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Marie-Laure Lemineur: Very well. Thank you very much. Good morning. Sorry about the delay. We had some technical things to fix. My name is Marie-Laure Lemineur, for the record. I'm chair of NPOC. This is our internal session on stakeholders' day, and we'll be here from 9:00 until 12:00. And don't worry, we'll have a coffee break.

Welcome to all of you. I'm very, very pleased to see some new faces. It's very nice to have you on board, and I'm very, very pleased to see some ICANN fellows that we met very early this morning before our first coffee at half past seven. So very happy to have you with us today, and I hope that what we're going to say is going to be of your interest, and can share views and opinions.

We have a long - the agenda is going to be up on the screen in a few seconds, I hope. Can we see the agenda? With the strategy planning document, please? We have a lot of issues to cover. The first one, before we - the first one on the list is the strategy planning document that we wanted to show and discuss for awhile.

But before we do that, I would like to give - I already did it this morning in the ICANN - in the fellowship session, but for those of you who were not in the meeting, I would like to announce the good news.

I don't know whether Vanda is aware of it, but Klaus is sitting on the GNSO Council - has been sitting on the GNSO Council since yesterday. So Klaus is a new NCSG/NPOC - over here, Klaus Stoll, a member of our executive committee.

He's our new GNSO councilor which is, in a way, very important to us; not only because Klaus is a very well-appreciated and very effective and efficient person, but also because we, as I said earlier this morning to some of you, we are a new constituency.

We were born in June, 2011, so we roughly have like - we are two years and a half old, and we never had a GNSO councilor. So that's the first time. So kudos to Klaus.

Even which, I mean he's going to be labeled as NCSG because NPOC is part of the non-commercial stakeholder group but, you know, I mean it's important to us, and we know that we are in good hands and that he's going to work double as he's been working over the last month.

Anyhow, we can start with the first item, which is the strategic planning. So we've been - since we're not - we are rather - well, we are a modest community. We have roughly 50 members, 45, 50 members. But we have big plans and we are very ambitious, and we're planning to grow.

And so we wrote a first draft of the strategy planning document. Actually, Vanda again, I'm going to refer to Vanda again, because she - thanks to you, I wrote this document, because I used the same form as you used for the Latin American strategy. So this is cross-community work, you see?

This is a good example, yeah, because I'm involved with the Latin American planning strategy, and I really liked the presentation you made on the conference call last week. So I emailed one of your colleagues and said, hey, can you send me the document, and I can copy it and paste, and fill in with our content.

So, (Gia), I don't know whether you would do us a favor in approaching the strategy planning document. It's going to give you a sense of where we're heading. You have to bear in mind that we have been elected last July. I mean this executive committee, the term is from July to July. It's a rather short term. I mean it's 12 months.

Those of you who are familiar with ICANN know that sometimes things can go very slow. So it's the price that you have to pay, because it's the multi-stakeholder model. I'm not complaining. I think actually it's healthy, in the sense that it means that we are, you know, discussing a lot; sharing opinions; and the price to pay is that sometimes it gets very slow.

But in practical terms, when you're in charge of the constituency or a stakeholder group, sometimes you suffer because you want things to move very quick. Yet you know what I mean. Some of you do know what I mean.

So in terms of goals, we have set some goals, (unintelligible) goals that would be like the key goals that we have for the remaining months, hoping that we - obviously we will be able to achieve them. And then we have subdivided them into projects.

So it would be nice if you could scroll down, please, (Gia). And you can't really read it from here, can you? Is there a way you can zoom it? So the first goal -- because I have a printed version here -- basically I'm going to read the four areas of interest that we decided. It was policy; Number 2, charter; Number 3, membership; and Number 4, communications.

So within the policy configuration, what we want is divided into three projects. The first one would be addressing policy agenda, strictly ICANN related, right? I'm thinking here - well before going into detail, I'm going to - I'd rather give you the titles.

The second project would be to work on the (I-Inform) project, and our colleague here, Klaus, will be able to give us some more information about that. And the third project would be to work on policy processes, because this is one of our weaknesses. We need to do a number of things.

And so you can see if you gather the three projects together, we're speaking content -- policy content and processes. This is what we're going to work on or try to work on. Maybe I can be a little bit more specific.

Regarding the ICANN related policy agenda, in terms of scope and deliverables, we're thinking publishing more public comments; making more statements on very specific issues because we are quite new regarding these. We've been able to issue one comment over the last month, and other, older communities and groups have been a lot more active. So we need to become, ourselves, gradually more active in this regard.

We need to support other stakeholder groups and (AC)'s statements; not only issue our own, but also be supportive of others that we do usually with NCUC, NCSG. They issue a comment or a statement, and we support them. This is called cross-community work. We need to also get more active regarding meetings, actually face-to-face meeting with other constituencies when we meet during the ICANN meetings.

So the first part was the online work that we're doing between ICANN meetings. But then when we do actually meet, like these kind of meetings, we need some special - to concentrate on organizing meetings like we did this morning with the (ATLT), with the GAC, and other constituencies. This is very important.

I don't know whether, Vanda, you want to comment on this? You have a lot of experience in this regard, so...

Vanda Scartezini: Yeah, there is - the most important issue is to be connected with the others, and also contribute in some way with some, you know, small papers, points of view. We need to publish something. You know, to exist in this community, you need to be posted.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, Rudi speaking for the (unintelligible). I would like to add - and we know each other, Vanda. I mean we've known each other for eight years, nine years. We have been the formers of the at-large community. I've been active for eight years almost, and I decided to move into the policy for a specific reason.

I even brought it up when we had our last - my last general assembly of the year. And Fadi was present, and I mentioned I'm leaving (ALAC). Why, why, why? Where are you going to?

I'm still staying in ICANN. I cannot leave my fellow anymore. But the reason that I'm moving to the policy world is because of one of the issues that I've seen, ICANN being one of the, I think, biggest targets -- that is the slowest way of producing policy, especially when you see advice popping up from the (AC)s.

It goes to the Board. It takes a while before the Board considers that. Oh, okay, maybe policy. It goes to the policy board. But in between that period, you lost - for two things. Perhaps there are four or five years in between. The Internet doesn't wait for four or five years to decide that tomorrow it's something different.

So what I'm trying to do now is to bridge - look at what happens in (AC). Are there interesting discussions going on? Try to pull them - bring them in a kind

of liaison function, to the policy board to say, hey, guys, maybe we should start thinking about some policy guidelines and bring them both together to the Board, so that the Board doesn't have two years' time to decide.

And I have a very good sample that is going to be decided tomorrow at the GNSO. We hope it's going to be voted this time. It's the PDP Translation and Transliteration of Contact Data in the Whois. The PDP should, in effect, have the result already because the gTLDs are starting to be rolling out. So and we have to decide if the Whois is going to change (instructive), and who is going to pay eventually.

So you see, policy work is, I think, the work that is most forgotten in the whole process. And when I look into - the communities that are working on policy are quite small. When I compare to at-large, you have 30 people around the table, always strongly engaged and able to react. While when we look into the GNSO, well it's all small islands. And that's something we need to improve, I think.

And that's the reason why we try, through our strategic plan, to see how we can bring in more new blood and flesh more out, well why policy is needed. And I think Klaus brought up a very good thing. It's the (I-Inform) and the (I-Engage). It proves that there is work to do.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus, for the transcript. I think we have to look at the general situation of ICANN that's involved. The ICANN decision making process, as (unintelligible) just described by Rudi, is extremely important because it really brings good results.

On the other hand, Internet governance, the whole area has changed in such a way that you literally have to make up decisions overnight. And so I think Rudi was right. I think we are the only constituency in all of ICANN that plays on both sides.

We've got really policy making, the old, institutional ICANN way, and we have things like the (I-Engage), which basically looks at the thing from a very deep level and is able to come up with policies as they mean it. And I think the secret - that is actually a model for Internet governance in the future -- a long, deliberative process and a very active, interactive process where things are going in to be decided.

And I think I just want to make one comment which is related to that. Anybody in Internet governance at the moment is in a kind of flux, crisis, change, wherever you are, because you know that - I mean in the ICANN system. And we're in exactly the same position. The ITU really managed, inside from six months, to declare itself completely useless.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Excuse me. Remember this is recorded.

Klaus Stoll: I know that this is recorded, but there's no problem. That's (unintelligible). Everybody knows it. There are UN processes as well. The UN just simply says - just look, for example, at the millennium goal process. Instead of trying to achieve some value and goals, let's talk about what we are doing after the millennium goals.

And I think what sounds very negative is very, very positive, because now we've got the space. We need, or everybody needs, to make changes and to adapt to the situation. And that's good. That's great.

So and, yeah, and I think it's also exciting because to just give you an example, if we have the - it's the same meeting we had one year ago. And one year ago, people were thinking oh, they can't - rules are not clear. There's no - they won't change. Suddenly all the doors are open, so let's go through them.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Klaus. So this takes us to the second project. I briefly described the first project would be try to be more active on policy issues,

strictly ICANN related. But we are an ICANN constituency, so we are a bit grounded within ICANN. But we are aware that there is an Internet governance ecosystem outside, and that somehow we are part of it.

So we have a third leg somehow in the Internet governance ecosystem. And since we represent civil society, it's important for us to be present at some level. So we have another policy, let's say, branch. That would be trying to promote policy issues that are not strictly ICANN related.

But this we are planning, or we are right now doing it through a project called (I-Inform). And I don't know whether Klaus wants to update us a little bit about that and explain the essence of it.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus for the record. And with regards to my former remark, also for the record, the organization I am working for, government partnership, is an ITU member.

Okay, just very, very quickly for those who are not aware about it, what we did was quite simply to think about what's going on in Internet governance. What's the problem? And instead of trying to change organizations and to draggle around and to say, "Okay, the IG needs to go that. The ICANN needs to do that," we took a deeper approach in that we said, "What is - deep down, what's wrong deep down?"

And we came up with two things. One thing which was basically initiated by an article of (Windsor) where he was talking about the traditional - sort of the remedies of state. And that suddenly triggered a conversation, because the point is if you are using the concept of civil remedy of territory, in the context of the Internet, of cyberspace, you suddenly have a disconnect.

And there is the problem. So the consequence of that one is that you need to redefine what is civil remedy. And by doing that, we came up with some answers. For example, that to have a civil remedy or to have a stake or to

have rights on the Internet, you basically have to have content. You have to have - how to say that?

If it's a remedy of a topic, you need to be in that topic. And most important point is that you have to have the ability to implement. Because however good you are, however good you are in human rights, if you can't promote human rights and you're not able in cyberspace to implement them, it doesn't help us and it doesn't help you. So that, very roughly on the component of civil remedy, I believe.

Second to impart is quite simply that we can't go on with the situation where 99% of the people don't even know what Internet governance is and how it works. Everybody is affected, even those who don't use Internet, or don't even use a smart phone.

