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(Jonathan): So we move straight on into a related topic then. And if you could just let me know at the back as soon as you're ready for the next session.

Okay, so we're good to go. Our next session deals with in a sense related work which is work that's been going on on the PDP improvements. Marika I think you're going to present to us on this. And just a reminder again to just say your name prior to making your contributions over the microphone. Thank you.

Marika Konings: So this is Marika. And actually before handing it over to Lars I just wanted to briefly mention that I think as you know we identified 10 recommendations in relation to PDP improvements. Ways to enhance and strengthen the PDP and looking for ways to streamline and facilitate not only your work in the PDP but also participation and engagement of participants.

For the past meetings we actually would run through each of those recommendations and report to you, you know, what things were added and what we had done. But actually not much has changed on most of those since the last meeting. We thought it was maybe more important to focus on area where, you know, significant developments have been undertaken during the last period.

And in relation to what we call the GNSO learn program which is really targeted at that. A new (commerce) of people coming into the GNSO, how to help them and assist them in becoming familiar with GNSO and processes that we're working with. And actually Lars is going to tell you more about that as he's been spearheading at this program together with Mary.

Lars Hoffman: Thank you Marika. This is Lars for the record. Yes just a very quick update, making up some time as well. So the background you know. We've been working on this GNSO learn issue that is part of the - I can hear myself, slightly delayed in the background.

That is part of the ICANN Learn Web site that has been launched recently. What we've trying to do is to add, to provide some overviews of the GNSO. The structures, the different (SO) sorry, stakeholder groups and constituencies and basically provide some easy to access information for newcomers but also for those people that like to refresh their knowledge of the GNSO and the various processes and constituencies.

As I just said we are cooperating with the public responsibility and development department that is leading this new Web site, the ICANN Learn portal and we've co-produced a couple of videos for this. We've done several short courses in the form of PowerPoint presentations on the GNSO council,

on how to join working groups, how working groups function; and an introduction on overview of the different stakeholder groups and constituencies and a couple of more others as well.

So what we're going to do up until Dublin, tomorrow there will be a camera crew in here. We want like have a little section on the GNSO working in process and since the weekend session is normally more interactive than the Wednesday council session we're going to do this tomorrow. They're going to be here for two or three hours filming a little bit and then we're going to cut that together.

And (Mary) and I will also try to gently persuade you to step outside for a couple of minutes, as many of you - well we'll see how gently, we'll see what the response rate is, gentle in the beginning. Just for a couple of like half a minute minutes, just introduction to get an overview. And not just GNSO counselors but, you know, everybody who's in the room to give newcomers and people not familiar with the new GNSO a few faces of who is who.

And we're going to finalize another couple of courses on the PDP procedures and how to chair a working group and what is required for that. And then we're going to put that into a better version that we'll then share with you, gather some feedback and hopefully have the final version up for ICANN.

And just a quick - this is a screen shot - this is what its look like. There's just - you can all really, I think if you Google ICANN Learn you might be able to access a better site - it's a variety of different courses. These are some of them. And this is the introduction; you see that's a video of (Jonathan) that's from a couple of meetings ago that we added there.

So it's a - and on the left you see slightly as I clicked all through them they're a bit faded at the various courses there on the left. And I've completed 95% I hasten to add so, you know, I'm up-to-date. Thank you.

(Jonathan):   Thank you Lars. Any questions or comments on this? (Marilia)?

(Marilia):   Thank you very much. This is (Marilia) speaking. I just want to understand why there is suggestions, they specifically come from because I recognize some of them like suggestions we discussed in our capacity meeting of the GNSO before or after the meeting in L.A. We had a meeting of the GNSO and some of the things here that you talk about I think we discussed there. So maybe - well I just wanted to know where suggestions come from and if there are things that we discussed there that may be would be useful to bring into the discussion.

And just one last point, how can I help you? Because I see that there's a lot of things that staff is conducting and doing and I think that what you are doing with the Learn portal and other activities here are very related to something that we are discussing here; which is outreach; and getting more people in and people to work in the working groups. So if there is anything else other than giving you interviews that we can do, please let us know.

(Jonathan):   And (Marilia) again we thank you. And I will certainly make sure to reach out to it. I mean the ideas that we put something out there and as I said once we have what we think is a basis for newcomers and people like to take part in the GNSO, we share that with you and see whether you think that covers it or what, you know, where the gaps are. Because inevitably there will be some.

And I think the topics we've picked up come partially form that session and other things that we with staff thought it might be helpful. But obviously this

is not, you know, if you think there's something that's missing and that, you know, you think would be very helpful, please get in touch with us. We gladly pick that up, you know, the more there's on there and the more that helpful things we can share with the community I think the better.

And I will make sure to reach out in case I need help, for sure. Thank you.

Thank you, Chuck?

Chuck Gomes: Thank you. Chuck Gomes. And I just - a one minute comment. What's being done there and I know Lars knows this very well fits very nicely into the recommendations of Westlake Governance and the GNSO review report - draft report that's out for public comment right now.

(Jonathan): Thanks for making that connection. Heather?

Heather Dryden: Thank you (Jonathan). And thank you Lars. I just wanted to make a quick comment and say I've been involved in other activities that are consolidating into this ICANN Learn platform. We've send a few GNSO representatives to what's previously called the ICANN academy. And I just wanted to say I think it's a fantastic thing that this is being consolidated within the single portal within this ICANN Learn portal and not just gathered across the various constituencies.

I think it's really lost some impact or has lost opportunities by being scattered across the organization. And to see this come together I think is very helpful. Thank you.

(Jonathan):   Good. Thank you. Lars, are we done then? Okay. Thanks very much and thanks for both the work and the efficient way in which that was presented to us - assist us in keeping up with the agenda.

So we'll close that session now.