UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It is October 15th at 2:30 in the afternoon. This is the ASO Information Session in the Westwood room.

LOUIE LEE: Hi, welcome, everybody. This is Louie Lee, chair of the ASO Address Council, and welcome to the ASO Information Workshop. Thank you, [Barbara], for making sure that the audio stream is coming through just fine.

We don’t have a published agenda, but on top of everybody’s mind is the topic of the IANA stewardship transition. In so far as how the ASO, the [inaudible] Addressing Number Community is dealing with that to come up with a proposal to help with the transition. We have members of the RIR CEOs here. Wonderful.

If perhaps John would be prepared to speak on that, that would be wonderful. After that, we should pause to take questions from anybody in the room.

[JOHN]: I was wondering [inaudible] safely dodge this.

LOUIE LEE: Yes. Typically, Adiel would be handling this, but for those that are remote, cannot hear John right now.
[JOHN]: I’m asking [Axel]. Do you have a copy of the slide deck that he updated?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No.

[JOHN]: You don’t.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think he took 200 milliseconds there.

[laughter]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We actually did some slides on the status of this and it would be useful to project them I think.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Yeah, we can do that.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. So let me see if I have a copy of them and then I’ll talk to slides that I’ve never seen. Yeah, that’s difficult. You do have them? Can you lend your laptop to someone for protection purposes?
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: This is the projection laptop, basically. But if you have [inaudible]. Yeah, if you send it to me, just e-mail it to me, and I will [inaudible].

Just a note before we go further. If you speak into the mic with the mic turned on, then anyone who’s following us along at home will be able to hear you. If you don’t use the mic, then they can’t hear you because nothing will pick it up.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay, give us 30 seconds, those people remote, and we’ll get something up to look at.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And perhaps while we’re waiting, I’m thinking that the follow-up topic after this item would be maybe what the NRO has been doing over at the IGF, any NRO activities that are relevant to be shared. And then we can do Q&A after that, too.

Also, this morning we had a meeting with the ICANN Board. A very good discussion on what the ASO is doing on the IANA transition, the activities on how we’re working to coalesce the information. There were other topics related to the support of RALO folks into the RIR meetings. Am I getting a hand wave yet on things being ready? Not yet, okay.

So as soon as the recordings for the ICANN Board meeting with the ASO is available, I would urge everybody to review that if you weren’t at the meeting yourself.

I can say that on the ASO Address Council side, since our last ICANN meeting, we have finished providing some advice to IANA about the
question of ASN and how the two ASN pools are to be differentiated or not differentiated. The outcome of the advice in summary is that the two-byte and four-byte ASNs should not be considered separate pools. It should be considered as one pool for the purposes of RIRs justifying for more ASNs from the IANA.

This could have the side effect that for a region that is giving out more two-byte ASNs than four byte, that they may have a number of four-byte ASNs that keeps them from being able to justify getting more ASNs from IANA.

In addition to that piece of advice, the AC also sent advice to the RIRs to say if there is a desire to coordinate how they take the remaining two-byte ASNs from the IANA pool that they do so in an open manner. One way that they can conceivably do that, to take the past 500 ASNs [inaudible] divided evenly to about 99 or 100 ASNs each.

So I see that the slides are up, at least the upper left corner of the slide. Wonderful.

JOHN CURRAN: John Curran. I’m the president and CEO of ARIN. I’m one of the five RIR execs. Together we form the Number Resource Organization Executive Committee, which is the NRO group that tries to coordinate activities between the RIRS.

We, obviously upon seeing the ICG call for input from the IP addressing community, started talking about how to put that together. I’m going to highlight what each of the RIRs is doing and then talk a little bit about
assembly, so we can have an input from the global IP addressing community to the IANA Coordination Group.

So the NRO approach. Regional Number Communities have existing regional processes. We’ve launched an open regional process for IANA transition planning in each RIR and we’ve proposed an open process to consolidate these into a single RFP response to the ICG. It’s going to be the [CRISP] team.

So, in each of the regions, here’s what we’re doing. APNIC – a discussion session was held during APNIC 38 in Brisbane on 17 of September. This was straw man proposal that has been adopted by the community. There’s a mailing list in the APNIC region and a website. Next.

In the ARIN, we had a discussion last week in Baltimore. We discussed process for the ARIN region and issues. We decided we were going to go about doing a survey to get initial input from the ARIN community on some of the issues related to this. That survey is open right now to anyone who’s interested in the IANA oversight in the ARIN region.

Then we’re going to take the results of that onto a mailing list and use that to build ARIN region input to the process.

We have in LACNIC a session scheduled for Santiago, a panel session to inform the community, and then an interactive session for community discussion. There’s a mailing list that’s been set up in the LACNIC region and a website.

In the RIPE NCC, a very close community information feedback since the announcement. It’s been handled in the Coordination Working Group in the RIPE region. The discussion was kicked off in Warsaw in their RIPE
68 meeting and there’s a draft statement of guiding principles for an RIR proposal released on the ninth of October and there’s going to be discussion at RIPE 69. Next.

