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Kristina Nordstrom:	Okay, so this is Sunday, the 12th of October, and it's the Internet Governance Review Group in Westwood. I'd like to remind everyone to state your names before speaking for transcript purposes. We have apologies from Carolyn Iaguara (ph), and we have Peter Von Roste on the phone. My name is Kristina Nordstrom.
Bart Boswinkel:	So, as the Chair of this working group is Byron, and all my (inaudible) may sound clear, I will take the honors of running this as the facilitator of the group. Peter, can you hear us?

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Peter Von Roste: Yes, I can, Bart.

Bart Boswinkel: Good morning, Peter, or good afternoon to you. So, in the room we have Keith, Mathieu, Andy, Don Hollander, and--.

Yashiesh: --Yashiesh--.

Bart Boswinkel: --Yashiesh from--.

Yashiesh: --India.

Bart Boswinkel: India, and Gabi and Kristina as well, and we have some observers in the room, as well. We don't have a formal agenda because, say, the status of this group is a bit unclear, so it might be useful to have a brief discussion on the status of this working group and see how we can evolve this in the sense of this will be the home of the CNSO members who will be on the Internet Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance.

Before we have that discussion, let me sketch a bit of the background of this working group so we have all full understanding. It was created at the time -- I think it was two meetings ago -- because there was this informal Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance preparing for Net Mundial. At this time, this became -- this was a very hot topic, and that was prior to the launch, or prior to the announcement of the NTIA on the IANA stewardship transitions, which became the major priority of the ccTLD community at large. So, Internet governance was -- yes, had a lower priority on the work list of the ccTLD community.

At the same time, what you see, and I -- is that the Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance prepared a formal charter, which was adopted I think in -- on the 25th of September of this year by the ccNSO council, and there is now a call for volunteers to participate as member in this Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance, and its purpose is to really, yes, inform and engage the broader community, including the ccTLD community, in Internet governance issues.

As I said, the call for volunteers is out, and there are already some members, say from the informal one, who will stay on, and hopefully there will be new members. Now, the question is, if we have these two groups, the Cross-Community working group, or members of the Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance, and we have this formal group, is how to best ensure that, say, we do not over-burden the volunteers.

And whether this group should not be redesigned in the sense of this is the home for the ccNSO members on that cross-community working group, and they take the lead on the Internet governance outreach, et cetera, and then everybody who is interested in participating in the work of those members and want to participate in the cross-community working group can become either participant -- or can become participant in this group. So, the CEC community has a home for those with a keen interest in Internet governance issues, because I think, if you would look at the Web page of this group, you will see there is already a lot of material, and it can be added, and it will inform the discussions, say, both globally and regionally, and even locally, and as -- act as a kind of repository of all the documentation going on, and all the events. And if the people on the cross-community working group could manage this properly, then I think it's, say, in my view, and maybe the staff's view, is it could add value to the broader community, or the ccTLD community.

So, it's more a question whether to change this group into, say, the home of the ccNSO members on the Internet governance, and they take the lead so it has more clarity and more focused efforts. So, I open this for discussion. Any comments, suggestions, or questions? Don?

Don Hollander: So, my name is Don Hollander from APTLD. And just for clarity, because I don't always understand the word "Internet" -- the phrase "Internet Governance," to make sure that I understand what that means, so it is about the broader issues of Internet governance, such as spam and security, but -- so is it including that? And also, does it include the issues of the Internet management issues, such as they are, in that transition?

Bart Boswinkel: I think in my view, if you look at the charter, and the charter of the Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance, what is excluded of or is out of scope of the Internet governance group is the discussions around the IANA stewardship transition, and what is excluded is the enhancement of accountability of ICANN. So, it is broader in the sense of what is happening in the IGF, and maybe as an explanation, it goes back to, say, the initiatives around Net Mundial. This is where -- and it's a response on the -- say, the cross-community working group is a response to the call for a cross-community working group.

I think it was at the Buenos Aires meeting by Fadi Chehade, CEO and President of ICANN. So, then it was created, then the ccNSOs and the ccTLD communities started to respond and follow up. It was made very clear by everybody on the drafting team for this Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance itself that transition is out, accountability is out. There will be separate processes for that one.

Don Hollander: Okay, so thank you very much. And I think you answered my next question, which is are there going -- will there be a ccTLD focused group outside the CCWG IANA transition group, or is that the space for the names totally?

Bart Boswinkel: My understanding is that, in principle, yes, there are -- there is another coordination committee, unfortunately, that is specifically dealing with the accountability and transition issues. That's another group, but that is feeding into, and that -- it is a bit closed. It only will have the members who are on the cross-community working group on the ICG, so the Internet -- so, Keith's group, and with Chowdon Mari (ph) and Martin Boyle. And in future, maybe the members on the accountability to ensure the coordination for the CEC and outreach to the broader community. So, that's the CEC focus in these two processes. Internet governance is out of that in the broader sense, as we just discussed.

Don Hollander: So, just to be clear on this new group, I don't know what it's going to be called, but a bunch of letters. You're saying it's a closed group only of the four appointees to the ICG and the five appointees to the CCWG?

Bart Boswinkel: It already exists.

Don Hollander: Okay.

