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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Everybody, please take your seats. Ladies and gentlemen, please take your seats. Just first announcement, if you need translation in French and Spanish, please grab headsets over there. We do have translation for this session, and my appreciation in advance goes to our interpreters there.

Okay. Welcome to ICANN, and congratulations with your first for those whom this is the first ICANN meeting. Welcome, and congratulations with your first ICANN.

For those who have been here one time, several times, many times, welcome back. So nice to see all of you. I'm Siranush, and probably you already know me from my long e-mails, which I hope were very helpful, at least I hope so. But if they are not, please let me know, because I need to improve myself as well.

So you will help me to improve all those information coming out to you for the next round of fellows. So you will help the next generation as well by helping me. So please get back to me if anything in the process was not helpful, was not interesting, or was not to the point at all.

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So one more time, it's nice to see all of you finally made it here. So we are 40 who finally made it to ICANN 64, out of 45. Yes, we have some last-minute cancellations unfortunately. We had two people from Africa who didn't get their visas. We had three other people who were lost on the way.

But 40 are here, so that's not bad number. I hope we didn't miss anyone else during this process. So together with you, today, it's a great pleasure to see my global stakeholder engagement team colleagues who came here and say hello to you, and I will give the chance them to introduce themselves and everybody will know these people with whom you're supposed to work after your ICANN meeting. So these are the key people for you to get in touch and to learn more about.

But let's start with some introduction, what we are going to do during this entire week, what are the steps for us to take. I hope that you already plan with your mentors, your coaches, to meet during the week, because those who are newcomer can find ICANN meeting overwhelming. And I'm not talking about the facilitates, because it is overwhelming for everyone. And by the time we are getting used to the venue, we have to leave already.

So try to come a bit early to find a space, because we might be in different areas, venues here. So this one is here. we have convention center over there, and there might be sessions in

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different places where you need to go and find out. And there are signs everywhere of course, and there are people standing there, but you can ask everyone you see with your badge, you can ask where it is and try to find out.

Those who are newcomers, do we have some additional sticker, newcomer? No? Okay. So I will try to find if there are any, but anyway, that helps everybody to identify that this is your first ICANN meeting, which gives you the opportunity to ask whatever you want and whenever you want, and whom you want.

Hello, [Roxanne.] Good to see you. Nice to meet you. Finally, you made it. Okay, let's move forward. A couple of tips for you for the entire week. You got this presentation, of course, but you may ask what is there. I don't know what are these alumni, etc., but first let's start with your breakfast, the important thing.

You should take your breakfast in your hotel. This is included in your accommodation. Don't ask to bring your breakfast to your room, please. Try to get up a bit early and go to the breakfast and enjoy this breakfast time as well, because this is opportunity to network with each other during the breakfast. And I hope you have a good breakfast in your hotel, and I hope you enjoy Pearl Hotel as well. So I hope you are happy with your accommodation there.

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We are having a couple of sessions, fellowship daily sessions which will be only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and we have several presenters coming to those sessions. Please come on time. Right before the session, at the time when it is in the official schedule, we have lunch served for you. So there will be lunch only from Monday to Thursday, and I'll come to Monday specific lunch specifically, but the other three, they start right before our fellowship daily session in the room where the fellowship session will take place. So don't run around, try to find where is your lunch.

And there will be special sign that this lunch is for fellows, because not every single community here gets lunch. You are a unique group of people which I hope you will find out more during the week, that everybody loves fellows, everybody loves newcomers in ICANN, everybody appreciates the time of you being here, and please, use that time for networking, for learning and for meeting people, as many people as there is a chance for you to do.

So I know that starting from today when we will be having our first fellowship networking gathering with some beer and wine there, you will start getting along with the alumni of the program who will try to get you out at night and make you feel good by learning more about ICANN, but which makes you very tired during the

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night because they will be sleepless nights, but this is not an excuse for you not to be here in the morning.

So enjoy your evenings, enjoy your hanging around, but be on time here. And if our fellowship session starts at 12:00, that doesn't mean that you need to sleep until 12:00. No, you should wake up early, get your breakfast, and come here, because we have a lot of sessions starting at 8:30, and there are very important sessions at that time.

So please, have fun, but at the same time, you need to take the full opportunity of this week. Okay? Because this is a unique chance given to you to come here in person and meet those people in person. So take this opportunity and use it for your future personal, professional career. So this is the uniqueness of ICANN meetings, and every ICANN meeting is different. So you are now the unique group of this ICANN 64, so enjoy it.

