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My name is Siranush. Thank you. As you know, my name is Siranush, and I'm managing the Fellowship program. And before we start, I would like to introduce my colleague, Fernanda Iunes, who is managing the NextGen program, and I will request her to read the scripts, please.

FERNANDA IUNES

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Fernanda. And thank you, everyone. Thanks to all the NextGens who just joined, and we will start with just a clear reminder for all our fellows and NextGen to be on time for the sessions. When you see it starts at 9:00 AM, it means you should be here two, three minutes at least before, not after the session. So please be on time.

We will be having a very busy week ahead of us, and I hope you all will enjoy, especially those for whom ICANN84 is the first ICANN meeting ever. Take your time to find your way, take your time to digest the information, and take your time to network. This is the

key and starting point for further engagement. So, welcome to ICANN84.

I hope that you will also have time to explore a bit of Dublin. Today's session, the first goal of this session to introduce you, not only me and Fernanda, but also the crew who is behind the regional stakeholder engagement team. The team with whom you'll continue working, you will start and continue working on regional level. This is very important engagement steps.

We may go for tango soon. You all know that today and tomorrow we have onboarding sessions where the idea is to find out what is ICANN, what are those two important pillars, policy, and technical where ICANN is engaged? That's okay. That's okay. That's okay guys. Enjoy. This is ICANN. We should be flexible for everything. Yes, and it's music. It's nice. And I love tango. So, we might experience dancing tango.

So, the idea behind these two days of onboarding, and it's not just making you feel embarrassed and like ugh, so many sessions to go on. But the idea is to make a great start for you, which is unique for this program's fellowship and NextGen, when you are coming through these programs to the opportunity to learn what is ICANN multi-stakeholder model indeed.

So, we will have the opportunity to hear almost from everyone, from business, from intellectual property, from end users, from Government Advisory Committee, all those who are making this multi-stakeholder model working, and those whom we call ICANN

community, and where you will become, and you are already, many of you are part of this community.

So, this will be hard two days, I hope you are energized to go through these two days. Every 30 minutes almost, we will change the presenters. There will be a lot of information coming, but don't be discouraged. Then you will have time to go back to digest whatever you heard and then find the best place which fits to your own passion, expertise, wherever you want to go. But for those who are for the first time here, this is the time for you to explore.

Don't be tired of being open to introduce yourselves. Use this networking opportunities like coffee breaks, evening gatherings, to introduce yourself. Whenever you show this badge with ICANN fellow, ICANN NextGen or any newcomer, trust me, everybody here in ICANN community is happy to welcome you and you can ask any question you want. As we usually say and start with, there are no stupid questions in ICANN, especially when you are coming through the Fellowship and NextGen program.

We all are here to learn, and me and Fernanda are here to support you in this learning process. We have amazing mentors who are here to guide you while you are here. And we want you to collaborate and communicate with your mentors, with us on daily basis. We don't want on the last day, on Thursday, someone to come to me or Fernanda and say, you know what? I was thinking to talk to someone, but today is the last day, so maybe next time.

Don't leave till the last minute. These two days, you'll be busy with us for this onboarding, but then those next four days are given to you for exploring ICANN. So, get as much as possible because this is a unique opportunity. ICANN meet three times a year, but the entire work is being done remotely. And to give the start in-person communication, this is here, ICANN84, and then the rest may go like easily because you already know with whom you communicate, what your expectations are, and where you are looking to.

So, please, please, please, I know you would like to go and take some naps, you would like to go to see some Dublin, this is only after it's evening time, it's morning time, you can start like at 4:00 AM and go and have a walk. Trust me, you'll enjoy even that. So, when you are here, when you are with us for the NextGen and Fellowship, this is 24/7, learning and fun. So, try to make both, okay?

And with that, I would like to start and kick off this session as well with introducing the lady who is in a very important role in ICANN, our ombuds Elizabeth, she would like to welcome all of you and say a couple of words what Ombuds is doing.

ELIZABETH FIELD

Hi, thanks, Siranush. Hello. Welcome, everyone. I'm Liz, I'm the ICANN Ombuds. My role is to ensure that community members are treated fairly and appropriately. So, I want to say that this is a

wonderful community, a wonderful environment. You have a right to be treated with respect, to be treated with dignity.