Bart Boswinkel: What we're talking about, this is another group that exists, and that's why we're having this meeting. This is the broader one on Internet governance, but it was started a long time ago.

Don Hollander: Right. I understand that.

Bart Boswinkel:	Yes. And so, the question is whether this group should continue in its current format, because it adds to the confusion, or we call it the home for those members, or those volunteers who are on the Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance, because we do have members on that one, and it is an important topic, although not with as high a priority as the two other processes. Anybody else?
	So, the question I want to pose is does this working group want to advise the council to revisit the charter and to effectively change it into the home for those who will be on the Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance, and then let the Chair of that working group be the Chair of this working Group, as well, and so make it a very focused one who also has the tools available to reach out to the broader community and inform them on events, important documentation, et cetera. Any comments, support, expressions of support?
Keith Davidson:	Can I -- it's Keith Davidson. Can I just say that sounds like the most pragmatic way forward? Thanks for that.
Mathieu Weill:	Mathieu Weill from AFNIC. Yes, I fully support this proposal. There's too many working groups already, and spreading everyone's time very thin. So, let's be pragmatic and focus on the priorities right now.
Bart Boswinkel:	Yes. Anybody else? Peter? Any comments?
Peter Von Roste:	Bart, no, thank you. I support that proposal, and it seems to be the most, yes, as Keith says, pragmatic way forward. Agree.

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Bart Boswinkel: Anybody else? Then what I suggest is, say, on behalf of the unclear Chair of this working group, I will inform, say, the council accordingly, and suggest a change of the mandate of this group, and so it will only include the members of the cross-community working groups and allows observers, and there will be a call for participants. Those people who are interested in Internet governance, and -- but in principle that we make it clear what the purpose of this group is, and yes, it almost aligns to the Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance. Yes. Any other business? Anybody who wants to raise something else?

Peter Von Roste: Bart, this is Peter.

Bart Boswinkel: Yes, go ahead, Peter.

Peter Von Roste: Sorry, I might have missed that at the beginning of the meeting, but the meeting -- sorry, this group is part of the schedule, the Internet Government Review Group?

Bart Boswinkel: Yes.

Peter Von Roste: That would be actually the Internet Governance Coordination Group.

Bart Boswinkel: Yes. Is it--.

Peter Von Roste: --Okay--.

Bart Boswinkel: --It's that part of the confusion, and I know, say, because there wasn't very much going on on the Internet governance group itself, it's just started prior to the -- I think prior to this meeting again. So, it has been dormant, and I think we should make that a little bit more permanent. Anything else, Peter?

Peter Von Roste: No. Thanks. The current name is Coordination Group.

Bart Boswinkel: Yes, but we will change it into, say, a kind of coordination group, but say having the members and make it more clearer.

Peter Von Roste: All right, thanks.

Bart Boswinkel: Mathieu?

Mathieu Weill: Mathieu Weill from AFNIC. A pure suggestion to collate a kind of working group. That would be the home, and then you'll find an acronym for that. My question -- my initial question, joke about, was who from the ccNSO is on the country -- Cross-Community working group on Internet Governance? Do we have a list?

Bart Boswinkel: There was a list. Keith was on it, but he stepped down. There were five members -- let me put it (ph) in more general terms. There were five members. In order to prepare for this formal cross-community working group, we asked who wanted to stay on on that formal working group, and as of, say, last week, we put out a staff, we put out a call for volunteers to be on that cross-community working group. I don't know if we have any applications or self-nominations, but I know Jordan Carter will stay on. I know Humom Li (ph) will stay on. Who else, Gabi, do you know?

Gabriella Schittek: (Inaudible.)

Bart Boswinkel: Sorry?

Gabriella Schittek: No.

Bart Boswinkel: Nobody else. Kristina? Who will stay on as the current -- say we have a list of five current members, and who will stay on?

Gabriella Schittek: We only have two (inaudible).

Bart Boswinkel: So, it's -- and on the cross-community working groups, it is a minimum of two and a maximum of six members. So -- and then there is a lot of observers and participants, whoever is interested.

Mathieu Weill: Minimum two?

Bart Boswinkel: Yes. That depends on who's interested. Go ahead.

Kristina Nordstrom: Yongum (ph) wanted to stay on. Aviva (ph) wanted to step down. And yes, Jordan wanted to stay on. And I haven't heard from Becky (ph), and Keith wants to step down. That's what I have.

Gabriella Schittek: That's (inaudible) request regarding new (inaudible)?

Bart Boswinkel: As you know, she was -- she had a bit of a replacement. Keith, go ahead.

Keith Davidson: I noticed in the council minutes that I was listed as going to be an observer, but I think I need to be off that working group altogether given that there's a limited number of seats and that Jordan Carter is continuing in that role. It's better that I come off it altogether and we have that seat.

Bart Boswinkel: Mathieu, any other question?

Mathieu Weill: No.

Bart Boswinkel: Anybody, another question? If not, I'd like to close the meeting.

Peter Von Roste: Hear.

Bart Boswinkel: Okay. Thank you, and--.

Peter Von Roste: --We're setting a record.

Bart Boswinkel: Thank you all for attending this meeting. (Inaudible.)

Peter Von Roste: Yes. Bye, everyone. Bye, Bart.

Bart Boswinkel: Bye.