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RUSS WEINSTEIN

Hi, thank you, Andrea, and thank you, everyone. Thanks for joining us for the Policy and Advice Update session ahead of the ICANN 84 Annual General Meeting. I'm Russ Weinstein, the still relatively new Senior Vice President of ICANN's Policy Development and Support Team. Today, various members of the policy team will collectively provide a quick tour around the community to spotlight various work underway and what each of the groups will be focusing on during the upcoming meeting in Dublin. We do these sessions with the goal of helping you, the ICANN community, prepare for the week ahead by highlighting what to expect and where you can go to follow topics of your interest. Another tool we provide to aid the community in its preparations is the Policy Outlook Report. This report is in its final production and should be published early next week, hopefully in time for you to download or print and enjoy some light reading on your journey to Dublin.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention, if you're not able to attend in person, all of our ICANN public meetings are 100% hybrid and designed to enable equal participation by those remotely as well as in person. As you prepare, I'd request you take a moment to review the recently published Code of Conduct for community participation regarding statements of interest.

This new policy helps ensure that statements of interest of participants are well understood and that it's a disclosure policy, not a conflicts policy. So all members of the community are welcome to participate. All that we ask is that you update your statements of interest to accurately reflect your interests.

One item I'd like to spotlight is the work being done to conduct an evaluation of the reviews set out in ICANN's bylaws as a whole system, including their implementation and a refreshed system of reviews. We've taken to call this work the Review of Reviews. And this was born out of community discussions with the board regarding frustrations with the existing reviews framework. In May 2025, the board took a resolution to pause those reviews and called upon the community and staff to work together to develop a shared understanding of areas and issues for which reviews will enhance ICANN's accountability, transparency, and effectiveness. Through working with the community leaders from ICANN's supporting organizations and advisory committees, a charter for this work was developed and approved and a group was seated in the late August, early September timeframe. We're now in phase one of the work of this cross-community group to develop a clear purpose for reviews at ICANN. This work will likely be one of the high-

interest topics during the meeting week. You can learn more about this topic in tomorrow's prep week session. There'll be two community-wide working sessions during the ICANN meeting, one on Monday afternoon and the other on Thursday afternoon. For those interested in ICANN's accountability, I welcome your attendance and participation in these sessions and particularly tomorrow's prep week session. I'll now pass it back to Dan Gluck to take us through the tour. Thanks.

DANIEL GLUCK

Wow. Thank you so much, Russ, for that wonderful introduction. That's right. I'm Dan from the ICANN policy development support team. And I'm coming to you live from the state of Maryland, just outside of Washington DC, where everything is going just great right now. Welcome once again to the policy and advice update, your pre-exam cram session for the ICANN 84 annual general meeting. This prep week session will feature updates from all of the supporting organizations and advisory committees that participate in the multi-stakeholder model policy development here at ICANN. As I say in most of these, this is a decentralized governance model that allows for community-based consensus-driven policy making. Supporting those organizations and committees, the ICANN policy

development support team will be there for 141 of the 218 sessions in Dublin, Ireland. 218 sounds like a lot, but as Andrea just posted in the chat right there, ICANN84.sched.com is where you could find the listing for all of them. Good search functions. Figure out what sessions you want to go to. I want to say hello to all the fellows that have posted in the chat so far. Hello to them. And hello to everyone else watching from home.

Now, before we get started, I do want to address some rumors as we approach our meeting. In that song, "Oh Danny Boy, the pipes are calling." Well, it's true. I'm Danny Boy. That's verifiable. That's in some GAC transcripts from last year. People did call me Danny. That's verifiable information. But what I can't confirm is just what the heck is in those pipes and why are they calling? Well, stick around for the next hour and the ICANN policy development support team will do our best to get to the bottom of it. I have a feeling that there might be internet in those pipes. And those calls might actually be queries to name servers. But let's confirm it. I don't want to get in front of it too much. The rundown for our super sleuths is as follows. We start again as we did for ICANN83 with the technical communities. We'll kick it off with the Address Supporting Organization, the Root Server System Advisory Committee, and the Security and Stability Advisory

Committee. Then a new contender enters the ring before shooting it over to the At-Large and the Generic Name Supporting Organization. Finally, we bring it all home with the Country Code Name Supporting Organization and the Governmental Advisory Committee. So let's get started. Andrew McConachie is our resident numbers guy here at ICANN. And he's going to tell us about the second N in ICANN and a really great public comment opportunity. Andrew, welcome.

ANDREW MCCONACHIE

Welcome, Dan. Thanks a lot. I guess I'm the numbers guy. I don't have a cute comment to make about the bagpipes. And my last name is, unfortunately, the Scottish variant, not the Irish variant. Oh, well. But anyways, hello. My name is Andrew McConachie. And I'm here to talk about the Address Supporting Organization. The ASO is currently in the process of updating Internet Coordination Policy 2, also known as ICP2. And ICP2 was published in 2001. And it has not been updated since then. In late 2023, the ASO Addressing Council began working on updating ICP2 and most recently published the second version of their draft document entitled Governance Document for the Recognition, Operation, and Derecognition of Regional Internet Registries, also known as

RIRs. Or as this document is more commonly called, the RIR Governance Document.