Yeah, usually during our fellowship sessions, I ask laptops down because I love looking at your faces and see your smiles. And whenever the presenters are talking to you, they love to see your faces, not like someone is clicking somewhere or Skyping with someone. No. This one and a half hour is good for you, just close your laptops. I'm sure you will enjoy that one and a half hour without laptops, because the entire day, you are with them. Okay?

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And please take notes. I will get back to the last slide here, which you will need to calculate from now on during the entire week. So please take notes, and in your bags, I think, you have this notebook. So please take notes there for you to use at the end.

Mainly, all our sessions will have interpretation, so please, if you feel uncomfortable listening and talking in English, this is an open community, and you can talk in Spanish, French, and we have interpretation here in our sessions, and headsets, almost in [any] sessions you go. So if you need them, take them and use them, okay? And you can ask your questions in your local language as well, so don't feel frustrated if your English is not good. Bless you.

Yes, as I said, lunch will be only from Monday until Thursday, so today and tomorrow, you don't have lunch provided. So please, take your time to walk around, find some place, close place because you need to be back within one hour. So there are some places here to have lunch of some snacks. So these two days, your stipend intends to be covering the lunches. Okay?

So I gave you these links for ICANN multi-stakeholder model, and I'm sure that you had chance to go through these slides during your ICANN Learn course. All these links are active, so when you use this as PowerPoint, the links are active. So this is just for you to keep for yourself and go through them if you need to learn more about specific communities. So that's just for you to keep

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for future as well. The links, Learn More, are all active for you. So they give you a chance to go directly to the websites of those respective communities. Okay? So if you are interested to learn more, please use them.

And tomorrow, during newcomers day actually, you will have chance to see the representatives from each and every community of ICANN multi-stakeholder model. And you saw this like graph. Tomorrow, you will have the chance to see people and listen to what they are doing, actually, and get an idea during the whole newcomers day what is ICANN multi-stakeholder model that we are talking a lot about, and you will identify which community is doing what.

So that will help you during the next four days, find out in the agenda the sector you're interested in, the people you want to see, and go to those sessions by pulling out from the agenda the sessions you're interested in. So tomorrow, for those who are first timers, please come to newcomers day. It will be full of information, but you need to be there. Actually, for all newcomers, tomorrow newcomers day is a mandatory session, so please be there.

The alumni, those who are probably for the second time and would like to refresh their memories, they are more than welcome to come. Our coaches are welcome to be there as well,

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but alumni have some flexibility to move around because they are already part of the community, so you can go to the other sessions as well.

So today, we have this meet and greet, and we have a couple of sessions going on. and I'm sure you worked with your coaches and found out what is interesting for you. But there are some sessions for newcomers like How It Works: DNS Abuse. I propose all the newcomers to go there and just to learn about what is DNS, so how it starts, everything is coming from there. So please take time, go there.

And during the entire day, just find your place. Wherever I put “find your place” in your PowerPoints, that means that I just give you flexibility to go wherever you want to go. My first recommendation will be don't stick with one community only. During the week, if this is your first ICANN meeting, explore. Explore whatever you want, how much you can. Don't overwhelm yourselves, but try to go everywhere a bit to find out what is the main, key point there.

And particularly, I would suggest you go to the introductions for beginners, the DNS abuse. There is also session on some policy development, which is the key for ICANN. So please go and learn more about that. And tonight, at 6:30, this is our traditional fellowship gathering. So we start with the first day, just get along



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with each other, know each other, have some drinks, sharing with all of you, and also invite ICANN community members to come there. Please use this opportunity to introduce yourselves. Don't be shy, go and introduce yourself. And even if you don't want to ask any question, just get along. Just learn more, as much as possible. Okay?

So 6:30 today, where we are, in Kairaku room one, and I hope you will find it and I will find it together with you as well. So come there, and we will enjoy the evening together.

Tomorrow, at 10:00, we start newcomers day. Please be there by 10:00, and plan to be there until 3:00 PM. That will be a long day, of course. But this is for you to understand what is ICANN, to give you the background, the roots, how [everything starts.] So come there.

There are a lot of sessions tomorrow going on. I'm not sure if there is any networking event, but usually, every evening, we have some networking event, and if alumni find something nice where you can go and enjoy the evening, please share with the newcomers.

