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JIA-RONG LOW: Hi, everyone. My name is Jia-Rong. I'm the ICANN staff responsible for the Asia region. I'm also the managing director for the Asia Pacific Hub.

For newcomers, a big welcome. Especially first-timers here to the ICANN meeting, a big welcome. I must be very frank. This is the first time we have so many people in the same room from the Asia Pacific community.

Just for the record, somebody said because it's Hyderabad hosting the meeting, that's why we have so many people.

What is the APAC Space? The APAC Space essentially is a session where the APAC community members come together. Traditionally, we have started the APAC Space during each ICANN meeting. It's basically a session for the APAC community members to get together and get to know each other, of course, most importantly and, second, also share any issues that they are facing to coordinate and get to work together on some of these issues.

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Now the APAC Space has evolved since the beginning of this year. Because our community, we recognize a couple of things. We recognize a couple of barriers to participation. The first is understanding the ICANN issues. It can be very complex. Some of them have been discussed for a long time, and it's very hard for newcomers who come in and join the discussion. So the idea is, how can we improve that? How can we improve the understanding of current policy development processes and involve our participation in it?

A second “barrier” is because we are such collectivistic and very nice and loving people, we are not used to speaking up directly in open forum. As a result, our voices are not heard as regularly as we'd like them to.

The APAC Space, we want it to evolve in such a way that we could address both of these things. The first is to be able to discuss the policy development issues, spend some time to focus on being able to discuss them. The second is a practice ground, so to speak, where we can all come together with familiar faces from the same region and we practice speaking out loud what our thoughts are, what our views are and share our views. When we go back to the working groups in the international platform, in a more global platform, we have some of these views in our hearts and we have already voiced them before so we can actually voice them again.

I've seen an improvement in the past few months, in the past year in fact, where you have very active community members who are actually more outspoken today and very eloquent actually most of the time. I'm the one who is not eloquent, so that's why I say most of the time. I hope that as a community we from the Asia Pacific region continue to support each other and coordinate with each other to be more involved in ICANN's work. That's part of the whole mission of diversity and inclusiveness of voices. I know everyone in this room shares that, so I hope that we can continue to work together for that.

Now APAC Space happens at two different platforms. The first is at the sidelines of an ICANN meeting like today. Also, every two months, we have a Web conference. For those who have never attended one and you'd like to receive news on it, we are already passing around a piece of paper and you want to join our mailing list. Please do that. When you get a notification or e-mail about APAC Space Web conference, please join us. Don't be shy. It's a Web conference, so nobody sees your face anyway. But we want to be able to put a face to a name.

Very importantly join us in our community and as we get more comfortable with each other, I'm very sure that we'll be happy and so excited to come for ICANN meetings and also to join the various working groups because you know you have familiar faces to help each other and support each other in our network.

The last point I will say about APAC Space most importantly is that it is community led. From staff, we try our best to facilitate and to help our community participate in ICANN work. Ultimately, it is you. You are the ones who will shape the various policies happening at ICANN. That's why it's very important for this platform to be community led. So far, I'm very happy and very appreciative of Edmon who is right next to me for being our community lead in facilitating the discussions that have been happening at both APAC Space Web conferences and also in the face-to-face meetings. Now I'll hand over to Edmon to take the floor. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Jia-Rong. You have pretty much explained everything that I was going to talk about. One of the things, I think just reiterating a few key points, this is a bottom-up initiative. We started off very small, in a very small room about a year and a half ago in the Singapore meeting. It's great to see this room so filled up, and such a big room at this point.

This is a bottom-up initiative. The people who were participating at ICANN coming from the Asia Pacific region just banded together originally and asked for a room to talk. Now it's becoming a more established agenda, which is I think very good progress.

As Jia-Rong mentioned, we are going to talk about some of the policies that ICANN community is deliberating on, but this is not a replacement of any of the policy development process. This is a kind of informal discussion looking at a few things, whether there is some commonality between participants coming from Asia Pacific.

It's also, as Jia-Rong mentioned, testing grounds. If you are not comfortable speaking at those big PDPs and – I keep using these acronyms; I'm really bad at that, I guess – policy development processes and you feel intimidated by it, this is the platform to [use your own] voice. There are no stupid questions. You can ask about things, the history of it, which is very important. This is what the APAC Space is about.

With that, why don't I just jump right into it rather than waste the time that we could talk to each other on. Should I pass to Joyce, you, or should we jump to the next slide? Okay, we don't know who should take the lead. Everyone should be.

Okay, so here's the agenda prepared for today. Following from our meeting last time in Marrakech and then through the intersessionals, as Jia-Rong mentioned for the Web conferences, this specifically we were talking about the new gTLD subsequent rounds, which I think is a hot topic. We have invited policy staff and also the community leads on Track 1 of the PDP that's

happen – the policy development process that’s happening for the subsequent round of new gTLDs. Just looking at that.

Then we also had a suggestion to add a topic on promoting diversity in the GNSO, the Generic Names Supporting Organization.

Before I jump, anyone have a very urgent item they want to add? Wanawit?

WANAWIT AHKUPUTRA: Wanawit from GAC Thailand. I also like to [inaudible] that as this is [inaudible] to be the outgoing GAC chairs and yesterday we had GAC elections, and we should welcome Guo Feng from China. From now on, he will represent [inaudible]. I do hope that it will be in a good hand, and we need to support China to lead [APAC] GAC. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Wanawit. Seeing no other particular – in fact, the next slide would basically for introducing ourselves. It’s a pretty big room, but I think it’s still a good idea to just state your name and your affiliation. I will start from myself and go. Edmon Chung from DotAsia and Internet Society Hong Kong.

PAUL WILSON: Hi, everyone. I'm Paul Wilson. I'm the head of APNIC, the IP address registry for the Asia Pacific. We're kind of the send N in the ICANN acronym, the numbers. I came into this room looking to sit at the back somewhere. I'm only sitting next to Edmon because the chair was available. So that's why I'm right here. Thanks. Good to see you all.

EDMON CHUNG: Please, keep it short.

DAVID NG: This is David Ng from DotAsia as well. [They are] also supporting youth here. You can see NetMission team is with us, so [I will pass it on to them] later on to introduce themselves.

YANNIS LI: This is Yannis Li from DotAsia as well.

JOYCE CHEN: Joyce Chen, ICANN staff. APAC Hub, Singapore.

JENNIFER CHUNG: Jennifer Chung, also from DotAsia.

FIONA AW: Fiona Aw, ICANN staff based in Singapore.