This second version of the draft RIR Governance Document includes some updates to address the feedback the ASO has received during the initial public consultation on the first version. Primarily, it includes rules and criteria for recognizing new RIRs, operating obligations, and requirements of RIRs, and rules and criteria for derecognizing RIRs. So this second version of the RIR Governance Document is currently out for ICANN public comment and each RIR is also doing its own consultation. And this consultation period will end on November 7th. There should be a link in the chat to give feedback on this ICANN public comment proceeding. And remember, you have until November 7th to give feedback before it closes. Also...

DANIEL GLUCK

Oh, sorry. Go ahead. This is something I've been paying attention to for a while. So is there any way for me to tell what's the difference between these two documents, the first version and the second version of the document?

ANDREW MCCONACHIE

Oh yeah, between V1 and V2. So the ASO has kindly prepared two supporting documents to help in this exact kind of thing, to help community members basically understand the changes. The first document that they've prepared, and by the way, both of these documents are available on the ICANN public comment website. The first one is the redline version of the RIR governance document. This shows the literal differences between version one and version two. The second document is a summary of differences in rationale for changes. This document summarizes much of the feedback received on version one, and then provides rationale on whether that feedback was included in version two or not. Both documents are linked from the ICANN public comment page. Finally, before you let me go, Dan, I'd like to plug a webinar tomorrow presenting the second draft of the RIR governance document and this is at 15:00 UTC. That is tomorrow, Wednesday, October 15 at 15:00 UTC, where the ASO will be talking about the second version of the RIR governance document.

DANIEL GLUCK

Sounds great. We will be in attendance. Does anyone here have any questions for Andrew now? We're going to be taking questions. We can take questions while people are speaking, just raise your hand, go into the Q&A pod, put them in the chat

in the right format if you want to do that, or we can wait till the end. We'll have some Q&A at the end. But I do want to make sure we have any questions for Andrew and our next guest very shortly, because they might have to step away for the second half of this meeting. So any questions about the ASO, the RIRs, anything to Andrew right now? I'm not seeing anything, but we can always get in touch with Andrew, so feel free to drop a question and we can always get you an answer after the fact as well. Thank you so much, Andrew.

ANDREW MCCONACHIE

Thanks a lot, Danny boy.

DANIEL GLUCK

Well, now coming at you slicker than a pad of Kerrygold butter, Ozan is here for a quick Root Server System Advisory Committee update. We were just talking about the bread and butter of RSSAC here, so that's why I'm going to say that. So Ozan, we're on the RSSAC support team together, and this is between us, this is in confidence. Can you let me know what's been going on with the RSSAC the past couple of months? I've been paying attention, but just to jog my memory.

OZAN SAHIN

Sure. Hi, Dan, from Izmir, Turkey. So let me start with the only active RSSAC caucus work party at the moment, which is the RSSAC001 version 3 work party. And RSSAC001 describes the service expectations of root server operators and requires or recommends that root server operators publish certain information. And the first version of this document was published in 2015, and the second version was published in 2023. So earlier this year in April, RSSAC approved a statement of work to consider new DNS technologies that could become expectations of root server operators. And therefore, this work party was set up. The work party has had 12 meetings so far. And at ICANN 84 on Saturday, they will have their next meeting. And this is open, anyone interested can observe this meeting.

Resuming with ICANN 84 activities for RSSAC, or the Root Server System Advisory Committee, there will be a number of sessions to engage with the ICANN community. RSSAC will have a joint meeting with the ICANN board. And this group will also offer a "how it works" session for the root server system, as well as an open mic session co-hosted by the RSSAC and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, or SSAC. In addition, RSSAC will have a joint meeting with the Country Code Name Supporting Organization. This joint meeting is a continuation of RSSAC's engagement with ICANN

community groups about the root server system. And it will also provide a good opportunity for coordination between the country code top-level domain operators and the root server operators. And lastly, ICANN 84 marks a leadership change for RSSAC. So the RSSAC vice chair, Ken Renard, will be completing a second two-year term in Dublin. And therefore, RSSAC will thank Ken Renard for four years of service and welcome its new vice chair, Hans Petter Holen from RIPE NCC at the end of ICANN 84.

DANIEL GLUCK

Well, I'm really sad to hear about Ken stepping out. Really happy to get to work with Hans Petter, and I don't think Ken's going anywhere, so we're still going to be blessed with his presence. So I think that's all we have for the RSSAC. I mentioned a couple of good sessions and things like that, but do we have any questions for Ozan? Alrighty, thank you so much, Ozan. Stick around for just a couple moments, and we'll get back to you and hopefully get you out in time for the RSSAC admin call.

