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WISDOM DONKOR

Thank you very much, Andrea. For the record, my name is Wisdom Donkor, Chair for NCUC. And you are welcome to this session. To this agenda, we have three items to go through in this member's session.

The first one, we're going to look at the regional engagements and webinars. And the second item will be the operational procedures. And we also look at the EC, the elections that we had, then welcome the new ECs into office. And so, these are the three items that we're looking at.

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So, beginning with the first item, I'm going to take that. I believe we all know the quarterly webinar that we initiated, we had the first webinar in August 25. And then it went very well. In fact, I've been getting a lot of emails asking for the next webinar. But then going to the next webinar, we are looking at having one joint webinar for all the regions. And then somewhere next year, maybe in the first quarter of next year, we are trying to now break this webinar to the regions. So, each EC is supposed to have one webinar in the first quarter. And then getting close to the ICANN85, then we have one joint webinar before we go into the ICANN85.

So, for the next webinar that we're looking out for, we discussed briefly in one of the EC meetings, and then we are looking at next month, later part of next month. And then I will propose DNS abuses. This is a topic that everybody seems to be interested in. We'll be looking at this topic, and then maybe we'll agree. If it's something that we go with, then we adopt it. And then we have the webinar on that. Yeah, so for the first quarter of 2026, after the new EC takes office, we are going to meet, and then plan for next year. And then also plan for the first quarter. And then we are going to give more details about the first quarter 2026, what exactly we are going to do, and then topics that we will be proposing. We'll discuss all of that.

So, in a nutshell, this is what I have to say for the regional engagement. So, if there are comments, maybe we can just have

two minutes comments, and then we'll have something to say about this quickly.

PEDRO LANA

Just very quickly, this also relates to something that Amine was mentioning in previous conversations during the meetings about having more activities of the regional representatives in their region. So, this is a way of making sure that this happens. We engage with webinars or on-site activities, but more regionalized just to reinforce that. Pedro Lana for the record.

WISDOM DONKOR

Amine? Amine agrees. Do we have any hand in the Zoom? Okay.

ANDREA GLANDON

Sorry, Wisdom. Inez just put her hand up.

WISDOM DONKOR

Oh, Inez. Quickly.

INES HFAIEDH

Thank you very much, Wisdom. Hi, everyone. And I'm wishing you a fruitful session. Just a question about the regional engagement and webinars. So, are we speaking about the cooperation between NCUC/NCSG constituencies and ICANN org regional team, or are we speaking about the webinars and calls that we used to make

regional calls that NCUC EC used to make with the membership?

Thank you.

WISDOM DONKOR

Yes. This is NCUC regional webinars. So, this is an initiative where we are supposed to look out for members across board and then bring them into their community. So, we look for a topic that that interests that particular region and then you come up with that webinar, and then we all rally behind.

INES HFAIEDH

Thank you very much.

WISDOM DONKOR

Okay. So, we now go to the next item. I think the next item is the operational procedure and then we have a team that is working on this in the leadership of Pedro and Namra. So, I'll hand over this to Pedro to take us through.

PEDRO LANA

Thanks, Wisdom. Pedro Lana for the record. I'll try to be fast because we don't have a lot of time. I'm also sharing in the chat. Andrea, if you could also share the link, which is better. It's a brief overview of how things went. I'll just read it quite quickly. We started the operating reviews as decided on Section 15 of the operating procedures themselves that [inaudible] scope if we should or should not reveal the operating procedure. We decided

on it. We had an initial scope but as also defined by the rules, we left for the task force that would be formed to have the final decision on that.

First, the call for the Operating Procedures Review Task Force was made mid-April. The group was formed and started work at the beginning of May deciding that Section 1 to 11 would be the scope of the work. We worked during the following months mostly asynchronously, but also doing through calls. The work that was done with the rationale is on that link, the first link on the chat. We also have the required recordings publicly available on the mailing list. If you could go down a little bit.

Then we had the work of consolidating it, [inaudible] as the penholders under the guidance of NCUC EC. We had a work of consolidating the work that was done by the OPRTF and send that version to public comments. So, after the first public comment phase was finished, they went through the suggestion of the community to accept or reject the suggestions and those commentaries, almost all of them were approved. The few ones that were not was because there was no rationale behind it, and the rationale that was the ones used for each of those decisions is also present on that second link, which is the consolidated final version that went back for the community for another public comment.

On this last public comment, which will be the focus of this meeting, we had just a few new suggestions coming in. If you could

go down for just a bit. And what we are going to do right now is ask for this community feedback during this meeting because it will be the last moment we can do that. The decision is made by the EC through a majority of votes of the final version and there are five proposed changes in this final document, on this final public comment, which can be divided in two groups, the non-controversial which had no diversions on the documents and the controversial ones.

That's the link. Also, it's the same link that Andrea shared in the beginning. The non-controversial ones were comments by Hooda, Hooda Sheehy, adding the phrase with agreement between the different members about flexibility of the work timeline of the NCUC policy committee, which seems like there is no problem. It's already expected for it to happen through consensus. I would just like to first—then, we are going to ask to see if there is any opposition of the EC in each of those points. I think those two first ones will be really fast so do we have any opposition? Let me see on the chat also if Sara is mentioning something about Hooda addition, if we don't have one.