AfriNIC. First consultation took place in the AfriNIC 20 meeting at Dijibouti and resulted in the creation of a mailing list for discussion of the proposal. Mostly it’s being used for outreach and sharing right now of information. There’s a dedicated webpage and a second round is going to be taking place during AfriNIC 21.

So we’re going to end up with inputs from the five regions and we want to combine them. And usually how we do this is – when we do this with policy, we’d use the Global Policy Development Process. Global Policy Development Process takes between – I’ll be nice – a year and-a-half- to three years to come to convergence, and we have probably about a month-and-a-half for this process.

We’re going to follow a very similar model, but on an expedited process and set of rules. A consolidated RIR IANA stewardship proposal team will be convened. It’s responsible for producing the number of community response to the ICG RFP. Very similar construction – 15 members, three from each region; two community reps and one RIR staff times five.

Full and open process, accessible on the website. A mailing list, open teleconferences. This is what we’re proposing. The RIR executives have written this up and we need to get a statement that describes this out to the community.
But that’s the general intent. That team will probably get all of its inputs – well, fingers crossed – somewhere around the end of November, early December. It has 30 days to bring about a number region consolidated proposal, maybe 45 days to get it in front of the ICG team by January 15th for initial input. So it’s going to be a very expedited process.

It will be coordination by that team, but it will also use the regional processes, so in a region they can go back to the community in their discussion lists. But we need to have that moving very briskly, and so in order to make sure we have input into this dialogue regarding IANA oversight.

This is going to be written out and put out for comment. We actually have a little bit of time to refine the consolidation process while we’re all working on our individual inputs. So we should have this out shortly.

That’s the high level. Questions?

[LOUIE LEE]: Do you have a roaming mic if anybody away from the table would like? Go ahead, Mark.

[MARK]: You knew it would be me, right? If you can go back to the last slide here, [Barbara]. The [CRISP] slide. I know this is just one slide and I know you’re just reading them for the first time, so I give you a lot of credit for that, I swear.
Is there a lot of meat behind this, like the mechanism by which the membership is sort of agreed to and underlying processes that the executive committee have sort of fleshed out?

JOHN CURRAN: There's a specification for this that has about twice as much as the detail on that slide, and we're going to put it out for people to comment on. Again, recognize the most important thing is to get this working according to premises that everyone can live with on an expeditious basis, because we will not have input into this process unless we have a way of consolidating it.

And while we do have a very nice, rigorous, proven global policy development process, it just isn’t appropriate for this room. Any other questions?

Okay. And I look forward to having this, as I said. It’s being worked right now by the NRO EC. Should be out for draft comment shortly.

LOUIE LEE: Wonderful. Thank you, John. If I may move on then and ask what are the recent activities of the NRO at the IGF? Sorry to put you on the spot like that.

[JOHN CURRAN]: For one of my more capable counterparts in the room who would like to speak about the IGF?
LOUIE LEE: If that’s not available, that’s fine.

[JOHN CURRAN]: Actually, we have the NRO Executive Director here. [laughter] But I’ll take it because I’m here.

So we did participate in the IGF. The RIRs all had staff presence. There were several sessions that we were involved in attending and participating in. Obviously there was an enormous amount of interest at IGF in the IANA stewardship discussion and that was an undercurrent of most of the sessions that were going on – at least the ones we participated in.

I would say the other big hot topic at IGF was the IGF charter and IGF funding model. The IGF charter has been renewed, but there’s some discussion of whether or not the renewal for another five years is what we want as opposed to an ongoing renewal.

[inaudible] from a permanent renewal. Once you have a permanent function in the UN system, you get a lot of staff and infrastructure. We’re not sure we want that, but a lot of people have said this every five years knowing if this is going to be renewed makes it tentative in some people’s mind, so maybe we should have an ongoing commitment but still not the permanent infrastructure.

There’s actually a letter to that effect running around in some of the mailing lists, civil society, amongst others.

The other big activity is IGF funding. People may or may not be aware, but the IGF is funded through contributions to the UN. Desa runs the
funds for that. We all contribute to that and that goes to pay for the secretarial support, and then there’s a host country agreement that handles some of that.

While it’s fairly easy to put money into the IGF fund, it turns out to be problematic to get it out of that, except in very, very clear circumstances having to do with running the secretary.

So, for example, if you wanted to fund developing country fellows to attend, it may not be possible. If you wanted to offset the cost of a certain function, it’s not clear when exactly the accounting rules of UN Desa allow it to do disbursements.

So this has actually led to people looking at potentially, should there be another way of—

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: …enjoy it and I can go back and tell everyone ICANN is all-inclusive. If anybody has another impression, they should correct it. But yes, I don’t believe in isms, because I consider ism as a taboo.

So I will request all of you that if you can make your goalpost larger than from multi-stakeholderism to all-inclusiveness and empowerment of the bottom-up development. That’s what ICANN, I personally feel, is all about. Thank you.

[applause]
LOUISE LEE: Okay. And with that, we conclude this session of the ASO Information Workshop. Thank you very much.

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