunk, chunk. And you're sitting there waiting. And then you get to the crest up there, and then you start to feel this apprehension. And then suddenly, it's, "Ah," down the other side. And inevitably what happens is the sense of urgency

starts to form, and people start shedding priorities in order to make deadlines that have been set and things like that.

So our job is going to be to pick and choose what's really important to us and to really hold the line on the things that matter to us and make sure that they're built into the conversation, built into the timeline prior to the new round because it's going to be a lot of people's desire to increase efficiency because we're now in the downward slope.

We've got our hands over our head and we're screaming, and we have to try and remain rational during that time and hold the line on the things that matter most was with respect to applicant support in particular because we want to see a broadening of the registry community and see underserved regions and communities more a part of top-level domains.

We want to make sure that what happened in 2012 doesn't happen here, both in terms of crazy optics associated with that program and some of the results as well. So we have things that matter to us, and we need to make sure we hold the line on them even though there's going to be a lot of momentum to shed priorities.

So, anyways, welcome. And once again, we have the honor of having our representative Board member here visiting with us as well to talk us through a little bit about what the Board has been up to and how it relates to some of our own priorities. And his favorite football team since childhood won the Super Bowl, so that was pretty exciting. So congratulations. And, hopefully, that bodes well for the future.

So with that, I will pass the microphone to León Sánchez.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Jonathan. And thank you, everyone, for having me here again. And as usual, I always speaking Spanish, so if you want to get your headset ready, as Jonathan said, it will be appreciated.

All right, then. Good morning, everyone. Thanks to Puerto Rico for having us again. It's always a pleasure to be here on this island that even, one, geographically, is in Latin America and the Caribbean. Organizationally, it belongs to North America. But it's the best of the two worlds. Right? The North American structure and the flavor of the Caribbean. So it's always good to be here.

The last time we were here, it was in 2018, almost six years ago at the time. Actually, we were providing some kind of support in the aftermath of the hurricane that hit the island that was so devastating. And so I'm so happy now to see how things are evolving and what the scenarios that's so different. So we are pleased to be here with you, our colleagues. Alfredo, our Puerto Rican colleagues here, for having us, thank you so much.

And talking about the activities we've had on our tables, we have had our first workshop in Montevideo in January. And as you know, apart from workshops we're holding before each public meeting, we have other three workshops throughout the year. Actually, six workshops that we hold with the Board.

And the first one, obviously, is in January. The second one is the one that we're holding right now at the time prior to Puerto Rico. The next one will be in Paris, together with the Global Domains Division event. Our Global Domain Support. We change the name so much that I don't even—oh, Global and Domain Strategy. Thank you, Justine. All right, then. So we'll have this workshop, and we will move on throughout the year.

And about the subjects we have discussed in the first workshop in Montevideo, we were looking at the authority delegation, Delegation of Authority. It's an exercise we're holding as a Board so as to fine-tune the points of Delegation of Authority on the CEO by the Board. It doesn't mean that the Board is not responsible or liable. But to smooth out the operation of the organization, the CEO receives delegated authority for agility without having to resort all the time to the Board to a Request for Authorization in relation to his or her activities.

Now, we've also looked at the draft Operating Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year '25. We have Strategic Planning Sessions, as you will know. We were having some exercises together with you where we identify the trends, weaknesses, strengths, opportunities in places and organization not only inside the organization, but also in the global context rather than in the geopolitical context.

And also, in Internet governance, as you know, this chair and the next chairs will be critical for the Internet governance ecosystem. And here, obviously, we have been looking at the relevance of ICANN's role in this scenario and also the relevance of our community. I myself feel—I mean I've been driven by placing the At-Large community at the core of this discussion because I know it is one of the biggest assets the ICANN has among its tools so as to be a player globally.

We had a meeting with the LACNIC Board as well. When we go to the different regions, we try and obviously liaise with our local players. Here, what we want to do as well in the Board is to gather and meet not just some of the sectors, but meet all the stakeholders.