If you have any concerns or any questions, please come and speak to me if you have complaints, but also just come and say hello to me because I love to meet people, I love to talk to people, and I'm here to help. So, if you want to get in touch with anything at all, you can email me at ombuds@icann.org. I have an office here that you can drop into and come and see me.

I can help with all sorts of things from conflict to, as you probably know, there is an community anti-harassment policy, I'm responsible for that. But even for just questions or concerns, I'm here to help, and I would love to meet you all. So, welcome and thank you. This is a wonderful community and you'll have a great experience here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Elizabeth. And you know now, if you want to complain about me or Fernanda, you know where to go. So, Elizabeth is always happy there to listen to all your suggestions as well, not only complaints. I think we are not here only for complaints, but also for suggestions, for improvements. So, your feedback is very important.

Okay, let's move to the group who is sitting here behind the scene, but they are doing an amazing work. So, I would like to introduce my ICANN Communications Team, Amina. Many of you have heard

from her already, but this is the opportunity just to see who was contacting you and who might come to you and say, tell me couple of words.

So, please talk about your experience, we want to hear from you, talk about your Fellowship, your NextGen experience. Those who are here not as part of the Fellowship and not part of the NextGen, more than welcome to join all the sessions because they are open and also share your experience. We are here to hear from you and Amina, Luna, do you want to say a couple of words? Please.

LUNA MADI

Hello. So we are-- oh yeah, okay, I'll stand up. Sorry. Good morning. So, we are communication, so a lot of the work that you'll see is brainchild over here, and she will be approaching you for a lot of the social media. And the reason why you'll see us doing this regularly, and every meeting we do it more, is to really bring your voices out, right? This is an ideal opportunity three times a year that we can have your voices out, just your experiences. Why is this important to you?

And every meeting there's something different, there's something new, but it helps shape the future voices. You are the future voices, but we also want other generations and other generations because that is the continuation of what we're all promoting, which is a multi-stakeholder model. So, thank you. Feel free to reach out to

any of us if you have questions, you're lost, what have you, we're here to support you, so thank you. Sorry, my back was here.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER

Hello, everyone. Thank you for the introduction, Siranush, and Luna, I think she already explained the purpose. So, I will be meeting with every one of you, and those who I already contacted, I would love to say hi to you. And then we'll have some videos together and also I'll be joining the group photo sessions on Wednesday. So, I hope you do some fun things together, and of course, I hope you enjoy it as well. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

And this team will be with us for our group photos to have some like fun photos and great photos for remembering the entire life. So, my colleagues from Global Stakeholder Engagement team, many of them joined, our vice presidents for the region, the head of the offices, unfortunately, we're busy with an important unexpected session, so they will not be here for this session, but they will be here around during the week. So, please make sure you have the time to go and talk. But I would like to start with the team who represents Europe, where we are now as a host. And I see Adam is here. Please, Adam.

ADAM PEAKE

Good morning, everybody. Adam Peake, I work for Global Stakeholder Engagement, the European team. We have

engagement people in all of the different regions, so you'll find us to try and help you. And thank you all for coming. That is the most important thing. I think originally when you were applied, you were anticipating to be greeted by someone from the Asia Pacific team. And 117 days ago, we decided we'd come to Dublin instead of Moscow.

So thank you for coming and thank you for tolerating probably an anticipated Visa applications and all the rest of it, but you're very, very welcome in our European region, and yeah, thank you for being here. There's still tea, it's the national drink, so, we'll be fine with that. Our role is really to help you find your way in ICANN, and then afterwards, when you leave this meeting, we are here to find events for you to participate in.

If you are interested in working in one of the different committees and stakeholder groups, come to us, we'll try and direct you, try and help you in a journey that we hope will take place for many years to come. You'll see Fellows and NextGen in the panels that you'll see during the week. You'll find a former fellow on the board, you'll find NextGen leading different discussions. So, please join that journey and we'll help you make it. So thank you for being here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Adam. And I thought till now that the national drink is Jameson or the Henessey, Guinness. But tea is also part of it, so good to know. Thank you, Adam. Thank you for welcoming us in

Dublin and by saying Asia Pacific, next we will go to Mumbai, and I would like to give the floor, my colleagues from Asia Pacific. Tseng, please.