Even the farmer in India somewhere who doesn't have any kind of access to electronics is affected, because he sees his stuff, his market prices. And so what we need to do is to find an appropriate way to simply tell people how it works.

And what we are doing at the moment with (I-Engage) is we are moving from the concept development phase into the implementation phase. The implementation phase is quite simply that we are, at the moment, creating a number of councils on different topics. For example, one of them is quite simply creating a global cyber awareness campaign about Internet governance.

Another one, which is very dear to my heart, is child online protection. And you will think, what the hell are they doing in child online protection? I'll tell you why. I'm sorry, I'm coming back to the ITU.

The ITU does a premium job in creating legislation for child online protection. But what happens if a child has fallen already into the water? What happens

to the people who've been abused, who are bullied and (unintelligible)? There is no victim support. So basically the ITU and the UN is standing in that field on one leg. And we are trying to provide the leg of victim support.

Other topics which are very, very important is, for example, gTLDs and employment and jobs. There is a very, very, very closeness between the new gTLDs and jobs in the future, and we've got a concept paper for that one which I can share with everybody. It's on the Web site, and the Web site is (www.i/engage.me). And all these documents are there.

And as I said, we will create a number of panels. And these panels will meet. And these panels or councils will have the limits to implement, not to discuss. The discussion which will happen in these panels will be based on the presumptions that they are held to implement something.

We are talking about how do we implement something; not talking about talking. And this simply will happen over the next year. We will hopefully get some dates in Great Britain in (Windsor Castle); hopefully an event in March in China; and Brussels.

And this is the way how we will work, and operate with the (I-Engage). And I think that's the way forward. And this is our contribution as NPOC to Internet governance, Internet governance model. And I hope that a lot of people get engaged.

If you want to know more and if you want to see a wonderful Power Point presentation - actually I remember what the criteria are for, for implementation, please come onto the stage at 9:30, 9:30 to 11:00. We have an event on that one there. All the membership forms and documents and - yeah. I talk too much anyway.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Klaus. Cintra, you have the floor.

Cintra Sooknanan: Thank you. I just want to confirm what Klaus has said. You know, (I-Engage) and (I-Inform) is really important. You see Fadi talking a lot about broad-brush Internet governance issues.

And it's very timely that we take on board this activity, because it proves that we are listening to where ICANN as an organization is going to -- not just within the (unintelligible) of the DNS policy, but also looking at, you know, the kind of effect that this has on Internet governance and other communities.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Cintra. Rudi, you wanted to say something?

Rudi Vansnick: Yeah, very shortly. Rudi speaking for the transcript. I want to highlight the importance of (I-Engage) in itself, but I have to tell you that I'm saying this as a member of the (ISOC) community.

The way Fadi is trying to get ICANN in the highest peak in the issues of Internet governance has also an affect on the other I-organizations. And he is trying to highlight that also, except that actually almost none of the I-organizations have been to the mic expressing their feelings.

And being in the (ISOC) court, I'm a bit afraid that they want to move a bit too fast. We don't have the same size in (ISOC). We don't have the same (unintelligible) of resources. However, the way Fadi is presenting the solution, it's as if we have all the same headcounts; all the same money. That's not true.

That's why a project like (I-Engage) will help to clarify also that it's not only at the CEO level that Internet governance happens. And ICANN is the best example to prove that.

Look. We are here to discuss. We're not the CEOs. It's all the layers of Internet governance that have to start taking action. And that's where our input, your input, is required, and quickly as possible. That's why we need to

proceed in two directions. The classical one, like Vanda knows very well, takes a long time. But we have also the quick one, and that's the winner.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Vanda?

Vanda Scartezini: Yeah, this is Vanda for the record. Just to add some key information about our reasons here that we are in Argentine. We're going to have - in our strategy there'll be a lot of issues that could add value to that. For instance, we're going to have a (unintelligible) around, you know, engage non-profit organizations; engage users; engage, you know, many different issues.

And I expect to go around and talk about that, because I do believe that in each region, especially those lacking involvement in this new world, it will be very important to be connected and informed about the opportunities there is behind.

And people want to have opportunities. So we need to take them that information, that engaging. Engaging means, you know, be close to the opportunities. So that's the main message for less connected people, because they need to know that is the opportunity.

And it means employment. It means opportunity to share knowledge. It means maybe social, you know, ways. And there is a lot of things. We need to address those things together with engage proposition that we have. Thank you.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Vanda. Sam, do you want to comment something? I'm not sure...

Sam Lanfranco: Sam Lanfranco. The Internet ecosystem and ICANN as a multi-stakeholder organization - its outreach has been basically to say to stakeholders, "We are here. We're a large fish in the pond. And you should be aware, and you should be connected."

I see part of what (I-Engagement) is doing is backing away and saying, "There's a stakeholder-centric process as well where, connected or not, you have a stake in this -- both a positive one to do something, and a negative one in that it's affecting you possibly negatively or positively."

So the other foot in this awareness and education process is to work with those stakeholder communities and help that farmer in India or in Canada understand what is their stake in what they do -- not what is their stake in ICANN or (ISOC) or over there.

But what -- in their community, in their daily life, in their job, in their government, at those levels -- what is the stake that they have that they need to be aware of? They may never get to ICANN. They may never get to those levels, because they're dealing with this at their level. But then those strata will build up. And the policies will come from those stakeholder groups that are down there that ICANN never even sees, but it hears about. It hears from.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Sam. Klaus.

Klaus Stoll: To follow-up on - it's Klaus. I would like to follow-up on Sam. The point is let's take for example jobs to come back to that one. Internet governance has to be made relevant to the people. You know you can't talk about Internet governance. You have to talk about what is actually relevant to people.

And one of the example is jobs. And if you look at the new gTLDs, the new gTLDs will create completely new job market.

And there's a completely new economy which will be created based on user communities. And there are new ways basically to create wealth and income.

When we explain that and people see then people will think about Internet governance because it becomes relevant and important for them. If you start

talking about Internet governance and then try to explain as something we need to do with jobs it won't work because they switched job already.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And thank you. That was a very interesting point. I'm glad to say that since we are in Argentina to echo what Vanda said about the Latin American strategy. The interesting thing is that most of the people involved have been insisting on involving the or including the civil society sector of Latin American countries which is good even Tony who got - I mean represents.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Marie-Laure Lemineur: He's - yes, but he's the first one. I mean Tony Harris he's the first one to mention. I've been on different phone calls, teleconference calls. And he's the first one to say hey we have to include civil society along the way. And you donate and I've brought this to the attention of the whole community, Latin American community.

So I think that we are covered. In the Latin American region I think we are covered. We might want to have a look at the African region and strategy. Poncelet Illeleji who's a member of our Executive Committees, a dear African colleague, hasn't been able to - or I mean to make it to Argentina due to the difficulty of the (recent proceedings).

And this is something that we discussed this morning. We brought up with the ARTR 2 Team that if ICANN wants to get more people from different regions something has to be done about the - this. I mean we - and especially with our African friends, we're dealing with this issue.

Vanda Scartezini: (Whatever) and remember Canada.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes.

Vanda Scartezini: A lot of people had problems and that - even (European).

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And Poncelet, I mean that's the second time. He's a victim of it because he couldn't make it to Toronto too.

And so anyhow...

Klaus Stoll: Marie, sorry. Klaus from (Rickert), sorry that I'm interrupting you (unintelligible). It's really - that has to go to ICANN Staff. There is a different way how to deal with it.

What ICANN Staff does is to send emails to the different embassies and say so okay this is kosher. That's all right.

What they have to do is go to the - before a country is nominated to talk to the foreign ministry and say look, directly and the direction has to come through - to the embassy through the foreign ministry and that's through email sent by ICANN.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes. My experience, I was in the G-A-C sometime. And the meeting was in Brazil. And certainly we have some kind of problem.

But it's a job for the people in the G-A-C to make it happen, you know. It's just for those guys to call the foreign affairs and said no, this is the list that we need to make it. And please give them the visa.

That's what I have done. We having problem so people need to work on that. That's their job. It's not - ICANN has no power inside countries.

So that is G-A-C.

Woman: What is G-A-C?

Vanda Scartezini: GAC.

Woman: That's (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Man: It's the Gaming Advisory Council.

Vanda Scartezini: (Already) know it by the way - by the way.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: That's the first time I hear the GAC be mentioned - referred to as G-A-C. That's (unintelligible).

Woman: So we're learning something today.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes. No. Because the G-A-C is always inside the Board. I was in that discussion this morning.

But, you know, GAC job, part of the GAC job. If they offer for, you know, host a meeting in the country they need to take care of that. It's something that we need to address. It's not only for this or the others.

Now even for Non-Com, we had a problem. They didn't get the person going to Canada.

Man: If I may quickly add to that is that if you're looking to what happened in Dubai there are democratic countries and less democratic countries. And I think that one of the issues is that the less democratic ones are also in the GAC or G-A-C, and they will not stand up and propose that because they are afraid of losing the power. Bring in ICANN involved, if they bring in other people from their country from other origins, NGOs for instance, that they could get upset. And they try to keep them away.

So but I would like to hear from our fellows. I don't consider them newcomers. The fact that they are here is that they have already been listening into the ICANN and that they're really interested.

So I would like to get some reflections from you.

(Anna): (Anna) from Egypt. And I work with the Hebrews on Internet governance, on a problem with Internet governance for Middle East and North Africa so I have to tell you that what you are doing here has really hit what we are doing back in my country. Because we have a problem with the people because some of them (don't) understand Internet governance as their job with the government and they are still not involved in the process.

So we need to kind of bring the knowledge and awareness (for us) to be more active and participate in formulating good policies because they are not aware of the process at all and to start taking part on the IG process with their own local level or in (the resident) and later on in the international and local level.

I want to give you a very small example. Last month was the - our Internet Governance Forum. And there were a lot of representation for (unintelligible) or for any of the stakeholders. The majority were representing government. Just a couple of people from the civil society coming by (Hebrews) as a (part) of the fellowship program and the private sector only from Nigeria (unintelligible) that stakeholders were not represented by one way or another.

So what you are doing here is very good education for the capacity building, (unintelligible) of people and we were talking about engaging other regions and I'm pleased that the Middle East and North Africa is one of the regions which will be involved in the process.

Man: (Unintelligible).

(Edwin):   Hi. Okay, so my name is (Edwin). And I'm from Ghana.

I work with the government of Ghana and I also represent ISO, Ghan. So I'm the Secretary for ISO Ghana (unintelligible). And I have been involved in several Internet Governance related issues in Ghana.

Recently we got a grant from ISO to an Internet governance in Istanbul. I've been training so which was a three day event. We actually (unintelligible) a lot of people about Internet governance, what it's really about, what are some of the issues that have been discovered in Internet governance (unintelligible).

And as a result of that training one of the guys who participated in that training actually applied for an ICANN fellow seat and got it.