So what we are trying to do, again, is anywhere where we have a Board meeting, to call stakeholders and to have a meeting, even a social meeting. Maybe we don't need to have a working session because we

are aware that, obviously, everybody's agendas are pretty busy. And so sometimes it's hard to open up slots overnight to have a working session. But at least we get together to have some social activity, to liaise, to exchange ideas, even informally.

We also discussed Recommendation 7 of the Grant Program report. It is a critical point. You are aware that this Recommendation 7 touches upon an item associated to the availability or access to accountability actions, review resources, independent review process that are in the Bylaws so as to try and use them as a means to challenge a decision of the committee that decides who should get some grant or some support.

What this Recommendation 7 reads is that the means to challenge or advocate will not be available to challenge the independent panel decisions that will appoint and assess the granting of grants, so to say, or granting support.

Obviously, there was a discussion that came up as to whether this was something that can be done just by the contract signed or terms and conditions for those who are participating in the support granting process, or whether it needs to [send an amendment] to ICANN's Bylaws.

Let me tell you that this was a discussion we also had in the Board, as I'm telling you. And what is being put forward is to—well, actually, this has already started. The process has already started to make an amendment to the fundamental Bylaws, as we called them at the time when the ICANN Bylaws were amended.

So this amendment to the fundamental Bylaws intends to implement this Recommendation 7 so that it is very clear what the scope of this amendment is, when and which purpose these challenge devices will

be available or not and clearly establish so that there is no surprise coming up anywhere.

And so we were also talking about conflict of interest. The Board committee has set up a subcommittee for conflict of interest. I was appointed the chair of that conflict of interest committee. And what we're doing is to create the principles and criteria through which this subcommittee will determine whether any member of the Board has any conflict of interest not just regarding the next round, the new gTLD round, but also in association with things such as the Grant Program. And the purpose is for this subcommittee to determine who has a conflict of interest in a general manner, not just pinpointing certain cases. And talking about community engagement, as I talked to you about before, I don't need to repeat this, but we are walking that line of reinforcing relationships and bonds with our communities.

We're talking about the redelegation of the cctld.lb. We talked about that. And we're still in process of approval of that delegation.

We've also talked about the Holistic Review in relation to ATRT4. Obviously, there's the discussion there as to whether there should be any adjustment to the RGP or whether it may be postponed. The ATRT4 and TLD's Holistic Review has started. This discussion is ongoing, and the community will need to be involved, of course.

And also, we had some activities in the CEO Search Committee, of which I'm also a part. In relation to which I can tell you this is a confidential process, of course, and the committee has already looked into a number of candidates to the position. We are at an advanced stage which is not yet over, but we expect that according to the timeline originally in place, we can wrap up the efforts of this committee.

Let me insist this is not over yet. We don't have a deadline in place so as to announce the allocation of a new CEO to the position. But let me insist we are making good progress. We saw some updates on the next ccTLD round, and we have already spoken about WSIS+20 and the updates and the scenarios in place in the context of the Internet governance. And we wrapped up with a Board meeting.

This is what we did in Montevideo. For this workshop, of course, we're following many of the items that we're looking at in the Montevideo session. And we have also introduced new aspects.

Just let me welcome all of you, to acknowledge your efforts. In two or three months, I know that you have put together eight statements, if I'm not wrong. And, undoubtedly, you are well-loaded with a lot of work for the community. And that is very positive, the acknowledgement to everyone in the community of At-Large and ALAC for your efforts. And you know that you can always count on me [inaudible] just a click away from you.

And I have some time. If you have any questions or comments, please, I can spend another 10 minutes with you, and then I will have to apologize because I have to go back to the workshop we're holding. Thank you all.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Leon. And I want to make sure that I was following everything because of the interpretation. But on this issue of the amendment to the fundamental Bylaws, just to remind everyone that there's an issue that came up related to people's eligibility to apply for grants.

