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CLAUDIA RUIZ

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And with this, I will now hand the floor over to Alejandra Reynoso, Chair of the ccNSO. Thank you.

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ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

This is Alejandra Reynoso, and I will be speaking in Spanish. Welcome to our Seattle meeting. It is a pleasure for me to see you all again in person. As you can see, we have interpretation in the room In Spanish, English and French. So, those of you who are going to participate here and using the audio, please remember to speak a little bit slowly so that interpreters do not have to worry so much.

Let me remind you that today we are going to have a great event. Our cocktail organized by .us. For those of you who have registered, remember to check with Claudia to pick up your ticket. Today's session and several other sessions, both today and tomorrow will be using Mentimeter, so please be attentive either to the QR code to read it on your mobile and answer from there or else with the number code that you will see on screen and accessing the link menti.com. So, having said this, I will give the floor now to Everton Rodrigues, who is the chair of the committee responsible for our agenda.

EVERTON TELES RODRIGUES

Thank you, Alejandra, and good morning to all of you here in the room, if you're watching us online wherever and whenever you are. Maybe in the future you're watching us as well. So, it's great to be here in ICANN82 in Seattle, and thanks for joining us. So, I'm Everton Teles Rodrigues from .br, and I'm glad to give you an overview of our members' meeting at ICANN82.

So, as the chair of the MPC, the Meetings Programme Committee, I would like to introduce you to our current membership. This is a

group that coordinates and manages the high-level schedule of the ccNSO-related sessions, including the members meeting agenda at ICANN public meetings. If you have any comments regarding the ccNSO-related sessions, please let us know. Many of us are here in the room, also online. And we all know that it takes a lot of effort for all of us to come to the meeting and invest our time here, so we want to make a better meeting for all of us.

Before we dive into the schedule, I really would like to know if we have any newcomers attending the meeting for the very first time. So, is there anyone here who is attending an ICANN meeting for the first time? Yeah, over there. Please stand up a little bit. Well, welcome to the ccNSO. ICANN meetings are usually heavy for newcomers, but we have a lot of interesting materials and contents, both at the ccNSO wiki and also at ICANN Learn. So don't forget that our great secretariat also provides daily digests, which are very helpful. So, stay tuned to our content and emails.

Additionally, one interesting point is that we speak ICANN-ese in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic, thanks to our great interpretation services available in many of our sessions. So, if you need a headset, we have some at the back of the room, or you can use your own headset as well for those who are joining the Zoom room. Last but not least, for the newcomers, or anyone basically interested, the ccNSO onboarding and mentoring committee will have an informal session to welcome newcomers. It will happen tomorrow, Wednesday, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at room 301. So, if

you're a newcomer and you would like to join this welcome session, please do so.

Here at the screen, we have now an overview of our members' meeting agenda, which is made by and for ccTLDs. So, today, after this session, we will have ccTLD News chaired by Pablo Rodriguez from .pr, and it will have presentations from .us, .in, .ua, and also from .pt. After lunch, we will have a session with updates from TLD Ops by .fr, for Regis Masse, SOPC with .de, .ru, and ICANN org, one update from the IGLC by .au, and the GRC by .vi.

And then after that, block four, we'll have a consultation session by the second ccNSO finance working group to help shape ccTLD financial contribution models chaired by Alejandra Reynoso. This conversation aims to deliver community-endorsed recommendations to the ccNSO Council by ICANN83 in Prague, so it's a work in progress. I really hope to see many of you over there.

And closing today's discussions, we will have an update by the Policy Gap Analysis Working Group chaired by Jordan Carter. This presentation will analyze whether any identified gaps in existing ccNSO policies, guidelines, or practices regarding the delegation transfer, revocation, and retirement of ccTLDs should be addressed. It will also seek feedback from the community on the recommended way forward. After we finish our discussions, don't forget about our networking event tonight. Hope to see you there as well. And that will lead us to Wednesday, as is our tradition. Sorry? On the previous slide.

CLAUDIA RUIZ

Please speak into the microphone if you have a question.

EVERTON RODRIGUES

Yes, so he was asking about the Policy Gap Analysis Consultation. Yeah, this may be a typo. Okay. Policy Gap is Block 5, 16:30, and 15:30. Thanks for noting. So, on Wednesday, as it's our tradition to kick off our post-networking event day in Block 2, so Wednesday we'll kick off with a joint meeting between the ccNSO and GAC, covering the Policy Gap Analysis Update and also ccTLD governance models. This session will take place in room Columbia C&D, the GAC's room.