So really if you go down and you realize that there is not a lot of awareness about Internet governance people don't even know what issues evolve in the Internet governance.

So we at ISO (took advantage of that). We, you know, open ourselves to really (go) (unintelligible) to try and bring a lot of people in through our (barriers with) school, member communities to sit on the Ghana IGF which, I mean well the Ghana IGF Board in 2011 but since is not active (unintelligible).

So we are looking at ways of revamping the whole process to get everyone to participate in all that. So I think my involvement here, my being here will really actually what I can contribute when I go back to Ghana.

Vanda Scartezini: (Edwin)...

Man: (Which).

Vanda Scartezini: ...(unintelligible) have many years ago a meeting without any problems, not related to visa, not related to working on that. Was wonderful. Many times - many years ago.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. Do you have anything (unintelligible)?

Woman: Maybe later. I mean don't feel...

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Okay. It's up to you. Okay, feel free to speak when you want to speak.

So going back to the agenda, thank you very much for the interesting comments and observations.

I just wanted to mention going back to the strategy plan that the third project within the policy and underneath the policy agenda, umbrella, sorry, are policy processes because we are also weak on this. We are currently writing a policy charter.

Rudi has been working very hard. Not done yet but he's in the process of doing it.

We also need to have another to strengthen the Policy Team actually within the Executive Committee. So we have a plan to, sorry, to nominate an alternate policy chair.

And since we will be soon meeting new members some of these new people hopefully will be able to join us in the Executive Committee and help us within the policy, specifically within the Policy Committee which is one of our main goal.

Other things that we're doing like and interesting things like creating mailing lists and this kind of work we're doing.

We - oh.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes Marie may - yes. Rudi speaking if I may add some stuff to this specific point of the administrative processes.

When I looked into our charter I discovered that in fact there was a lack of harmony related to the higher levels of the constituency we are in which is the GNSO.

We are just below. We are part of the NCSG that has an own charter. NCUC has another charter.

So we have three charters for doing the same job at the end. And...

Man: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: Well it's part of...

((Crosstalk))

Man: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: Yes. But it's part of the policy. It's part of the policy work to see if our charter is okay or not okay. That's policy. That's a definition of do we fit in the process we have to accomplish and do we have the right guidelines, the right rules to do what we have to do.

And compared to what others have and are also doing policy if you don't align the way you're doing the policy you end up having policy proposals that are completely different but should have the same goal.

And it - I think it is important that policy is also looking into the charters of all related sub-constituencies. Harmonize them so that when you go upwards, up to Board, to the GAC, that they see oh okay.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, they cannot get us fighting against each other. That's also part of policy thinking, policy and that's the administrative part of policy trying to align everybody. Now this is in the same direction. Otherwise we fail in doing our job.

That's the reason why I step back a little bit and said well I have to review my vision of the charter and we have made the proposal to Robert Hoggarth to maybe work all three constituencies, NCUC and (NCUC) work together to finalize a charter that fits for all of us at once because that's what we ask Internet governance to be also. If we don't do it ourselves we're not doing the right job.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you Rudi. Actually Rudi was mentioning this second key area of interest of our strategic planning which is our charter as a constituency and we are right now engaging new process to review it.

Although we are new constituency actually we have noticed that on a daily basis that some of the provisions of the charter which is our bylaws, they're not really - there are some - I don't know how to say in a - some of the provisions they're not really appropriate. I mean as of today they don't really serve our purpose. And others are missing.

So we really need to go through each provision and take a look at it and review these. I mean it's going to be quite a slow process. The average that we were told that the average time that constituency loves doing this is minimum 6 months and maximum 16. Well how - and (Rob Hall) is here, (400).

So it's going to take us between, you know, hopefully we'll be able to (commit) in a minimum amount of time because we're planning to finish it by the time our term as an Executive Committee finishes.

Yes Vanda.

Vanda Scartezini: This is Vanda. Sorry to interrupt. Since I was not fully engaged I have another commitment. Right now I need to leave you.

And thank you for having me here. And I believe that we will continue. You know, please you put the (unintelligible) my name in the list to make easily to follow the work. I have some contribution for that.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Vanda. And (Fernando), right, thank you for passing by and staying with us a couple of hours. It's very nice of you, appreciate it.

Man: Yes (unintelligible).

Woman: Yes (unintelligible) and give you quickly the news from Brazil from the meeting in April. I do believe that this work that we need all to do together because it's for our region. We need to engage every country and it's not from Brazil just because it start there. It's not - you know because Brazil wants to leave that. Not related to that. It's just because happened to start and change the move to lateral idea of our President. To move to stakeholder.

And we need to, you know, use the opportunity for that and, you know, engage all the countries and that and make it to raise a new voice that it's not, you know, about Brazil.

So it's something - it's important because, you know, everyone in the region needs to help. So it's - because it's a large country, you know, has place for. And we have some money for, you know, invite people. It's more easy but it's not about the country. It's about the opportunity to change the way we, you know, that region is working against ICANN. And this is a good opportunity to change the way (over here).

Man: Vanda I'm very glad you brought it up. But I'm sorry. I'm extremely concerned how at the moment the preparation for the meeting are going.

((Crosstalk))

Vanda Scartezini: (Unintelligible).

Man: For example there is next week a meeting, a preparatory meeting. There is a press conference.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes.

Man: From civil society, from our constituency. I have no idea who's going. I don't know. I - nothing...

Vanda Scartezini: Nobody. No. It was so quickly. It was so quickly that, you know, I believe you are more organized in some way, you know, (though) in Latin America things don't happen that way.

So we cannot change that if we want to. It's the way they are. They use the moment. Everything deciding that moment and that (day). And that's what is important. That is not a point (itself). It's not something in itself. It's supported inside in my opinion, in this IGF process.

So it's one point where you can turn to the positive way. A lot of us, the users that are against - used to be against our model. It's more for the (govern) to

take everything. But it's just an opportunity in the process. It's a part of a long process.

And we cannot understand that as something completely (unintelligible) from the IGF, from those. It's a part of that.

So it's just to use the opportunity for that. So that's the way we need together.

Man: Vanda but for me the point at the moment is how can we become part of the process.

I think I'm (unintelligible) Latin American after 12 years living in the corridor.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes.

Man: I understand how, you know...

Vanda Scartezini: Yes, I understand. Yes.

Man: I understand how it goes. On the other hand I'm worried that unilaterally some organizations who have the money, perhaps employees, just simply will go and do it.

And the - a lot of other organizations who are smaller, who are not that rich simply will be pushed aside again. And this is not fair and this is not multi-stakeholder.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes.

Man: So I insist a little bit on the process in that respect.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes. I do. And we need to change some ideas because there is no ideas in the table.

So that is one main problem of that. There is no clear ideas on how to do that for (unintelligible) change. It's quite crazy for us.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: I mean I - sorry.

Vanda Scartezini: Yes.

((Crosstalk))

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And I (unintelligible) that we save this very, very interesting conversation to the Thursday session because...

Vanda Scartezini: Yes. I'm glad (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Marie-Laure Lemineur: ...well unfortunately - yes, I'm sorry.

Vanda Scartezini: Okay, no (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Marie-Laure Lemineur: I wish we could keep on discussing this issue but we've got a lot to cover.

Man: I even thought when (Saudi) started talking about Brazil Meeting next year that he was thinking about the world - Soccer World Championship.

Man: Could be, could be.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Very well. So just to finish, to review the strategy planning. The third key area we want to focus on and it's very, very and important one, is membership actually.

And membership. We have big plans for membership. First, I talked about - we talked about policy. Then the charter. And the third one is membership as I just said.

Membership, basically there are three things going on to summarize. Well two, first we need to look at - to have a look at the affiliation process, membership process. This is a challenge we have because the affiliation process is actually based on the charter of NCSG.

So it's a group of - its five of us. We review the applications. And the way it has been designed so far and used is not the most efficient way. Not that anyone had, you know, bad intentions. But really when you start being involved with these kind of - with this process you realize that it can be improved very easily. It's just a matter of sitting down and reaching a consensus regarding which aspect you can improve.

So it's really very basic. I mean interesting stuff like how do you fill in the online form. How do you process it and it looks like it's very easy but, you know, you have to sit down and agree with the other membership committee members.

And sometimes as I said when I started speaking it's very slow process sometimes.

So actually what is going on is that tomorrow morning there is a meeting program with colleagues from NCSG, strictly to discuss this issue of membership application process.

So I'm optimistic and that - and I want to think that we will be able tomorrow to negotiate some kind of solution. I already sent based on the - obviously the different comments and inputs from all members, Executive Committee members and our membership, I sent a proposal, concrete proposal, you know, number one, two, three, four, five of my colleagues - our colleagues from NCSG.

And my expectation is that tomorrow morning we sit down with them and review each aspects and make decisions and stop delaying the, you know, the process because we have a list of 50 pending applications. And in our view this is something that is not acceptable simply, you know, I will put it in very simple words.

No one wants this to happen I'm pretty sure. But the fact is that we have 50 organizations and individuals because it's a mixture of individual application and organization and waiting. They've been waiting for some of them for a year.

And we need to fix this, right.

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi speaking. The critical aspect is not that there is a pending list. That's good. That means there are new members coming in.

The critical issue in pending list is that some of the pending membership requirements are there for one year. So there are organizations don't know anymore that they want to become a member of (NCUC).

And that's really bad. That's where we really need to change things quickly. And it looks like we have been pushed a little bit in the corner. Then we have some samples that we can illustrate that members, candidate members for NCUC were approved within a week while ours is still waiting for a year.

And that should stop. That's something that is really critical for us to be represented.

And I think I can touch upon, I lost your name. Sorry, from Egypt. It's the same reflection I heard from you. NGOs are always in the last queue and that has to change.

NGOs are the future of the community, not the business. If business slows down NGO still has to work. Whatever income or benefit they have they have to continue to do the job.

And that's a big difference. And in the Internet governance spectrum that's the most important part of it now. And that's why you need a membership being really quickly approved.

Woman: We should provide (a little more) and as you said, I mean can the application should we wait for one year. It's a fast process.

Woman: Yes, actually one - oh sorry.

(Bob Groan):   (Bob Groan) for the record. Why is taking so long? What's the hold up?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: I can't really answer.

((Crosstalk))

(Bob Groan):   (Unintelligible), what?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: It's hard to answer. Okay, without going into too much detail, basically we need to review background information from each person. And it's four or five us. And it's hours and hours of doing checking. You know, the system is designed so that we have - you know if there is an individual

member applying we need to check whether the information this person provides on it is true.

So it means we have to go online and check the name and whether this person is saying that, you know, he works or she works for - what is she doing and be sure it's true. Regarding the organizations we need to be sure that they are a nonprofit.

And some of our volunteers within the Membership Committee have more time than the other - than others so some are quicker than others. And we vote online and you basically can wait for months and weeks for the others to say I agree, I don't agree, I vote in favor or against and...