And here in ICANN, just one tip for fellows, wherever you see a lovely place to go, an event, go there. Don't go to sleep. Okay? This is the chance. These networking events are the places where we can learn, do the job, have fun, and meet people. Because

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these are the places where these people are coming, and where you can meet and talk to them. Otherwise, you can only see them sitting in the sessions, taking the mic and talking seriously with [inaudible] faces. But during the networking events, you can see them smiling, having time to talk to you. So go there and take time to enjoy.

On Monday, we have welcome ceremony at 9:00, and I am sure you will come there, because this is a unique – every single ICANN opening ceremony is unique, and every single ICANN is unique, actually, but the ceremony gives you also the local style. So I hope you will come there and see.

And then on Monday, we have actually the outreach event. At-Large-NCUC. For those who don't know those acronyms, you will start learning them soon, but At-Large is the community who is dealing with Internet users, and NCUC is Noncommercial Users Constituency. So there are a lot of acronyms here. Please don't feel frustrated. And by the end of this meeting, you also will start talking with acronyms, I'm sure. But usually in the fellowship sessions, we are trying to avoid any acronyms, because we want to learn, and we ask all our presenters to avoid those acronyms. And that's why this PowerPoint, I gave you beforehand, so you know all these acronyms beforehand.

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So we have this outreach session, joint Noncommercial Users Constituency and At-Large. Tomorrow, they start at 10:30 until 12:00, but then they have a lunch session, networking session as well. But fellows and next genners have the lunch in another room. So this is in the agenda. Please go to that lunch, take your lunch, grab your lunch, and then get back again to the At-Large NCUC outreach event.

So a bit complicated, but I hope you will manage. But if you don't go for your lunch, you will just miss it. Someone else will take it. Yes, there are a couple of sessions during the day, and Tech Day is one of the important things for you also to go. So please, those who even don't know, do not have technical background, I will suggest you to go and just listen and find out more.

On Monday, we will have gala. It will be offsite, and I was told that gala tickets can be taken from the booth, local host booth. I'm sure you will find out where it is, I didn't have chance yet to find it out. And with that also, I would like to let you know that there will be an ICANN engagement booth, the new meaning of information booth which we used to have in ICANN. But this time, it will be running during the specific times.

So starting from today, the information booth, I was told that it will be like there is a room next to Portopia Hall. When you go out, so right in front of the safety and security booth next to the

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registration, you just go up, pass this Portopia Hall doors, and up on the second floor, there will be ICANN engagement booth.

Our alumni and some of your coaches will be there in the booth. Today from 11:00 until 2:00, tomorrow from 11:00 until 2:00, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 to 12:00. So only for two hours, but I encourage you to go there and ask questions. This is the place where you can get information during the entire week.

So I'm not going to cover the whole agenda which I sent to you, because I need my GSE colleagues who are here – and I know they are busy and they need to leave for other sessions – get the opportunity to introduce themselves. But some key – any questions related to the agenda I sent to you during the week? I'm just going through the days we have.

On Wednesday, we have very important session on policy development, so don't miss it. And I will encourage all alumni as well to be there. This is the policy development, explanation what we are doing and what is on the table now. Please come there.

On Thursday, we will wrap up with the meeting with ICANN CEO, and some next steps for us before going to public forum. There will be two public forums, which is mandatory for everyone to be there. This is something important for you just to view. You don't need to take the mic just for the sake of taking the mic, please do

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not. And I will encourage you to be on the first public forum just to listen. Don't go and take mic and just ask something. No, just listen, just to see how it works, how people are asking questions, how the board members are responding to that. Take the notes for yourselves.

And for the last public forum which will be on Thursday, if you have something important to say and want to go desperately to the mic, go and say whatever you want. But be to the point, be strict. Whenever you take the mic, make sure you say your name. And how many times you say your name, people will remember you and people will start to remember your face, but your name will be there as well. Okay?

So please, whenever you take the mic, and whenever you ask a question to the presenter, make sure you say, "My name is Siranush Vardanyan and I'm talking on my own capacity. I am ICANN 64 fellow. I'm a newcomer, or I'm second time fellow or I'm a coach for ICANN 64." So try every time by asking question, state your name. And people will start remembering you. Okay?