KEN-YING TSENG

Thank you, Siranush. Hi, everyone. My name is Ying Tseng. For the Asia Pacific Region Fellows and NextGen, I think I know most of you, but if I don't know you, please feel free to come up to me and say hi. Also, I will try and find you along the way during this week. As Siranush mentioned, our regional VP, so for Asia, Samiran, and for Ocean, Save, they're both not in the room, but you'll see them around as well. So, feel free to go up to them as well. And I think for all of you, as you learn, I think it's important to also learn from the existing community members that are already here.

So our region especially, if you do want to get to know community members that are already in the stakeholder groups and you feel like you can get their sharing and experience, directly from them, feel free to reach out to us as well, we'll connect you to the relevant people as well. And I hope to see if not all of you, most of you at the Apex based session on Tuesday, 9:00 AM with us. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Excellent. Thank you, Ying. Thank you, Seher. If I introduce my colleague for Middle East, Seher.

SEHER SAGIROGLU

Thank you, Siranush. First, I would like to welcome you all to Dublin and I want to congratulate each one of you being a fellow for ICANN84. It is very nice to meet you. I work for Global Stakeholder Engagement Middle East region. Middle East region covers 26 countries, including the League of Arab States and Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran. If you are from these countries, please feel free to reach out to me.

I'll be happy to get into details about our engagement activities, our efforts within the region. We can talk about how we can collaborate together in the region. We are here to support your ICANN journey. I hope that we will have more conversations in the coming days. I am working with my colleagues from the Stakeholder Engagement Department, [00:19:32 - inaudible] and Baher Esmat. Baher Esmat is the VP of the Middle East region and we are both based in Istanbul.

If you happen to come to Istanbul, please pay a visit to our lovely office. We'll be happy to have you there. I don't want to make this longer, but I'll be around. Please feel free to reach out to me. I'm looking forward to get to know you and I also want to invite everyone to get connect with engagement colleagues around the, how would I say, in the venue. We'll be happy to be in touch. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Seher. My next colleague whom I would like to introduce is my fellow mate. We both were fellows and we came

through the fellowship program, Yaovi, who is now working as our Global Stakeholder Engagement team in Africa. Welcome, Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN

Thank you. Welcome all to Dublin. I was ICANN fellow in South Korea in ICANN, I think 36, 2009. So, I think it is a good opportunity when you are a fellow because sometimes, I want someone to be behind me and teach me because we want to know something. So, we have a good opportunity a week with a specific program to learn a lot because as you see, there is many, many things, many acronyms, so it is very, very good opportunity for us. So, take the opportunity to reach out to us, to talk to us, we are here the whole week.

My colleague, Pierre Dandjinou, who is the VP, I'm the director for Civil Engagement Operation, you'll see Pierre Dandjinou online, you'll see also Juno Carl also online. So they are not here, but we are covering Africa. You have also Yazid Akanho, part of the Technical Engagement Team, who will also be around. So, feel free to get in touch with us, and we really want you to be in the community or to become a staff in the future. Thank you so much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Yaovi. And you will be hearing, as Adam also mentioned about from the presenters that hey, I am a fellow, I was a fellow. We will be soon celebrating 20 years anniversary of the fellowship program, and we have one motto there, once a fellow, always a

fellow. So, by the end of this meeting, you will be part of this family and community. So, get ready to have a new head.

But we have those NextGen who came as students and then took their next step to the fellowship program, which was the natural like development and further engagement. Those young students who had the passion to bring their voice to this community and to global internet development. And I would like to give the floor to some of them who were NextGen, but they are fellows this time to share their highlights, what brings them back. Where is Dipsy? Yeah, Dipsy.

DIPSY DESAI

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Siranush. My name is Dipsy, I'm a third year PhD student at the University of Southern California.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Yeah, you can use your mic on the table, right?

DIPSY DESAI

Yes, hello. My name is Dipsy, I'm a third year PhD student at the University of Southern California. I was a NextGen fellow at ICANN82. So I'm excited to be here as an ICANN fellow now. I think the most critical learning experience for me as a NextGen fellow was moving my transitional elements, so my basic area of research is in DNS and DNS security.