GUO FENG: Hello, everyone. My name is Guo Feng. I'm from China. My organization is China Academy of ICT. It is a research institution under the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. I began to participate in ICANN activities starting from 2010, following the ATRT processes, which is the Accountability and Transparency Review Team. I started to join GAC starting from 2014 being a GAC representative of China. In this meeting, I'm very happy to be elected as one of the new GAC [West] Chairs. And just come here to say hello because China is in the region of Asia Pacific.

For me, to be elected as a [West] Chair of GAC is an honor truly, but it is also an honor for China. I think more than that, it is a responsibility. I think one of my missions is to engage GAC members within our region to follow the GAC processes and also contribute to GAC processes in a better way. Also, I think I want to engage with our [Internet] community in the Asia Pacific region to help you to understand the GAC and the GAC processes. I think in this meeting room I see many familiar faces, and I think we are a good family in the Asia Pacific and I think I will engage you more within our community. Thank you.

MARY WONG: This is Mary Wong. I'm ICANN staff from the Policy Support team. I'm now based in the U.S., but I'm originally from Singapore, so I'm really glad that my APAC colleagues don't seem to have noticed I have snuck myself into their group. So thank you very much for having me as an honorary member.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This is [inaudible] from JPRS. JPRS is the .JP ccTLD operator as well as ICANN registrar, [inaudible] registry and also [inaudible].

[JIA-RONG LOW]: Sorry. We just keep it a little bit short, so we'll just say the name and your organization or affiliation. Otherwise, we will be here the whole day. Sorry.

PUNEETH NAGARAJ: Hi. I'm Puneeth from the Centre for Communication Governance at the National Law University, Delhi.

HARISH CHOWDHARY: Hi. I am Harish Chowdhary from National Internet Exchange of India.

MOHIT BATRA: Hi. This is Mohit Batra from National Internet Exchange of India.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] GMO Japan.

KURT PRITZ: Kurt Pritz, Allegravita.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Sebastien Ducos, Neustar, Australia.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. This is [inaudible] from Tele-info.

PAM LITTLE: Hi. Pam Little from Zodiac Registry, a new gTLD registry operator. I'm from Australia.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Internet Australia.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] from China Organizational Name Administration Center.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] [CCY] India.

SARA BOCKEY: Sara Bockey with GoDaddy.

CHRISTA TAYLOR: Christa Taylor, DotTBA, from Canada.

STEVE CHAN: Steve Chan, ICANN staff, American-born Chinese. Sadly, I cannot speak Chinese. Sorry.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. I'm [inaudible], an independent blogger from India.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. I'm [inaudible]. I'm from Hyderabad. Thank you for hosting [inaudible]. This is my first time. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. This is [inaudible], ISOC, ICANN, and IGF. Thank you.

WANAWIT AHKUPUTRA: Wanawit Ahkuputra, outgoing [inaudible] chair. So proud. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] from China Organizational Name Administration Center.

PITINAN KOOARMORNPATANA: Hi. Pitinan, first time Fellow from Thailand.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Maureen Hilyard from the Cook Islands, ALAC.

HOLLY RAICHE: Holly Raiche, Internet Australia, ALAC.

SAVE VOCEA: Save Vocea, ICANN staff, responsible for the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand.

ELVIN PRASAD: Elvin Prasad, GAC rep for Fiji.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] from India.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible], [inaudible] Labs, India.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. I'm [inaudible] from Hyderabad. I'm [inaudible] so I can [communicate].

SIDDHARTH GUPTA: Hi. I'm Siddharth Gupta. I'm from National Law University, Delhi, and I'm part of the NextGen program.

ADITYA GARG: Hi. I'm Aditya Garg. I'm a third-year law student at National Law University, Delhi, from India and part of the NextGen program.

ANNA THOMAS: I'm Anna Thomas. I'm studying law at the NASLAR University of Law in Hyderabad, and I'm also part of the NextGen program.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My name is [inaudible] working with NIXI and director [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] working with NIXI.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible], GAC rep from Cook Island.

TOMOHIRO FUJISAKI: Hello. My name is Tomohiro Fujisaki from ISOC Japan Chapter.

POORNIMA MEEGAMMNA: Hello. I'm Poornima Meegammna from Sri Lanka. I'm part of the NextGen program.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hello. My name is [inaudible] from Vietnam. I'm NextGen.

JOHN CHAND: Hello. I'm John Chand from Fiji, [PICISOC] member.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible], GAC representative from Thailand.

JIANNE MORNY: Hi. I'm Jianne. I'm from NetMission Hong Kong, and I'm also a APriGF MSG member.

MATILDA PAMAO: Hi. I'm Matilda from Papua New Guinea, .PG.

FIDYA SHABRINA: Fidya Shabrina from Indonesia, NextGen program.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [Watson. Watson Singh Affiliates.]

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi, [all]. I'm [inaudible], NetMission Ambassador from Hong Kong.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Namaste. I'm [inaudible] from Hyderabad [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi. I'm [Taran] from India.

WAYNE REIHER: Hi. I'm Wayne Reiher, GAC rep from Kiribati.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'm [inaudible] from Hyderabad, India. I'm a freelancer.

GANGESH VARMA: Hi. I'm Gangesh Varma, India liaison on the ICANN Apprentice Program.

WINNIE YU: I'm Winni Yu, ICANN staff, Global Domains Division.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] from Papua New Guinea, ISOC Pacific Islands Chapter.

SUSANNA BENNETT: Susanna Bennett, ICANN COO. I was born in Shanghai, so I do speak Chinese.

IZUMI OKUTANI: Izumi Okutani, policy liaison JPNIC [inaudible] ASO liaison for Cross Community Working Group on ICANN Accountability.

[JIA-RONG LOW]: And Leadership Award winner.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] from DotAsia. Also, I'm on [CCISO] Council.

KUO-WEI WU: Kuo-Wei Wu, stepped down ICANN Board member. I came from Taiwan. I speak English, Chinese, and Taiwanese.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hello. I am [inaudible]. I am from Delhi, India, and I am part of the NextGen program.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi. I'm [inaudible]. I'm from NIXI.

ISHA SURI: Isha Suri, National Internet Exchange of India.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible], Internet Society [inaudible] India.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] from Internet Society of Thailand.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible], a post-graduate student at Beijing University [inaudible] and telecommunication and a NCUC newcomer member and [inaudible] IGF Fellow. Thank you.

IHTISHAM KHALID: Ihtisham Khalid, NextGen Ambassador from Pakistan.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] chapter and NextGen.