And if you were on the CPWG, there was a recommendation that you shouldn't be able to profit from the Grant Program. And that was

expanded at one point to include any sort of indirect participation as an advisory role or something like that. So that if you're on the Advisory Committee of a group that's applying, then it would be disqualified.

And so all that went beyond the recommendations of the original group, and so that was challenged by both the GNSO and the IPC—sorry, by the GNSO. And the IPC has something in front of the Board, as well, related to how the Board was thinking about handling the amendment.

So part of what we're trying to do is figure out what the balance is there on that notion of conflict of interest and participation. And I know, León, there were a couple of things that you were thinking about. One was that there was inconsistency between the community rules and the staff rules and bringing those into alignment because it had to do with staff. It was only one year that you lost eligibility, but then with the community, it was sort of forever.

And then the other piece of it was what level of proximity you needed to be to the organization and what your role in the organization had to be. And so how did that get resolved, finally?

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Thank you, Jonathan. It has not been resolved just yet. We're still discussing this. What I have put on the table, because it's something that I have brought to the table, precisely gathering the concerns that I was given by some At-Large members, was precisely that. Let's go piece by piece.

The final report sets forth somehow that there are limitations to the eligibility of who can get the support. And in the prohibitions in this final report, it talks about that no supports or grants can be allocated coming

from the auction proceeds to businesses that are owned in part or in whole by Board members, executives, staff, families. And, obviously, this type of support cannot be used to pay or compensate any of these people.

Further one, the same prohibition is in place for amounts given to help businesses that are owned in whole or in part by those peoples who have been members of CPWG, which came up with this report. So that prohibition in the final report [inaudible] by the CPWG.

However, there are some differences in the language used as to the prohibition to Board and staff members and also for community members. That is one of the first items that we need to look into. When this is translated in the Applicant Guidebook, it's also translated in such a manner that this limitation in place for Board members, staff members, executives is in place for all one year after these people have left their positions.

However, when we look at this limitation translated to the members of the CCWG, there's a no limit for its application timewise. So it leads into thinking that it's a permanent prohibition. What I'm holding and have advocated in front of the Board and is shared by many that we cannot have an asymmetrical prohibition for the Board members, staff members, and executive members, vis-à-vis the members of the community involved in the CPWG.

In other words, as we say in Spanish, we are one color or the other color. What do I mean by this? The same boundaries we set for one group needs to be in place for the other one or else no limits can be there or thresholds can be there. That is the discussion we're holding right now. We're also having this discussion with the Executive Team at ICANN, [Xavier] actually, who is in charge of implementing this. And he also

acknowledges that this needs to be sorted out. At the end of the day, it's an unfair and an unnecessary burden on the community of voluntary people working at ICANN. There was some lost-in-translation, perhaps, items somewhere, and this mistake is being populated into the Applicant Guidebook, and it should not be.

It's not clear in my mind whether this will be sorted out for the first round of applications of support, but I believe that for the second round of application support, this should have been sorted out already and adjusted already. I don't quite yet know what the process will be to adjust this.

But, however, I can tell you it is something that has been discussed, and I think we're aligned as to the permanent prohibition should not stay in the Applicant Guidebook. Just on the contrary, opportunity should be given to those people who were involved in this effort so as to apply for this support.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, León. And I guess the one other question I had was about WSIS+20, which you mentioned a little bit. I'm wondering if the concerns that the Board and the CEO Selection Committee had about WSIS+20 have evened out a little bit or lessened a little bit, because they seem to be so focused on artificial intelligence now.

And I'm wondering if that has any implications for thoughts that the CEO Selection Committee is having about how to prioritize skill sets, if that makes sense. Because there's the operational CEO versus the diplomatic CEO. Right? And those aren't necessarily going to be the same proportion in every candidate. And I'm wondering if there's been any impact on that based on how the WSIS+20 conversation is evolving.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Thank you, Jonathan. The search for the CEO has not being clear and simple. You know [inaudible] for the position, it seems that we're looking for an unicorn. We have not found any unicorn as yet. And so I can tell you that in the development throughout the search, we've had different profiles with different outstanding skills in many cases. But the WSIS+20, as to whether the next CEO needs to be more of a diplomat or more of a technician or more of an operating guy, this has been relevant in their discussions, of course, but it's not a determining factor.