So, a lateral learning experience for me was that the impacts of my research that is technical contributions can be in other fields as well, such as policy development. I learned this through conversations with many people at ICANN82, and I think that has impacted how my research goes on from then. So I've been able to not only do some technical work, but also understand how it impacts the society in general and how policies and processes can be developed based on that research.

I think one learning experience for me was that you'll talk to as many people as you meet at a meeting and then try to get some experience on what they work on and then also understand how it can help your growth in the community. And I would say choosing two to three areas of your interest would ideally be the best because this is a huge meeting and then you also get to meet a lot of people. So, two to three areas to start with would help a lot. Yeah, excited to be an ICANN fellow now.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you. Thank you, and welcome to the Fellowship program. I would like to give the floor to a person who actually, when I saw him as a NextGen, he strikes me with his knowledge and with his passion, and I was so happy seeing this name, who you can memorize very easily because the miracle is back. So, Miracle, my NextGen, who is now a fellow is back to ICANN. Miracle, the floor is yours.

MIRACLE ONYEBUCHIM

Thank you very much, Siranush. Good morning, everyone. My name is Miracle, I'm an ICANN fellow. It's so good to say that for the record, which is my favorite ICANN phrase, by the way. So, I was an ICANN NextGen participant in ICANN82 in Seattle, and it was such a good experience for me. Generally, I'm very passionate about knowledge transfer when it comes to the internet, especially for the next generation.

So how do we make sure that the internet of the future is designed for the next generation? Because the world is rapidly changing around us, and we rarely see that generation represented in rooms where decisions are being made. I work with the Cyber Secure Lab in Maryland in the US, and we work very closely with schools and with policy makers just to make sure that the curriculum reflects the rapidly changing technology landscape that we have.

One of the things that ICANN82 really helps me with is that when you're young, you have so much energy, but you need a lot of guidance to channel that energy in the right way so that you get tangible results. And from all of the people that I met, where's Roberto and where's Fernanda, Alfredo, sorry.

There's just a lot of people, and Glenn McKnight, I remember all of them, and they were very passionate and they made me feel very welcoming, and that's something that I remember and I'm very

grateful for. And they were able to channel, help me, direct me to the right path so that my energy can be used in the right way.

And ever since ICANN82, I've since joined NARALO, and I was part of the committee that created the Outreach Engagement Plan, and I was very particular about making sure that we were intentional about how we engage and reach out to students and the next generation. And that's why because I'm in the room, I want to make sure that that constituency is represented. And then I I also have been part of the conversations around Universal Acceptance.

So what I'm really looking forward to this time around is to continue to learn. There's just a whole lot of information in ICANN. When you think that you've gotten a grasp, you get hold of something else that you didn't know beforehand. So, I want to just continue to deepen my knowledge, get to meet more people. I've been very, very grateful for all of the people that I met in ICANN82. And I'm looking forward to seeing all of you. Don't forget my name, Miracle, and thank you very much, and I hope we all enjoy our time in Dublin. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, my dear. And yes indeed, Miracle is back. So, I think no one can forget your name. And I also would like to give the floor another beautiful lady who came as a NextGen. And Ankita, please, the floor is yours. Tell us why you are back.

ANKITA RATHI

Thank you, Siranush. Hi everyone, my name is Ankita. I'm a lawyer from India. I was an NextGen at ICANN83, and I am happy to see a lot of familiar faces here again. Just one thing that I want to share with all the and all the Fellows as well is that.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Ankita, we cannot hear you. Please speak close to the mic and speak slowly for our interpreters, please.

ANKITA RATHI

Is it better now? Okay.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Go.

ANKITA RATHI

Yeah. So, one thing that I want to share with all the NextGeners is that something which I learned during my NextGen experience, that don't restrict your opinions and your views and your research to your presentation. Every opportunity that you get during coffee breaks, during social events, during networking, just spend it with networking and talking to everyone that you meet here.