And then after lunch break, we will have-- There is the DNS Abuse session, as you can see on screen. And then we will have, after the lunch break, on the next slide as well, the ccNSO will meet with the ccNSO Board members, Byron Holland and Patricio Poblete from .ca and .cl, in a meeting chaired by Molehe Wesi, with also Becky Burr from the ICANN Board.

And Block 5 will end our day with an Exploration of Drivers for Universal Acceptance Readiness, a session chaired by Abdalmonem Galila from the Egyptian IDN ccTLD. And it will have the participation of Ram Mohan from CODI, Bart Boswinkel from the ICANN org, Jaco Du Toit from UNESCO, Andrew Lewela from .ke, and Maria Kolesnikova from .ru and the Russian IDN ccTLD. So, Thursday is the last day of our members' meeting and of ICANN82, and it features the Geopolitical Forum, the Public Forum, and also

the ccNSO Council Meeting 214, which will be chaired by Alejandro Reynoso, and it will take place just before the ICANN Board meeting.

Well, on our next slide, we see some useful information, as Alejandro just said, that we need the MPC specifically, but for the benefit of all of us, please provide instant feedback at the end of every session because that helps us so much to continuously improve our meetings, and also when the meetings over a survey will be launched, both tools help us a lot to make a better meeting for all of us.

On our next slide, here you have a link to our wiki where you can find a lot of great information about the ccNSO and about our meeting. And that's it from me, from my end. So, welcome to the ccNSO. I hope you have a fantastic meeting and thank you. So, now it's my pleasure to give the floor to Jodi Andersson and Molehe Wesi for our next presentation. Thank you.

JODI ANDERSSON

Thanks, Everton, and hi, everyone. It's lovely to be here and to see you all. I'm Jodie from .nz, and together with Molehe, we're going to take up your next about half an hour to talk about a project that we're calling How We Meet. Somebody's calling it, maybe ICANN Org's calling it How We Meet. Molehe and I have been involved in this, engaged in this for the past couple of months, this project. We've been on a community discussion group as the ccNSO Voices. The project is about how to optimise ICANN's three big annual meetings to ensure that resources are allocated and used

appropriately and efficiently in support of the community's policy and technical work.

That's basically what the project is about. And some of you may have attended the session in prep week. Some of you may have attended the community session yesterday. And if you haven't and you want to know more about the project, I encourage you to go and look at those recordings. But in case you haven't, I'm going to hand over to Molehe, he's going to provide a quick summary of the background and the context of this project. And then we're hoping to engage you in some of the more interesting aspects of the project today. Next slide, please, Molehe.

MOLEHE WESI

Thank you, Jodie. My name is Molehe Wesi for the record from .za. As Jodi said, there has been these discussions led by a community discussion group. And I think for this purpose, I'll just call it discussion group going forward. The discussion group, of course, was supported by ICANN org. But for background, the engagements began during Kigali and subsequently into the Istanbul meeting. As Jodi said, in the main was to investigate how ICANN org can optimize the resources allocated to convening meetings.

And this, of course, with many other discussions led to a discussion at the SOAC chairs roundtable at ICANN81, where they decided that they will bring together this community discussion group to take the engagements forward. This, of course, led by the colleagues from ICANN org, who, as part of the process, developed a straw

man proposal supported by some information in relations to how the meetings have been held and the cost associated with those meetings. And I believe, as you must have heard Jodi indicating, yesterday there was a presentation by Sally and Mary speaking to the proceedings and, of course, the outcomes and also the timelines relating to the specific engagement and work done by the group. Over to you, Jodi.

JODI ANDERSSON

Thanks, Molehe. So, the basic process forward is that by approximately the end of March there's going to be a report published by ICANN. org. It's going to have some proposals in it and those are going to go out for broader community input. And you'll all have, as part of the community, the opportunity to input into that. But the process as currently proposed will finish before we meet again in Prague.