DANIEL GLUCK

Cool. Kathy is next from the Security and Stability Advisory Committee support team. Now, Kathy, to take a cue from the legendary Irish band Thin Lizzy, "Guess who just got back

today? Them wild-eyed boys that had been away, haven't changed, haven't much to say." But unlike those boys, the SSAC had recently gotten back about a month ago from their workshop in Mexico City, and they have tons to say because much has changed. Starting first, hot off the presses, SSAC 132, the domain name system, runs on free and open source software, FOSS. That's right, FOSS. Is that an acronym or initialism? Doesn't really matter. But what does matter is what Kathy's going to tell us now. Kathy, how are you?

KATHY SCHNITT

I'm well, Dan. How are you? And I am coming to you from a very chilly but pretty this time of year upstate New York. And I am going to brief you on FOSS, or SAC 132, that's just been recently published from the SSAC. The domain name system runs on free and open source software, as Dan mentioned, or Danny Boy, FOSS. This report examines the role of FOSS in the DNS infrastructure and was written with policymakers as the intended audience. This paper opens with a DNS primer for the non-technical readership, and it includes research the work party did on the prevalence of FOSS in registry operators and systems, root servers, and resolvers. The work party compiled and analyzed a few contemporary cases of FOSS regulations, such as the 2023 U.S. National

Cybersecurity Strategy, the 2025 UK Software Security Code of Practice, and the EU Cyber Resilience Act.

Just a couple of the findings that we are going to talk about will be that FOSS is the actual foundation of critical DNS infrastructure, and the FOSS model has inherent risks that require a tailored, not a one-size-fits-all policy approach. FOSS is important to enabling new providers to enter the internet services market and presents opportunities for policymakers to encourage development of local services and reduce dependency on foreign cloud providers. This report is going to close with some actionable guidelines for policymakers to ensure that regulations strengthen rather than undermine the FOSS ecosystem, which is very critical to internet security and stability. And with that, I also would like to mention, Dan, that as per usual, we're going to continue with our SSAC-hosted Domain Name System Security Extensions, also known as the DNSSEC, and Security Workshop. And I do want to highlight just a couple of the presentations we're going to have. One of our SSAC members, Peter Thomason, is going to present on what's going on in DNS security. And we have another from NLNetLabs on "What Keeps 16 TLDs Up at Night." I think that sounds like fun. And also, as Ozan mentioned earlier, the SSAC is partnering with the RSSAC, the Root Server System Advisory Committee, to

offer an open mic session. This session is where the community can come and ask questions that maybe they've been wanting to ask either the RSSAC or the SSAC, but maybe have been a little too shy to speak up. It's very open, interactive, comfortable, and relaxing.

And I'd like to close by saying the SSAC is also going to be conducting a couple of work sessions, including meetings for the DNSSEC Operational Considerations Work Party. The SSAC doesn't have any very short names for these work parties. And they are actively working on their report. They hope to be able to make recommendations that may be directed to registries, registrars, and ICANN with best practices for DNSSEC adoption. And the other work session we will have is for the responsible integration into the DNS ecosystem, which we call the RIDE work party. And their goal is to hopefully publish in May of 2026 ahead of ICANN 86. Their report will be informational and discuss challenges related to the domain name lifecycle, potential for name collisions, and DNS integrity conflicts, security and stability risks, and policy and governance issues. And Dan, that's it for me for the SSAC sneak peek for ICANN 84.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you so much, Kathy. That was great. While I wait to see if we have any questions here, I do want to say that the DNSSEC Security Workshop sounds great. I can't wait to hear from Peter. And I know that I may not run a TLD, so I really can't add to the 16 TLDs' list of what's keeping them up at night, but I will also be running a counter-presentation and it'll just be me talking about how people are going to be calling me Danny Boy for a long time now. So I think that might be adding to the list of things keeping people up at night. I don't see any questions for you, Kathy, so I will thank you. And now I'm really excited about this one. We get to welcome back for the first time in a while to one of these webinars, the incomparable Carlos Reyes for a very cool update on a recent public comment.

CARLOS REYES

Thanks, Dan and hi everyone. Some of your ICANN community groups have participated in a recent public comment proceeding on the functional model for root server system governance. Now, you may hear sirens, I'm in Washington, DC, this happens a lot. This proceeding concluded recently, but it is the latest product in about a decade-long effort initially started by the Root Server System Advisory Committee to evolve the governance of the root server system. Now, when RSSAC published its advice in 2018,

one of those recommendations to the ICANN board was the convening of another community group to further elaborate on the model that RSSAC proposed. That group was called the Root Server System Governance Working Group. It started during the pandemic and then proceeded to develop its draft recommendations for the ICANN community. Even though it builds on RSSAC advice, this governance working group actually brings together more stakeholders than the root server operators. So the inputs that the governance working group recently received will inform its deliberations in Dublin. And hopefully the governance working group will develop a final report soon for the consideration of the ICANN board and the ICANN community. This is an exciting development. It is one of the foundational pieces of ICANN's mission. Apart from the security, stability and resilience of the DNS and coordinating the unique identifiers, there's also a provision in the ICANN bylaws that ICANN coordinates and facilitates the evolution of the root server system. So this is an exciting time and please stay tuned for more updates from the Root Server System Governance Working Group. Back to you, Dan.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thanks, Carlos. I'll give it a second to see if anyone has any questions. Not seeing any hands, not seeing anything in the Q&A pod either. So, we get to whip it right back around to

Ozan for another quick break. I guess a quick break is I'm going to take my camera off and maybe have a sip of water. But Ozan, take it away.