I think that the responsibility of the CEO Search Committee is to look for the best person to guide ICANN, and there's no stage, dependently from all the factors involved. It's clear that they are taken into account for the decision, but the most critical thing is to find the person to lead ICANN or guide ICANN in this next stage that we're getting into.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thank you, León. I don't know if anybody else has any questions. We're going to try to keep it short, obviously, because León's got to leave soon, and we need to move on. But does anybody else have any questions or comments for León? If not, then we can let you go. Thank you very much for coming.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Thank you [inaudible].

JONATHAN ZUCK:

All right. So what I'd like to do actually is jump right into the discussion, Hadia's is presentation about the sessions of interest, collecting

volunteers to attend those sessions and report on them, and some of our talking points surrounding these different areas of discussion that are going to take place at the meeting.
So with that, I'll hand it directly to Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Jonathan. First, I would like to thank you all for joining the At-Large Leadership Work Session. So today, I'll be walking you through the Policy and Governance talking points. I'll be highlighting, as well, At-Large ICANN79 sessions. And please take note that link to the presentation. You have all of the At-Large resources on the link to the presentation.

If we could have the next slide, please. So basically, this is what we're going to talk about today. Can we have the next slide, please?

So we will be going through the policy talking points and talking about the PDPs in which the At-Large is involved and is participating in. We will also be talking about two of the governance issues: the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group and the ICANN Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2026-2030. Can we have the first slide about the first policy? Yeah, the next—yeah.

Okay, so the first two interlinked topics that I would like to highlight today are Internationalized Domain Names and Universal Acceptance. The people from At-Large participating in the IDN EPDP are Satish Babu, Abdulkarim Oloyede, and myself.

So going to the talking points, we have four main talking points. The first is about the importance of Internationalized Domain Names. The availability of IDNs and their variants significantly enhances the end user experience, making the Internet more accessible and inclusive for

speakers of languages that do not use the Latin script, empowering more voices and communities, and connecting cultures and expanding the [DNS-marked] space.

The second talking point is about potential user confusion. It is crucial to prevent user confusion which could result from delegating visually similar labels. This could result in security issues and loss of confidence in the DNS. For that, the Phase 1 IDN EPDP adopted a hybrid model for the string similarity evaluation.

And moving to the third point, this is about consistent and meaningful user experiences. For that, it is important to harmonize IDN tables at the second level. And with that, I mean such that a second-level variant under a TLD is not a nonvariant under the TLD variant. So consistency in IDN tables is important.

The fourth point is about Registration Data Directory Services, which is actually a fundamental component of the Internet infrastructure supporting both transparency and accountability. So the Registration Data Directory Service when queried needs to return information, not only about the queried domain but also about the entire variant domain names [that are allocatable] variants as well as the source domain that has been used to calculate the variant set.

And then, finally, the Universal Acceptance Day. And this is happening on the 28th of March 2024. So stay tuned for it and participate in the sessions conducted on the Universal Acceptance Day.

So the sessions that we have related to this topic during ICANN79, during Prep Week, we had Internationalized Domain Names update. And currently happening is the IDN EPDP working session. And this is going to happen today.

And, finally, we have an overview of the Universal Acceptance Day 2024. This is happening on the 6th of March. Can we have the next slide, please? Justine, do you want to say something? Okay.

The second is the IANA Naming Function second review. And the At-Large lead on this is Carlton Samuels. And this is an accountability mechanism that has been created part two as part of the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority Stewardship Transition to ensure that ICANN's IANA work through the PTI meets the needs and expectations of its customers.