KELVIN WONG: Kelvin Wong, ICANN staff, APAC Hub, Singapore.

ROHAN WADHWA: Rohan Wadhwa, ICANN NextGen and undergrad student at Keio University in Tokyo. [No] Japanese.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I am [inaudible]. Our organization's name is [inaudible] Society. I am nearby Hyderabad [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I am [inaudible]. [inaudible], Hyderabad.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm [inaudible], China.

AVRI DORIA: Avri Doria, U.S.

KAILI KAN: Kaili Kan, ALAC, from China.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm [inaudible], NetMission Ambassador from Hong Kong.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] from Internet Society [inaudible] Chapter.

PABLO HINOJOSA: I'm Pablo from APNIC, and I'm very happy.

ROGER LIM: Roger Lim, ICANN staff, APAC Hub.

JASMINE LIM: Jasmine Lim, ICANN staff, APAC Hub.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] Hyderabad Chapter, India.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

LIANA TEO: Liana Teo, ICANN staff, APAC Hub, Singapore.

SAMIRAN GUPTA: Samiran Gupta, ICANN staff, APAC region, at your service in India.

[JIA-RONG LOW]: If you still don't know who he is, he's the guy who gave the opening ceremony.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible], ICANN staff, APAC Hub.

GAZI ZEHADUL KABIR: GZ Kabir from Bangladesh, a returning Fellow, alumni coach, and chair of [inaudible].

LAENA RAHIM: Laena Rahim, ICANN staff.

RANJIT NAIR: Ranjit Nair, Secretary of ISOC Trivandrum, India.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello, everyone. I'm [Daisy], NetMission Ambassador from Hong Kong.

[ZHENG SONG]: [Song Zheng], ICANN staff in Beijing, China.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Hi, everyone. [inaudible] Beijing Internet Institute.

PETER GREEN: Hi. Only four people to go. I'm Zuan. Okay, also you can call me Peter Green, from CONAC, China. Thank you.

[RAJNESH SINGH]: I'm [Raj Singh] from the Internet Society Asia Pacific office.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hi, everyone. [inaudible] from ICANN APAC Hub based in Brisbane.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello. [inaudible] from [inaudible] Foundation, India.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: [inaudible] at ISOC Asia Pacific Hub.

YOSHI MURAKAMI: Hi. I'm Yoshi from JPRS. That's it. Finished.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. I hope we have everyone. Anyone on the Adobe Connect room that want to speak up and introduce themselves? Or they can't hear us still? They can hear us. Okay, but they can't speak, unfortunately. So welcome, those participating remotely as well. Due to some of the technical difficulties, we are a little bit behind, so may I ask the staff to try to be concise a little bit more so we have a little bit more time to discuss. I am going to hand it over to you, Steve.

STEVE CHAN:

Thanks, Edmon. Can you go ahead and move to the next slide? I will keep it brief. I just want to provide a little background and context before I pass it over to the Work Track 1 leads. We're going to be talking about the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures Policy Development Process. It's one of the larger, or I guess it's one of three really large PDPs that is underway. This PDP is one among many other efforts that are actually related to new gTLDs.

It's looking at the 2012 round to determine what changes might be necessary in relation to the existing 2007 policy recommendations that are already in existence. One of the things to take into consideration is that there is existing policy and there's also an Applicant Guidebook that was there to serve the 2012 round.

I think something that Avri is actually fond of saying is that if the working group were to decide to do nothing, those 2007 policy recommendations would still exist and potentially the Applicant Guidebook would also. So if we were to do nothing, we would still have something to fall back on.

In terms of what to expect, we're kind of at the end of ICANN 57. We had not an all-day session, but it was nearly five hours, which was kind of a marathon session. It was on the first day of the

meeting. It was a face-to-face, probably about 4 hours and 45 minutes. Actually, every one of the work tracks got into some particular questions that the work track leads all selected to go into deep detail and get community feedback.

We look at things such as the Applicant Support program, which many here are probably curious about. We also looked at the base agreement, things like name collisions, objections, and evaluation criteria, and some other topics.

This last one I think is sort of important. It's how to participate. GNSO PDP working groups are open. Anyone can participate. Everyone is welcome, and we encourage it. I think something really important to actually point out is this particular working group has tried to make an effort to pick working group times that are at least maybe not ideal but less inhospitable to folks in the APAC to be able to contribute and participate. You can see Cheryl nodding her head, so I guess she doesn't completely disagree so that's good. And Michael as well.

Actually, it's important to note we also have a couple of the work track leads in the room. Besides Work Track 1, we have Work Track 4, Cheryl Langdon-Orr over here. And Michael Flemming is one of the work track leaders for Work Track 2. If you guys want to talk about things beyond Work Track 1, you also have them

available and, of course, Avri trying to hide in the back of the room. Next slide, please.

This is just a timeline of the PDP. The far left where there are four blue lines, that's to depict the four separate work tracks. It sort of looks like they're all operating in parallel. That's not entirely how it really works, but just I guess to provide a simple picture that's kind of how it's going to work.

One of the things the working group is going to try to do is to develop a set of questions which they're going to send out to the community organizations to seek input. It's something that the working group is targeting for some time in January. That's very important to send out to the community and collect input and use to develop at least preliminary recommendations.

That I guess teal color – it doesn't really look like it up there – but that is where the work tracks would consider the Community Comment 2 input into the work track recommendations.

After that, there's actually a point where the working group as a whole, not the work tracks but the full working group, is going to consider the outcomes from the four work tracks. That's at the point where staff and the working group would start working on the initial report, which would then go out for public comment. And finally, we would work on a final report, which is set to

conclude at least preliminarily based on our work track sometime in the middle of 2018.

To summarize, there are four work tracks. We have leadership teams for each of those. There are two co-leaders for each one. There's also Jeff Neuman and Avri as full working group chairs. So there's a lot of blood in this working group. I think it's really good to have a lot of voices and a lot of different opinions to bring to the table, and it has been working pretty well, I think.

I think that's all I really had to say. I guess there's one additional slide. It's just about additional information. You can find a recording for that session from 3 November when the working group was face-to-face.

There was also a New gTLD Program Review session where it gave the audience a high-level overview of all the different efforts that are related to new gTLDs: the Competition, Consumer Trust, and Consumer Choice Review Team, the Rights Protection Mechanisms PDP Working Group, and a few other efforts. It was trying to tie all those things together, give you a sense of the timing and how they all fit together.