OZAN SAHIN

Thank you, Dan. This is Ozan again, and this time with the Community Recognition Program at ICANN 84. So, ICANN 84 will feature two Community Recognition Programs. The first one is the presentation of the 2025 Dr. Tarek Kamel Award for Capacity Building. This award recognizes members of the ICANN community who have made significant contributions to national, regional or global capacity development programs related to ICANN's mission. The award recipient is selected by the ICANN Board of Directors and the award is presented at ICANN Annual General Meetings. This is the sixth award and it will be presented during the ICANN 84 welcome ceremony, so please come join us.

And the second event is the Community Leader Recognition Program that will be held during the 27th Annual General Meeting of ICANN on the final day of ICANN 84. During this event, we will recognize ICANN community leaders who have completed a term of service since ICANN 81 or will be completing a term of service at ICANN 84. And recognized community members will receive their certificates at the end

of the program. We invite you to come join us on Thursday to celebrate the efforts and contributions of the ICANN community. Thank you, and back to you, Dan.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you so much, Ozan. Perfect timing for you to have fun at the RSSAC admin committee calls. You can tell them I send my apologies. Alright, now let's get back to the agenda, and it's time now for the At-Large Community and the At-Large Advisory Committee. Gisella is here from the other side of the Irish Sea. Now, I think as the closest geographic person on this call from the policy team, this might be like a home game for you. How are you feeling about it?

GISELLA GRUBER

Well, thank you, Dan, and welcome to everyone from the beautiful city of Bath. It's an autumnal day here in the UK. And yes, a hop, skip, and a jump over the sea to Dublin. So very much looking forward to this easy trip over there. And I'm very much looking forward to seeing everyone at the same venue as 10 years ago for those of you who were there. And I believe many on the call were there 10 years ago. And once again, an extremely busy time, the AGM. The At-Large Advisory Committee and the leaders of the Regional At-Large Organizations, the RALOs, will be holding 18 sessions during

ICANN 84 to further their work in ensuring the voice of the internet end-users is heard within ICANN policy work.

DANIEL GLUCK

So, let's start with that policy work, I guess, right? Let's start there. The end-user's voice in policy work. What is the Consolidated Policy Working Group up to right now? What's important for this team? And, what are they looking forward to at ICANN84?

GISELLA GRUBER

So the At-Large Consolidated Policy Working Group meets weekly, and during their session at ICANN 84 in Dublin, they'll provide an overview of its policy priorities and activities for newcomers, or anyone interested in the community. Current policy-related priorities include the next round of new gTLDs, registration data, and DNS abuse mitigation. The Consolidated Policy Working Group, so we'll refer to it as the CPWG, we love acronyms within ICANN, will also provide an update of the implementation review activities and discuss the ALAC statement on the proposed next round base gTLD registry agreement. So that's what we're going to be dealing with in policy.

DANIEL GLUCK

So, you know, we want to now move over. I'm looking at the slides. I'm using my own cheat sheet, looking at the slides here. Let's think, we might hear a word here for the first time since Russ's great introduction, and that's "reviews". So the At-Large Operations, Finance, and Budget Working Group, this is the home of review discussion in the ALAC, is that correct?

GISELLA GRUBER

Yes, correct, Dan. The At-Large activities related to the review of reviews normally fall under the operations workstream and are addressed by the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group, the OFB Working Group. However, during ICANN 84, At-Large will be discussing the review of reviews during their welcome session, as well as during their sessions with the Governmental Advisory Committee, the GAC, the Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group, the NCSG, and the Security and Stability Advisory Committee, the SSAC. So again, a topic that will be largely discussed. And the main topics of discussion otherwise for the OFB working group during ICANN 84 include an overview of the activities and achievements in 2025, a presentation by the ICANN planning team on upcoming budget and operational activities, and very importantly, and hopefully we'll hear this elsewhere, a discussion on the implementation of the ALAC's FY26

strategic priorities and core activities, which are aligned with ICANN's FY26-30 strategic and operating plans. And last but not least, we will also have a first look at the ALAC Continuous Improvement Program mapping exercise, the CIP.

DANIEL GLUCK

Looks like that's getting some approval from Cheryl in the reactions tab there. That's wonderful. And what else is wonderful? At-large plenaries and the At-Large sessions. You know, we see that Operations Governance is still on the menu for our first one.

GISELLA GRUBER

Absolutely. So, At-Large is holding two, we call them plenary sessions. The first one is taking place on Tuesday and is exploring the role of Regional Internet Registries, the RIRs, and governance issues. So, this At-Large session explores the accountability and trust frameworks of the RIRs, which impact end-user confidence. Using the recent governance crisis at AFRINIC, this session examines how the RIRs are navigating a global internet landscape that is increasingly shaped by geopolitical and economic pressures. The second plenary is on Wednesday, and the topic is "Increasing Capacity in Underserved Regions: Registries and Registrars." So this plenary will survey the existing requirements to

become a registry operator and a registrar, the potential hurdles these represent to those in the underserved regions, and potential solutions to increase participation in these regions. So, two exciting plenaries that we will be having in Dublin.