(Bob Groan):   Okay. So it's basically (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Marie-Laure Lemineur: It's part of the policy.

(Bob Groan):   ...should be verification and committee response. Okay.

Rudi Vansnick: Just one little clarification and everybody knows I'm the bad guy in the group.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And I'm the good one.

Rudi Vansnick: You're the good one. I'm the bad guy.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: When she thinks - our people has to leave you, we need the clarification there. It's two from (NCUC), two from NCUC and two from NCSG. I - or one, one, one and that's where it gets stuck. I think you understand what I mean.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Anyhow. Yes. Before some make a comment - makes a comment I - we are - again I want to be optimistic. We are on the verge of solving this tomorrow morning and I've been discussing this for - since July so there is, yes, there is an open channel of communication and hopefully tomorrow morning we'll be able to take like decisions regarding this issue.

And then because the other goal we have under the strategic planning is to increase membership. But we won't be able to do this if we don't review, you know, the process. So we're stuck here, you know.

So first is the process and then once we agree, one of the proposals I made is why don't we review it every month instead of waiting because this is what the group had been doing. Waiting for the applications to accumulate which in my view doesn't make sense because the more you wait the more you have online and then it takes longer to review them.

So why don't we get smart and at the end of every month, even we have one or two application, just review it, decide and let's move onto the next month and the next, you know, line, people on line.

Yes Sam.

Sam Lanfranco: This is a two part comment. I've been involved in similar processes where one strategy is to adopt a triage process where as they come in, they are immediately put into virtually no problem, virtually impossible and have to ponder so that you do as an emergency or the hospital does. You deal with who you have to deal with when you have to deal with them. And that expatiates - speeds things up a lot.

The second is just the share case study. I belong to an organization that has applied. I was on the Board of the organization. It's a well-known organization. Does international work.

I'm no longer on the Board so I would be the Board's delegate, and the organization's delegate but they had to kind of create a new procedure for that. If they'd been another organization I would have been gone and you would have approved and it would have gone to the new Board and they would have gone, what's this about.

Man: (Yes).

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you Sam. I think we all agree actually. What we need to do to is all of us go tomorrow to the other meeting with our colleagues from NCSG and basically discuss this. We might - yes. You want to say something?

Of course please go ahead.

Lars Hoffman: This is Lars. I was just wondering how many - just informative. How many people on the review process actually declined at the end of it? Do you know what? What the percentages of that?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Sorry. I'm sorry. I don't understand your...

Lars Hoffman: I understand that you - somebody applies, organization, individual. You review it. That takes some time for the variety of reasons.

And I'm just wondering, what is the percentage roughly of people that are declined at the end.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: I have no idea because this is the first time I'm joining the Membership Committee. And that's the first actually batch of applications I'm reviewing.

And this is also part of the data and information I am often, you know, in the process of gathering because there are different lists, different - some are outdated, some are updated.

And in theory the list of members who have been accepted and rejected is public. It is public.

But the information is not easy to understand and to gather. So another proposal I'm making is that we need to maybe ask ICANN Staff to help us with these redesigning the database and organizing the information so that we could get this kind of statistics which would be very helpful. Thank you for the question.

Klaus and then Cintra.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus with (Rickert). Out of my past experience I served one year on the Executive Committee. We had very, very high rate of rejection. I think it was more than 50%.

And the reason for that is very simple. What is a noncommercial or a not-for-profit? And that it really depends on the private opinion of some of the Executive Committee members.

And in my experience it was that we had hours and hours of discussion for example. Somebody got money from a commercial - some organization got money from the commercial entity so suddenly they were not-for-profit and couldn't become a member.

And other people like me for example just simply (applicant), is if you are registered as a not-for-profit in your country that it's not my right to further evaluate the thing.

So there are several people problems in that process. It's not only about that somebody doesn't (unintelligible). It's also the way it's done. Yes.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: That's an interesting issue. I'm sorry. I forgot to mention that Klaus was the Membership Chair for a year. I think maybe more than a year and got very frustrated obviously. And now I'm doing the - I'm trying to. We'll speak again maybe within one year.

But the thing is that the interpretation of what's not-for-profit or what's commercial has been a big issue in the group.

And I actually share Klaus' opinion. I mean as long as legally speaking you are registered as a not-for-profit within - locally within your own country it's not a business to decide whether, you know, you - I mean further than that. You know legally speaking you are registered. That's fine. And it should be fine.

So but I have a sense that this - so far this hasn't been an issue in the new phases. So I'm hoping that we can move on more easily in the future.

Klaus Stoll: Marie, Klaus for the record. I completely failed as Membership Chair in NCUC for two reasons. And I say now my mantra, if the Membership Chair is not automatically in the Executive Committee he has no control about what is discussed and how it is discussed.

So I stopped at the end actively - I stopped to recruit because I can't responsibly go to an organization, say become a member and after two years that organization comes back to me and asks so what happened with my application.

And I said, I don't even know if it's considered or not considered or really what you are. That is CME's problem because I think from NCUC we could easily recruit 2, 300 organizations a year but we'll never get (them noticed).

Rudi Vansnick: And adding to that the previous point of our strategic plan being the charter and as I explained that I want to have a harmony in the three charters so that membership definition is (created) for the whole structure across the constituencies so there is no discussion possible.

If an NGO subscribes, well the NCUC or any other constituency should not be concerned about is this, you know, really an NGO or not an NGO. We are the representatives of that community and I think we have more rights to say that they are our member, yes or no.

And it's also about democracy. So that's some of the points I'm trying to figure out. How can we bring this at the higher level without starting to fight? I'm not looking for fights. I'm trying to solve problems.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you. I think Cintra you wanted to say something. Am I wrong?

Cintra Sooknanan: Yes, sorry. I think Lars raises an important point. But even where an application is not outright rejected the fact that it takes so long to come from actually entering your application to a final approval there's a lot of momentum. And, you know, it gives a bad impression to us from the start that we're not a serious organization.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Totally agree with you Cintra. Lars please.

Lars Hoffman: I mean what I was - and obviously this is, you know, I'm just thinking out loud. And but where I was going with this is whether there wouldn't be a possibility similar to, you know, I work in working groups as ICANN Staff. And if you go in a working group you have to provide an (SOI). So, you know, you know where you come from, what your interests are.

And but what happens is people who join a working group for the first time don't have it. You know or if you have (SOI) and you just send me the link and we give them a couple of weeks.

So they join the group. And they take part in the discussion and they're treated as a normal member. But after three weeks or four weeks, I don't know what the deadline is, the (SOI) hasn't come in, we say we're sorry. We have to remove you from the list. We have to kick you out basically until we got the (SOI) and so we know where you're coming from.

And so the question I was actually going with this is only a very small member that is refused at the end of the day after the process as it's going on right now, maybe there's a possibility that you can let people in more easily and then say and we work on a let's say review basis and say we will - we let you in. You can be part of this. You're part of the mailing list and so on and so forth. And we will review your application in three months. And then we will confirm it.

I don't know if that's possible. But that would on the one hand try to make sure that the momentum isn't lost. On the other hand so you say from front up, this is not a permanent membership. But you're in and we'll review. And after a certain amount of time we'll get back to you and then there's a decision. Just a thought.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes. Please.

(Bob Groan): A provisional - (Bob Groan) for the record. A provisional membership is not uncommon. You often get that at work. If you don't perform for a year you don't keep your job.

And provisional is very common. You know we'll get them in quicker and you can still kick them out later if they don't meet some requirement or we find out they have falsified something.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: That's actually an excellent idea. I mean you got me thinking. I never thought of that. And that would be a good way of and plus once they are in as provisional member it forces us to actually, I mean they're there. So they're here. So it would be like a way of putting pressure on the whole committee saying look, they're already working. We need to process this.

And plus they'll be more invoked so then somebody would be asking on a daily basis or weekly basis, you know, saying hey, what's going on, sliding the issue.

So that's actually quite a good idea. I would think so. And I'll put it on the list so that tomorrow when we discuss it, I'm going to raise it.\

And yes, first Rudi, do you want to say something? And then Sam (unintelligible).

((Crosstalk))

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, very quickly. Referring to my experience in the at large community. There is a long defined process with the due diligence period. However and that should be a more general aspect.

And it is not clear for the members at that point. As long as not to recognize as a member, it looks like you have no right to be there or to speak up. And that's wrong.

And that's why I'm also thinking about in our charter. To look for voting and nonvoting members. You're not voting as long as you didn't have been accepted by the structure. But you're there. You're allowed to speak up. And if you don't allow people to speak up then we have to shut down ICANN because then there is no democracy.

And so as long as someone like for instance and the sample is here around the table. You're allowed to speak up. We need your input. You have to help us.

(Bob) is here. He - I did not vote for a while, for several years. And his son who's the Chair of the (NAT RELLA), North American (RELLA). I know Sam. And Sam we love Sam in our Policy Team. Actually he has no right to vote. But that doesn't mean that his voice is not important.

And that's what I want to change quickly in the strategy is we can have voting members and nonvoting members. Nonvoting members have the same voice as the others and that's important. That's why we are here.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes Sam. Thank you Rudi. And Sam please.

Sam Lanfranco: Just a brief addition to that, whatever the front-end process is once an organization is in there's a question of what are their obligations to remain in.

And in many organizations especially one like this where time and space are constraints on everybody including visas, you can say one (active) participation a year whatever that gets defined there. It can be an email, a comment on a policy discussion or whatever constitutes continuing membership once you've been approved.

And failure to do that throws you either into the nonvoting category or provision - probationary period or something. But if you're going to do - if you're going to work on the front-end you have to also worry about the backend.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: We actually do have this Sam. The acting/non-active members. This is in the charter. Where we're failing is at the application and the entry level. But this what you just mentioned is already one. We have the

opportunity to look - to have a look at the (NCSG) charter. It's actually described so.

Rudi Vansnick: But again there, there is some lack of process in the sense that if you don't respond to mail you're being considered as being non-active.

But again and mail is not the only channel of communication. It could be that you have changed your email address or whatsoever. And or it ended up in your spam list. Then you're seen as being not active. And that's not correct.

We need other triggers and other criteria just and that's why I was taking the sample of at large. To have a low, defined way of considering that someone is still considered having a voting right. That's what counts is the voting right. All the rest is just blah, blah, blah; sorry.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you Rudi. Please you have the floor.

(Bob Groan): Okay if - (Bob Groan). If you're going to worry about mail not being answered, if one person is the delegate and they don't answer, what happens to the organization?

It has to be someone designated from the organization, will pick up that slot.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes, thank you very much. I'm thinking we still have a lot to cover until 12 o'clock. Would you agree if we take like a ten minute break before we go with the other item on the agenda at this time?

Yes, would you? It's 10:33 on my computer. I don't know whether I have the exact time.

And we can take a ten minute break. But we'll still be here and still recording, right, there's no - it's good.

Man: Maybe.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes.

