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GISELLA GRUBER: Apologies. Just a reminder that we have French, Spanish, and English interpretation, to please state your names when you speak at all times for transcription and interpretation purposes, to speak at a reasonable speed to allow for accurate interpretation even if we are running late. And if you wish to ask a question, please raise your tent card and you'll be put in the queue. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Gisella. Now, let's get going with this. I'm sorry I didn't realize it was starting like 9:45, I think that's why Leon was [driving] us out of the room from the board meeting. But I'd like to move it on to Yrjö to go through those various sections that we've got there, who's doing what and how. Thank you.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you, Maureen. Good morning. This is Yrjö Länsipuro speaking. We have five agenda items for our meeting with GAC. The first one is joint ALAC-GAC statement on EPDP, and that's something that Alan has been working on together with some

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colleagues from the GAC side. I hope that in spite of the fact that the EPDP will be meeting at the same time that, Alan, you would be there to present it.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will be there.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Thank you very much. The next item will be – the question whether the SubPro, the work on the Subsequent Procedures of the new gTLD, whether that is in line with the results of the CCT review. This of course was touched also up on the meeting with the board. Jonathan will present this. And just to mention that GAC actually had yesterday also discussed this item, so I think there is interest in the GAC for this. So, Jonathan will be lead on this one.

Third point, the GAC-ALAC cooperation on capacity building. The Chair of the GAC Subcommittee on Underserved Regions, Pua Hunter, will lead here. I just wonder, Maureen, you want to reply to her or perhaps John will be – yeah. Good. There is interest from the GAC side for some intersessional work on this question and if that happens it's another great step forward in our relationship.

Fourth, reactions to President Macron’s IGF speech. Sébastien will lead and there will be an answer from Ghislain de Salins who is the GAC rep of France.

The fifth point is very short because we can pretty much say that the mission is accomplished. That is to say there has been a letter from the chair of the board to Maureen explaining that after some back and forth and clarifications, board now has accepted our statement and will act upon it. Of course, this was a statement urging on a more understandable language in ICANN documents, executive summaries and so on and so forth, and hopefully that will now be [worked] on.

So, this is the agenda. We have one hour and I hope that it’s enough. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, Alan.

JOHN LAPRISE: No. Sébastien first.

MAUREEN HILYARD: No. Because Alan’s got to go. Alan’s got to go. If you don’t mind, Sébastien.

ALAN GREENBERG: I just wanted to correct something that Yrjö's said. The evolution of the joint statement, it was originally drafted by the GAC. Hadia added much of the specific substance to it because it was an outline. I made some modifications. It's now back at the GAC and we've just gotten a revised version from them. So, it's going back and forth. I believe it's pretty close to final now but they're still working on it and there may be changes. As soon as we have as a semi-final draft, I'll be sending it out to everyone. I just want to let everyone know what the sequence was. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Merci beaucoup. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairwoman. I have several points. There's going to be a meeting that is going to be in conflict and I have to go to that meeting which is happening now.

And secondly, in my agenda that was 45 minutes, you talked about one hour. I don't know if we have one hour or 45 minutes this morning.

Thirdly, I am sure this is something we have to talk about, President Macron's speech but I'm not sure that in the room we have the right persons from the French government to talk

about that. So, I would say that it should be last. The last topic not number four but number five, reactions to President Macron’s IGF speech. And I’m not even sure we should cover it because if we only have 45 minutes, we’re going to take 45 minutes with the four first topics. That’s what I wanted to say. Thank you.

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: We have one hour. We can use the full hour even if it’s in – it’s 45 minutes in some documents. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Just adding to that, Sébastien. But as you say, if you think it might promote other discussion, we could perhaps just swap those after. Is there any more that anyone wants to add? Any more on that? Done? Okay. It was going to be half an hour anyway. Is there anything else that anyone wants to raise since we’ve got 15 minutes?

JOHN LAPRISE: Ten minutes left.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, ten minutes left. Marita.