I think that's a very great experience and a very good networking opportunity. And one of the best experiences that I had during ICANN83 was the launch that we got to had with all the ICANN Board members. I also shared it with Fernanda that that was the first time one NextGen cohort had that experience. And I think that

was a great opportunity to know what was happening in ICANN and also to share your views with the ICANN Board members. So, all the best to everyone and hope to see you around. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Ankita, and welcome to the fellowship. Okay, the next group of people whom I would like to introduce are those whom you know well. Those are key people who started like bringing you to ICANN two months ago since you were matched with your mentors. I would like our mentors to stand up and actually say couple of words so people can know them in person.

You worked with your mentors two months virtually through Slack, Skype, messengers, Zoom, but this is the opportunity to meet them in person here. And please, please, please, start working with your mentor now. Don't wait, again, till the end. These are the people, as usually I told to fellows, these are the people who may not know everything, but they definitely know someone who knows the answer to your question.

And the important thing is to ask question, because if we don't know what you want to know, then we are not able to help you. And again, there is no stupid question. Come and ask us. That's why we are here. Do not miss this opportunity. And to start with, I would like to introduce our three NextGen mentors who are here, Navid, I see Roberto, and I see Paolo.

These are these three great people who started with the NextGeners, and my pleasure to say that these two guys, Navid and Paolo are the fellows. So they know what does it mean, what is the feeling of being a newcomer here? But this guy over there, Roberto, he was ICANN board member, he is a very long standard ICANN community member, and is very respected friend and colleague of us. If you would like to say like just a couple of words, please do. You can take a seat. And I just wanted people to see your faces to know you. Just say a couple of words, Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO

Well, just to welcome everybody here, and just confirm that, please, we are here for answering questions or for giving you advice, and don't be shy. Also, another recommendation, don't be shy anyway to express what you feel, because that's the only way you are here in a community of friends, and the only way to get really into this community is to share your impressions, to share your questions, and to share your approaches and your experience in the field. Just get together, use this opportunity, you have a unique opportunity this week to meet in depth the ICANN community, and where hopefully you will spend more time in the future. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you. Thank you, Roberto. And my great pleasure to introduce my fellow mentors, the mentors who are assigned from the ICANN community to help and guide the fellows. My mentors,

Glen, mentor from GNSO, my mentor from GAC, Tracy Hackshaw, my mentor from At-Large, Raymond, is over there, my beautiful Jenifer Lopez who we're proud having as a part of. Yes, we have our own Jenifer Lopez, our mentor from ccNSO. Be jealous, yes.

And Kunle, my mentor from RSSAC, and we all will start learning what is RSSAC very soon. So thank you. Thank you, guys. Thank you to all those people who spend their time trying to bring you on board. These people are assigned from their respective communities. Our mentors are not paid for their job. Trust me. They are doing this because they love what they learned and they love to share this with those who are coming for the first time.

And trust me, they know what does it mean to be a newcomer at ICANN. So, communicate with them, collaborate with them. I used to say, this is not teacher-student cooperation. This is collaboration of partners. So, start, be a partner and a good and trustworthy partner in this collaboration, in this efforts. Thank you. Thank you once again to all mentors who did enormous job. And they are here, again, 24/7 during the time of you at ICANN84.

So, what's next? I have also one person here who is behind the scene, but she plays an important role not only in engagement programs where me and Fernanda belong to, but she is behind of ICANN Learn. And many of you had been asked to take some ICANN Learn courses and she's here to introduce herself and say couple of words. Elizabeth, please.

BETSY ANDREWS

Thanks, Siranush. Hi, I'm Betsy Andrews. I have the pleasure of working with Fernanda and Siranush as close colleagues, and one of my many tasks is to look after ICANN Learn. So, if you have any challenges with the online learning courses or if you have any ideas about how we can enhance ICANN Learn, I would really welcome that. So I'm so happy to see your faces, I'm delighted to be in Ireland, and I'm looking forward to getting this meeting started. Also, if you guys-- oh, thank you. If you guys are using this mic, hold it at an angle with your face so that it can pick up your voice better.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you. And yes, please visit engagement booth and you will see several fellows, those who are alumnis, those who are returning alumnis will be helping also Betsy there. So, please visit. If you have any questions and you, you are not able to ask it to someone else here, please visit engagement booths. And also, a reminder for all of you. For Monday, we have the gala, like evening reception, which is organized by the host.