DANIEL GLUCK

Gisella, I see here that in our chat, we have, I don't know, 15, 16 fellows? That's enough for an entire Gaelic football team. Can you tell us what the ALAC is going to be doing for the NextGen fellows in Dublin?

GISELLA GRUBER

Excellent, so yes, At-Large has long focused on engaging with the ICANN fellows and NextGen students during ICANN meetings. Dublin will see an At-Large meeting with the fellows to describe how and why to join At-Large in its work to serve the best interest of end users, as we mentioned in the introduction. And a reminder that the NextGen program is open to students from the region of the ICANN meeting, and as we were due to travel to Oman, our NextGen students are from the Asia-Pacific region. The Asia-Pacific Australasian Region At-Large organization, known as APRALO, is planning an informal session with the NextGen students to describe how to engage in APRALO and At-Large. So we're looking

forward to not only the NextGen there, but also anyone who would like to join that session is more than welcome, and we need to make sure that NextGen feels very welcome outside of their region.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you so much, Gisella, and thank you so much to everyone adding some context in the chat. I see Siranush in there, I see Owen. Thanks, everyone for that, and unless Gisella has anything else for us, do you mind if I ask for any questions? Let's do it!

GISELLA GRUBER

If I may just add, Dan, the AGM, we need to remember that at the AGM, there will be a large number of leadership transitions, including within the ALAC and the RALO positions. And there will be a series of development series that will focus on team building and holding effective meetings. So we're looking forward to holding those sessions not only with the ongoing, but also with the incoming leaders. And finally, there will be the traditional thanking of our outgoing leaders, and the formal welcoming of our new leaders, which will close off a very busy and intense week in Dublin.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you so much for interjecting with that. I completely skipped my mind, but wonderful to bring up. I know Ozan brought up the RSSAC Vice Chair, and thank you for bringing it up with the At-Large. I don't see any questions, so I think it's time now for us to move over to the four-leaf clover of policy development here at ICANN, the Generic Name Supporting Organization. John Emery's here. And he said he's gonna give us the lowdown. What's going on, John?

JOHN EMERY

You know, not a whole lot, Dan. Coming to you live from Los Angeles, where we have some uncharacteristic Irish weather out there. Cold front, massive amounts of rain and wind, so I'll definitely get to try on my rain boots again before making the trek through the great Irish weather.

DANIEL GLUCK

Let's get into it. So, I see first up, we have the Latin Script Diacritics PDP, the LDPDP. Tell me about it.

JOHN EMERY

Yes, thanks so much, Dan. So the Latin Script Diacritics PDP Working Group kicked off earlier this year at ICANN 82 in Seattle, and thankfully it's been steadily progressing ahead of

schedule ever since then. So it's working diligently toward its preliminary recommendations, to hopefully publish its initial report for public comment shortly after ICANN 84. So making a lot of progress, and hope to have that initial report out before the end of the year. There will be two working sessions of the LDPDP working group on Saturday, the 25th of October, so if you're interested in diacritics or all things linguistic, please stop by there and get a preview of what's going to be coming in the public comment later on this year.

DANIEL GLUCK

A lot of great people from Ireland are interested in linguistics, and poets, and singers, and things like that. Next up, I see DNS Abuse Mitigation Working Session. I think that's something of note for some of the other communities represented on this call, is that eventually, I think we're going to be hearing about a narrowly targeted PDP. I think Ireland is all about brevity as well, because as The Cranberries once demonstrated by asking, "Do you have to let it linger?" So, how are we planning to stem the flow of DNS abuse mitigation work?

JOHN EMERY

Well, Dan, besides getting The Cranberries song stuck in my head all day, DNS abuse is obviously a very, very hot topic at ICANN, and the DNS Abuse Mitigation Preliminary Issue

Report is still out for public comment right now. It closes on the 18th of October, so you've got about four days left to get in your public comment. So this preliminary issue report was based on the tireless work of the GNSO's DNS Abuse Small Team, with huge input from the entire ICANN community. They took a lot of input to compile a matrix of current gaps in DNS abuse prevention, reporting, responses, and obligations, so that they could strengthen and identify these gaps. So, if you look at the public comment page, which Andrea just dropped in the chat for us, you'll see in this preliminary issue report, there's a draft charter for a potential PDP on DNS abuse, looking at two primary issues that rose to the top for all of the ICANN community: looking at unrestricted application programming interfaces for high-volume registration and associated domain checks. This seemed to be the consensus amongst this small team for things that rose to the top for a narrow PDP that could theoretically be done in a very quick and decisive manner. So really excited to have a session there at ICANN84, which is scheduled for Sunday, the 26th of October, from 10:30 to noon, Dublin local time. So lots of people interested in DNS abuse, be sure to check out that session as we take in some of the public comments and start to see where different groups and organizations are within ICANN looking at this potential future PDP.