The last thing is just resources. If you're interested in learning more about the working group, you can go ahead and check out those links.

I think that's all I had. I just wanted to set the table for Christa and Sara. Thanks.

CHRISTA TAYLOR:

Welcome, everyone, and thanks for having us. We're Work Track 1, and we would really encourage anyone who wants to participate to come and join us. As you can see from the timeline, there's still a lot of time for us to go through the procedures and all the different topics that we have at hand, so don't think that this is something that has been going on for two years and it's almost over. It's actually just the opposite. We started a few months ago, and so far I think we're on our second topic. If we can have the next slide, you'll get kind of an overview of our different topics that we're talking about and where we're at with them.

We have ten topics. Currently, we're discussing the first two, which is the accreditation programs and what that might look like. There's obviously a lot of discussion around that: what it might look like, how it would work going forward, topics or discussions around what would be fair to people who are already proven providers versus new providers, the fees and the costs and everything around that is part of the discussion.

We're also discussing Applicant Support and how it could be improved or how it didn't really work the first time and why it didn't work and how we can move forward on that.

Those are the two topics that we're currently discussing. We have another eight topics that are coming up. They range from the clarity of the application process and how we can avoid developing processes on an ad hoc need rather than more of a discussion so we can plan ahead on what we need to prevent that.

We also have the application fees and what that looks like going forward: fixed versus variable, cost recovery, and what each one of those would look like.

You can see how they feed in there. Topic number one, which is the accreditation program, obviously could reduce fees going forward. So you can see the tie-in there.

The other topics include application queuing. Is it first-come, first-serve? Is there another basis for that? The submission period: is three months enough? Is it ongoing? Is it rolling? Those types of items are going to be in that one.

Then we move into our systems. How are the systems working? How are they supporting it? How can they be improved? Those types of items.

Then we go into communications, and then finally we go into the Applicant Guidebook. We just switched that around. That was an item that we were supposed to be working on right now, but based on everyone's feedback in Work Group 1, we moved it to the end.

That's kind of where we're at. We would really encourage everyone's feedback in it and to be part of the process. The more people who are active and engaged in it just helps the whole process move along all that much better. Having different perspectives obviously impacts things as well.

I'll let you speak.

SARA BOCKEY:

On this next slide, this is just drilling down a little further on what Christa just said regarding the Registry Service Provider accreditation or certification program that we're reviewing. Up to this point, we've gone through and made a list of pros and cons regarding this idea and also had a proposal set forward by one of our participants regarding not necessarily an accreditation program but maybe a preapproval or post-approval to take into consideration some of the backend providers that have already been put in place.

As you can see, the questions here that we're looking to determine: what might be the most effective program for RSP and how it would affect the ecosystem, so not just the registry operators but also registrars, applicants, end users? What do we need to do to maintain or improve security and stability?

Then our discussion on the Applicant Support Program is still very new, and any feedback that you might want to provide regarding what you think the problems or hurdles that were faced during the 2012 round would be very much welcomed. We've been reviewing the AM Global report. They did a study to see where some of the shortcomings were. I think there were only three people that applied, and only one was approved.

So they did not have a lot of success with this program, and we're just examining how we could better improve this process and why there just wasn't a lot of participation, basically, and whether we would like to go forward with it. We've had some interesting input from several different people, and we would welcome your input for why you think it was not a success.

CHRISTA TAYLOR:

Sorry, just to add to that, a lot of the feedback that we received so far was that the Applicant Support Program was less than successful based on a whole bunch of different items. Some of those were targeting areas that either it was too late or they

didn't have enough information. They didn't know where to get the information. And also, was there even a need for it? These people might not have even connection, and do they need domain names? And are we going in the reverse direction? Instead of looking at do they want a gTLD, let's get them connected first. So going forward, does this make sense to have this program, or do we want the next 5 billion users and focus on that before we go down this avenue?

SARA BOCKEY: Do you have a comment?

EDMON CHUNG: No. I guess I was just looking if that completes the presentation, then we'll go into Q&A. I'm sure there are lots of questions, so please hold it just so that they can complete.

SARA BOCKEY: I think that's pretty much the overview, yes.

EDMON CHUNG: Okay. Thank you, Sara, Christa, and Steve. My job should be easy if there are lots of questions. I see one, two already. Please, go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible] people that apply for gTLDs without any background or anything. They have just money, and they just want to mislead the people. This is one thing that is happening. One issue, one .COM operator from India, he opted for .INDIA [inaudible] with ICANN. How can they [inaudible] .INDIA [inaudible]. This is the same problem [inaudible].

What can we do as stakeholders and responsible persons [inaudible]? As part of [APAC region] we all of us should collaborate with each other, work out a plan which are the gTLDs which help the people in Asian region and [inaudible] if they are good people or whatever it may be. If we work out a good plan, it really helps us.

Also, the [inaudible] in [APAC] region at least would reach 2 billion people. If we offer the good services, our goals can be in a better way. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: Probably just by way of background, I'm not sure everybody lives and breathes this stuff. So to say first of all new gTLDs, I hope most of you know what it is about. Subsequent Procedures is really the group that's going to be looking at if there is another

round, what went right and what didn't [go] right with the round of new gTLDs, including what barriers are there in terms of price, in terms of what is required of information, and so forth.

I would also point out that – and maybe Kaili can talk to this – there's also another working group that ought to be looked at as well, which is the CCRT, which is looking at the results of this process. We have new gTLDs, so we're asking whether it improved competition, whether it improved consumer trust, what those issues are.

If we're going to talk about the procedures, we also want to look at what do we know and, in fact, what do we not know about the outcomes? This has been spoken to about five or six different meetings over this week, which is going to be another really important ingredient in deciding if we go forward, was it a success, what actually is going to happen? Maybe Kaili can talk about that as well because he has been sitting in on that group.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Holly. I think that's a very good question. I'm not looking for an actual answer, but just facilitating some of the discussion. Just looking at the Applicant Support Program, obviously this is a community that would like to, I believe there are many who would like to make use of it. Perhaps making concrete what Holly is really asking within the PDP, within the

work track, are there efforts to identify those three applicants? What happened? Why did they go through? What didn't work? Besides just talking about the issue as [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I second what Holly said. My question was more or less in that respect itself. One, when we are talking about APAC region, we actually need to do our homework and find out how many actually applied, how many took and what they did with it. Because if you are planning to go in for the next round, that's very important: what the success rates were and if not, what were the challenges.