Man: Maybe it's good to stop the recording for ten minutes.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: No, they can't wait because last time that was the problem. That's way I'm saying - yes. Yes, yes. That's why I'm bringing music because last time we made the mistake and we didn't - we were not clear enough. So we're still staying here and the session will end (unintelligible). Okay. Thank you. And coffee - we have coffee? I attempted to - we were not supposed to have coffee. So if there is coffee, that's someone else's coffee. I'm not sure we're supposed to use it.

I'm sorry. We need to - I need to interrupt you. I hate to do that but I need to interrupt you because otherwise we won't be able to. I think I don't like to be the moderator. I- we - because we still have a lot to cover and we have an hour and 10 minute left. So I would appreciate if we could renew the session, alright? Thank you very much. So - you're welcome. We still need to cover actually that's - the interesting thing is that we're still on Item 1 which Strategic Planning. But why we were reviewing very the strategic planning, we actually covered half of the times of the agenda.

So that solidified this time. You know we're quite flexible. So - and we adapt. Yes, we won't have enough time. But in any case now the last key area of interest on the strategic planning is communications. And our key person is leaving. Are you - well okay, it doesn't matter. Communications basically what we want to address the fourth area in the strategic planning is again communications. Basically it's NPOC to projects what site that needs to be redesigned.

And also we actually already printed quite a lot of materials that we used to do the Outreach. So we need online presence and also the traditional paper

printed documents that we have that we use like in the activity we went this morning, we went to and distribute to the participants. So very quickly I don't know whether who did - actually what is happening is that we have a vacancy. We have a communication chair - well we have and we don't have a vacancy. It's not very clear.

We have a former communication chair with works for one of our members who can't really dedicate that much time to the communications. But nevertheless, he's been doing some work when he has some time and helping us with tweeting and sending - resending information. So we very much appreciate his work. His name is (Eduardo Mohe) and he's ((Spanish Spoken 0:03:36.8)) like we say in Spanish. He's like me from Costa Rica.

So - but at some point we will need to appoint a kind of full time, let's say full-time/volunteer communication chair. I mean when I say full-time it sounds like it's a person who's being paid. But it's - you all aware that it's not the case. But...

Man: The person can be paid with bananas.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Well. And so - but right now what we're trying to do is survive and use the skills of the people we have on board, so basically it's (Eduardo) who is helping you know when he has the time. And Rudi who on top of the treasurer and the policy chair is also - runs a company and delivering service design, web design services in addition to many other things. So Rudi has been helping us with this process.

I don't know to whether you want to very quickly please describe what you've been doing.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, very quickly. As we already mentioned a few times, we are still a young, young, young, very young organization. So we are learning and we are trying to improve ourselves all the time. I took over the website and domaining

because we had some difficulties in Belgium. Our website was down due to technical issues server, the provider that was not really supporting us that well.

Myself I have hosting housing company in Belgium so I'm able to deliver the service that we required. But we are still trying to setup different services like mailing lists and so on. But setup - setting up mailing lists for 7 people doesn't make any sense. So we need first to do and improve and prioritize all the items on our agenda like membership blanket, charter, (unintelligible) policy. But we have a website. You can find it.

And there is a lot of stuff on it. What you will miss is pictures.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you. It's interesting. Right now as I said we're trying to fix it. This is one of the strategic goal we have. Hopefully by July next year, we have a new website working, redesigned. Right now I don't think that none of us - we're not very happy with what exists, the version. I mean it's what we have and we happy with. But we would be much happier if we could have a better version. And this will happen over the next six months.

So we counting on that.

Rudi Vansnick: I think - I think it's important that we have to mention that it is not of priority at all. Doing our job as policy people is more important than making a sexy website. If we want a sexy website, I will talk to Fadi and say, "hey, Fadi, you have nice guys. Let them draw something up." And we can use part of the ICANN. But we need our own space. And as I mentioned during the fellowship meeting, it's not funny.

It's not sexy what we are doing. But it is important. And that's critical. Let's first do the real work. And then we build a house and then we paint it. You don't paint the house before the house is built.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Okay, Rudi. The thing is here that don't forget that I started this saying that we need a communication chair to take care of this. So this - first is first. And not that I'm criticizing what we're doing right now, on the contrary, I mean we all do - invest a lot - many, many hours every day trying to do the best we can with all the issues we're dealing with. And - but still in the strategic plan, this is included.

So policy work is like - like the main area. But we - it's very clear to us as a group that this needs to be taken care of. And if it's not, we - you know it's not that big a deal. But we give it a try basically. That's the commitment.

Rudi Vansnick: And I'm really looking now to maybe (unintelligible) can join us and help us in making nice.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And we do want to look sexy because it's important nowadays, you know. Politicians, they do know that it's important to look sexy. Anyhow, what - I'm not going to be rude. No comment. We are being recorded. Okay so we are done with the strategic plan. Yes, I mentioned. Sorry, yes but the - I mentioned the website and the fact that we are also investing our money just to print - to print paper materials so that we can distribute them during the Outreach event and the sessions we attend.

I already mentioned it. So we have actually - actually we have some photocopies. But today we've been facing some logistic problems. But today we were supposed to be delivered at midday printed materials like the nice version, sexy version of printed materials. Not photocopies that we've been surviving with the last 3 days. Actually this is important also because this is a contribute - most of the materials are for NPOC. Let's say NPOC - NPOC and I-Inform proj - the item from reliance.

So it's a contribution of NPOC from it's budget, from it's ICANN budget. One of the contributions of NPOC is to cover the cost of the printing of materials

that either go for policy issues related to I-Inform or to ICANN-ICANN. Yes, Klaus.

Klaus Stoll: I think what we are doing is actually to help ICANN to be ICANN. I mean this is our contribution of - from NPOC to ICANN. That ICANN just happens to provide (unintelligible) applications only better for them.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you. I agree with you which takes me too the second item very, very briefly. As you realize, the I-Inform Alliance and project policy has been inserted in our policy agenda. And other organizations are contributing to this initiative. So we've been working for - I just want to highlight so that it's on public record that NPOC had been supporting this for - well, Klaus, can - is going to say like 2 years now, 1 year, more than a year.

But we've been very, very more engaged like more actively engaged over the last 6 months. Am I correct or I'm wrong.

Klaus Stoll: My - my question's very simple. I want to be very self critical is we were working on I-Engage now for quite a while. We had I-Engage meetings. But we haven't put anything up for the membership to discuss or to engage. That is a big problem because our membership doesn't even know what I-Engage exists. And we really have to start now putting the materials out and starting discussing these things with the membership because the (unintelligible) doc situation is - that seems to be happening now.

That I-Engage is readily accepted by ICANN and is adopted by ICANN. But it doesn't - we haven't told our membership yet.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Klaus. I think we've been discussing this. And I mean if - if Rudi has time today and whenever he wants to he can send us policy chair. He can send the - or I'll do it. I mean it's up to you. You tell me. You can send up to the membership the agenda on general message.

Klaus Stoll: It's Klaus for the record. I think it should come from the policy. But I also would like to use this opportunity to say that I-Engage is just one small part of our policy stuff. We are not just I-Engage. There's a hell of a lot of other policy stuff we are - we are involved with that needs to be going also on the record. I-Engage is just one of the initiatives of NPOC.

Rudi Vansnick: And yes, Rudi speaking for the transcript. To add and maybe repeat what I said. We are - I think that NPOC or a member of NPOC is going to step for the first time in PDP working group that is one of the strongest entities to really produce something. And it's influencing the way ICANN works. When my friend's colleague, Klaus will vote on tomorrow and approve the motion. That working group will start, that PDP working group will start.

And I've been mentioning it to the translations and transliteration of contact (unintelligible). And at least that will have a lot of effect. And will reflect also opinions from all across ICANN. It's not just GNSO. There will be input from a lot of people in it, from every constituency and even outside. And it would be good if I recognize the people from origins where English is not a native language.

And that's what it's all about. Looking into the difficulties when you see in the domaining space information popping up that you cannot read at all, you need a kind of solution that would be a translation or transliteration. But it has a lot of impact just thinking on how law enforcement could consider a translation of a word being the name of a street for instance. To take one sample, that could open the translation being in English a brand, a part of an intellectual property;

Imagine the impact of such a good decision. So it's a site, the I-Engage that is a more broader discussion of policy. We have also the specific work to do. And we need also a lot of assistance on that because it's really not easy.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. I think we've been cooperating. I mean we've been pretty much extensive in relation to our policy agenda. And I think it's very clear what we're doing and the issues we're covering. So the next item on the agenda was a progressive report of the I-Inform Alliance. I don't know whether you feel that you provided enough...

Klaus Stoll: I think I provided enough information, but Madam Chair, can I ask you for permission to start on the policy for (unintelligible). As I'm now honored to be GNSO councilor, I actually have to vote tomorrow. And I think it would be a good idea for NPOC GNSO councilors before that vote to discuss and explain how they're going to vote. Why they're going to vote. So I would like to - with your permission I would do that now.

Basically we have only two votes on - two motions on the record. One of them is quite simply what - what Rudi just explained so translation and transliteration. And it's just simply - simple motion on moving the process forward - result - as a result that the GNO as all counsel approves to charter and appoints the GNSO council liaison to the translation and transliteration of contract information PDP workshop group that the GNSO council for the director to work off the translation and transliteration of contact information be initiated no later than 14 days after approval.

And working shall follow the rules outlined by the GNSO's own working group guidelines. So I think there's absolutely no problem in approving that. The second one is juicy one. And this is actually history lesson. The next is basically the IGO/INGO protection. And that's one of the reasons actually why NPOC exists because NPOC was basically created by our friends from Red Cross/Red Crescent to further the interest of protection. And one of the impacts of NPOC was actually that we actually in the Costa Rica meeting brought up that idea of that it shouldn't be just Red Cross/Red Crescent that will be approved.

It should be also the international organization (unintelligible). What happened now and what basically the working group came up with is, "okay, let's protect Red Cross. Let's protect the International Olympic Committee. And let's protect IGOs/INGOs. "

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Sorry can you clarify what your mean by protection from your friends from the (unintelligible).

Klaus Stoll: Basically that their names are protected in the new GTLD process now and in future. Now it's getting a little bit complicated. I think that the Red Cross has natural right. And it is absolutely clear that the Red Cross should have it's name protected. For me, it is completely not understandable how an organization like the Olympic Committee which is a commercial entity should be protected. The Olympic Committee is completely different from the Red Cross. And it shouldn't be put in even the same category.

The problem with this motion is quite simply it has been put in the same category. So If I'm voting, no because of the Olympic Committee, I'm destroying the motion. If I'm voting yes, I'm voting yes to something which I'm not agreeing with. So my proposal and after discussing that with (unintelligible) and others is I will vote tomorrow yes and will at the moment I'm - I'm saying yes, not demand, request that I can make a statement.