MARITA MOLL: Perhaps we could do a little debrief on the session that we just went through and whether or not it evolved in how your expectations are whether or not things could've been done better or worse. I mean that's a good thing often to do at the end of something like that. Take a couple of minutes to do that if we've got a couple of minutes to spare.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. I would also like to request that the chair look into the ALAC schedule to discuss issues surrounding ATLAS III, especially in relation to the events that happened during one of the sessions yesterday. In this meeting. Yes. No. no. no. I mean during the course of this face to face. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Probably in the debrief. We're trying to find space. We've actually got ten minutes now but we don't often have any time in it. So, the debrief which isn't specified as such will be a time where you can bring that up. Okay?

JOHN LAPRISE: Seun, there was a meeting this morning of [DLT] and ATLAS III was a hot topic of conversation. So, rest assured that it's something that [DLT] is very concerned about and we've discussed and we do definitely want to make time for everyone to air their views and have a good discussion on that. So, that is a priority for us. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Marita, do you want to raise anything to do with this morning session?

MARITA MOLL: No. I wasn't wanting to raise any. This is what one normally does after something like this is hold a debrief and say, "Did it go the way we wanted it to go? Are we happy with how it went? What would we do differently next time?" I wasn't involved totally but it's a good thing to do that at the end of a session like this and sort of – yeah.

I can't hear you at all.

JOANNA KULESZA: Sorry. Apologies. This Joanna Kulesza for the record. If we want to do the debrief, I'm fine. If we want to go back to the GAC

session, I might have a question. So, that depends if we want to do –

MAUREEN HILYARD: I think what we're doing is having a bit of a "free for all" here. It's 10 minutes of speaking time. Sorry, five minutes.

JOANNA KULESZA: In that sense, in terms of capacity building with the GAC, my plan is to present what we discussed yesterday. So, it's a draft strategy. I'm just going to go through the points. I was thinking about reaching out in terms of providing input from the GAC, whether they have an information we could use. And I'm wondering in terms of ATLAS III, whether there's input coming from GAC for us, for ATLAS III. We're working on a program. Is there a time slot you guys were thinking of? Is the GAC coming? We're talking about underserved regions. Is that a theme that we want to emphasize in terms of capacity building ATLAS III and the possible, as you mentioned, intersessional work? Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Joanna. Paul came to our first capacity building meeting and the intent was to get more GAC involvement and so that it's relevant to both. I think what will happen is that Paul

may do a brief introduction from their perspective and then you can talk about what we're doing because they will link to us.

Daniel? Where is he? Oh, Daniel, sorry.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much. I see there are very strong issues that [inaudible] for discussion. What timeline are we looking at? And what prioritization criteria are you putting into consideration for the discussions? Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: For what particular discussions are you talking about, Daniel?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Yes, because right now I think we are raising issues that should be considered for discussion if I'm correct. You mentioned to find time for ATLAS III.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: It is something like that.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. There will be a time frame. We will make sure that there's a proper agenda for the debrief so that issues can be raised. So if you have an agenda item, please make sure I know what it is.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you for your inputs. But, Marita, I think it will be very useful I will say for the new ones in this room or the newest ones in this room to give us your impression because I can tell you that it's business as usual. It's the same people talking to us, the same people lecturing us, and that's it. But that's my old time and I was in the other side for a few months. So what I can say is that it's a big, big difference. You already heard me saying that but I want to emphasize once again, the world changed. The way they are treated, the selected member by our committee changed a lot. I was the first one to – no painting on the wall. I guess Renalia gets some painting and now we are a full room with furniture if I can take the same age, and that's good. But still except that you have the same people talking to us and increase saying about a new gTLD. But what I would like to know is what you will do differently, what you will ask differently, can we do something different? Maybe we need to reinvent this meeting because it's becoming so traditional then it may be something different we need to do. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien. Also in line with that is the fact that – which is why we have to present our questions to the board is that they identify who is the most appropriate person – and maybe it’s because we are asking the same questions that we’re getting the same people answering. But then again, the questions are what’s on top for us? We need to look at if we do things differently. Marita?