So At-Large emphasizes the importance of accountability and transparency and welcomes the opportunity for meaningful participation from all stakeholders. And the sessions that we are having in this regard is the IANA Naming Function Review Team Meeting and Working Session the 6th of March. Next slide, please.

So the next topic is about the next round of gTLDs. And At-Large participation in the SubPro Implementation Review is to ensure correct implementation of Board-approved SubPro policy recommendations for the next round.

At-Large priority areas in that regard are the applicant support community applications, Applicant Guidebook and applicant support book—Applicant Support Program Handbook—because those are critical in facilitating the broadest inclusion for under-served, underdeveloped, indigenous communities, small businesses, nonprofit organizations in the next round of new gTLDs. Community applications as well. They are very important because they promote inclusion and bring new voices to the Internet.

Public Interest Commitments and Registry Voluntary Commitments are of interest to At-Large as well, in addition to Internationalized Domain

Names, string similarity. String similarity, of course, because it impacts user comp usability.

And we have a bunch of sessions related to this topic during ICANN79. They're all listed on the right-hand side, the first of which starts tomorrow. And then you have another session on the 4th and the 5th and the 6th and on the 7th of March. If we could have the next slide, please.

This is the Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process. And At-Large lead on this is Steinar Grøttersd. Changes in registrant information can impact the ownership and management of domain names affecting end users' online presence and identity. Understanding the policies governing these changes ensures that end users and registrants are informed and have a say in how their domain names are managed.

At-Large goal is to define a policy that makes inter-registrar transfers of domain names and change of registrant simple, safe, and secure. And if the Change of Registrant Policy is phased out, other policies that require registrars to check and/or verify registrant data are needed.

So during ICANN79, we have two sessions related to this topic. The Transfer Policy Review PDP Working Group has two sessions. Both of them are happening today. If we can have the next slide, please.

And that's the Registration Data Directory Service. The At-Large lead on this is Alan Greenberg. And the Registration Data Directory Service plays a crucial role in the functioning of the Internet ecosystem by providing access to domain registration information. Such services enhance transparency and accountability, intellectual property protection, cybersecurity and law enforcement, all of which impacts end users' online experiences and safety.

So the RDRS system was launched in November 2023, and an initial overview of the data collected was provided in January and in February. At-Large encourages the use of the service so more robust data can be collected about registration data access. And for At-Large, of course, putting users first is necessary.

In that regard, we do have two related sessions. We have an At-Large plenary session. It's about Building Trust on the Internet Through Registrant Verification. It is related, sort of. And the GNSO has the Registrars and ICANN: Validation, Verification, and Accuracy. That's a session on the 6th of March. If we can have the next slide, please.

And that's about DNS abuse. So we need to educate end users and raise their awareness in order to prevent them from falling victims to DNS abuse. The approved DNS RAA contract amendments, Contracted Party House Registrar's Amendments. DNS abuse amendments actually provide a way for registrars to meaningfully mitigate DNS abuse. And it provides a way forward for ICANN Compliance as well to ensure that they comply with this.

So the RAA DNS abuse contract amendments were approved in December of 2023, and they come into effect in 5th of April. And the amendments provide meaningful baseline obligations for registrars to take reasonable and appropriate action to disrupt and/or mitigate DNS abuse and allows ICANN Compliance to enforce these obligations.

Currently, the Contracted Party House are reaching out to the community. So they're holding ongoing outreach meetings to hear pain points and recommendations. And the Contracted Party House are holding a session at ICANN79, also, in that regard.

On the right-hand side, you have several sessions related to this topic. And those include two At-Large plenaries: the NARALO Roundtable

"DNS and Domain Abuse in the Digital Economy" and Building Trust on the Internet Through Registrant Verification. If we can have the next slide, please.

So ICANN's Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2026-2030. And At-Large lead on this is Cheryl Langdon-Orr. So as a community, we need to be more effective in working with the ICANN Board and ICANN Org in achieving these Strategic Objectives. Collaboration among the Supporting Organizations and Advisory Committees at the leadership level can help build stronger understanding across the groups.