So, we thought that it would be a great opportunity while we're all here together in Seattle to bring some of the more interesting parts of the proposal to you today so that we can discuss it here amongst colleagues, identify what we're thinking about it. Your feedback or what we hear today I think will help me and Molehe as we continue to engage in this discussion group as the voice of the ccNSO. But we're also hopeful that it will get the ideas flowing for all of you and support your engagement in the consultation process. So, we are going to use Mentimeter as we often do in the ccNSO. And these aren't all the proposals that will be in the report. These are just a

few parts of it that we thought you might like to discuss or that you might find interesting.

Next slide please. We're going to all sort of get onto Mentimeter. So, you can use the QR code there if you have a camera on your phone or your other device or you can go there to the website and enter the code. And I believe that QR code will stay on the slides. I'm not sure. Yes, it does. So, if you haven't got it, it will stay there. So, we're going to have three Mentimeter questions and I'll hand over to Molehe to take you through the first one.

MOLEHE WESI

So, the very first one, similar to what was discussed yesterday, is shortening or revising rather the community forum block schedule by reducing it by one day. This of course flows from the discussions by the group with ICANN org where they, in one form or the other, presented possible cost savings that we might realize by shortening the block by one day.

And notably there were discussions and in the main from the group, they raised quite a number of issues. The ones that stand out was it would really assist if the cost were to be split. And we remain hopeful as part of the deck that will be released as part of the public participation, that information will be shared with everyone. But as you see on the screen now, we would like you to share your inputs. And if you agree, not sure, or you outright say no to the shortening of the meeting.

I think one thing that is also notable, there was a discussion to possibly include the AGM. And I think through deliberations, the group and ICANN org defaulted to consider the community forum. So, with that said, I'll hand over to you, Jodi.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

We have a hand from Jordan.

MOLEHE WESI

Okay. Sorry, we were deliberating how we're going to take it, but we are open for any questions. I can see Jordan raising his hand.

JORDAN CARTER

Thanks, Molehe and Jodi. My name is Jordan, .au. Did the proposal suggest which end of the meeting it would be shortened on? Would it be "finishing" on Wednesday instead of Thursday or would it be starting a day later? I don't know what we say we start at or not anymore. I started on Friday. But was there an answer to that?

JODI ANDERSSON

I believe the idea was to shorten it at the end, so finish on the Wednesday. And I think when the report is published, there will hopefully be a block schedule published with it showing how things would be moved around to make it a day shorter so that people will be able to look at it and figure out whether they like how everything's been pushed together. But, yeah, I think the short answer to your question is yes, I think they were thinking to take off the end, the end day. Thanks. Does anybody else have any

thoughts on why you voted the way you voted that you want to share with the group or ask any questions? Otherwise, thank you. Oh, sorry.

JORDAN CARTER

I'm just trying to help nudge discussion. It's Jordan again. I voted yes because I know that we can do all of our ccNSO work as members meetings in three days, and the Council tends to be the only thing that we do on the fourth day, and I'm sure we can squeeze it in somewhere. So, that's why I voted yes.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Jordan. I see Andreas.

ANDREAS MUSIELAK

Andreas from .de. I agree with Jordan for the ccNSO community. I fully agree, but I don't know for the other groups. So, I suggest that we have at least an example of a schedule which would work for a reduced schedule, and that makes it easier to decide on that. That would be my recommendation. Thank you.

JODI ANDERSSON

Thank you. We'll feed that in because I think they're looking at doing that, but it does sound like it would be really useful for people to be able to actually see what it would look like.

MARGARITA VALDES

Margarita from .cl. Good morning. I was thinking about including the ideas that are said. Something that it's important in terms of the length of the meeting is how hard it's for some members of the community to get to the places in order to have the meeting. Because probably I work for a public university. If I need to fly two days for work, three days, and then come back two days, probably my entity is not very willing to support my travel. So, that's one point, important point. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay, I have a-- Please.

EDUARDO TOME

Hello, Eduardo Tome from .hn. Yes, I understand the point that the ccNSO activities usually take about three days, but there's two days as internal work for different working groups, and there's closed sessions for the ccNSO Council. So, I think that might be impacted. And I don't know if these three days would be as efficient if we cut down on the first few days where the working groups can catch up and will basically set up what we're going to present on the next three days.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Eduardo. Please, and then I have Pablo with a hand up later.

ERDEM BAYRAK

Hi. This is Erdem from .tr. Actually, it seems that most of the people are selecting the yes choice. I would like to learn about that. If the duration of the community firm is shortened, how do you plan to measure the effect of this decision, not in terms of the cost effect or the financial effect, but also the effect on the community?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. Pablo?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ

Thank you all. This is Pablo Rodriguez from the registry .pr. I would like to ask if the AGM was considered to shorten by one day, and if it's not, can it be considered? Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Everton.