The second one was an addition by Amine about the treasury reporting that was added as an item five. I just did a small change adding as an item five of the section regarding treasury reporting which is at the conclusion of this active committee's term. Each year, typically in November, the EC shall prepare and share a financial balance statement with the NCUC community. The statement should summarize the financial activities and current

balance of the term. Members of the community will be given a period of two weeks to review the statements, meet and remark or comments to the EC for consideration.

So, just note, this is also very similar to something that Ken mentioned in one of the works of the meetings of the Operating Procedures Review Task Force. And I would just like to check if there is any opposition from the EC or commentaries from the people in the room. Let me see in the chat or if there's any hands up. If there is none, we can go to the controversial ones. And this one, what I did to try to get feedback on a more streamlined manner. Let me see how much time we still have. Okay. I was the given three proposals which we can also put to vote in the chat.

Is everyone on the—just to mention, this is for community feedback since the decisions of the EC are the votes that will count, but just to get those feedback on how to proceed. What will be put to vote. So, this controversial part was an in part called timing of the call for candidates of the following test. The call for candidates or the review to determine whether a new call is necessary should normally take place in January each year and be conducted by the executive... My Gemini. During its general meeting, the EC may decide either to maintain the current order of the decision or to open a new call for candidates.

If a call is to be made, the process should take place during the months of February and March allowing sufficient time for deliberation and selection. The newly selected individual shall

commence their terms in October following the conclusion of the third ICANN meeting of the year. There is a debate falling on the Google Docs file and there is a mention that the timeline could be changed. There could be some flexibility on the text but it would be important to have some orientation on when the appointment should be made by the EC to decide on all the positions that are defined on the operating procedures.

So, we have three options here that's what I would like to put a vote. I don't know if Andrea can help with that or should I put a vote, just the three options that are there like option one, option two and option three just for the community feedback. If we suggest a text, maintain the regional [inaudible] about the timeline.

I'm also going to ask if there is any other suggestion of text by the people in the room before I proceed to a vote. But we have three options, suppressing the suggested text, maintaining the original, which means having no info about the timeline of decision, maintaining the suggested new text as it is or adding the text but changing a little bit of its content to make it shorter, which was part of the discussions that were happening in the Google Docs.

This one that the session made. They called for the conditional [inaudible] after the first meeting of the executive committee, which would be would be normally in December and during the second meeting, the EC shall decide on the candidate. And then you'll decide like that individual shall commence their term in the

first ICANN meeting of the year. I would just before getting the community feedback on that, ask there is any other suggestions or alteration of the text. I think Benjamin has his hand there.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE

Benjamin for the record. I'm trying to really see why we're having a lot of options on this item, which I think the primary objective of it is one individual. I mean, having a broader participation of our membership and just having a situation where we don't have one person occupying two positions which has been our practice in our community for a long time. And while it's becoming a voting item right now, my thought is, should it be limited to us or should we give ample time to even talk about it in our community and put what is at stake to everybody to look at.

But as leaders we know what it is and I wonder why we are playing around it this way or why there's some form of politics around it. The context is we have limited resources. We're all complaining about participation fatigue. And while in the same space we're having one individual occupying multiple positions, and I think that's straightforward, what it is, so the context of voting or not voting, I don't know what we want to achieve with that, and asking for multiple options, also, I don't think it serves that purpose. I just wanted to say clearly for me, I think the argument is clear and straightforward. Thank you.

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- PEDRO LANA Yeah. The thing is that, if we don't finish the review by this term and we have to start a new process and the current operating procedures don't have this limitation, sorry. If we don't vote it we won't have this limitation and that's actually the only way to be able to implement this. So, any other suggestion or comments on the chat?
- ANDREA GLANDON Pedro, just to note, I am not able to do a poll or anything like that. I would have had to have that ahead of time but if you want me to, I mean, track something in the chat, I can do that.
- UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE Just a suggestion, we can have a show of hands on the chat, yeah.
- PEDRO LANA If there's any other suggestion. If not, I will abstain—oh, yeah, sure.
- UNIDENTIFIED MALE Thanks, Pedro. Just so I'm clear about what the actions are. So, the original text says that the EC is obliged to make a call for candidate at a certain point, and this is for positions that, just for context, the positions that the NCUC sends to other organizations, NCSG and the EC, et cetera. So, the question is that, right now, it's at a certain point in time, the EC is obliged to call for candidates regardless.

I understand the first option is that we maintain that position. Is that correct? Do I understand that?

PEDRO LANA

Yes, we don't add any text.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE

Don't add or change any text.

PEDRO LANA

Yeah, so there is the need for make a decision, but there's no timeline, no points when the decision should be made.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE

Right. And in fact, the current text does not specify a specific point in time when that call needs to be made.