And in that statement I will just explain to them exactly what I just told now, a little shorter and more direct way to simply explaining. And there's another reason why I would like to - tends to say, "yes" because this motion has been - has been generated in the right and proper - in the right and proper way to - to make policies. This was a good policy process. It didn't get the outcome I wanted. But I have to respect that that group work hard. And it did the right job.

And the other - the only other thing is they unfortunately created such a dog's dinner of a document there is - you need to read it 3 or 4 times to get even

the gist of it. And - but I don't think we need to wrap that in because they had a hard time at the GNSO counsel anyway. So my proposal to you and what I'm asking you for your agreement if possible that I will vote yes, but making a statement and saying what I just said.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much, Klaus. Rudi, you have the floor.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes. Thank you, Rudi speaking. Some information that I have to add to this motion is that it is already a long discussion. And it is basically in kind of urgency now due to the fact that the new gTLDs are going to roll out. But there is still - and I got that reaction back from my representative from Belgium government sitting in the GAC that there is a lot of confusion. And it is clear that they are not really all aligned about the decision to take.

There is a lot of pressure from GAC coming to - they want to avoid that some international government organizations would be put at the same level as the non-government organizations. And they want their priorities still be considered. So that's why there is a kind of contradiction in - in fact - in the document. I discussed it yesterday with colleagues of the NCIG while we were meeting and discussing about what should we say about this.

What should we give as advice to our councilors. And it was not definitely not easy to define is it a yes or a no. So I'm happy at the end, Klaus ended up having a good discussion with the counsels who are going to vote that there is an alignment on the yes, we were in favor but the NCIG was not really happy with the outcome.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. It's actually for you maybe I can tell us, it would be very, very interesting if you have some time to go through the report even though it's huge. It's a lot of information. This is a very interesting - in my opinion, very interesting issue. Has a lot of background political history and it would be interesting I think very valuable if you can take some time and review the documents.

And indeed we all agree that the working group did a very, very good job. But very dedicated and when you listen to - it's Thomas, right, Thomas Rickert. Brilliant. I mean I really value his work. And I think he was very committed and hours and hours and months of work. And even if as Klaus said, you don't necessary agree with the recommendations. But you really appreciate the time and commitment and the quality of the work done.

Thank you very much. Yes.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus for the record. Motion on recommendations for IGO/INGO protections - for IGO/INGO protections. If you go on the ICANN website, you just type it in. You get - if you just type in IGO/INGO on the ICANN, it should all come up. It's - it's a perfect example of how crazy ICANN can get.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Klaus.

Klaus Stoll: I must say that we are crazy. I'm not saying that they're crazy, I'm just stating fact.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: It's actual very technical issue mixed with because the GAC, the Governments on Advisory Committee had a lot to do with it. So it's - that's why I think it's a good case study for new (unintelligible).

Klaus Stoll: Klaus for the record. I just read in the German newspaper on line that Monty Python is reuniting after 15 years. And I guess for them this would be perfect material for a show.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Anyhow, let's move on to the next - well, actually, as I said before we have covered, like half of the agenda. We still have 45 minutes to go. So hopefully we can cover those issues much quicker. The next one on line - because we haven't spoken of is number six, because the regs for those who

are participating we mostly - you noticed that items two, three, four and five we already discussed them while we were reviewing the strategic planning.

So we're going to move on to item number six, which is Community Regional Outreach Pilot program, also known as the "CROP" program, because ICANN loves acronyms. And I'm starting to like acronyms, too, so I'm getting worried. So yes.

Man: But spell it well: it's not CRAP, it's CROP.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And - but maybe I can do a very quick - have you heard about this program? Very interesting: I'll summarize very quickly. And basically we have to as an executive committee to take two decisions. But so that you understand what we're talking about, this program is a pilot program as the name indicates. It has been actually activated a few days ago officially by ICANN. And what we're doing is providing the opportunity to constituencies and stakeholder groups so that we can travel - be providing travel slots so that we can do outreach in between the meetings - the ICANN meetings.

So we have - through this program we can apply to five outreach trips, which means that we can go for one day - actually, it's two day - the cost covered is two nights. It's official information, so I'm not being - I'm not violating any confidential information. What they would do is allow us - members of a community to go to somewhere - we have to justify and say "Listen, let's say the IGF IRBGF, we think it's important for us to go because there is a lot of - many issues going there," - I mean, it wasn't the case.

But if it were and we would like go there and talk to them and we have a member of our community who's based in Africa and he's - you know, he can go there. So can you support him and - so it covers, like, two nights and one day in a particular place or event.

So that's the way it works. It's five trips from now until I remember it's for April, April next year. It's a pilot program. There is a wiki - if you want to have a look at it, there is a wiki on the ICANN page. It's called CROP. You can type "CROP" on the ICANN site and you will have the wiki - access to the wiki. And the way the procedures open and transparent and then you can easily read and have more information.

So as a group, since this is new we need to decide to things. First - we won't do it right now but this is something we have on our agenda - is we need to decide the mechanism we are going to use to decide who is going where. You know, because - but each group, each community has the flexibility to do that. So business constituencies can decide the chair is the one who has the power and says "You go there, you go there" and it's basically finger-pointing.

Or we can simply (unintelligible) society be more democratic. So we can say "Let's reach consensus - full consensus in this committee." You know, if, let's say Poncelet was in Africa, says "Hey, I think we should - I mean, I could go there. It would be a good thing for us." And explains to us why, then we can decide, all of us agree on it and make the request that he should go.

So we have to basically within the next days - and I think this is the way we're going to go, I'm sensing that we're going to use the consensus-based mechanism within the executive committee. That would be in my opinion the best way to go. But this is something we need to discuss. It's quite urgent.

And then what we need to discuss is basically identify within - if possible, because it could be that we decide that we need to wait, you know, a few weeks, a month. We're basically free to use the five trips from now, you know, until April. So it can be done within the two - next month, the next two months, or we can, you know, use them - all of them next year. So it's really up to us to get organized.

So that would be - basically I'm trying to summarize the whole thing so that you get a sense of what it is. Klaus, you want the floor?

Klaus Stoll: Yes. Klaus, for the record. Let's try it out on a practical example. I have two proposals, I don't know even if they're good ones. One of them is that Bern - in beginning of December - Bern in the beginning of December there is a meeting where basically a book is discussed and launched - or not launched. A book is discussed under the new Government's models. And as (unintelligible) is one of the organizations who really has something to say on that topic I think we should go - somebody from Europe should go to that meeting.

On a completely different scope, we have a lot of interests through an organization in India called (unintelligible) which I visited several times which basically simply requests a meeting in India to go to India and to explain why internet governance is important for NGOs and so on. And I think one of the trips should be used to get that going. These are my two proposals. And I'll just put them up for discussion because I don't even know if it's a good idea.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, Klaus. This is - if you'll allow me, this is very - actually very good example - these are very good examples for one reason. It's that we're going to illustrate why we can't go to one of the meetings and why we might go to the other one. The - one of the rules that ICANN has set up is that wherever we want to go and whenever we want to go we have to a minimum of six week's notice so that they can issue the tickets, make the hotel thing - you know, arrange the whole thing.

So the case that, you know, Klaus is mentioning, the event in (unintelligible), I am aware of it and I think it would be good if we could go. But we won't be able to go because we...

Klaus Stoll: I think we can break the rule on that one, because in six weeks - at least we should ask.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: We - I agree with you. Let's -- always our first reaction is "Let's give it a try." But I don't want to create expectations, because they've been very strict about this. And I do understand from an ICANN point of view, you know, if you start making exceptions it's going to get very messy. So I'm not - I don't want to pessimistic but I also do understand that the rules are the rules and we are the first ones - we have the responsibility to respect this.

So we'll give it a try. I mean, we don't lose anything, you know, by knocking on the door and sending an email saying "Hey, we have an emergency. Can you support us?" But if we get a 'no,' I mean, fair enough. They have the right to say no. So that's what - I want to be clear on that.

Klaus Stoll: I think...

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes, you get to send the email.

Klaus Stoll: No, I'm going to (Rop) - I'm too lazy to write an email. I'm going to (Rop) later in half and hour and talk to him. But I think that meeting in Basil is different out of two reasons. A, it is one of the rules it has to be approved by the Regional Director. The Regional Director is going to that meeting. And basically the hotel stuff and everything has been set up and it's all about not even buying a plane ticket. It's about buying a train ticket, which will take about five minutes.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Interesting comments, because - yes, I'll finish and then Cintra-the - it's not about the cost, actually. It's about the number of trips we're going to do. So that's interesting what you're saying because whether you take the plane or the train doesn't really matter. I mean, it's just where are you going and what are you going to do?

And it don't - they didn't really imposed on us, you know, amounts or limits of money. I don't remember, right? It's just, you know, yes - so, which is good,

because it provides us with a certain level flexibility, you know? Yes, Cintra and then Rudi, I think.

Cintra Sooknanan: Thank you. I have a question: is that one of us can go to a meeting? Or - I think this comes at a kind of strange time, when in (unintelligible) is the cut-off? Because the Brazil meeting is also in April, so.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: The - thank you, Cintra, good question. No, we are free - the five of us can go to Basil and then it's done. I'm sorry, that's what I understood.

Rudi Vansnick: Oh no, you have to - sorry, to make - Rudi speaking from - for the transcript. It's - you have to be from the region to be allowed to move in that region. You are not allowed - I have been asking twice and it was clear. It's by region to avoid the expenses. And that's why they didn't put a price on the label. It's that "Well, if we restrict it to the region they know the costs." Except - and I am looking through one of the colleague's from (unintelligible) Ghana in Africa - travel can be very expensive even if it's next door.

But what I would like to highlight - aside the fact that there is indeed this interesting meeting in Bern and not in Basil: it's in Bern - there are others. And I think we need - as it is a limitation by region in the region - I think we need to prioritize where we want to be and what is the most important one. If it's just a timeslot of six months then we need to be careful. If we miss one it takes six weeks again: that's a month and half. The six months will be gone before we will be able to decide where and what to do.

So it is critical I think that in the next few days we decide where do want to be in the - in these regions, what is important so that we can eventually send out more than one request at the same time for that region, so that we will at least get one. Because I'm afraid that if they take too long that we'll miss the opportunity to go somewhere that is really important. That's what I'm afraid of.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much, Rudi. Actually, we both - the response I gave earlier at the beginning is right and you are also right. I'll give you another example: if all of the executive committee members, if we were all Europeans, the five of us could go to the Basil event. That's what I - that's the point I made. You see, if we were all from Latin America we could go two of us or three of us.

So it's go - it's five trips, but of course you have to cross it with the fact that some of us from different regions. But if we were from the same region we are allowed to go together to one place. It's up to us to decide. So I think we're clear on that.

And it's not the case, though, so I'm guessing Rudi or, I don't know, or Klaus might go to get - might have the opportunity to go to the internet governance activity. We'll discuss this. And I agree with you, we have to decide on this before we split at the end of the week and go back home. Cintra, you wanted to add something?