EVERTON RODRIGUES

Thank you, Alejandra. Well, just a brief comment and reflection. Of course, we are talking about how we meet, but I would like also to suggest the question why we meet, because at some point, by looking to the schedule and to the reasons why we have online meetings and we have a lot of intersessional work online, and that requires us at some times to have physical meetings. This may point us to some better answers to select why and how we meet and why we need one day more, one day less, or whatever days we need to have for an appropriate ccNSO, meeting. Thank you.

MOLEHE WESI

I'll handle some of the questions, and I believe some would be handled by Jodi. On the same session when we were discussing the shortening of the meeting, we also raised concerns about the geographical locations. In the main, we shared our personal experiences to say in some regions, it's quite difficult to get visas for some specific regions across the globe. Also, we also highlighted I think the strain in terms of finances for specific regions. If meetings are placed in specific regions for some areas, it becomes quite difficult for people to attend in person, and we would love to attend and speaking really to one of the comments that we made yesterday in terms of the difference between virtual and in-person meetings.

The other question relating to the impact on the preparatory work, what the colleagues from ICANN org proposed was optimizing the weekend before to ensure that most of the work is done during that in terms of preparation for the actual meeting instead of packing everything for the last three days as per the blocks that we shared with ourselves.

Before I hand over to Jodi, I think it's important to note that from our side as ccNSO, members, we highlighted that it should not only be about the money, it should also be about the experience of the meetings, speaking to what was indicated, why are we meeting and to improve on that while of course we are looking at optimizing the resource allocations. Thanks.

JODI ANDERSSON

Thanks, Molehe. I just want to answer the question about whether the AGM was considered to be shortened by one day. I don't think that came up. I think the idea was to focus on the community meeting, but we will feed that back in along with everything else that was brought up today, including how they plan to measure the effect of this decision on the effect on the community, not just on the cost. So, thank you for all of those comments and questions.

We're going to move on to the next interesting proposal, which is to, this one was the idea that ICANN might identify well in advance across the five different ICANN geographical regions, those meeting places that have economical air travel, hotel accommodation and venue costs. The obvious question is economical for who, but the idea is economical across the Board for ICANN, I guess, and for the community. And prioritize those meeting locations so that we can return to them again and again and maybe get some cost savings out of doing so because we can plan well in advance with lower prices and maybe enter into contracts with those places that we're returning again and again to.

So, this idea of prioritizing economical meeting locations within each of the geographical locations and returning to those previously used locations again and again is what we're interested in hearing your thoughts on. If we could go to the next slide. What do you think of this? This is free text so you can tell us anything you think because I'm really interested to hear and to be able to feed

this in and also so that you can hear from others so that when you engage in this process you've got some ideas as well.

Some of the things that we fed in when talking about this in the discussion group was that, well, one of the concerns that I fed in was that sometimes a meeting location chosen in a certain geographical region doesn't really serve that region particularly well. There was a lot of discussion at the last meeting in Istanbul which was the Asia-Australia-Pacific meeting that it was quite a long way for those of us down the bottom of the Pacific to actually come. So, if that was going to be the location that was returned to again and again it might compound that problem.

Again, also, as Molehe mentioned before and which he fed in to ICANN. org when we were discussing this if there are some locations where visas are a real problem for some of our colleagues again, if those locations are locked in and returned to again and again, it might compound that problem as well. Really interested to hear what you think about that. What sort of things have we got here?

Might not work well for diversity and rotation. Yeah. Economical locations might make it easier to get visas. Rotation needed. Reasonable. Still need to keep diversity of locations and consider visa issue. Yeah. Can be economical by signing multi-year contracts. Does make sense to reuse venues. Should also find a scientific way to minimise environmental impact. Hubs are preferred. Make it easier to reach with flights. Rotation is important. Yes. What do we mean by economical?

Okay. How are we doing for time? Should we take a few minutes to hear from anybody who wants to-- Those are great comments, thank you. And we'll capture all of those. Yes, Olga. Thank you.