And, finally, raising awareness. If ICANN Org schedules time with each Supporting Organization and Advisory Committee to highlight how the Strategic Plan is embedded in its work, this will be important in having informed and meaningful participation from the community. On that topic, we have one session during ICANN79, which is happening on the 6th of March.

And then the next topic. And that's the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group. And the leads on that are Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Tommi Karttaavi. So the third Accountability and Transparency Review Recommendation 3.6 calls for organizational reviews to be evolved into a Continuous Improvement Program.

ALAC and At-Large has continuously supported the full implementation of this recommendation. At-Large is also calling for prompt action for the start of the Holistic Review Pilot. And my understanding is this could start in September.

And related to this topic, we have two sessions that are going to be held during ICANN79, which we can find them on the right-hand side. One is on the 5th of March, and the other is on the 6th of March. If we can have the next slide, please.

So key messages from At-Large. Inclusion and Diversity. And we find this spanning all almost all of the PDPs that we are participating in. Accountability and Transparency, Secure and Stable Internet, and User First. If we can have the next slide, please.

So those are At-Large plenary sessions during ICANN79. We have the NARALO Roundtable DNS and Domain Abuse in the Digital Economy. This is happening on the 5th of March at 20:15 UTC. We have At-Large Plenary Session 1, Internet Governance for the Sustainable Development Goals. And this is happening on the 6th of March.

On the 6th of March, also, we have the second At-Large plenary, Building Trust on the Internet Through Registrant Verification. With that, can we have the next slide, please?

And this lists At-Large resources. So you have links to the webpages, the workspaces, and the social media spaces of At-Large.

So I'll stop here. I'm open to questions. Also, I would encourage session leads if they would like to comment on any of the PDPs that I mentioned.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Hadia. I might cut that short. What I think is a good idea is to go through the sessions that we think that we want to get reports back on and get volunteers. Because when we get volunteers in this meeting, more reports get created than when we just left it open. So if we can get some volunteers to attend those meetings and report on them.

HADIA ELMINIAMI:

Okay. So let's call for the sessions. Do you want me to call for each session and see who wants to volunteer for it?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Not the ones that were running, but the ones that are around the—

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah, of course. The other ones.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah, that's right.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah, the other ones. Okay, so let's do it one by one.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I don't know. Andrew, maybe, are you able to capture the volunteer—

ANDREW MCCONACHIE: [inaudible].

JONATHAN ZUCK: —the names of the volunteers for the sessions?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. So we have the IDN EPDP Working Session on the 2nd of March, 13:00 UTC. And for that, I guess we have Satish Babu. And he's not here, but he will be participating in the session. But, of course, anyone else in this room or attended remotely is more than welcome, also, to

volunteer to attend this session and report on it. So this is an open invitation for—

JONATHAN ZUCK: In fact, we would like someone to volunteer to attend that session and report on it because Satish will have other responsibilities.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Exactly.

JONATHAN ZUCK: So, ideally, somebody in this room volunteers to be in that session.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: I'll be on it as well, maybe. But, yeah. And let's see. Someone else from this room would like to volunteer for this session, to report on it?

LAURA MARGOLIS: Can I volunteer for some of the sessions?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah, of course.

LAURA MARGOLIS: [inaudible].

JONATHAN ZUCK: Okay.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. Which one again?

LAURA MARGOLIS: [inaudible] Sustainable [inaudible].

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. We're coming to that. And then there is the Universal Acceptance Day 2024 Overview Work Session. This is happening on the 6th of March. So who would like to volunteer for that session? In this room or remotely. Universal Acceptance Day.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Don't be shy.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, Laura. Go ahead, take it. It's yours. Also, if anyone wants to join Laura, please go ahead.
So we have the IANA Naming Function Review Team Meeting and Working Session. And that's happening on the 6th of March at 17:15 UTC. So who would like to volunteer for this? The IANA Naming Function Review.