PEDRO LANA

Exactly.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE

Okay. Everybody understands that. So, the new text says, maintaining the original—yeah, thanks. So, it says now, okay. But the new text is saying a couple of things here. The new text I see saying two things, and that's not really split out, I think, in the options that we have. The new text is saying, number one, there's a specific time at which at which that call needs to be made.

The second thing I'm reading here, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that, the EC gets to decide whether they're going to make a call at all. And I think there's an important distinction here because the EC then is deciding that the current person sitting on that position will remain until they decide otherwise. Frankly, I have a problem with that. Okay. So, that's my point of view. Kind of scroll back to the options, sorry.

So, the second option is maintaining the new text as we've just read, and the third is adding the text and making some kind of adjustment. I didn't get a chance to read all of that. Only take place after blah, blah, blah.

PEDRO LANA

This new suggestion is exactly to change this thing, but just a timeline where you have to do a call. Call and decide with just seeing the dates without the possibility of not doing this call or just keeping the things as they are there.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE

Okay, fine. Okay, thank you very much.

PEDRO LANA

Can I do the show of hand things? Oh, sorry.

BRUNA SANTOS

Just a brief question. Bruna for the record. Timeline adjustment, you guys are suggesting January. Generally, the change of

leadership is before that like, when we do, Andrea, we do the change of leadership in July now?

ANDREA GLANDON

Yeah. So, the change of leadership happens in June, the election usually happens in June. I think these are for NCSG EC, NCSG policy committee, right?

BRUNA SANTOS

I agree.

ANDREA GLANDON

Yeah. But June is when the election is, the leadership. If there's a change, happens after this meeting.

BRUNA SANTOS

Yeah, my point was more about aligning that with the term of the chair. Otherwise, you have a gap between [inaudible], because if the chair comes in June and then it takes six months to nominate someone, then it's going to be a little disconcerted. And ideally, even though the operating procedures didn't say anything, the chair needed to issue the call immediately after being elected. There's not a clear timeline but the idea that immediately after being elected, he needs to issue the call for the policy committee, for the finance committee, and for members of the EC in that idea, so yeah.

ANDREA GLANDON

Just to note, he or she is elected in June, but they don't take their [inaudible] until after this meeting, yeah.

PEDRO LANA

Rafik first then Ken. Sorry, is there anyone else? No.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Sorry for joining late. So, maybe I missed some of the discussion, but, I guess, this is about the timeline to appoint, right? Okay. I made one of the comment to respond, to suggest. So, maybe just to kind of continue what Bruna was commenting, it's kind of the custom or what we usually do is just after the [inaudible], since all the terms for the elected officer, NCSG, NCUC and NPOC. The NCUC chair, one of the first thing he do, he will send to the chair of NCUC and NPOC asking them to reappoint, I mean, confirming or to appoint a new representative to the policy committee, to the executive committee and the finance committee.

So, I think it's quite simple, we have just to put that in text that it will be one of the first activity. The idea is really here maybe is we need to document, so to make clear for the executive committee that that's coming and this is one of their first things to do. Basically, we can also maybe make template for the call of candidate because that when we know it's repeat every year, it's something we can work to make it easy. But just for the executive committee here and NCUC to start to make the selection in the first

week because the [inaudible] committee will change to some extent, the policy committee will change because we have outgoing councilor and incoming councilor.

And so, one also of their first thing here, they need to elect the policy chair after a few days. In our case here, we need to do it as soon as possible because our current chair, he won't be able to be and the PC. So, I think here to make it simple, you just put it will be one of the first activity. We can work out the template for the call of candidate because it's repeating. You are not asking a different job description every time. And it's also in a way to get all the committee in sync in the same time at NCSG, NCUC and [inaudible] level.

Only one thing but maybe it's not covered here and it's issue that happened this year. We changed the executive committee several times. And that create a challenge because something is how to continue some of the activities or the discussion. So, the best is really always start at the same time and to avoid changing in the middle of the term to not impact unless there is something kind of that we cannot control, but yeah. Just wanted to make this comment, yeah.

PEDRO LANA

Just let me see if I understood. The idea would be to have the call after right after the IGM, the IGM with the new EC and then deciding on the first EC meeting. Is that right?

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Yeah, I mean, it doesn't need to be in the meeting. One of the first activities for the EC. You don't need to necessarily to discuss or to agree on that on EC call. It's up to you if you want to call, that's fine.

PEDRO LANA I don't know and—

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK And maybe one thing, I think here the issue it's because, I guess, maybe the concerns about the handover between the ECs moving from all the EC to new EC. And this is maybe just to work out. It doesn't need to be a creative procedure. It's more like something we have to build like what we had over in term of task and to tell those coming that we need to work on this, yeah, to prepare. We don't need to wait until—to sit to start working on some things.

PEDRO LANA Just to be conscious of time, I think we are on the limit of our time here. All right. Is there any other comments?

BRUNA SANTOS Yes. Bruna again for the record. Just because I was lost by the discussion on the chat and if you mentioned that, apologies. Are you adding a term limitation as well to the documents or not?

PEDRO LANA

We already have one on the bylaws.

BRUNA SANTOS

Yeah, that I know.