Cintra Sooknanan: Yes. The meeting I was mentioning was the one in Brazil, the internet governance meeting. So my question is that is a good meeting for us to potentially go to, but ICANN has also stepped in as a - I don't want to say "Core organizer" but as a leader in that meeting. Would ICANN also provide support to their constituencies to be present at that meeting otherwise?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: That's a very good question, actually. That's one I had. From - we don't really know if ICANN is going to support some of us to go to Brazil. I would assume that they will: if they don't, okay, it's not really clear. Klaus, he looks like he knows, he has some additional information. It's not - I don't think they even know if they'll do it. No one is organized...

Klaus Stoll: (Unintelligible) just described the situation very well. Nobody knows yet what's going on. And it's already happening. What we - what I concerned - voiced my concerns this morning that the usual suspects are writing to let us

and reserving the seats for themselves and that the smaller NGOs with not so much money and not so much flexibility will be on the outside.

What I suggested yesterday in an email to (Won Net) was quite simply that there should be a clear organizational structure and that there should be a front - travel front set up in an organizational front from which all of these activities can be financed and decided. So basically an organizing committee - and the organizing committee actually has a front to decide who gets promoted or not.

Because also think about if ICANN would now set up let's say 20 places to go to Brazil, that would be another fight free-for-all and everything has to be dedicated. I think it should be the different stakeholder groups, like the Civil Society, should take everybody and have an organizational committee, have a fund and decide how to go forward, the same with the Business Committee and not to leave it to ICANN.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. But that's fine. I think we still need some additional information to be clear on what is going to happen with the Brazilian meeting. But the group thing here I'm thinking seeing half of the bottle half full is that we can have a plan B, meaning that we - as an executive committee we can decide and - that at least some of us should go to the Brazilian meeting and be there.

And we can decide that some of the five slots we should keep them in case ICANN does not support us from its regular budget to go there. Or we can do both, meaning that, you know, if ICANN comes up and says "Hey, you have two slots per constituency to go," we could use the other two or three from this CROP program to decide to have a bigger delegation at the talk. It's really up to us. So this is something we can discuss this session, thank you.

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi speaking. I have - I need a clarification on the program itself, because they didn't define the costs. What I'm wondering - and it's related to the Brazil

meeting in itself but also to other - all other events - you say it's two nights and one day. But what if the registration costs for that event is $5000? Do they cover that? So it means you're allowed to go there but you cannot enter the door. So what's to go at the end?

So if for instance in Brazil they are saying both: "You're allowed to come in but you have to pay $5000." Are they going to allow us to spend the budget to enter? I think we need some clarification from ICANN on what is covered and what is not covered."

Marie-Laure Lemineur: What is covered is very clear: it's hotel and trip - I mean the flight, the - yes. That's it, full-stop. Now what we need is answers - is ICANN to be able to take some time within the next week and the Brazilian government to get organized. Basically, because we're talking about something that is getting right now organized, so we can't really ask them to answer the questions if the event is not - I mean they barely decided on the title two or three days ago and the date.

Now we have a clear idea on where it is going to be, when, and how it's called. Yes? There - is it 25th of April or 23rd?

Man: (Unintelligible).

Marie-Laure Lemineur: The 20-something of April next year? 20 - I think Fadi said it yesterday 23rd I have - I sort of remember. Yes, Rudi's going to check. And it's going to be in Sao Paolo. I already put...

Rudi Vansnick: (Unintelligible) date/location Sao Paolo, Brazil on April 23rd, 24th.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes. I know more - it's not bad, thank you. So can we move on to the next item? We have half an hour left, so can you provide us with a very quick report of the status on the finances and please can you be - can you do

it, like, rather quickly if it's possible? We have half and hour and we have, like, four items to close up.

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi speaker. Very quick: we have money and can spend it. Is that okay?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes.

Rudi Vansnick: Now. Well, it's a bit unusual that a constituency in ICANN has a Treasurer and needs to have funds to live and work. So we started having somebody in Costa Rica helping and being the Treasurer. I took it over early this year and I moved the accounting to the European world so that it makes us like a bit easier. If we have to spend money in Europe I can do it in Euro and have not that much conversion lost.

Actually, we have $4711 still on the account. And I'm as a Treasurer protecting the treasure as good as I can so I avoid having costs being paid. There is a document - if there is any expense requirement there is a document that has to be completed so that it can be signed into executive counsel if they allowed that expense, yes or no. So it's not my only decision. It's the executive committee that decides on the expense.

And actually we had to pay in (Durben) two nights extra for two of our members that were the executive committee that were present an event like we had the event here on Friday, the first (unintelligible) American and Caribbean DNS forum. So that was quite similar. I think that's for - enough for the finance.

Man: Rudi, a question.

Rudi Vansnick: Don't ask me for money.

Man: I'm going to ask for money. It's the only reason I exist. Rudi, just to make absolutely sure: do you send out the form? Yes? And in order for people to

request money from (unintelligible) they have to fill out the form, you have to approve and then the money will be made available - or the group - or the executive committee approves (unintelligible). Just the fact that you fill out the form doesn't mean that it will be paid. Yes, that's - I think that's important.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, it's a request for expense and it can only...

Man: But not the amount.

Rudi Vansnick: ....yes, you'll get approval. And then I can really consider your invoices or your requests for the money. And I can do the transaction. It's also due to the fact that as we are not an official NGO - we are part of ICANN, but we have our own funds - looking into the law - and I'm looking at the lawyer on the other side - it's not so easy also to prove to governments at the fiscal level that you have been using money not just for happiness and wellness and something else. You have to approve that there is a concept and that there is an executive committee deciding on how the money is spent. Otherwise the Treasurer is blamed and is the only one being blamed and we stand in court and not the members, as we are not an NGO.

So it's quite important to know that this is a very exceptional situation, and I am just wondering if it's a question for the upcoming meetings that we will have if we will need to consider further funding and sponsoring to external channel or if we can stamp and live with the budget we can use from ICANN.

It's something that is on the desk that we have to discuss in the group and will take some time to get clarification which direction to go, especially as we know that the fast track for the fiscal year '15 is already out and there is not that much budget for (unintelligible).

We're cutting a lot of pieces, so we probably need to look into a bit more funding to allow - to invite eventually being present at that meetings where we

want your voice. If you're not on the travel list of ICANN it's up to us to try to get you there.

Marie-Laure Lemineur:	Thank you very much, Rudi. A very important point: you see, when you're a member of the executive committee you have the privilege of having to deal with financial issues and hearing about and being a part of the process of being in the executive. Not my favorite part, but we have to do it. And Rudi's a very good Treasurer, so I can rely on him.

Man:	(Unintelligible).

Marie-Laure Lemineur:	Yes, he's very - he's being a good chap with our finances.

Now we're going to the part where we have to sort of summarize three reports of pre- activities we've had. I'm very quickly and briefly, we have 20 minutes to go. So I don't know whether Cintra do you want to tell us a little bit about something that is not -- oh it is -- on the latest version of the agenda which is telling us very briefly.

Cintra has been attending the ICANN Academy, what's the order of the words. ICANN Training Leadership Academy or how - what's the title? It has to do with training, leadership, ICANN, and Academy. In what order is this?

Cintra Sooknanan:	It's the ICANN Academy Training Pilot.

Man:	(Unintelligible).

Marie-Laure Lemineur:	Okay. You see. So Cintra has actually been here since last Monday.

Cintra Sooknanan:	Tuesday.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Tuesday. And it was a - and she's going to tell you what she's be doing. If she wants too. Because you told me that you wanted to explain to us a little bit what you've been doing.

Cintra Sooknanan: Basically the ICANN Academy Leadership Training Pilot was really born out of a large (unintelligible) global device there. This was just a pilot program. So there was still need for improvement.

The first two days they dealt with issues relating to conducting a meeting, you know, how to ensure consensus. Those kinds of issues that come up with, you know, within groups. Within ICANN especially having to deal with multiple stakeholders and as well as having to give people a voice that at the time you are constrained by time and other restrictions.

The second two days dealt specifically with (unintelligible) issues as well as introductions to them. The model had been slightly different to the fellowship program because it's - there's an understanding that because the funds do have an understanding and have been in the ICANN process for some time.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you. Could you provide an opinion on how do you see the -I mean do you think it was worth being here like an extra four days? And do you think it was, I mean it was worth the experience?

Cintra Sooknanan: Yes. We did give significant feedback to the organizers and I'm sure there will be changes to the program in the next (iteration). I thought the program as a whole was quite good. The content was good but it was just a matter of time.

Because many of the GNSO participants weren't able to attend the last date because it overlapped with the first day of the GNSO council meetings. So we didn't have the benefit of their opinion as well as they didn't have the benefit of the full program. So I think there needs to be some adjustment in terms of the timing.

These are full day sessions so I think coming at the start of the ICANN meetings, you kind of - you're tired by the time the ICANN meeting begins. So I think there needs to be a change not just the scheduling but is it appropriate to happen alongside or, you know, to the front or to the after an ICANN meeting. Or should it stand alone as a separate event.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Cintra. And speaking of pre- ICANN events, we can move on to the next forum electing the American to (unintelligible) and Rudi already mentioned it. And very briefly we had the one day session last Friday. We're co-organizers, together with (Lacknick), we - (Lackterdy), (Isaac), ICANN, and (Piar).

The public interest rate not the public interest rate is really to be grounded. And (Dot) - (MICA) Argentina, yes we were all co-organizers. It looks like it has been very successful and we say in terms of audience attending the event. In terms of also a projecting an image of (INCOG) as a constituency, a young constituency.

Being able to join other big players in the region and partner with them and organize the significant events. I think it's good for us.

If I'm not mistaken, today on Circle ID there is a post, there is an article written by one of the co-organizer speaking of the events. I know obviously it's good for us in terms of image. You know, and we organized a three one day session for finals.

And I want to think that thanks to our presence in the group, we not only focused on DNF issues strictly speaking. But we opened the agenda a little bit and touched upon other related issues but more related to internet governance. The first panel was about DNFs.

The second one was about the digital breach. The third one was cyber security. And there was a fourth one about the participation of different sectors in the internet governance eco-system.

So it was a broad range of issues. Difference families with different backgrounds. And I think it has been very interesting for those of you who had - I don't know whether they had to continue to be there.

But as a panelist, (Clout), and (Ruby) - Rudi were also on the panels. And I think it's a good first for us to have had the opportunity to and actually this is part of a dynamic that is expected to go on. We have an African version.

The African DNS Farm and there are talks about having the Asian version in the next Singapore upcoming ICANN meeting. So hopefully, still don't know whether we will be part of the group. The co-organizers but if hopefully we will be part of the group and we will have an Asian Singapore/ Asian version of the DNS Farm.