Again, when we talk about the next billion or connecting the last billion, we also need to be conscious that the last billion or the next billion is coming from cost-conscious, low-income countries. Are the rates adequate enough for ICANN to actually charge that kind of rates for the next billion if you want more gTLD rounds to happen?

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. I wonder if the work track leaders have any thoughts or response to that as I pull up the actual number from Asia Pacific – yes, I found it. Just in terms of response immediate to [Rita]. Out of the 1,930 applications, actually about 303 came

from Asia Pacific representing about 15.7%. That was the previous round. I just happen to have that statistic in one of my slides that I use.

That's one particular point, but going back to one of the questions is, what effort perhaps has the work track started to or considered looking at in determining what went well and what didn't go so well in the previous round for some of the things that you're considering?

[SARA BOCKEY]:

AM Global did a report, and I think – is that publicly available? Yes. He has a lot of statistics on it. It goes into the details of who they interviewed, what kind of information they received, and the outcome of that.

As you said yesterday in one of the sessions was it's really difficult to get information after the fact. How do you interview people who didn't apply? You have to find them, and then you have to ask the questions.

But he did actually have a whole bunch of interesting numbers, and it was just things like how did they find out about the program. It was like 27 out of 37 people found out about it through personal networks.

Then there was other information on how did they make a proper decision or how did they make a decision and how much time they needed and there wasn't enough adequate time to do that.

There were also some other issues that negatively impacted. Say .XXX or even if you look out right now, .AFRICA. They're an underserved region, and they've gone through a lot of hurdles. It's really going to be a tough thing to promote going out there and saying apply for the next round when you have .AFRICA still trying to get through the first round.

Those are types of issues that are still to be addressed, and we don't have all the information by no means. As I said before, any perspectives or the different perspectives are certainly helpful, and please join.

EDMON CHUNG: Steve and then...

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We have [inaudible] to you.

EDMON CHUNG: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: When we talk about 300, Asia is huge. We have countries like Korea. We have Bangladesh. We have India, and we have Papua New Guinea. So we need to have a different strategy for different kind of people.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, [Rita]. Steve? Please, I'm hoping my job is easier so there will be many hands or harder because then many hands and I have to manage the queue. But if you have any questions – Steve?

STEVE CHAN: Thanks, Edmon. I just want to add to what Christa was saying. That AM Global report was actually performed on behalf of the CCT RT. So to Holly's question earlier, we're in close coordination with both the actual team that has performed the review as well as the staff that supports that effort to make sure that we understand what they're going to deliver, hopefully when they're going to deliver, and then how it is going to affect the subjects that are within the scope of the working group. It's one of, I think I mentioned, a couple efforts that the Subsequent Procedures Working Group is paying attention to, to make sure that we take it fully into account.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Steve. I thought I saw a hand up, but it's actually not. Oh, Wanawit?

WANAWIT AHKUPUTRA: [inaudible] yesterday when we [contact the subsequent round], the high-interest topic among the GAC [I have proposed one aspect] [inaudible] especially it affects Asia Pacific. There are only about 60 – I cannot remember the figure – 66 geographical names and a lot of [effort], a lot of cross-constituency working groups on use of country and territory names. In fact, we have more than 160 IDNs, and I did not see any working groups on the IDN principles that have been very old and IDN potential [inaudible].

For example, I can find my country name in several IDN, which in IDN principle is not there. Even the fact that during the initiation of fast track IDN ccTLD is already referred to as UNGEGN, United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, which includes one local language plus six United Nations [inaudible].

So these are basic facts. I did not blame. It's a thing that the community has to work together on how we outreach these IDN aspects because they become local issues of our own. I encourage that because most of the AP cover a really large number of IDN applications.

So if we could start to do something about this IDN, that would be helpful to the communities because the GAC alone cannot do the job. We can file the issue or concern in the subsequent round, but you want to make things happen. Some of us are already [inaudible] that could make this into the work and action, and we should coordinate to make this thing work. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Wanawit. I think that's a great question because this is something that even your review may not reveal and perhaps we need to bring to the working group. Applicant Support maybe needs to be broadened, or maybe Applicant Support should be targeted to IDNs. I'm just throwing out ideas. Why limit ourselves to the previous narrowly defined Applicant Support criteria? Perhaps the criteria themselves need to be addressed.

I think Christa mentioned if we are trying to help those who are not online for Applicant Support, which is what part of the Applicant Support program says that the entities coming from the least developed areas, maybe that's not the case. It needs to be somewhat more developed as those are the middle ones that the Applicant Support program might need to help. And IDNs might present itself as one of the interesting ones.

I have Kuo-Wei next.

KUO-WEI WU:

Yes. I am the stepped down ICANN Board member, so now I speak in my personal capacity. So don't try to link with any ICANN decision at all.

I just want to bring a caution to all of you because a lot of people here are talking about the New gTLD Program or something like that. I have to say my personal view. Although, when I was a Board member, I might be speaking a very different language.

First of all, I think many people will say, is it possible ICANN can have a new gTLD registry open for all minorities or underdeveloped countries or something like that. I have to say we have to understand what is [inaudible] market and operation look like. I just have three points to share with you.

First, if you look at an Internet business, it's very competitive. In many cases, you only see the number one in their particular sections. You never see the second one. If you look at a search engine, it's Google but you never know who is the second one or third one. If you cannot compete to be at number one, you have to be very careful because you might be naïve and [unable] to survive.

In that case, if you are looking for [inaudible] new gTLD registry, for me, even I can give you free. Even I can give the developing country for free. Don't forget that. Choosing [inaudible] need to face it first. Your daily operation cost is not cheap. Second, how you can survive even ICANN not charge you.

So to be frank to see the situation, what I saw in the past several years, for a general user even in the developing country or whatever the free domain name actually is coming. You know that. Right now in the domain name market, you can see a lot of free domain names. You can get it. So if you have a domain name for yourself or for your institution, why bother you to get a more high cost operations? You still have your own identity, and you still can speak whatever you like but without cost.

So I always say think about how we can make sure what we really need and what kind of cost we're willing to pay for it. This is just an open question for all of you to think about, and it's my personal opinion, nothing related to the ICANN Board at all. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Kuo-Wei. Very good valid questions like, do we need all these TLDs and does it have to be operated by underserved operators?

IZUMI OKUTANI:

Very interesting point that Kuo-Wei has raised. It kind of intrigued me to comment on it. I'm actually not involved in the gTLD business or domain name business, more the number side, but I really agree that I think there needs to be a balance between outreach and also making sure the information that we pass through is impartial. I think not making it sound as though the new gTLD will solve everything and set the right level of expectation and make sure that people know what are the things that you can do and what are the other alternatives.