PEDRO LANA

But there is also—after the first public comment, I think because of Benjamin's comments on that first public comment, the only place it was able to be added was on the footnote referring to term limits. So, there is also one piece there that say that it also refers to the chair position which was the one there was a gap.

BRUNA SANTOS

Yeah, because there wasn't necessarily a gap, right? It was kind of a transposed practice from NCUC chairs. Term limited after two terms and we always adopted kind of the same practice with some exceptions in general. But I just wanted to get this on the record because Sara was also putting on the chat that there was no limitations for that. And to me, there has always been a limitation as to many years we've been and so on.

I think we have the problem of members stepping out of EC and then coming back afterwards because of the limits of membership and so on. But if we can keep a rule of at least one year out of these positions then they maybe can come back. To step out for one term, could be could be an interesting approach.

PEDRO LANA

Perfect. This would need to be then in the next—would have to be done in the next review. There is a problem now that we have with time. I was trying to be fast, so we could be able to preserve the time in POC, and I'm not sure how to proceed since we are not going to be able to talk about the second controversial point. So, just going to ask Juan if we finish it right now and then try to define it, the rest point, the other points on the mailing list or something like that or if we finish it?

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS

Yeah, you can maybe take five minutes, I think, because I have some administrative issues with EC, executive committee for NPOC and I am the only one here, so I need maybe to skip that part of my agenda, so go ahead.

PEDRO LANA

Sorry. Please, Benjamin.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE

I think we're running out of time, just let's proceed.

PEDRO LANA

Right.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE

I had a point.

PEDRO LANA Perfect. So, any other comments before we put it to a show of hands? Remembering it's not a vote, but getting community feedback. It's a vote, but part of community feedback.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE I just want to ask if everybody's clear about these points. What we are trying to do, if we're all clear about it or...

PEDRO LANA Yao, do you have something—

YAO AMEVI A. SOSSOU Hi, it's Yao. I just want to suggest something. Since the time is limited, I think, we all have access to the document. We can just give it two, three days maximum to everybody for input and then case is solved, I think.

PEDRO LANA Yeah. No, Yao. We can't because that actually just finished and we need to finish the operating procedures in this meeting.

YAO AMEVI A. SOSSOU I get the point, but since nobody's reacting, I don't know.

PEDRO LANA

It could be postponed for the next term, but that would mean that we will have no of those rules. Let's finish now. All right. So, finally, show of hands. Option one, option one. Oh, sorry, I didn't finish the first writing there. The call for candidates should normally take place usually after the new executive committee takes place. I'll adjust it afterwards, after the AGM. During the first meeting, the EC shall decide on the candidate and the selected individuals shall commence to determine the [inaudible] meeting of the year. So, show of hands, first option, keeping the original text, which means no information about timelines. Second option, maintaining the new text as it is.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR

Just wondering how the show of hands is going on. Is it manual hands?

PEDRO LANA

Sorry, sorry. Should we do it through the Zoom meeting, so we can at least have the records.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE

If I make a suggestion, leave the last option. Do nothing as the last one, so if neither of the changes gets the mark, then the default would be leaving unchanged. So, that when going through the options, go the other order, so that the final option would be, make no changes because that should be the default option if we can't agree on anything else.

PEDRO LANA So, starting on the third option. If you can go down there to show the options to everyone. Through the Zoom call.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Sorry, I'm confused. What you are trying to achieve today?

PEDRO LANA This is the community feedback. Then I will ask based on the community feedback what is the EC vote on that.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK You want to get feedback right now?

PEDRO LANA Yes.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK I have concern with this. I know we are meeting and people joining. Myself showing late, so I have no idea about the other. I cannot participate. And I have concern about the operating procedure, for example. Other members, they don't participate. I'm not sure, is it in the procedure that you have to do it like this?

PEDRO LANA No, this says, we have to publicly discuss, and we have to do it during the term of the EC.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK I mean, I have no idea whoever come up with those operating procedure process that make it so difficult like this. I mean, I will abstain because I don't know how really.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE Chair, chair, I think you are giving a very—

PEDRO LANA I'm not the chair.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE Oh, sorry. Okay. I'm talking about NCSG chair. I'm mentioning his suggestion, Rafik. His suggestion seems to—I mean, a couple of persons suppose that suggestions where he says, immediately the new chair comes in. He should make a call. Does anybody contradict that? Yes. So, I think that gives a good option for a couple of persons here including me to like, okay, yes, I align to that as against leaving the text.

 The text, the way it is right now leaves a lot of gray area for things to happen. So, his last suggestion right now, I think, seems like a workable option. And it gives a voting direction for some individuals who would like to vote.

BRUNA SANTOS

I just wanted to put on the record that it's neither mine or Rafik's suggestion. It's the practice for NCUC and NCSG in the past years. We have always invited the incoming chair to request the nominations right after they were elected and took charge. So, that was the practice.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE

And that was supposed to be the practice. Unfortunately, not everybody understands that. Sadly, so, this is processed to document it. It was supposed to be the practice, but it wasn't taken like that.