OLGA CALVELLI

Thank you very much. This is Olga Cavalli from Argentina. Why I think rotation is important. Say, for example, that you pick a place in Latin America, that it's far north in the region. I live in a country that is far south. By the way, we have the southern city in the world, which is Ushuaia. And if you repeat always the location in the north of South America, those of us in the south, it will be very, very expensive to travel all the time to the same location.

I'm just giving an example from Latin America, but this may happen Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America as well. So, this is why I think rotation is important. This will allow people to be not so far away all the time from some of the members in countries that are far away from the place that it's selected. I understand the cost benefits, which is okay, but I think that rotation and inclusion of all the countries is very important. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. Sorry.

EDUARDO TOME

Eduardo Tomei from .hn. I agree with the importance of the rotation just because it gives more people the opportunity to travel. I was also the one that made the comment about the hubs,

particularly because in LAC TLD, we usually meet according to where LACNIC meetings take place. And sometimes it becomes really expensive for a lot of LAC ccTLDs to travel to those locations.

However, in Latin America particularly, there are hubs like Panama or Colombia where traveling is a lot cheaper. And it would be, even though there would not be as much rotation, as Olga said, those places, at least in Latin America, are way cheaper to travel to than, let's say, Bolivia, for example, where it's hard to get visas and also there's not that many options to get there.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Okay. We have Annalise, Regis, and Andres. And then we need to move to the next question.

ANNALISE WILLIAMS

Thanks, Alejandra. I'll be brief, and it's just an observation. I don't need you to respond. But just if we are continuing to think about rotating around the regions, this is an observation about the Asia-Pacific region, which is the largest by far of the five ICANN regions in terms of geography and population. If we are going to rotate around the regions, I'm not sure that the one in five Asia-Pacific meetings being held in virtually Europe is equitable. So, I'd like to throw into the mix perhaps considering more meetings than one in five in the Asia-Pacific, or dividing it up into sub-regions for purposes of meeting location or something.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. Regis?

REGIS MASSE

Yeah. Thank you. It's more a question than an observation. It seems to me that with the three kind of ICANN meetings, community, policy, and general assembly, the size of the meeting are not the same. So, if we find a location, for instance, in Europe, it should be one location for any kind of meeting of ICANN that would come to Europe or three kind of locations because there are smaller ICANN and bigger ICANNs. That's what is unclear to me. I mean, for instance, some cities could accommodate a policy meeting, some other could accommodate a general assembly. So, if it's always the same city, it's going to be a problem. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Andreas?

ANDREAS MUSIELAK

Andreas from .de for the record. I think the question is if we have willing parties in this particular country like we had in Hamburg, and I think at least for the European region, we have always countries who are willing to co-host such an ICANN event, and I think-- So, I'm very much in favor to rotate because also for a ccTLD, it helps to show the commitment to the industry. And for certain particular ccTLDs, it's important that they can also showcase their commitment.

We were talking about WSIS+ 20, other things, and that gives you the opportunity to get in touch with your government. So don't underestimate things like that. And, of course, what is important, even if we rotate or don't rotate, we need to have a sustainable ecological way to organize ICANN meetings. But I think either way, if you rotate or not rotate, both is possible. Thank you.

JODI ANDERSSON

Thank you very much. Great comments. I'm going to hand back over to Molehe for the final question.

MOLEHE WESI

Thank you, Jodi. On to the last question, and I think we always save the best for last. This was a highly contested question. I'm saying this because it was punted in the second meeting, and it took quite some time. And the final inputs, I would say, in one form or the other, were then gotten during the sixth meeting of the community discussion group.

In the main, the discussions revolved around, as indicated even yesterday, selecting one specific meeting. You can go to the next slide. Selecting one meeting and converting that specific meeting into a virtual format. As part of those discussions and considerations was an outright conversion of one. And also, considering if a meeting cannot be held in a specific geographical area, let that one be a virtual format. Or continue with what we have currently, which is the three distinct meetings.

As part of the discussions that ensued during the various meetings on and offline was really around consideration of time zones. I believe the colleagues from the Asian Pacific find it quite difficult to partake, especially if meetings are held in the further west. Then it becomes a bit problematic for them. Also, there were discussions to say, how are we going to improve on the experience of these specific meetings that would be converted into virtual. Implying that some people find it far more easier and gain more in terms of experience by having in-person versus virtual.