At the same time, I think it's also important that people are actually aware that such opportunity exists. I still think that outreach about the new gTLDs is important so that people can make an explicit choice that, okay, I've considered all the options and I've decided not to apply for the new gTLD. Whereas, knowing about it in the first place is a different matter. So I think outreach is important, and in doing that it has to be impartial and set the right level of expectation.

KUO-WEI WU:

[inaudible] agree. That is a very good compliment. I fully agree, yes, outreach, transparency we have to do. But what I say is usually outreach, they don't tell you what the cost will be. And that is the reason I say somebody has to say it. You should not

just say here is a program. Go ahead and without [originally] thinking about how to do it. Thanks.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Kuo-Wei and thank you, Izumi. I heard a lot of NextGen people and also the NetMission team that is here. No questions at all on this? I do have Jia-Rong who wants to have his final word. But before I draw a line on the topic, I'm hoping that any questions, thoughts on Applicant Support or some of the new gTLD program – okay, please.

YOSHI MURAKAMI:

[inaudible] there are 303 applications from APAC, but I don't really believe it – I'm speaking in my own capacity – 303 applications APAC, but I don't really believe it because from Japan there are 71 applications and 53 were [inaudible] applications. And maybe 70 or 80 from China, and the rest are just small numbers from each country. So I think about 150 really from Asian countries, and maybe the rest is maybe from Australia I think, which is a part of APAC but they actually have an advantage that they even speak a very minor language called Australian but it's very close to the English language.

I think we need to break the barrier of language if you are going to outreach to Asian countries. To have a better awareness of

those forgotten countries in Asia, you have to show what is ICANN. I've been suggesting ICANN to make a baby picture book explaining what ICANN is. I think that's a very good idea to have. That's all. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. I will pass it to Jia-Rong for the last word on this topic, and then we'll move to Pam's topic.

JIA-RONG LOW: Thanks, Edmon. Sorry. I wasn't actually asking to be concluding, but I happen to be the last person. I do have one question for the work track leads, which also includes whether you're Work Track 1 or Cheryl, Michael. Maybe you can give some tips for the people in this room. Some of them are newcomers. Some are regular in the community, but they still don't know how they can participate. So maybe some tips on if they're interested, what do they need to be prepared for and what kind of background research maybe they need to do before they can participate. And also, one or two tips maybe just what advice would you give them so that they can be ready to contribute to the working groups. Thank you.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: There's no way I'm not going to jump in on that one.

MICHAEL FLEMMING: [inaudible]

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No, because you'll take too long, Michael. Not true, not true. I will be good.

I think one of the most important things is to recognize that while there are no barriers to entry in terms of if you wish to join, the door is open for you to join, we can bar ourselves by feeling underprepared or less than confident in how these work groups work.

In this particular set of topics, though, you have an absolutely rare opportunity. This is because a lot of the people that are involved in these groups are in fact quite new, including most of our rapporteurs. So it's not as if you're walking in and trying to join a tight-knit cadre of people who all seem to know how they're thinking because they've sat in the same room and you know what each other are going to say. This is a relatively rare, fresh opportunity, so this is a perfect time to find your way into this sort of policy development process.

But you saw names. Find one of us and say, "Give us a hand." We're on Adobe Connect. There's backchannel in Adobe Connect. Make sure you look at the wiki pages and the resource

material because there is heaps of it there. Everything we say or do is recorded, so you can actually listen to previous calls, read the transcripts. The preparation doesn't have to happen before you apply, but it can certainly happen as you come up to speed. There are people in each and every one of those work groups that will help you on your way to build confidence and make a difference.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Cheryl. I see a comment online, which is from yourself?

MARY WONG: Yes, but it is not the same.

EDMON CHUNG: Okay, I will definitely have to draw a line so that we move to the next topic. But why don't we go to the online first and then Michael and then back to Mary.

MARY WONG: Apparently, I get to read my own Adobe Connect comment. It was simply to point out that while not exactly the same thing as what the previous commenter had noted that in the 2012 New gTLD Program round – which is what Christa, Sara, Avri, Cheryl,

Michael's group is looking at – there were in fact 103 applications for internationalized domain name gTLDs. I don't have the breakdown right now, but I thought that was interesting.

The additional comment I wanted to make live in the room was to just put in a plug for the GNSO's webinars and our online learning modules, which we can send the links around through our APAC colleagues. This is because we do have a number of other projects, but we also recognize that including for this PDP it's challenging for newcomers to even understand how the working groups work, what the dynamics might be, what's proper etiquette, when do I speak, what on earth is a PDP and why does it take two years? We have all those materials. Please approach myself, Steve, our other colleagues if you would like to know more. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Mary. I want to take this opportunity to point out if you feel intimidated in this public speaking mode, the Adobe Connect room, do click in and use the chatroom because you can make comments, you can chat with other people, and you can ask questions there as well. It's very useful. I use it quite a bit, and Mary just did the same.

Michael, very short, and, Sebastien, we request very, very short. Two of you in one minute, okay?

MICHAEL FLEMMING: I just wanted to state basically what Cheryl has said. You can join at any time. For first-comers, I would highly recommend our final issue report, which outlines what our topics are. There's a lot of information to go through. We look at about I'd say two to three hours a week per working track. I believe that's what the recommendation. There's a recommended time when you actually try to apply for one of these. If you do have any questions, feel free to ask me, Cheryl, Christa, or Sara, or even Steve. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. Sebastien.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: I have a completely different perspective, which is the commercial part. I am an operator in Australia, many, many clients around the world. If you have questions – I'm not going to disclose things here publicly – but if you have questions, I can give you the real truth.

Second, I'm also chairman of the Geo TLD group. If you are interested as a region, as a city, as any sort of geographic or linguistic or cultural definition within, come to talk to me and I can explain also where we're at and what you can do.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Sebastien. Two seconds from Steve. Okay.

STEVE CHAN: Thanks, Edmon. I just wanted to make a practical point about how you actually sign up for a working group. You just need to send an e-mail to the GNSO secretariat. It's simple as that. It's gns0-secs@icann.org, and we'll get you set up. Thanks.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Steve. The working groups are open to anyone.

Now I have to move on, pass it to Pam to talk a little bit about the work on making the GNSO, the whole process with better diversity, especially in the participants. Pam?

PAM LITTLE: Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: And this is one of the topics that we have been touching on in previous meetings as well, just to give you a little bit of background.