So if there are no any questions, I will talk about this later, but with that – yes, there is a question. Please, there is a mic.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:       Testing.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Some of the items on the agenda have checkmarks and the others have bullet points. What's the difference?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: The checkmarks are fellowship daily sessions only. That's just for you to know that this is fellowship daily session, and our presenters. The rest are the general agenda. so nothing special. Just my trick to prepare PowerPoint. Any other questions before I go to my colleagues? We'll get back to this, but – hi, guys. So good to see you.

I would like to give the floor first to the host of ICANN 64, our Global Stakeholder Engagement team vice president for Asia Pacific, Jia-Rong, please.

JIA-RONG LOW: Thank you very much, Siranush. Good morning, everyone. Thank you. So my name is Jia-Rong, I'm the Vice President for engagement in Asia, and also the managing director for the APAC regional office in Singapore.

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Welcome to the region, welcome to Japan, and being the regional representative, I'm very happy to see all of you. I would like to invite my team to come forward as well, I want to introduce my team to you.

So as usual, if you are a fellow from the Asia Pacific region, it's actually a region larger than what my team covers, because it's quite large. So what we do is we split into further sub-regions based on coverage, and for my team, we look after you from India onwards to the east.

Now, if you're from, say, Pakistan or even from Armenia, you are from the APAC region, alright? Don't worry about your identity, you are from the APAC region, it's just because the region is very large, so we split up in terms of staff coverage to look after you.

And for you guys, the fellows, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. The whole reason why we're standing here in front of you is so that you know our faces, and we're all very friendly. We could look very stern when we are walking outside, but it's okay, you just come and smile and say, "Hey, I'm a fellow and I have a question."

And as Siranush mentioned, all of us, we very welcome fellows and newcomers, and the reason is this: we need you to shape the future of the Internet's unique identifier system. For that to happen, you have to understand how everything works, including

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how the various groups are structured, how do you participate effectively. Understand these basics first, then you get into the substance. Then it's easier for you.

So if you have any questions at all, feel free to ask, and reach out to anyone, like Siranush or even other community members from your region, and say, "Hi, I'm so and so and I'm a fellow, I'm new. I have a question." And they will all be very happy to help. Why? Because they all like you too.

It's very confusing, you have 300+ sessions going on, and various groups are talking about themselves, so it's quite confusing. So don't be shy, alright? Especially for the Asian colleagues, I know you will be very shy, but we are here in ICANN and I encourage you not to.

Now, I will hand the time over to my colleagues to introduce themselves and say one thing memorable [on] themselves. And all of them have actually gone through something similar like yourself as well. So I'll hand the time over to them, please.

JIAN-CHUAN ZHANG:

Jian-Chuan, I work for the GSE APAC office, but I'm personally based in Beijing. I'm head of China, so cover the whole China. One memorable thing, I like spicy food, very spicy.



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**JOYCE CHEN:** Hello, everyone.-I'm Joyce. I'm based in Singapore. I take care of Southeast Asia and some countries in East Asia as well. One memorable thing about myself, I have two cats, so I wear a lot of black, and if you see any cat hair, please tell me to pick it off.

**HANN KENN YEE:** Hello, everybody. My name is Kenn. I work for GSE APAC as well. One memorable thing about myself, this is my first ICANN meeting face-to-face, so I'm glad to be here. It's a lovely place, and I'm happy to meet all of you. Thank you.

**SAMIRAN GUPTA:** Hi. Good morning, everyone. I'm Samiran Gupta and I'm based in New Delhi, India. I can't even think of a memorable thing to tell you, because I've not got my coffee this morning, but I'll take a cue from Joyce. She's got how many cats? I've got three dogs.

**JIA-RONG LOW:** Thank you very much. We'll see you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you very much, and with Asia Pacific, we usually say Asia Pacific and Oceania. So I welcome Save to come here and tell about Oceania. Welcome, Save.

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SAVENACA VOCEA:

Thank you, Siranush. And hey, Bula Vinaka. That's hello in Fijian. I'm from Fiji, I serve the Oceania region in terms of engagement. For some of you who might be hearing Oceania because it's not in APAC, but Oceania is really for Australia, New Zealand, and the other pacific island countries. So we are in the big blue ocean, one third of the Earth. And that's, for me, I do engage in all of those regions, so sailing – not sailing, flying from country to country, sometimes it will take maybe a day to travel to a country or two days and get back. But it's great.

One of the things that I really like is that we're having more pacific islanders coming to ICANN, and I see others from the region as well that are here. And we like to make sure that they are also involved. These are the underserved regions sometimes, the underrepresented regions. And some of you are from there as well, so we do encourage you to participate, and you're here on equal footing as well, so do make the time to reach out to other people, and also use us as staff to talk about ICANN issues and all that.