And lastly, reports. I have the opportunity to go to the AGM. That took place roughly three weeks ago. And I was the only (INPROC) representative there. I was invited by our colleagues from (NCSG) to speak on the final about the GNSO actually and the participation of civil society in GNSO.

And has been very interesting in being involved in a one week session where the main - actually the main issue was the whole surveillance thing and was - there was a very - a lot of positive energy. Was very interesting to listen to the US Government representative trying to make his case and explain why the Government is - I mean NSA has been doing what they've been doing. It was really interesting.

And the whole involvement of Fadi the ICANN CEO, and the internet governance the (ISO) Montevideo statements. It was a good moment there because Fadi - I invited actually on three occasions civil society there to

meetings - last minute meetings. And we gathered with him and he would listen - explain to us what's going on. What the plans were. The discussions - the ongoing discussions with the Brazilian Government.

What were the ideas they had and what our opinions were. And concerns, fears, and comments so we had the opportunity to discuss with him more than a couple of times. And he was very open. So there was a lot of energy and we had the space to discuss.

And I had the opportunity to also do some good recruiting. So on the pending lists of applications I have 12 or 13 extra organizations that got interested and want to join us. Which I think is a good result.

And many Asian organizations have been able to spot - because that, you have the opportunity to go four year in a row to the AGX. So there are some key people that I have been able - civil society people who go there. I've been going there for years. And have seen them.

And I thought they would be very good added value to us if I could recruit them and convince them to come here. So there is a couple of civil - some civil society activist that...

Woman: Yes.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Were you there?

Woman: No. Talking about membership. I have a very quick question. Do we accept membership from individuals or just with organizations?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: No just (INPOC) just about organizations. But if you are not fully active within (NGO) what you can do is - you can be linked to an (NGO) and ask them to endorse you. I mean this is totally nothing illegal about it. But, you know, you can ask them to endorse you as their representative. If you

have some kind of relationship with them, either if you're one of kids or you know.

Man: I can suggest, you know, talk to the (ISOC) chapter in Egypt.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: (Unintelligible).

Man: Start it.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes Cintra and Sam I think.

Cintra Sooknanan: Yes. I can also put you onto (ISOC) Egypt. People like I think there's (unintelligible). Yes as well as I know, like in some countries like Saudi and that kind of thing it's actually illegal to start a civil society (NGO). So I do think that this is something that we need to put on our agenda for the next meeting.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Very good point thank you Cintra. Sam.

Sam Lanfranco: Yes. Just for them. I will be on when I'm on as a representative of an organization where I was President and I was on the board. And now I'm just a member. So - and I will report back to him.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Sam.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes I will be speaking to add a little bit of explanation. Most of the NGOs don't have specialist that are willing to step into this very difficult and complex world. And when there is somebody popping up, most often everybody jumps on that person. It can go for us too.

I can tell you. I - there are many around the table that are clued immediately to all other kinds of meetings. Just talk to you colleague. He knows how (Isaac) works. And he can very quickly - are you here until the end of the week?

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: Until Friday.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: Yes.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: Come this evening. There is the ISOC and ICANN meeting at 6:30 I think.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Because Rudi has different hats. Because he's (INPOC), ISOC, and many other things. Yes Cintra you wanted to add something.

Cintra Sooknanan: Yes. The ISOC meeting is at 6:50 at room A. And yes that was it. And as well as ISOC has a lot of opportunities to get to the (IChair). So I attended to the (IChair) as an ISOC returning ambassador.

So it's important for you to join ISOC for multiple reasons. And because some of the benefits to, you know, to represent.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes. Please forgive me Cintra actually I said that I was the INPOC representative. I actually was the officially INPOC representative Cintra went to the (unintelligible) not as INPOC but as ISOC. But so that's good for us in away because being there, you know, she can always reach out to people and then almost will speak about INPOC.

I don't know whether you know Cintra but she's as of (Trinidad) and (Tobago). So that's why - she's another (ISO) person. So that's why speaking so much.

Rudi Vansnick: This is a private (ISO) meeting.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: You actually didn't know it. Our (track) is doing some secret recruiting. Okay.

So we have ten minutes left and we have four very quick items on the agenda. The first one is the nominating committee known as NomCom. This is an internal ICANN committee and right now we - what is happening. And just to give a very quick update on what is happening, is that we have no seat on the NomCom.

And we are sort of internally, making request and lo being in a very transparent way. Because we do think that as a constituency we have the right to be - to have a seat on the NomCom.

So basically what we doing is lo bay internally. Trying to find the right channel and making a request that we should be sitting on the NomCom. I think Cintra do you want to add something about that or are we?

Cintra Sooknanan: Yes I just wanted to say that I really do think this is an issue that we need to keep pressing the board for. Because I mean we are a new constituency and we have our contract as being new.

But the board should support us as well to have an equal voice. So this is something that I am very passionate about and I would like to record the public forum.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Oh very good. Thank you Cintra. Yes. That would be good.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes. And it's good to know that in fact as we are part of the NCSG that in fact the little bit of umbrella above us. NCSG doesn't have a seat neither. It's NCUC having a NomCom seat. And not NCSG.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. The next item is would like to mention very quickly, again, that INCO participation in the regional ICANN plans we already talked to lots about the Latino American regional certificate plan. We active in the European.

ICANN is designing a European certificate plan and the African actually the African certificate planned, I believe the first one if I'm not mistaken. Yes.

Do you know about the African certificate plan because consulates the one who is involved is not here? So if you have some update information it would be nice.

Man: I know about the African strategy plan because I have a relationship with (Pierre) who is a VP for Africa. There was one example I will choose with Africa. It is one of them on DNS security mainly.

As of now I don't know really how far that (pusher) has gone. But I can find out easily from (Pierre). Because I will yes - so I'll leave that to get back to INPOC once I'm able to speak to (Pierre) properly.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. I understand that consulates unfortunate several times. He's not here but he's pre - very active at the African level with the HCF and everything. And we know (Pierre) very well.

So but still we need some - and we have also (Olivier). (Olivier) who is the - actually he's the - is he - he's not on the - he was on the executive committee but he's one of our members. And he's very active too in (ICANN) working groups and he's form Africa.

So the European strategy, I mean they all - we went to a session last year. I don't know whether this year there is a presentation, an update. I haven't seen it on my program so my understanding is there are no updates on the

European Strategy but at some point we didn't talk - we haven't discussed that when we grow in terms of member, we have more members.

We are hoping that we will be able to have like sort of regional INPOC. Like be more organized and have, you know, European region INPOC members within a group. And the same for African, Asia, and Latin America.

So this is smallest of where we think we are heading. But we're not talking about one year. We're maybe talking too often years ahead.

I don't know where we will be by that time anyhow. But that's actually an idea that Rudi had and I think it's quite a good idea.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes. And (Ruby) speaking for the transcripts. It is important that we look into Regional policy. The government policy is marvelous.

But doesn't work in regions. So we need from each region at least one person in the policy committee. In order to keep us on track on what is important and what is not accepted in your region. And I think even Europe is a good example.

We are constantly in conflict with the US regulations. For instance the Data Privacy Regulation in Europe is a big issue. I'm involved in it.

The data retention law is also effecting us. I was interview by a dozen televisions two weeks ago and after that interview, my phone didn't stop ringing for two weeks. Now we've found someone who is going to talk in our name.

But the problem is that I need more input to be able to talk for everybody and not for myself. And I think it's important that we can find people from each region.

Being part of the policy committee we can produce policy that is really valuable. And not just global one.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Yes interest. Thank you Rudi very...

Cintra Sooknanan: I just want to make a very quick point on this. I do think there's benefits in having regional groups but I mentioned this morning at the (eTRP) session as well that we need to develop communities of interest. So, you know, in the spirit of cross community dialogue.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Good point. Yes. Well taken. Thank you very much.

The last two items we - obviously we participate in the next - in the upcoming ICANN committee in Singapore and London. A Singapore is in March, April is the Brazil one and June is London. So we are - here within I'm guessing you really got the sense of it.

But within ICANN we pretty much - our agenda is marked. You know, we calculate and we organize ourselves based on the ICANN meetings within the next year and 12 months so. Because it helps us organize the activities and the funding and everything. So this is why it is important that ICANN announces ahead of time where the meeting takes place.

Anyhow and the last point we need to discuss is that we have a monthly conference call every second Tuesday, I think of the month. And this is conflicting with other teleconference calls. This is administrated in house and stuff.

But still we need to change the date or the time. And we also need -- and I think it's a good sign -- to make it longer because I have noticed that the last two calls instead - we used to be able to deal with all issues within 60 minutes but now it's gone an hour and half. Which means that we are doing a lot and we need to discuss it online with our membership.

So we need to agree before we go back home about a new date. Maybe new time, not new date. And make it longer.

Rudi Vansnick: So if I understand you Mrs. Chair, that another hour and sleep less.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: No because we can do it earlier so it would be better for you. It would be half an hour in addition - half an hour to what we have. I'm thinking 90 minutes. And not to worry because I don't think we need it but we might decide that we do.

Rudi Vansnick: Well it's good to bring up during the discussion. Rudi speaking for the transcript. Maybe move to also try to find a way of having an Policy Committee call. Because it's not always easy to discuss things on mailing lists. Most often the most difficult things are discussed verbally much easier than on mail.

Essentially for instance if we would have this question on the motion, we need to contact each other and it would be easier to discuss it so. Maybe a suggestion is that we do a request to ICANN staff to allow us to also have an hour slot once a month for the Policy Committee.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: That's actually an excellent point. The reason why we are lasting longer is because we have bigger policy agenda. So now maybe it's time, and you're right to split the agendas and hold a policy teleconference every month.

I like the idea and I think we all agree on that. So we can get organized then and do the appropriate request with ICANN.

We are on top of the hour. And it seems the - it's supposed to stop at 12 this is why I was rushing. I would like to know whether there is any other business, question, comments, suggestions you want to make. Now or never.

Rudi Vansnick: It looks like they are all happy to join us.

Nathalie Peregrine: I have a - I'm sorry. I have a concern. Because I'm actually from Jamaica. Right now we are just doing an ISOC chapter at the University that I was at.

So I'm totally not an ISOC. So I will. Yes. I mean I went on the website and signed up. But I'm not an official member of ISOC. So I don't know how I would fit in this committee.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much. Cintra is going to provide an answer to you.

Cintra Sooknanan: Nathalie actually it's very good meeting you. I forwarded Internet and Legal Chapter Bylaws to (unintelligible). So I was told we could meet afterwards and discuss that.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: You are at the right moment at the right place.

Woman: Yes that is a good coincidence.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much too all you. Our remote participants and our face to face participants. Has been a pleasure sharing this session with you. And we'll be seeing you around and we can keep on discussing all the issues.

You can stop the recording. Thank you very much.

Man: By the way. Our next meeting is together with NCSG. It's about policy also. And it is in (Phero) something (Phero). At the second level. At 1 o'clock.

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