DANIEL GLUCK

Now, John, while we talk about sessions, I think that's probably what we're gonna be talking about the rest of the way while you're here, so we're gonna go a bit quicker than we were planning. Four sessions for the Registration Data Request System, and then some other ones for the GNSO Council, including a joint session with the board. So can you tell me a bit about all of those?

JOHN EMERY

Sure. We've got four sessions on the Registration Data Request Service (RDRS). The Standing Committee recently just completed their findings report to the Council and closed their public comment, so lots to go through there. Four working sessions, be sure to check those out on the schedule. Also, always fun, the GNSO Council meeting is Wednesday the 29th of October. And the GNSO will also have a couple of bilaterals with the GAC and the board. So, lots to check out in GNSO land, and enjoy your time in the conference center away from the rain.

DANIEL GLUCK

Sounds perfect. Alright, do we have any questions for John, or anything about the GNSO now? I'm not seeing any, so we'll

bring back on Carlos for a spotlight on the WSIS+20 co-facilitators.

CARLOS REYES

Thanks, Dan. And hi everyone, I'm back with an update about the WSIS+20 review process. Most of you know there's an ongoing review of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society. It's a 20-year review, and this is essentially a United Nations process that's looking at the institutions and frameworks and outcomes of the WSIS summits in 2005, and whether or not those frameworks and institutions are fit for purpose 20 years later. Since this review started, there have been different consultations and high-level events and engagement opportunities to provide input into this process. The UN General Assembly president appointed two ambassadors to facilitate the review. And all of this concludes in mid-December, with the UN General Assembly reviewing the document that will capture the input of this process. Now, those two co-facilitators are permanent representatives from their countries, Albania and Kenya, respectively, to the United Nations, and one of them will be joining the ICANN community during ICANN 84 in Dublin. Their team will be there from the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs. So you'll see this delegation participating throughout the annual general meeting, in the welcome

ceremony, as well as the Geopolitical Forum, which will have a special focus on WSIS+20. And they'll also be meeting and engaging with different ICANN community groups. Now, you can also take a look at the schedule. You'll see several WSIS+20 related sessions. Our friends in the Country Code Name Supporting Organization, the GAC, and the GNSO, and of course At-Large, will all have discussions related to WSIS+20 throughout the week. So a lot of focus on the WSIS+20 review as this process builds up to the UN General Assembly meetings in December. Thank you, Dan.

DANIEL GLUCK

Can't wait. Thank you so much, Carlos. Now, let's continue our through-line here and build a bridge across the River Liffey. Actually, no, you know what? Let's not do that, because we haven't even initiated the start. I'm looking a little bit too far ahead of my nose. We're actually going to start the internet governance through-line here, I hope. And we're gonna start with the ccNSO, the Country Code Name Supporting Organization. Joke's here for an update on that. How are you?

JOKE BRAEKEN

I'm fine, thank you. I don't know if you noticed, but I'm wearing green today, so that's my way of joining the Irish vibe.

DANIEL GLUCK

You got it. You know what, I totally blanked, but you know what? That's a great move. I think that's going to have to be when I'm picking out my wardrobe for the next week, it's going to be green mode. So, let's start now with, yeah, let's just follow along. We started a little bit with internet governance from Carlos here. It's definitely a matter of importance to the ccNSO, but can you tell me a little bit about the group that is the representation of that in the body?

JOKE BRAEKEN

Yes, you're probably referring to the IGLC. IGLC stands for Internet Governance Liaison Committee, and that's a committee within the ccNSO that deals with, as the name already says, internet governance and related matters, and the group has been organizing various sessions around WSIS+20 over the past couple of months. At ICANN 83, for instance, they spoke about how ccTLDs contributed to the implementation of the WSIS+20 action lines in the past, whereas the session in Dublin will focus more on how ccTLDs really contribute to the future of internet governance, and how the technical community can strengthen the multi-

stakeholder model. And as Carlos mentioned, we will be pleased to welcome the ambassador to our session, but also others, including IGF leadership panel representatives and others, in support of that session. When we speak about internet governance, this is the example that immediately comes to mind, but I think the review of reviews also fits well under that heading. I will not speak too much about it, Russ already gave a very nice introduction. But the ccTLDs will indeed explore what the input is from the ccTLD community into the ICANN review process.

DANIEL GLUCK

Two ways we can go now, Joke. We could either continue on with the idea of collaboration, and how everything stretches out throughout ICANN, or we can go back to what John was talking about, DNS abuse. Which way would you like us to go?

JOKE BRAEKEN

Either way is fine.

DANIEL GLUCK

Alright, so we'll go to the top of the agenda. We'll go to DNS abuse and security. How's that affecting the ccNSO? It's been a matter of importance for a while now, but it seems like we have some new developments, right?