I think as part of the discussion and also raised yesterday was that can a fourth meeting be introduced and be tested to test the virtual platform. But for purposes of the engagement today, those are the options that you have on the screen. And we did not list the fourth one. I think it was dealt with by the colleagues from ICANN rog. So, with that said, we would like to get any inputs from the colleagues in the room and also online to check what are your sentiments and why you selected what you selected. Thanks.

JODI ANDERSSON

I'll just add one thing, which was that the original proposal, and I don't know whether this will actually come out in the report that's published, or whether it will just talk about, one meeting a year should be online. But the original proposal was that maybe it was the policy meeting, so the middle of the year meeting, that could potentially be turned into a virtual format. That was one of the straw man proposals that was put up.

And one of the things we raised, one of the concerns we raised with that was that that community meeting, the policy meeting, the middle of the year one, the slightly smaller one, is often the meeting that goes to the more far-flung places, so it provides some of that access to people who might not normally be able to come to an ICANN meeting.

So, we expressed our concern that if that was to be turned online and put in a time zone, run in a time zone that not a lot of people who are far-flung could attend, that that would take away the meeting that allowed for more access and not give that access back because of the time zones. So, we did feed in quite strongly on the time zone concerns and the access concerns when discussing this, as Molehe said.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

We have a queue of hands in Zoom. So, we have Pablo Everton and then Olga. Pablo?

PABLO RODRIGUEZ

Thank you. This is Pablo Rodriguez from the registry .pr. With regards to the four major affected meetings, I strongly believe that we should take a look. My recommendation is to take a look on a one-on-one basis. Because, for example, in the case of Puerto Rico, when Hurricane Maria occurred, based on the news, the global news that you would have seen, Puerto Rico was about to disappear from the face of the earth. Nevertheless, when ICANN approached us and asked us what was going on, the metropolitan

area of Puerto Rico was perfectly fine, and we were able to hold the ICANN meeting successfully, the community forum successfully. So, deciding on what are those causes need to be taken on a one-on-one basis and then make a decision. Thanks.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. Everton?

EVERTON RODRIGUES

Thank you, Alejandra. Everton Rodrigues, br for the record. I just would like to avoid to be repetitive compared to what I just said before, but about one meeting per year should be in a virtual format. Again, I would like to stress the importance of looking to the reasons why we meet. So, I know that the exercise is a very high-level one, but, again, if the community supports, for example, that more informative sessions should be taken in a virtual format, for example, bringing discussions to a physical meeting, then the why we are meeting becomes clearer instead of beforehand looking to the format itself. So, the answers may emerge from this reflection. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOS

Thank you, Everton. Olga?

OLGA CALVALLI

Thank you. This is Olga Cavalli, NomCom appointee to the GNSO. So, I think that the yellow line, I don't find relationship with the other two. First, I would say define force majeure. What does it

mean? I think Pablo really expressed that much better than myself. If it's one meeting per year should be a virtual format or not, I would say that we should refer to our experience during the pandemic. I think the meeting was effective, but in any way the results of the face-to-face meeting that we have on-site meetings. So, my vote is for the three meetings per year.

But my concern, and I have the same comment yesterday. I didn't express it on the mic, but I had it in my mind. Force majeure, this option in the middle, has nothing to do with the other two. And I would like to know what does it mean to force majeure. For any reason, the meetings could go into virtual just by whatever, how that is defined. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you, Olga. Looking at the queue in Zoom, well, David, you had your hand up, but not any longer.

DAVID MCAULEY

Thanks, Alejandra. David McAuley speaking. I have a general question at the end, not particular to this slide.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you. So, Jenifer?

JENIFER LOPEZ

Thank you, Alejandra. It's Jenifer Lopez from .pa for the record. I think converting one of the meetings to a virtual format could help

reduce costs, but it may not add significant value in terms of increased participation or achieving overall objectives of ICANN missions. So, I think it might limit engagement and the effectiveness of collaboration. So, I disagree with having a virtual one.

JODI ANDERSSON

Thank you, everyone. Those are fantastic comments. And we'll feed in that force majeure question, which is that in the report, to be able to engage properly, people need to know what they're talking about. We'll go to the final slide because I think we're out of time, over time maybe.

The final slide just shows where we are in the process. We're at that sort of blue-- They're all blue. OK, green and blue. We're at ICANN82 plenary session. That was yesterday. We're now about to go to the open public comment. As I said, the idea is that the report will be published by the end of March. That's what Sally said yesterday. So, I think that's the timeline they're working to.