Make sure for you to have access to a beautiful epic museum, which is next to this building. You have a bracelet received from the booth of the host. They are giving the special bracelets, so make sure you have it, because I don't know if the bracelets may be mandatory for you to enter, but also you need this bracelet.

So, make sure you go to their booth, and you also-- if I'm not mistaken, it's on the second floor, the booth area. So, make sure you walk around. We'll be having soon coffee breaks, there are twice a day coffee breaks. Second floor. Third floor, okay. Third floor. So, we'll be having two coffee breaks along the days. Make sure you are out to take some snacks, coffee, have some break, and talk to people. Yes.

Don't go and sit somewhere or go to smoke, go to, I don't know... the best places to communicate and network are the coffee breaks and receptions, trust me. And sometimes the smoking area as well. So, you can find a lot of people there as well. So, please, keep this energy, and I hope none of you will say, oh, I'm tired. No, no way. Today, by the end of this very busy day, all of you, all our newcomers who are here as well, all our NextGeners and Fellows are hosting networking hour. So, please come and join us.

Come join, talk to these people, to the Fellows and to NextGen, drink with us and enjoy some time with us as well and learn about the experience. And those who are newcomers here, but not part of this program, you also can learn and take some tips, how to be a next generation of the fellowship and NextGen programs here. So, take this opportunity as well. And everybody's invited definitely.

I would like to see everyone there talking, drinking, having fun, and enjoying. With that, just to give this start of ICANN84, we'll finish the first session a bit earlier to give you the opportunity to go and have your first coffee break very soon, get to know the area. And

our next session, which we will start, get to know ICANN community and how it works. Actually, our next two sessions will be learning about how it works in ICANN from technical perspective and from policy perspective.

And we'll be meeting at level two in the Liffey room. So, it's a ccNSO, and we will learn soon as well what is ccNSO. But please, get acquainted with which rooms we will be, follow the schedule, ICANN schedule, it says which room we will be next. We might be not staying in the same room for more than two sessions, but please follow us. Don't say I didn't know where to go. In the schedule, you will find everything. And again, please be on time. I see a couple of hands. Yes, please. Harada, go.

RUSSELL DEKA HARADA

Thank you, Siranush. My name is Russell Deka Harada, I'm a ccTLD Manager of .pg Papua New Guinea.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

So, what is ccTLD? I don't know.

RUSSELL DEKA HARADA

Papua New Guinea in South Pacific.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

What ccTLD you represent? You said I am representing ccTLD.

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- RUSSELL DEKA HARADA Sorry, I am a ccTLD manager.
- SIRANUSH VARDANYAN Yes. What is ccTLD? Can you tell us?
- RUSSELL DEKA HARADA ccTLD means Country Code Top Level Domain.
- SIRANUSH VARDANYAN Absolutely correct. Thank you.
- RUSSELL DEKA HARADA Thank you. Yeah. And also, I am ICANN84, right? ICANN84 fellow, and I was ICANN79 and 80 fellow. But unfortunately, the 80 meeting in Kigali I missed because of my visa problem. But before closing this session, I want say thank you to the Papua New Guinea government, just on my travel to here when I arrived to [00:43:04 - inaudible] Airport, I received a message from the PNG government, and they gave me a 50s independence anniversary, Kings Hour to me for my 28 years' service to Papua New Guinea.
- SIRANUSH VARDANYAN Congratulations. Congratulations.
- RUSSELL DEKA HARADA Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Well done.

RUSSELL DEKA HARADA

Thank you. So, I will say some young NextGen people and also many young fellow people, you can follow me. I'm originally from Japan, but being Papua New Guinea, 28 years, more than half of my life, so I migrate to other countries, married with the local lady, and I'm teaching at the University of Technology for PNG.

So I think Siranush already mentioned, this is a network. I think you are not alone, we have to work together to far away. So, please feel free to contact to me. I'm not typical Japanese, I'm very tall and talkative, so please catch me. Like Siranush always wears this red cloth, and I'm also wearing red, so, easy to find some dark spot, and that's all. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

I should get the next award from Papua New Guinea, I'm in red. Thank you. And congratulations.