JOKE BRAEKEN

So, the home for DNS abuse or domain abuse, as the ccTLDs refer to it as well, is the DASC, that's the DNS Abuse Standing Committee within the ccNSO. And the purpose of the committee is really to share information and help ccTLDs in mitigating abuse. So many ccTLDs have been very active in this field for many years and are good examples in terms of mitigating abuse. And this all focuses around information sharing, really, making sure that ccTLDs have all the resources they need and are aware of what is happening in other parts of the community as well. So, in that respect, the DASC is organizing a dedicated session at Tech Day, so together with the technical working group, on the use of artificial intelligence tools in abuse mitigation. I've heard that this was also a popular topic in some of the other sessions at ICANN 84, but join us on Monday afternoon for a full, dedicated slot to that topic. The DASC is also part of the joint session between the ccNSO and the Governmental Advisory Committee, the GAC. And again, approaches to abuse mitigation will be a topic of discussion. It will not be a topic with typical presentations and sharing updates. It will really focus on information sharing and networking, making sure that all stakeholders are informed and have an opportunity to exchange views.

DANIEL GLUCK

Well, it looks like we're getting some applause and some other reactions from the chat, so it looks like people are really interested in that, which I am too. The Tech Days always seem fun in the ccNSO room. So I recommend checking that out, and I guess we get to move on down to collaboration and continuous improvement. A bunch of other fun sessions that we should be checking out from this section, right?

JOKE BRAEKEN

True. There's also one session that I added under the DNS abuse and security heading by TLD Ops, and it's worthwhile highlighting. It fits either under the first heading or under the last one, because TLD Ops is really the community that deals with incident response within the ccTLD community. So they help each other in terms of disaster recovery, exchange information, and approaches to mitigate the impact. But there are other sessions where ccTLDs collaborate with each other, or with other stakeholders within the ICANN ecosphere. There is, for instance, the Universal Acceptance Committee that meets with the GAC UAIDN Working Group to speak about how to promote universal acceptance readiness, what are common challenges, approaches, etc. There's also a joint session between the ccNSO and RSSAC to discuss really

the operation, the stability, and the security of the DNS root and ccTLDs. And I need to click here on my monitor because it said that it wanted to switch off in one minute. I don't want that. And other sessions as well are listed. There's, for instance, the Guidelines Review Committee that will focus on continuous improvement and identifying the criteria that match the principles for the continuous improvement framework. The ccNSO has been working in that area for quite a while and is happy to dedicate a session to furthering the work in that respect. The Strategic and Operational Planning Committee within the ccNSO is having a dialogue with ICANN Planning and Finance and with others, including IANA, on strategic planning and budgeting. And there's one final session that I listed there on that slide, the ccTLD News session. This is really about news by ccTLDs and for ccTLDs. It's country code top-level domains sharing news about their respective ccTLDs, and that can range from operational matters to marketing initiatives to challenges in terms of governance, you name it. Hope that helps, Dan.

DANIEL GLUCK

It totally does. I'm really looking forward to this. Alright, so do we have any questions for Joke here, noting our time? And oh, I do, we have our first question of the day, and it's from Om

Prakash Sharma. Sorry if I didn't pronounce that right, but feel free to unmute and ask your question.

OM PRAKASH SHARMA

Hi, Om here from Nepal for the record. I just had a question regarding ccTLD expiry or being revoked by the council. So recently, .IO ccTLD, this is for the British Indian Ocean Territory. There was some news regarding it, so is there any update regarding it? And also, the IANA page mentions the ccTLD will be publicly advertised as under retirement within the target removal date. So, is there any website where we can see the status regarding it? Thank you.

JOKE BRAEKEN

Thank you for the question. I'm happy to provide a brief answer. So the retirement of ccTLDs is a matter that has been discussed on various occasions, and the ccNSO in the past developed a policy regarding the orderly retirement of ccTLDs, and this policy is directed at IANA because it affects the root zone operations for ccTLDs. And I'm happy to pass the link in the chat to the policy if that is helpful. But any news regarding that and regarding the particular ccTLDs will be published on the ICANN website, so the ccNSO does not really

have a role in the individual operation of ccTLDs. That would be out of scope for the ccNSO. I hope that helped. Thank you.

DANIEL GLUCK

Thank you, Om. Thank you, Joke. Any other questions? We'll throw those in the chat and we'll get that answered for you. Now, we're gonna go a little fast here. We're gonna be faster, hopefully, than a sliotar coming off of a hurley bat. That's the ball that's used in the sport of hurling. Not really important here. Also, maybe it's important to the GAC is internet governance, but it's not going to be on their main agenda. You're not going to really see it a lot on there. So we're going to be able to smooth right through that and move over to what the GAC's priorities actually are for this meeting in general. So, Julia, first, how are you? And second, what is the GAC looking for in Dublin?