The discussion group that Molehe and I are part of will meet again at some stage and be allowed to input further into this. So, everything we've heard today will be really great, some really great ideas to help us with that. But I also really, really encourage everybody to engage in the wider community engagement and feed your ideas into that. Let me just open it up for any final questions because I know, David, you said you had one.

DAVID MCAULEY

Thank you, Jodi. David McAuley speaking from Verisign .cc. I noted that on the ICANN Board agenda this week, on the consent agenda on Thursday, is contracting for ICANNs 85 and 88. And ICANN88 is out in 2027. So, my question was what you were just speaking to. Does your discussion group have a sense of how quickly this is going to come together and transition to a test of some sort? Thanks.

JODI ANDERSSON

What we've been told is that the hope of the people in the ICANN org that are organising this is that the community engagement will close. We will come back together as a discussion group and talk about all of the input that's come in and make some decisions or recommendations that will go into a report to come into the right decision bodies in Prague so that things can go through the system in time for the budget process, which I understand is just after Prague. That's what we know. I guess the process could change, but that's the intention of the process as we know it currently. I'll hand over to Molehe in case you have any other information or heard anything differently.

MOLEHE WESI

I think you have touched on most of the issues. The only thing really is to, when the document goes out on public comment process, is to ask people to engage the document and also make the comments yourself, the ones that you shared in the room. It's quite important. And like Jodi indicated, some of the information we did not have at first hand, that's why we are saying we'll take

the comments back to ICANN or to then ensure they're included as part of the brief. Thank you.

JODI ANDERSSON

Does that answer your question, David? Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Well, thank you so much, Jodi and Molehe, and everyone for providing the much needed feedback. Well, as you see, this is an ongoing process and we will look forward for the public comment as well to give our thoughts on this. Now I would like to invite Charles from the NomCom to talk about it.

CHARLES MOK

Yes, thank you. Can we show our slide that we have prepared? So basically, essentially, we look at the NomCom, the Nominating Committee for 2025. We are looking for nominations currently until almost the end of the month, March 28, for 10 open leadership positions in ICANN. And these include the three positions for the ICANN Board and three positions for the ALAC, which are going to be for the areas, for the regions of Africa, Asia Pacific, and Latin America. And, yes, three members for the ICANN Board.

This is more slides than I expected. So, yes, so anyway, yes, okay. This is one point that maybe I should be talking about first for the Board, because when we opened up the Board application on January 15, we did not have any geographical restrictions. But things have changed a little bit now, because the ccNSO and GNSO

Contracted Party House elections has been held, and they are filled by candidates from North America. Basically, we can no longer accept for the NomCom Board nominations from North America.

So, any of those people who are from North America who have previously or up to now submitted the applications, we will send an email to them to tell them that, hey, maybe you can consider other positions. But otherwise, other people who are still coming in from North America for the Board position, unfortunately, we cannot consider them.

Okay, the next slide. Yeah, and then one member for the PTI Board. Next slide. Yeah, okay. Three members for the ALAC, as I just mentioned, Africa, APAC, Asia Pacific, and Latin America. And one member from ccNSO, and two members from GNSO for Council, CP, and NCP. So, that's the summary of all the 10 positions. So, each candidate can apply for up to two positions. Of course, you can apply for only one. But if you apply for more than two, then we will probably take the first two that you have submitted. So, try not to do that. The deadline to apply will be March 28 at UTC 23:59. So, make sure you apply before that.

So, you can find out more about the position and the procedures and the timeline and so on at this particular website. So, if there's any question, you can reach out to myself, or you can actually also see the list of delegates to the NomCom this year. And you can reach out to any of us for any more information. And so, hope that you can help us find the next group of leaders for ICANN and the best ones that we can find to continue our mission. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO

Thank you very much, Charles. Does anyone have any question for Charles or comment? Okay, seeing none, I hope you didn't leave Mentimeter just yet, because we would like for you to be giving us feedback on each and every one of our sessions once we are done with them, as you can see right now on your screen. Thank you very much to, again, Jodi and Molehe for the hard work and heavy lifting on this endeavor of the How We Meet. Please remember that the next session will be ccTLD News. It is in this room starting at 10:30. Now that we are ending this session, we go into the coffee break. Thank you very much and welcome.

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