PAM LITTLE: Thank you, Edmon. As some of you may know, since there was a GNSO review going on for quite a few years now, in mid last year this group APAC Space made some comments on the draft report. Subsequently, there were some discussions and a final report was issued and the GNSO adopted the recommendations or the Board adopted the recommendations of the working group or working party.

Now I have some bad news and some good news. The bad news is one of the comments we made in our submission was about Recommendation 32. We asked ICANN to prioritize, perhaps expedite Recommendation 32, which is – I’m just going to very briefly read it out – that ICANN define cultural diversity and the relevant metrics encompassing geography, gender, age group, and cultural and possibly by using birth language, be monitored and published.

We thought this was important because ICANN currently only measures geographic diversity. In the independent review commissioned by ICANN, the independent examiner actually said in their report that geographic diversity is not proxy for

cultural diversity because it could create or result in anomalies. It gave examples.

For example, I was born in Taiwan, but I live in Australia. If we go by ICANN rules, I can either choose to declare I am Chinese or Taiwanese or Australian. There could be an anomaly in terms of going by geographic diversity or index or calculation, therefore, the importance of cultural diversity. But as we know, cultural diversity is very difficult to define let alone measure.

So that is the bad news. That particular recommendation we thought was important and critical to our region the working group has decided not to implement that particular recommendation. Their reason was it is too broad. I guess it is really very broad and very difficult.

But the good news is, as many of you know, we have Accountability Work Stream 2 and diversity is actually one of the ten subgroups or topics that's being worked on. So I encourage everybody who is interested or you care about ICANN diversity, this is not GNSO participation or representation diversity only. This is cross-ICANN diversity principle, how to promote diversity across ICANN. This will be one of the Work Stream 2 topics.

I have signed up to that group. We only have had two meetings so far before the Hyderabad meeting. So if you are interested, please follow what has just been described about how to sign up

to a working group or come and talk to me and I will see if I could help you out.

That's all the update from me. Watch this space. I'm looking forward to providing some further update as the work goes and finishes. Looking at this room, I just feel like I really have a mixed feeling. Maybe our job is redundant in terms of promoting diversity because this room is so diverse in terms of Asia Pacific participants. I wish we could see that in other working groups or other fora within ICANN. Really, this is giving me a lot of hope that we're going to get there, even though it's going to take some time. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you. I have one question from Mary. Please.

MARY WONG:

It's not so much a question, but to provide more context perhaps to the folks who haven't been following the discussions in APAC on the topic Pam has just spoken of, the reason why Recommendation 32 was not adopted was obviously not because diversity is not an important thing. It is because the original report came out of the GNSO review and so it was felt that the topic of diversity is much broader, as Pam said, than just the GNSO.

As one step in terms of addressing diversity in the whole community, there's another project which the groups are now hopefully implementing that for future cross-community working groups there's now a set of uniform principles that the GNSO has endorsed and that the ccNSO I believe is considering. This is a result of work from the ccNSO and the GNSO together.

One of the recommended principles for the formation of future such groups is that in appointing members to these groups, each of the supporting organizations, advisory committees, stakeholder groups, etc., work together to consider diversity and to make that the prime point of membership in those groups.

So some background and some future.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you. I think it's safe to say that people are supportive of having more diversity. I'm trying to fill up the time here not seeing further hands. Izumi?

IZUMI OKUTANI:

Thank you. I think this topic of diversity is not just region or culture but also on being able to hear voices from our new participants of ICANN. I think the people who are actually attending ICANN for the first time feel a bit shy. This is the group within the accountability group that anyone is able to subscribe,

and your input is really valuable. Because regular participants are actually so used to the process, so they don't realize what are the kind of things that you feel as a barrier.

I think Edmon has mentioned that you actually can make comment on the chatroom if you don't feel comfortable to speak out. I was also new to ICANN starting from 2014, so I know how it feels challenging to raise your hand and speak in front of everybody.

A lot of the considerations at the moment within this diversity group is looking at who are the leaders and is there a diverse balance of leaders being chosen. But I think the ability, the way that we feel comfortable and able to raise voices and speak out at these meetings is equally as important as having diverse elected representatives in councils or leadership position.

If there's anything that you observe which can be improved in making you feel more comfortable to let you hear the voices, then please make your suggestion in the group.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Izumi. I'll go to Paul, but any last hand? Okay, two, and then I'll have Jia-Rong wrap up.

PAUL WILSON:

Thank you, Edmon. I just wanted to echo what a fantastic turnout it is here and so wonderful to see such a diversity of people. I think the diversity here in this room is also related to the diversity of events outside this room, the diversity of participation in those events. So I just wanted to take the opportunity right now to mention the Asia Pacific Regional IGF. I think everyone knows that the IGF is an important event which supports wider discussions about Internet governance, of which everything we've spoken about here is a part of a much broader sphere.

Unfortunately, the latest news is that the regional IGF meeting that was planned for next year in Australia is being rebid because the original bidders are unable to proceed. So keep an eye out, and particularly if you might be interested in being part of a bid. There will be a bid announced for 2017 and also for the 2018 event coming up just in the next week. So please keep an eye out for that.

Wherever the events happen to be in the coming years, please think about participating. Please think about bringing your ideas and your thoughts, putting proposals in for workshops and tutorials and things like that when the time comes. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:

Do you want Hyderabad once again for bid for [inaudible]?

PAUL WILSON: [Of course.]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Okay. What we'll do is we'll think of where especially [inaudible]. We have a very beautiful port city [inaudible], and we'll see if we can bid for 2017 or 2018. That's one thing.

Regarding diversity, if you come into Indian marketing just like [inaudible] we have 23 regions for the diversity India. Like the other day in the opening ceremony, the minister is telling we have 50 countries, 50 politicians, 50 political parties are working. The same thing is in India. [inaudible] the global Internet revolution [inaudible] will make the actually 24 regions to be part of the Internet [industry].

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. Thank you, [inaudible]. Sorry for not managing the queue well, but thank you for that intervention. Please, and then I have [inaudible] and then [inaudible] and then back to Jia-Rong. And then we'll close the session.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: I'm sorry. I don't know whether it's relevant. It's not about diversity. It's more than diversity. What I want to point out is the effective participation and contribution from Asia Pacific region.

By saying diversity, in my point of view, it's like bringing people in the community in the [inaudible] ICANN community. But what's most important is how many contributions you have made. From this ICANN meeting, I [have some thoughts on that].