WISDOM DONKOR

Okay.

MIRACLE ONYEBUCHIM

Sorry, please. Miracle for the record. I just want to make a very quick comment. It's probably pedantic but in just terms of policy, I'm not comfortable with the word take place immediately. That's very ambiguous. What does immediately mean? Can we put a time frame to that or is that normal ICANN policy? When you say take place immediately after the new EC takes place, what's the time frame for immediately? Is there a reason why we're not putting a specific empirical time frame to that?

PEDRO LANA If we had, there's no reason for that. It's just the idea is as soon as possible but—

MIRACLE ONYEBUCHIM Yeah, but as soon as possible can be two years. Why don't you want to put a time frame to that? Is there a historical challenge to that? Because immediately could be anytime.

PEDRO LANA Please, Wisdom.

WISDOM DONKOR Yeah, it looks like time is far spent, and I don't think we can take that decision today. So, if possible we can convey maybe an emergency meeting after this meeting, so that we can consult, and then come up with a better decision that everybody will comfortable with.

PEDRO LANA Yeah, before the end of the AGM.

WISDOM DONKOR Yeah. We can hold on on this and then come back again as soon as after we conclude this meeting and then fix the data and then we can discuss.

PEDRO LANA

Yeah, to preserve the time of the NPOC. Sorry for that one, but we'll try to get some feedback from the community on those things through the mailing list and then make the decision based on that feedback.

WISDOM DONKOR

Okay. So, thank you very much, Pedro. And thanks for all the comments, observations that have come in. On the last item, this is a quick one. Just wanted to take this opportunity and then congratulate the outgoing EC and the chair. So, the outgoing EC, the current, I should say, EC, Pedro, Amine, Sara, Namra, and then, [inaudible]. These are the outgoing EC. And then two new ones will join in, the new EC that are coming.

The good thing is that myself have been re-voted for. Amine, Pedro and we are continuing into the next position. And then we have Ines and, what's the name?

ANDREA GLANDON

Juliana.

WISDOM DONKOR

Juliana, Ines and Juliana joining us. So, I'll take this opportunity to—I don't know how to do it, but say indoctrinate them or yes, to welcome the new executives into office. So, I think we need to find a process. Maybe somebody to inaugurate us and not me coming in and inaugurating myself again. Yeah, so the new EC will take over

after this AGM. And then, on this note, Andrea if you have anything to add up?

ANDREA GLANDON

No, that's all. We'll just welcome the new NCUC EC members and say goodbye to Sara and [inaudible]. Tomslin has his hand up.

TOMSLIN SAMME-NLAR

Thanks. Just curious, when will the NCUC appointees to the PC be done?

WISDOM DONKOR

We'll meet as soon as possible and then decide something on that. Then on this note, adjourn this NCUC session of this part of the meeting. So, I then hand over to Juan.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS

Thank you, Wisdom, and thank you, everyone. I would like to—I had some administrative issues, but as I said, I am the only one executive committee member right now, but I don't want to say thanks to Tapani, who was our NCSG EC member appointed, but now he is an incoming councilor. So, he will be leaving the NCSG EC NPOC appointed position and we will need to call for a new a member from NPOC who can fill that position. And also, give the welcome for—I have been done last time also to Yao that's online and Wale would be ratified us our NCSG EC appointed is only we are

only changing Tapani because he is incoming councilor. So, Wale one maintains his position on NCSG EC for NPOC.

And as I say, I think that for now but I don't want to—yeah, I will be. We will be replacing Tapani, but we are not deciding who right now. And now I think I'm going to do a quick overview about the work we done in the SubPro IRT. It's not just my work. It would be a team. A team that was made with Michaela and Kathy and myself. So, I would like to share a little bit what we did on this effort in this SubPro.

So, I would like to tell you this story or I try at least because it's like a battle between David versus Goliath. This is a fight that we always have quietly inside ICANN. In this story, David is us, the non-commercial community, all the local association on people that we trying to represent. And Goliath, Goliath is the system that we face, the bureaucracy, the technical walls, the legal language, and sometimes, the power imbalance that keep our smaller voices from be heard. Next, please.

The players, of course, we are—up already. I'm sorry, the next one. The players is where I'm talking just before. The next is the battlefield. The next slide, sorry.

In this case, it's the SubPro, the Subsequent Procedures Implementation Review Team is this group who was deciding about the new round of gTLDs. It's an implementation and discussing about the guidebook, the process, right? Here, we have some of our values, our fighting to make sure non-commercial

voices don't get lost in the discussions. The applicant guidebook is the rule book for the entire game. The next one.

Applicant guidebook, it's to apply a new top-level domain and defines who can apply, how they're evaluate and what protection exist. In this case, the wording matters because every paragraph decides who's in and who's left out. This determines who can apply for a new domain, what community, and what protections exist for those who don't—[inaudible] or lawyer for millions of projects. For many big corporations, this is business, just business, but for us, a community, the stakes are different. We are not just applying for domain names. We are applying for identity, visibility and fairness in this political space. Next one, please.