MARITA MOLL: Well, okay. I thought that it was not objective enough, that it kind of descended into areas that really weren’t that relevant that talking too much about what’s going on in the working groups when we all know that that stuff is ongoing and the board doesn’t get involved in that. So I was kind of surprised that we spent so much time in that. But I know these things kind of evolved, they devolved into that kind of stuff. So a lot of times what’s taken up in places that I thought could have had some more objective types of discussions about things. That was one thing that alarmed me a little bit, turned a little bit of a one-on-one at some times which I’m sure two people who were watching were thinking, “Is this a one-on-one or is this ALAC as a group speaking?” It wasn’t that clear. So from the perspective of someone standing from the outside, I think that we might want to think about how that sort of thing is perceived.

Those are the kinds of things I'm talking about. The questions or the exact answers or who was answering them, but only in the kind of PR version of it, a lot of it is what this says that we could perhaps next year look or next time next year look at a way to focus or try not to get distracted in areas which are not productive. Falling into the SubPro thing was clearly not going to be productive because we all know where that is anyhow. So in the end, we ended up with not enough time to talk about the questions at the board had for us. I have a bit of response to that because we do have another opportunity tomorrow to bring up the strategic plan thing. We could if we sit down, put our heads together, it actually puts the meat around some of those questions what we think that the board or the community or blah, blah should be doing. We could put some specifics around that if we want to sit down so then we can bring them forward in the public comment tomorrow. That's my thing.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

I think really, it's one of those things that when I was asking for questions to go to the board, Jonathan came up with scenarios and that basically did lead into a whole lot of different areas. Because he was the only one who actually put in a question. I think if we wanted to go a different track, we need to be a little bit more proactive ourselves. You know what I'm saying? If we

want to make things happen the way we want it to happen, it's up to us to make that happen. So, get up.

Tijani, Alan, and Holly in the queue and that's it.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. I'd like Sébastien to speak French. I don't know. No problem. I will speak English.

I found this meeting more relaxed than the others. It is not a bad thing. Sometimes it's a little bit too relaxed but I think it is a good thing. It's better than being very formal. I think that our questions to the board were very pertinent. I think they were really focused and it was very good.

The problem of this very meeting is that the time wasn't well-managed so that our input, if you want, to the remarks of the board Maureen just read the paper and then it was finished. So this is perhaps the bad thing. But in general, I found the meeting good.

ALAN GREENBERG:

For what it's worth, these meetings are infinitely better than they were four or five years ago. That doesn't matter a lot right now. Having run or semi-run these meetings for four years, I can say it is impossible to stop the board from answering whatever

they want and going off in directions that had nothing to do with the question because they thought it is relevant, and the same with the CEO. We should have a little bit more control over our own people but you know how difficult that is. I found that an interesting discussion. I think it ran on far too long on the gTLDs without a lot of productive results of it and I regretted that we didn't get more chance to address the board's questions. I think part of the issue is when phrase questions, we shouldn't be writing essays. We should be far more concise. So it's discipline on our part and part is completely uncontrollable and live with it. I agree that coming up with completely new format might be interesting but we never thought of one that actually seems to work.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Brief last word.

MARITA MOLL: I actually really enjoyed the free for all that was going on. It's probably the first time that we have had a meeting with the board, it isn't a set piece with lots of preaching going on. So I just found it a refreshing change. That said, I will accept some of the Subsequent Procedure discussion. They go on a little bit too long and I do think it's a shame we didn't get the chance to answer the board's questions to us. But I just was really pleased

that for the first time we had a real dialogue with the board we actually were clear enough which we often don't do and we got responses out of him which were interesting. So, well done. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, there's a meeting coming in right now. So, thank you very much for that good feedback.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We have a coffee break.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, there's actually a break. Oh my gosh. You're allowed a break. Interpreters need a break definitely. Okay. Interpreters have a break, so so do we. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Ten minutes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, we will be meeting with Jamie Hedlund on Compliance at 11:30 sharp. I'm running the meeting so it will be 11:30 sharp.

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