JULIA CHARVOLEN

Thanks, Dan. Hi, doing well, thank you very much. Yeah, so in terms of GAC priorities for ICANN 84, you have them on the slide here, but just to give you a bit of context, the GAC has been working on developing a strategic plan, an annual plan, with the objective to develop a more proactive position for the committee, to increase its readiness to provide timely and effective advice to the ICANN board, but also to enable

communication of the committee's objectives with higher-level governments and ICANN stakeholders. So, in terms of strategic objectives, those can be considered as a baseline for the committee to conduct its work. And, if we start with one of the most important topics for the GAC being the next round of new gTLDs, the GAC wants to ensure that the next round meets a number of global public interest objectives. And in Dublin, it's going to continue working on leveraging, for instance, its capacity development efforts, with the focus to raise awareness of the GAC on different issues. And so, it's going to be the third iteration of those capacity development sessions. The aim here is that the content aligns with what's going to be said in the plenary, really to maximize the impact of the capacity development sessions for those plenary sessions. Which, by the way, the GAC plenary sessions on the next round are going to focus on the applicant support program, on objections, which include early warnings and GAC advice. Early warnings is actually being reviewed by the GAC and is currently under development. They're going to also be meeting with the gTLD group and discuss contention sets as well. So, quite a lot on the agenda for that.

And... I'm happy to carry on. Yeah, I just want to have those two topics for Dublin as well, being domain registration data. And the GAC has this objective to identify and recommend

steps to promote and support the continued accessibility and improved accuracy of domain registration information, consistent with applicable privacy law. So, in terms of accessibility, with the urgent requests for disclosure of registration data, the GAC proposed two tracks of work to the board for solving this pending implementation issue since 2019. The first one being to determine an appropriate timeline for response to these emergency requests, and the second being providing a mechanism to authenticate law enforcement requesters in those situations, so that the GAC is definitely keeping track of the progress made there. There's also the future Registration Data Request Service, RDRS, where the GAC is tracking deliberation as to what will be the path to improve the RDRS, and what the role of the EPDP Phase 2 SAD policy recommendations would play in this context. In terms of accuracy, so I presented a bit about accessibility, but there's also accuracy. And in Dublin the GAC will seek updates on the implementation of the recommendations of the GNSO small team. And there will be a panel discussion on the GAC schedule with contracted parties, representatives, and other experts expected to inform GAC members on the current state of accuracy of registration data. And moving on to DNS abuse, being the third item that is a priority for the GAC for ICANN 84, the GAC has the objective to engage in the work of the ICANN

community and provide advice where it is appropriate towards reducing harm caused by threats, such as phishing, malware, botnets, and spam, and also improving prevention and mitigation of these threats. So, prior to ICANN 84, the GAC is expected to express its support of the preliminary issues report on the DNS abuse PDP and to make several procedural suggestions for delivering new enforceable requirements in the short term before the delegation of new gTLDs and in the longer term. And at ICANN 84, the GAC will take part in the pre-PDP working session on Sunday morning, discuss its participation in the PDP, and also consider gaps and mitigation best practices beyond the scope of the expected PDP. That's a lot of information, but I got to the priorities for ICANN 84.

DANIEL GLUCK

That was great! No, I think that was a lot of great information. I thank Gonen for posting some more context and links in the chat there. I guess we have a little bit of time, so... Ireland means island. And sometimes the GAC room can feel like a bit of an island because GAC representatives, members, and participants are in that room pretty much the whole meeting. Now, luckily for this meeting, they're on the ground floor with, I think, the At-Large and maybe the ccNSO as well? Not really sure. I think definitely the At-Large, though, on the

ground floor, so it won't be completely isolating, but if you had to bring someone onto the island for a session or two, what would you recommend? For someone that is not as connected to the GAC to come in for a session, what do you recommend checking out?

JULIA CHARVOLEN

The opening plenary, that's the first session of the GAC, as well as a 90-minute session on strategic planning. So definitely if they want to know more about what's going on in the GAC and its work, I would recommend that, and that's on Saturday morning. And also, actually, there are going to be other capacity development sessions dedicated to the GNSO policy development process, a refresher for some, and also for newcomers who would be interested in knowing more about this. And there will also be another session that was actually of high interest and a request from many GAC members about artificial intelligence and machine learning. So definitely, if the community is interested, please join us.

DANIEL GLUCK

Sounds great! Between the ccNSO Tech Day and all that, a lot of hot topic issues that I'd love to hear about. So as I don't see any hands, and I see we're coming up on time, I just want to thank everyone for coming today and joining this one. You

know, we started with some folk songs, we made our way over to Thin Lizzy, The Cranberries, and now I'll end with a modern Irish band. Fontaines D.C. is one of my favorites. And, you know, as they said in one of their songs, "If you're a rock star, a superstar, it doesn't matter what you are, get yourself a good car, and get yourself to ICANN 84." Let us know how we did today. There's a survey that Andrea's been posting in the chat. If there's anything that we can do to make this better in the future, we'd love to hear about it, and we'd love to make it better for you. And with that, I will pass it off to Russ to send us home.

RUSS WEINSTEIN

Thank you to the team. Dan, thank you very much, Danny Boy, for that great hosting of our session. Hopefully this was helpful to all of you in the community as we prepare for the ICANN Annual General Meeting. If you have any questions, or if you see any of the team members in the halls of the Convention Center, please come by and say hello. And I'm looking forward to a very productive Annual General Meeting for all. Thanks.

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