Now we have this. It's one of the things that we thought about is the CPE, the Community Priority Evaluation. This was created so that real community, not just a company could have a fair chance to win its name. It was supported groups like .eco cultural communities, linguistic communities or something like that. But as maybe on 2012 round, sometimes doesn't work as expected. The rules as you already know are very complex and the evaluators are limited. So, these real communities, us, lost big players.

Now we deserve the names. In many cases we have the non-commercial went back for Community Priority Evaluations. In this case, we were fighting with this technical jargon and complex criteria. The new AGB reads like a legal contract, not like someone from a small [inaudible] in Kenya or Bolivia or any small country or

organization can understand. We argued that everyone not just IP lawyers should be able to read and understand how to apply. Next.

Otherwise, the round would open for all those people that already was there. Then the next.

Then we are—okay, that's it. We faced this kind of challenge. We fought about accessibility. We fought about nexus opposition and diversity of evaluation. In accessibility, we said, okay, everyone should be able to understand. In nexus, we discuss about the link between the community and its chosen name. We raise example as Aymara or Guarani people, communities which have deep cultural roots, because imagine that a company put a name or its brand name is Aymara, but it doesn't have any connection with people in Paraguay or something like that.

If we don't have this proper evaluation, that name, in this case, Aymara or Guarani could be handed for any big corporation with lost in maybe the identity for this community. So, we insisted that these evaluators must have the freedom to use their own expertise, not just what is written in by the applicants in the in the process. They must be able to listen, research, understand the context, otherwise, these big corporations wins again.

The next topic, it was opposition. We saw some people suggesting that only relevant organizations should count when opposition as an application. But we were wondering about what communities can apply that they have a formal structures or what about local groups of elders or social movements are the community but don't

exist on paper. If we don't have their voices here, the evaluations just because of formality not a protection.

And finally, we challenge the lack of diversity among evaluators because they are trying to say that only these people with those long backgrounds or part of these evaluators. But we fight about the world, from the world community because it have a different means in different contexts. So, we push here for regional, cultural and linguistic diversity in the selection also of evaluators and advisors because, of course, we understand community means understand people. And what we achieve—the next one, please.

Our efforts it was like this. We, in the final draft of the applicant guidebook, the written part the language includes something about relevant organizations that is clarifying that evaluators should consider support or opposition only when it's truly meaningful. And there is also a new note, a footnote that allows evaluators to look beyond that what's submitted in the process. To use their expertise when a string carries multiple meanings. This change, of course, could sound small but for us, there were major wins.

This process is a beginning to recognize that communities are not corporations and the fairness can be standardized for a formula alone. For the next, it's the last one, I think, yeah.

The next one, what comes to this keep fight alive. It's once you know all the SubPro is finishing but a new space it will be open. I talked in the last policy committee about the Standard

Predictability Implementation Review Team or SPIRT. This team, implementation review team will be where a watch how these policies work in the real life. And, of course, there are things that can be wrong. Maybe big corporations can take advantage of this SPIRT, this space. So, it's important for us as in NCSG because it's the space where we share together stay engaged to show up, participate and keep, of course, the non-commercial voice active. Because, of course, if we are not in the room, decisions still will be made just without us. And I think that's last one. I have one more.

ANDREA GLANDON

Yeah.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS

So, just this fight is about equity inclusion and meaningful participation. Every clear sentence we push, for every fair rule that we push matters. We can still push this process accountable to everyone, not just a few ones. And all these concerns could be a fully raised for everyone. For example, it's not just to have a public comment, yes. It's important to have or give a public comment, give our opinion, but sometimes, and we could watch in the practice, sometimes, we don't have people to push for that comment in the working group, maybe that comment would be lost.

So, in this SubPro, we have worked hard to ensure that every NCSG comment was considered. And those that we need to do little extra

care and explanation to push them through. So, please go ahead, write comments and serve on the IRTs and let our voice being here on these IRTs and PDPs or whatever we need. That's it that I have to say on this regard. So, maybe you have any questions or maybe Michaela or I don't know, if Kathy is online, could add something that maybe have lost.

MICHAELA SHAPIRO NAKAYAMA Michaela for the record. No, nothing to add on substance. Just wanted to give you and Kathy so much credit because it's a lot of work to follow. It's so many emails. It's so many meetings, so just, yeah, thank you for keeping us all abreast of it. And thank you for having the patience to deal with this.

JUAN MANUEL ROJAS Thank you, thank you very much. That's it. Thank you for being there also. It was very helpful and that's all I have to share with you. I don't know if you have any question about this or do you want to add something to this discussion. Maybe a question or something like that? Okay, so I made it. Didn't you all fall asleep, so I made it. So, I think that's—I think, yeah. Do you want to? Yeah.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Thanks, Juan and thanks, Wisdom. So, the idea here that we wanted to have both constituents in same time because previously they had a conflicting session. I think it's good to have this discussion as the whole group, NCSG and also, to streamline all

those sessions. I believe we have 15 minutes left, so Pedro, I think, maybe, I mean, you took from NPOC, but they still can give you more time if you want to go on the topic. Yeah, if you want to use the 15-minutes.