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES: Lilian.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Lilian.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Lilian. Okay, very good. Now we have the SubPro Implementation Review Team. They have three working sessions. So who would like to volunteer for this?

[BUKOLA FAWOLE-ORONTI]: Bukola.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Bukola.

[TIJANI BEN JEMAA]: Tijani.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: And Tijani.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [Hadia].

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah, sure.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Hadia. Just to make sure the people who are going to step in to do reporting on the Subsequent Procedures IRT IoT work. The first session, which is our meeting number 30, I think—Justine, correct me if I'm wrong—actually starts at 10:30 this morning. So the very first of those SubPro IRT sessions is in a very few minutes' time. So we do need at least one of you to give up the thrill-packed and exciting world of metrics and go and sit into that session. Thanks. In addition to Justine, who will obviously will obviously there [inaudible].

[JUSTINE CHEW]: Of course.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you, Cheryl. So people, get ready. And then the other session that we want someone to volunteer for is the New gTLD Program Next Round: Planning for String Similarity Review Work Session. And that's happening on the 5th of March.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible].

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Bill.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Bill said he'd do it.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Bill's immersed in that topic.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah. Some, Bill, thank you. Thank you for volunteering. And we have also the GNSO Subsequent Procedure Supplemental Recommendation Community Consultation.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Tijani.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Tijani's got his hand up.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: And we have a hand from Tijani.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you, Tijani, for volunteering for this. And then we have the GNSO Council Small Team Plus Meeting. It's happening on the 7th of March at 13:00 UTC. Tijani again? Okay. So for that, we also have Tijani. Again, it doesn't have to be only one volunteer. If you're interested in this session, go ahead and volunteer for it. Again, for the Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process, we have the working group meeting. The first and the second are happening today.

JONATHAN ZUCK: And we are missing our representative to that workgroup, Steinar. He's unavailable, so it would be really—

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Steinar is actually sick. He might not even be able to join remotely. So not only in person, but he won't be able to join remotely. So for that, we do need, actually, volunteers. More than one.

[HEIDI ULLRICH]: Shah.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: The Transfer Policy Review Policy Development Process. Shah.

SHAH RAHMAN: Okay. I would like to take this.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, Shah. Go ahead and take it. You have two sessions.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sébastien has an intervention.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. I just [heard about] Steinar. Do we have a contacted replacement to Steinar, even if it's online? We have four people in that group, therefore it's—

JONATHAN ZUCK: That's right. We'll be reaching out to them as well.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: —really important that we have a representative to the group and one making a report. That's two different topics.

JONATHAN ZUCK: That's right. So we'll reach out to the substitute [and the] other people [involved].

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Please do so. Thank you.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: And, of course, it goes without saying if you're actually representing At-Large in any of those PDPs, you are more than welcome to go ahead and fill in the session report. You don't—

JONATHAN ZUCK: And by "more than welcome," I think you mean required.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah. Required. Right? In all cases, you are—yeah.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Really more than welcome. Yes.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: In all cases, they will need to report on it somehow. And then we move to the Registration Data Request Service and—oh, we have the GNSO Registrars and ICANN: Validation, Verification, and Accuracy. Maybe this is not directly on the topic, but, still, it is related. And it's an important topic that we also welcome At-Large people to participate in. So we are looking for a volunteer for that session. Volunteer two. Anyone volunteering for the ... This is happening on the 6th of March at 14:30 UTC. Okay—

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Perhaps a male who won't be with Women in DNS.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Those are going on at the same time?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah. So we need a man who's not going to be in [inaudible].

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: We need a male to step forward. Some male who will not be in the Women in DNS.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I can start calling names if that helps.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. We're going to run out of time, so we will start just volunteering you in absentia and notifying you if you don't speak up here.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Shah, would you like to take this as well?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: He's got enough [for now].

JONATHAN ZUCK: He's got [inaudible].

