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Julie Hedlund: Good morning, everyone. This is Julie Hedlund from the ICANN Policy Development staff and welcome to the GNSO Policy Briefing this morning on Thursday, 28th of June and the fourth day of the Policy Forum. And thank you very much for joining in the room and remotely and for those who will listen to the recording and read the transcript later. We hope that this will be helpful session to prepare you for today's meetings here at ICANN 62.

So our objective for this session, we are going to introduce you to the GNSO and to the GNSO team. We're going to hopefully guide you through today's activities and answer any questions you may have.

So first of all let me introduce you to the GNSO team, these are the ICANN Policy Development staff who support the GNSO. You can see there's a good size group there and many if not all of them are here this week. And so we do invite you to come and feel free to approach if you have any questions, let us know if you need help with anything, we are here to help you. And I will note that we have a couple of our GNSO team folks in the room. We have Steve Chan over to my right and Ariel Liang also to my right. So again, if you see us around, feel free to approach us and let us know if you have any questions.

So a little bit about the GNSO, so the GNSO Council is the policy development manager, the manager of the policy development process in the GNSO. The Council is comprised of two houses; there is the Contracted

Party House and the Non Contracted Party House. The Contracted Party House is comprised of the stakeholder groups that represent the contracted parties. So we have the Registrar Stakeholder Group, and the Registry Stakeholder Group and we also have the NomCom appointee associated with that house and that's the position labeled NCA here on this chart.

And then the other house is the Non Contracted Party House as I mentioned, and that is comprised of the Commercial Stakeholder Group, and the Non Commercial Stakeholder Group and under the Commercial Stakeholder Group we have the Commercial constituencies, those are the Business, Intellectual Property and ISP constituencies. And from the noncommercial side of the house we have the Non Commercial Users Constituency, and the Not for Profit Operating Concerns constituency.

And as you see there, there is a NomCom appointee associated with that house as well. And there is a nonvoting NomCom appointee on the Council, that's the position in orange that you see in the middle of the chart.

And you'll also note to the side there is – there are two positions labeled ALAC and ccNSO, those are the liaisons from those two groups to the GNSO Council. And just the note on the bottom there, is an interesting point, the voting happens at the house level and that's to ensure that there is parity between the Contracted and the Non Contracted Party Houses despite a different number of Council representatives in the houses.

And I do – would just like to introduce another of our GNSO team colleagues who's joined us, welcome to Mary Wong to my right.

So let me run through today's agenda. We have obviously this briefing, and thanks again for joining, and following this – immediately following this we'll hope to wrap this up perhaps a little bit early, we have the Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms, that's RPMs, in all gTLDs PDP Working Group and that is the second session of three. The first session took place

yesterday. And that is immediately followed from 10:15 to noon by the third session of the RPMs PDP Working Group. Both of these are in Salon 7.

Following those two sessions we have the GNSO Council wrap up, that's from 12:15 to 1315 also in Salon 7. And then in the afternoon we have at 1330 to 1500 the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group and that is a face to face session in Salon 7. And that is followed by the Cross Community Session on Geographic Names at the Top Level. And that is 2 of 2 of those sessions. And the previous session just to note is Session 3 of the Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group.

So let me talk a little bit about the two RPM sessions coming up this morning. And just to give you first a little bit of an overview, the Review of all Rights Protection Mechanisms – the RPMs – policy development process working group was chartered back in March of 2016. And it is conducting a two-phased PDP. In Phase 1, which is this phase, the working group is reviewing all of the rights protection mechanisms that were developed in the 2012 new gTLD program.

At present, the working group is conducting extensive data collection. It is collecting – is it preparing a survey to collect data relating to sunrise and claims RPMs, and it is also identifying additional data relating to Uniform Rapid Suspension.

And with respect to those activities, of the two sessions today the first session will be a working session to discuss some procedural issues relating to the URS and Phase 1. The second session is also a working session and that is to review responses to questions that have been prevented – presented, pardon me – to URS providers.

And you'll note here for further reference we have a link to the charter and also to the wiki. And I want to emphasize that although these are working sessions, they are open to participation, we do encourage members of the

community to join us and to share your thoughts, comments and questions during those sessions. So please do join.

Moving on to the Council wrap up meeting, so as you may know the GNSO Council has been very busy this week. It has had working sessions, it's had also a number of sessions of the expedited PDP on the temporary specification, and it also held a Council meeting yesterday. This session is where the Council recaps its work for the week, it wraps up, identifies action items and next steps, and with respect to that, today's session the GNSO will review the GAC communiqué and call for volunteers, will comment on short term and long term options to adjust reviews and discuss input from the meetings that it has held this week.

There also may be some additional work by the drafting team – the charter drafting team of the EPDP. And to prepare we suggest that you could look at the GNSO site and also the GNSO wiki at the links there on this page.

So now I'll talk a little bit about the afternoon sessions, the further afternoon sessions. The first of which is the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP Working Group. First a little bit of background, so this group is looking into the previous 2012 new gTLD round and seeking ways to improve, refine or develop new policy recommendations relating to new gTLDs acknowledging that there's existing new gTLD policy from the GNSO's 2007 final report in the introduction of new gTLDs.

And so for today's session the group is going to recap previous sessions this week and also discuss the redlining of the initial report. So the – this working group is in the process of preparing an initial report that report is being reviewed by the full working group at this point and changes are being suggested to the draft. So today there will be a review of some changes, and an discussion of input and the intent is to finalize the initial report and send it out for public comment next week.

And again you'll see the charter there for your reference as well as the wiki. And again, we do encourage you to join this session and to provide your thoughts and input.

And finally, we have a cross community session this afternoon on geographic names at the top level. Let me provide a little bit of background. There are divergent views within the community on the topic of geographic names at the top level. And in addition there are parallel efforts underway that are separately looking into how geographic names should be handled in the future with a different focus and scope of work.

So within the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures PDP, there are various work tracks that are addressing various policy issues and recommendations. One of those work tracks is Work Track 5, Work Track 5 has been tasked with looking at geographic names at the top level and considering whether or not there are changes to – there should be changes to existing policy.

So this Work Track 5 is conducting this cross community session this afternoon and the purpose is to facilitate dialogue on the topic of geographic names at the top level. It's going to be run by the coleaders of Work Track 5 and the session will be run as a working session. And at this point we're looking at introducing some high level principles for discussion and consideration, to help to see if we can find some common ground or consensus on some of the more divergent views with respect to geographic names at the top level.

We do encourage the community to join this session and to express your views, ask any questions and provide input. And again, you'll see there's a link to the Work Track 5 wiki and also a background paper to assist you.

So to emphasize, all sessions are open, if there isn't a closed symbol, a C in brackets, after the session title this session is open and you are encouraged to participate. All input is welcome, all comments and all questions, we do

encourage you to review the GNSO policy briefings and there's all ink there for your reference. We do encourage you to ask questions. And we want to emphasize that we hope you will not panic if you're not sure what we're talking about and that is why we encourage you to ask questions so that we can help answer your questions and you know, help you to understand better the various issues that we are addressing this week.

And I know we have a fairly small group in the room but I will ask if there are any questions or remotely. I'm not seeing any questions. Anybody have anything they want to add? We have 15 minutes. Well I'm going to then close this session and will hope that you can join us today and for those of you listening we hope this has been an informative session for you. Thank you very much.

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