PEDRO LANA

So, I think, we can get back to the first controversial issue. Please go on.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE

I just wanted to say like, we have Giovanni here, and he's in charge of ICANN Grant. And if we could give him three minutes, do an update if we get the time.

PEDRO LANA

Sure, why not. What? Oh, all right. So then, we can return. So, back to the controversial point number one. Three options starting from the last question to the first one, which means first show of votes through all the Zoom. I lost my Zoom call but I think Andrea can follow the community feedback.

So, first, please put your hand up in the Zoom call if you are in favor of adding the text by changing its context the way that's it's listed there. Remember, this is a community feedback, not a vote, et cetera, et cetera. I can't see the chat.

ANDREA GLANDON	If you say the option, I'll put it in the chat what the results are. That way it's on record.
PEDRO LANA	Option three, adding the text, but changing its content.
ANDREA GLANDON	I see no hands.
PEDRO LANA	All right. Option two, maintaining the new text as it is, which means, the suggestion with the large text, a little bit of both. Can you go up there, Andrea, to show them? Means maintaining this text here.
ANDREA GLANDON	No hands.
PEDRO LANA	And option—if you can go back. And suppressing the suggested text, maintaining the original, which means a lack of currently info about the timeline. Yeah, Tapani asked for us to start with option three. We always end with the option that means no changes. None of that, yeah. I was reading the options.
BRUNA SANTOS	Maybe you can post the options on the chat for everyone that's following.

PEDRO LANA

But how? Should I do it again, because—there you go.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Okay. I think it's quite simple. So, either to keep as it is or to accept the new text or to accept this new suggested text.

PEDRO LANA

Yes.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

I mean, I think, to make it easy for those in the—tell them just to raise hand to get started. And those are here just please use hand maybe. So, who is in favor? I mean, you start from—okay, we can go with this new text. Okay, let's put it. The problem, I don't think we have a pool in Zoom.

PEDRO LANA

Yeah, we don't have.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

We don't have pool, so we are trying to do it in that way. So, the new text that was proposed? Anyone in favor to...? Don't see any. Okay. The second choice is to accept the change that was made at the later stage in the process.

PEDRO LANA

Wait.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Which one?

PEDRO LANA

No, you mean the first one was this one that is on the screen. But the second one is not—

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

This one, yeah, this one. Confused, okay. I started with the last choice, the new text. Nobody's supporting it as I can see. Now, seeing what was added at the late stage in the process.

PEDRO LANA

The small text.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Yes.

PEDRO LANA

So, just show it in the screen, please, Andrea.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Yeah, nobody said that working on live document is easy thing, so yeah.

PEDRO LANA Yeah, that's the vote right now. Okay.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Five? Okay.

PEDRO LANA All right.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Okay, let me show you. You are accepting which [inaudible] this one in the middle. The option.

PEDRO LANA The small text.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Hmm?

PEDRO LANA Now we're voting the small text.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Small text, which one?

PEDRO LANA	Just adding the text but changing its content. That's what you said, right? Yeah, that's what people are voting on. Yeah.
MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK	Okay, okay. One second.
PEDRO LANA	Yeah. That's what people voted right now, five votes.
MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK	That's what.
PEDRO LANA	And now another one.
MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK	So, what was the last change that was made, okay. So, here we got how many? Five, five okay. Okay, okay. Five for this. Let's keep track. Okay, let's go to this next.
PEDRO LANA	And last option. You said two votes, two options only. Last option it's not accepting any of the new text.
MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK	Not accept?

PEDRO LANA No changes at all.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK No change, to accept what was shared we are discussing. No change, okay.

PEDRO LANA No change. So, we still have to—a show of hands, the last option of not adding anything.

ANDREA GLANDON So, just to be clear to those online, they are currently voting on making no changes.

PEDRO LANA Yeah, exactly.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK The new text as it is.

PEDRO LANA No, no.

ANDREA GLANDON No, it's no changes at all to the—

PEDRO LANA Suppress the suggestion text, meaning no changes on the operating procedures regarding—

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK So, suppressing the suggested text maintaining the original, yeah. Okay, we're supporting this stuff only.

INES HFAIEDH Sorry, this is Ines. So, we don't understand which one is option—normally, option three is the third one on the text, right, which is adding the text, right? I don't get it.

PEDRO LANA Yes, but it affected it because Tapani made a suggestion.

INES HFAIEDH Yes. Sorry, we don't understand anything anymore. Just write option one, option two, option three or let's just keep it on the mailing list or something. Maybe it's not for today. I don't know, maybe.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Okay, okay, Ines. Understood.

BRUNA SANTOS

Neither do we, Ines.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Nobody said it will be easy to try to do this. We don't have a pool in Zoom, so we are trying to ask everyone to raise hand in Zoom. Raise hand. Yes. Yeah, because we don't have—we have three options. Yes. Yeah, make number to make it clear and then we will call them out one by one. And we will follow the order. So, okay, we are already doing the thing. Let's keep track and use Zoom, everyone, even those who are in the room, yeah. Yes, what? We cannot. We don't have it. So, okay. Let's go. Option one.