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Can one of you guys take—

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Yeah. There's a whole block of you down there.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Eduardo or—

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Can someone take the—

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Eduardo. That's great.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: We volunteer you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Eduardo. We appreciate that.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. You've been volunteered.

EDUARDO DIAZ: For which session?

JUSTINE CHEW: You shall be notified.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. You'll get an e-mail from Andrew.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Okay. Please send me an e-mail. I will—

HADIA ELMINIAWI: It's a session happening on the 6th of March at 14:30 UTC. It's happening—

JONATHAN ZUCK: Keep going. Keep moving, Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah, okay. So we have the Contracted Party House DNS Abuse Community Outreach on the 3rd of March at 18:50 UTC. Is someone volunteering for this?

JONATHAN ZUCK: I think I can make that one. I'll have to check with Gisella. She's the holder of my schedule, but—

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. Jonathan.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: I could also be on it. I have nothing else.

JONATHAN ZUCK: You're more than welcome.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you. Okay. And then we have the GAC Discussion on DNS Abuse Mitigation. And I think this will involve talking about the contract amendments. I guess maybe Joanna could report on this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: She would be [inaudible].

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- HADIA ELMINIAWI: Right. She's reporting anyway. Someone else would like to report on this? Okay. So for now, we have Joanna. Yeah. And Marita, go ahead. Take it.
- Okay, so we move to the next session about the FY26-30 Strategic Plan Development Community Consultation. And that's on the 6th of March at 14:30 UTC. And for that, we have Claire. Thank you so much, Claire, for volunteering. If anyone else wants to volunteer with Claire, just go ahead and put your name.
- We have the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group.
- And we have the Reviews Program Session with the Community on ATRT4 Deferral and Pilot Holistic Review. And that's happening on the 5th of March at 13:00 UTC. We need a volunteer for that. Sébastien, would you like to take it? It's ATRT4, the deferral. It's happening on the 5th of March.
- CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: It's in the same time of the Grant Program, but that's okay.
- HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yeah. There is the Grant Program as well. You cannot take both, of course, because if you're going to be on one, you can't be on the other. So you're taking this one?
- SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, yes, yes.

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- HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. And then there's the Grant Program, which is also happening on the 5th of March at 13:00 UTC. And for that, we also need a volunteer. Okay, we have Lilian and we have Claire. We have two volunteers. And Bukola. So three volunteers: Bukola, Claire, and Lilian.
- Okay. And there is another session for the Continuous Improvement Program—oh, that's another one. There is the Continuous Improvement Program Community Coordination Group Meeting, and that's happening on the 6th of March at 14:30 UTC.
- SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: And half of the group is from At-Large.
- HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, so we're good. But who's going to—
- CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: We are good, but perhaps one of the regional leads, particularly one of the regional leads who hasn't been particularly active in the CIP meetings to date—
- HADIA ELMINIAWI: I could volunteer on that.
- CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay.
- JONATHAN ZUCK: You know who you are, and we know who you are, so we'll reach out.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, thanks. I guess that's it unless any of you thinks that there is a session that I missed that we need to be on.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I think we're good. We've reached the end of our time.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay, thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: And the timing gets a lot more important in the in-person meetings with the interpreters and everything.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. Thank you, all.

JONATHAN ZUCK: So we're going to call this particular meeting to a close. Thank you, all. We've just gotten started. Pace yourselves. We've got a long meeting ahead—okay, very quickly. Sorry.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Sorry. I didn't realize that the CIP meeting is at the same time as the Supplemental Recommendations, so I will not be able to attend the Supplement Recommendations.

JONATHAN ZUCK: All right. So work with Hadia on a different session then.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. All right. So thanks, everyone. A short break now. At 10:30, if you don't have another assignment, we'll meet you back here to talk about some of our own continuous improvement efforts and the issue of metrics. So we'll see you back here shortly. Thanks, everyone. This meeting is adjourned.

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