ROBERTO GAETANO

Yeah, I have a question. Is the fellowship meet and greet the session this evening at 17:30 open to all of us, or can we come alone, please?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN Fellowship and NextGen networking hour at 17:30 is open to everyone. So, please come and join us and have a drink with all of us. The schedule, by the way, the schedule, if there is no the letter C, capital C with bracket saying closed, then it means it's open to everyone just to know. Fernanda, you wanted to say something?

FERNANDA IUNES Yeah, just wanted to mention the next session will be on level one, Liffey ccNSO room in level one. And NextGen, before you leave, please come see me.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN Thank you, Fernanda. Any last-minute question? Any questions for you for today and tomorrow and for the rest of the week? Any questions? If I don't have any questions? But feel free to come and talk to us, all the fellows who didn't get their additional sign to their badge saying that you ICANN Fellow, come and see me, please. Yaovi, yes.

YAOVI ATOHOUN I would like to express myself in French, so I will express myself in French.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN Thank you for reminding. We have interpretation, and please use these headsets now. And Yaovi will speak in French, so those who don't know French, this is a great opportunity. Before every

session, when you enter the room, you can find those things. And there is a huge team behind interpretation. All of them are here for you to make all the languages accessible. We have French, English, and Spanish interpretation for all the sessions with the Fellowship and NextGen and for all these onboarding sessions. So, please, whenever you enter to the room, get ready that anyone can take the mic and can speak in the language other than English. Thank you for reminding.

YAOVI ATOHOUN

Thank you very much. Siranush said what I just wanted to say. I wanted to say that even if you speak English, when you enter a room, please do take your headsets. Siranush has said it, and at ICANN we speak several languages. So if you don't have your headset and someone expresses himself or herself in another language, it might be too late for you to get up and go and get your headset. So, even if you do speak English, please make sure you take headsets when you enter the room as Siranush said rightly. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Yaovi, and yes, I see one of my colleagues who join us here from the host country, the host team, Global Stakeholder Engagement team and I would like to give the floor to Andrea to say couple of words.

ANDREA BECCALLI

Thank you, Siranush, and sorry for being late. I got lost into these big curtains, so that why I was late. No, I was thinking when I was trying to find my way, it's like I was here 10 years ago, how come that I don't remember how together, but many things changed. I changed and the internet changed so much.

But the powers and energy and insight that the fellows bring to ICANN, this thing never change, and even more now that we are getting into maybe another big disruptive era of the internet, AI and all these, what entails, the work that ICANN does, it's even more essential in a world where divisions, wars, trade wars kind of are really tear us apart, the internet keeps us together. So, the work that you do here, I think is even more valuable than was 10 years ago.

And it's an amazing opportunity for you to be here, there is a lot of work behind the scene. Take advantage of every moment that you're here, and don't be shy, speak with everyone. It's a very welcoming community. Don't be afraid by the acronyms, by the old parallel sessions. As Siranush said, if there is no sea, just step in, but not only step in.

Also, if you want to say something, if it's something that you don't understand, don't be shy, take the microphone, speak in your own language. This is really something that we do it for you because we believe and we trust in you. And it's very important. It's really is the lifeblood of ICANN. And I'll be around for the rest of the week.

For those that come from the Western European region, can you raise your hand? Not many. 1, 2, 3, 4. Come to see me during the week at the meet and greets, every time that you cross me and ask questions, I will be very happy to help you. And have a great meeting and enjoy, but don't enjoy too much, it's work. Take it as a work experience. Thank you. Thank you, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Andrea, for joining. And since we don't want to let you go, but I want to give the final word to Linda, the team of Ombuds.

LINDA MAINVILLE

Thank you. Just want to say that my name's Linda, I'm with Liz the Ombuds. And you know Liz, she's very popular and she's everywhere. So, if you can't see her and she's not that tall too, she can be hiding, so come to me and I'll make sure that you can talk to her, okay? So I'm there, too. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN

Thank you, Linda. Thank you. And with that, welcome to ICANN one more time. ICANN84 is ahead of us. I wish all of us the enjoyable and memorable ICANN84. And let's rock. Let's rock. Have coffee break and see you at 10:30. Our meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

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