ANDREA GLANDON

Okay, so everybody who would like to vote for option one as it's showing on the screen, please raise your hand in Zoom. I see two hands.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Okay, next.

ANDREA GLANDON

Next, we are voting on option two as shown on the screen. Please raise your hand in Zoom. I see no hands.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Okay, next.

ANDREA GLANDON

Next, option three as seen on the screen. Please raise your hand in Zoom. I see 12 hands, so I think, we clearly have a winner.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK

Yeah, I think so. So, that's, I think, agreed.

PEDRO LANA

Yeah, the community feedback. And so, for Section 2B, I'm later going to ask the EC if there is any opposition to the community feedback. But so, Section 2B, we had an addition of the text that was a change of a previous addition that happened during the Operating Procedures Review Task Force. The original text was the candidate. This is regarding the positions that had travel support, so they led the appointment by the NCUC EC of positions who had travel support.

And on those cases, the original text said the candidate should not be in any other leadership position within the NCSG or its constituencies or should resign from their current leadership position as soon as they are selected. And the new suggestion that came up in this last public comment was change in this text to, it is preferred that the candidate not hold any other leadership position within NCSG or its constituencies in order to promote broader participation and leadership diversity.

The executive committee may at its discretion decide on any exceptions to this preference. This text was also added to the

positions without travel support and in the following discussion the last phrase was forfeited and another suggestion of a midway alternative was made. This means we have three options. Let me number them. Option one, keep in the original text. Option two, changing the first part of the original text meaning the first thing that came during the work of the Operating Procedures Review Task Force.

The option to changing—oh, I don't know what I wrote here. Changing the first part of the new suggestion texts meaning that adding a phrase in the beginning unless strictly necessary. Just let the original there. Keeping the change and added a phrase that would allow for exceptions only when it's strictly necessary in the beginning of the original text. This is a midway possibility. So, keeping the original text. The candidates should not, et cetera, but adding, unless strictly necessary in the beginning. So, option one.

ANDREA GLANDON

Okay, we are starting a new vote for option one as seen on the screen. Please raise your hand in Zoom.

BRUNA SANTOS

I just wanted to ask a question of clarification. The travel slot that you're talking about, is that an EC travel slot? What is it?

PEDRO LANA I think for the NonCom NCSG, NomCom and NCSG EC positions [inaudible]. Yeah, that are appointed by the NCUC EC. Yeah, only the NomCom and the NCSG executive committee have those.

KEN HERMAN If I may also—this is Ken for the record. Just as a clarification, so, I understand it's addressing issues where you might be doubling up on travel positions and that's the issue that we're contending with.

PEDRO LANA Yeah, so for this to happen.

ANDREA GLANDON For option one as seen on the screen. Six votes for option one. Seven. Please put your hands down, so we can move to the next option. Okay. Now we are voting on option two as seen on the screen. Please put your hands up in Zoom. Two votes for option two. Please put your hands down. Thank you. So, we will now vote on option three as seen on the screen. Please put your hand up in Zoom. Option three got seven votes, so there's a tie between option one and option three. Oh, no. Oh, no eight. No, they put their hand down.

PEDRO LANA I thank the community, and I would just like to check with the EC on site and online if there is any opposition regarding this community feedback. What they were suggesting to us or if there is

any other extra comments. Yeah. Now if there isn't, we're just checking for this, if we have any opposition right now or any comment.

WISDOM DONKOR Yes, Namra is now online. She's online. No, she's not online. I'm not seeing her.

ANDREA GLANDON Namra is not online.

WISDOM DONKOR We have Sara.

ANDREA GLANDON And we're currently two minutes over now, our time.

PEDRO LANA Yeah, yeah. Now just to check this and please back to you, Rafik.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK I think it's now NCUC EC matters, so I think you can finalize here, but...

PEDRO LANA Let's go back to Wisdom.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Wisdom, yeah. But yeah, Wisdom, you want to finalize for this before we close the meeting?

WISDOM DONKOR Yes, we can close the meeting, but then we'll follow up with the EC. And then, we can do that on the list and then come back on the list.

MOHAMED RAFIK DAMMAK Okay, and I will leave that with you. Okay, thanks, everyone. It was interesting to have this pool in the [inaudible]. We can do better. We should organize, but first, just to comment substantially here, I think because the changes come quite late, and that's not really, I believe the proper way that created some tension for us to resolve of this. It's important to have input but we should try to do it at earlier stage.

And the last thing, I hope that everyone really you understood some because the last one I'm concerned about the exception. There is never a good exception to go with it, but it is what it is. And now, it's with the EC. I hope they can finalize this and get update the NCUC operating procedure. And last comment, maybe the process on itself it's something to change because we can see by now by running it, it put a lot of work load to be done.

Anyway, I think it was a great experience. Hopefully, we are not going to throw it again, but thanks, everyone. And see you in the next session for NCUC.

ANDREA GLANDON

Thank you. You can stop the recording now.

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