The first is about – I don't know. It's not that relevant, just stop me. Classify the Fellowship program or those capacity building program to different levels. For instance, Fellowship program or the New gTLD Program just for the beginners. We also need other programs to build expertise in also some of those knowledge for the leadership for the sustainability.

Also, we could also use the ICANN engagement center as more efficiently, like give the general knowledge to that region and also give expertise building, even language training, to them and also introduce ICANN's working group mechanism and things like that.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. We are running out of time, but please keep your intervention short.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Okay. I think ICANN should also give exclusive page [to] all those capacity building programs. Right now the Fellowship program or the New gTLD Program and NextGen problem, they are kind of scattered about. It would be better if each can have an exclusive page so that it would be easier for those people to find out. Thank you.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you. Asha and then Akinori.

ASHA HEMRAJANI: Thank you, Edmon. I'll be very brief. I want to echo what Pam said and a little bit of what [inaudible] said. By the way, my name is Asha Hemrajani and I'm on the ICANN Board. I want to echo what Pam said about the Work Stream 2. There are 10 groups and subgroups. One of them is the diversity one, and I'm very glad you've joined.

I would encourage all of you to join the other subgroups. In fact, one of the subgroups (the jurisdiction one) the co-rapporteur is an Indian citizen. I'm very proud to say that. I'm very proud that there's an Asian who is co-rapporteur for one of the more important – well, actually, they're all important – but a very critical subgroup called the jurisdiction one. I would encourage everyone here to participate either as a member or an observer.

Going back to what [inaudible] said, which is not only participate but actually contribute, because that's when your voices are heard: not when you're there but when you actually say something that is used in final recommendations.

Another quick point I wanted to make is what doesn't get measured does not get done. In terms of diversity, you're absolutely spot on. We're also scratching our heads about how we measure the diversity of voices, not just gender diversity – actually the correct term is gender balance – gender balance or geographic diversity but when you talk about the diversity of voices whether you're new or an old timer, how do you measure that?

That's something that needs to be thought about. The team that is working on this, they need to really seriously think about how do we measure that because it's all well and good to say ICANN should do this, ICANN should do that. But it's the community that needs to work on this and come up with ideas on how we should measure.

The last point I wanted to make is I've been to three APAC Spaces. Every single time, standing room only. So given that we're important, given that we are more than half the world population-wise, we need a bigger room for the next one, right?

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Asha. Akinori?

AKINORI MAEMURA: Yes. I'd like to show my face and have you recognize me. That's why I'm standing and speaking. I assumed the ICANN Board position today, succeeding Kuo-Wei Wu's position. I am the appointee by the Address Supporting Organization, and then my term is three years from today. I am Japanese. I am based in Tokyo. English is a second language. My mother tongue is Japanese. My Japanese is very good, but my English is not so good but still doing my job as an ICANN Board member.

ICANN Board is not superstar or something like that. None of that. ICANN's business is done by the supporting organizations, advisory committees, and a lot of other bodies. You have a lot of places where you can participate and contribute. Please, participate and enjoy your ICANN. If you have anything you can share with me, please come up to me and grab me and have me hear your voice.

From the ICANN Board, Asha Hemrajani and myself, in the Asia Pacific region and this is our region. And Rinalia Abdul Rahim and Chris Disspain, they are from Asia Pacific region. So please, recognize our face and talk to me. Thank you very much.

EDMON CHUNG: Thank you, Akinori-san. I will actually directly pass the mic back to Jia-Rong.

JIA-RONG LOW: Thank you. I'm going to ask everyone to stay with me for a bit. I'll do a couple of wrap-up comments then, everyone, I need your attention a little bit.

The first is what happens after each APAC Space. The idea is that it's a practice ground, as I mentioned. If you found it very hard to follow the discussions, don't worry because we will post up some notes of the meeting so that you can follow it in writing as well. We will share various links regarding the work track so it's easy for you to follow. That's one.

The second is most important is to know the people in this room. Get to know the people who sat next to you and who introduced themselves because they are your resource persons. For participating in ICANN, it's important that you stay through with us because if you just join one session, it's very hard to understand what's going on. But over time, you will be able to pick up on the topics and then be able to contribute, and that's what we really need.

The third one I want to highlight is there is a vision, and I think some of the people here in this room share that vision with me,

it's that we can have more leaders from the Asia Pacific region be represented in ICANN. Personally, I'm very proud that Akinori is in the room with us and he's a Board member with us and also Asha who is a very distinguished Board member here with us as well. Get to know them and ask them for tips on how we can participate.

I'm hoping that from our region – when I first joined, some people called us [price takers] of Internet governance. But today, I don't think that's the case. We have risen to the challenge. We are much more participatory. But I think there is a lot more that can be done. It takes us all to work together to get there. I'm hoping that we get to know each other and get to know who our community leaders are, and then let's work with each other going forward.

The last thing I really want to say, and I hope everyone stays with me a little bit, is that we want to take this opportunity to thank Kuo-Wei, our Board member. He has just sat down, but I want to say a big thank you on behalf of the ICANN APAC Hub and also I think on behalf of our community. Thank you so much for your service all these years. Personally, I am indebted to Kuo-Wei because I have learned so much about ICANN personally from Kuo-Wei. He really is my teacher.

We have a little gesture of appreciation for him, so I'm going to stand up with the mic and talk a little bit more. Maybe we can use that round table over there. The rest of us, we can sit down.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

JIA-RONG LOW: Okay. In the interim, I have another breaking news that we have just broken the record for the number of participants at an ICANN meeting. This is officially the biggest ICANN meeting ever: 3,141 actual attendees onsite. Okay, I shall prevent myself from saying a joke.

Now let's all take the opportunity to thank Kuo-Wei and have him cut the cake. We can take a few photos with him. Also, Akinori, maybe you want to take a photo next to Kuo-Wei for continuing to fly the APAC flag on the ICANN Board taking over from Kuo-Wei.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Passing the baton.

JIA-RONG LOW: And passing the baton, so to speak. Asha, also please join us together. Kuo-Wei, you want to say some words, please. Most important.

KUO-WEI WU: Of course.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Just a note, but there is another session starting at 5:00, so we will need to leave pretty soon.

KUO-WEI WU: Very quick. Are you ready for me to cut the cake? Ready? Okay. Give me ten seconds to talk about what happened in my six-year term. The first one I did is pass the [triple X]. The second one is a reprise [inaudible] new CEO. The third, to pass the New gTLD Program. Number four is change another CEO from Fadi to Göran. The next one, finally, we made IANA transition happen.

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