So I welcome you again. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Save, and I would like to invite here my colleagues from Latin America and Caribbean region, and Vice President for

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Latin America and Caribbean region, Rodrigo de la Parra is here.  
Thank you for coming, Rodrigo.

**RODRIGO DE LA PARRA:** Thank you very much, Siranush, and good morning, everybody. I see the Latin mafia is present here in the fellows, as always, and you will all get to know us, the Latin mafia. Here is my colleague, Daniel Fink, and he takes care of engagement for Brazil and also helping us with the development of the DNS sector in the region as well.

So first of all, congratulations for all of you for being here. You have been part of a very competitive process, lots of applications coming from many places in the world, so you should feel yourselves very lucky to be here, and we are also very lucky to have you here as well. I hope you enjoy this week. We'll have time to talk individually and try to find out what it is that you want to do in this community. And, well, enjoy, right? This is going to be a great week.

**DANIEL FINK:** Thank you, Rodrigo. Hello, everybody. Hi. Good morning. I am based in Brazil, but sometimes I show up in other countries in the region. So it's good to see you. Many of you here. We are really proud, most of you, I can name it quickly, you've got some

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projects. And we start working together very fast, like Mark with Universal Acceptance, [Vrikson] with CEILAC, and many other projects we have, Claire with VDECC and so on. So you give us a lot of energy, you help us a lot with engagement, and you are very important.

So welcome to this community, enjoy, and see you back in the LAC region. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much. And just a small information that Rodrigo de la Parra actually Work Stream a fellow at first ICANN fellowship meeting in ICANN 27 in Puerto Rico. And then he became staff. Actually, he was the first ICANN staff member from the fellows. I think so, yes.

So he was one of you, and now he's vice president for the region.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: I am still one of you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, once a fellow, always a fellow. This is the motto which you will hear during the entire week, which we used to say. And I also came through the fellowship program to ICANN, so I was a fellow at ICANN 30 in Delhi. And actually, we have eight staff members

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who were a fellow, who came to ICANN through the fellowship program, and now are working as a staff.

And I would like to go to my next colleague, who is here from Eastern Europe, Natalia Mochu who is also a newcomer and this is her first ICANN meeting. Welcome, Natalia.

NATALIA MOCHU.

Good morning all. Nice to meet you. I'll get up in front so that I can see you all and you can see me all. My name is Natalia, I'm a GSE manager for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. I see some of the colleagues from my region here.

I'm indeed very excited to be here, because this is my first ICANN meeting in the ICANN staff capacity. I joined ICANN staff for three months now. actually, on the 12th of March I'll have three months, a small anniversary as an ICANN staff. But I worked with ICANN for a number of years before then. I was following GAC with Russian GAC representative.

So I believe I know a little bit of ICANN, but there is so much more to learn. So I will learn together with you, and I'm very happy to see you all here. My team here this meeting is me and myself, so please approach me whenever you see me around in the room or in the corridors. I will be happy to help you or help find the person who can help you out around. I will be available here until the end

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of the session and would like to meet fellows from our region. But also to any of you who might need our help.

And I liked with our APAC colleagues, started with one memorable thing about myself. Well, the most memorable thing about myself is I don't have cats, but I have two boys, and they are my hugest and greatest motivation. So find your motivation in this meeting, in this community, in your friends and colleagues and families, and strive for it, go for it.

Enjoy, have fun, and I wish you the best for this week.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you very much, and thank you for coming. And I thank my Global Stakeholder Engagement team colleagues for coming here early in the morning, for being here and introducing themselves. And you can see them all around, but this is the opportunity for you to just identify the name and the face. And they are cordially also invited to our today's evening social gathering, so please be there and talk to them.

So before going to everyone here, because I want everyone here to introduce yourself and say one memorable thing about yourself, I want to give the floor just for one minute to one of the fellows who is now a chair of Noncommercial Stakeholder Users Constituency, Bruna, who also helped me with mentoring

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newcomers, many newcomers here. And now she's a chair of one of those constituencies where on Monday I asked you to go to the outreach session. Bruna, if you can say a couple of words, please.

BRUNA SANTOS:

Hi, everyone. Just saying hello, good morning, welcome to Japan. Everybody's pretty much jet lagged. It's hard to find anyone who isn't. So just going to say, enjoy this week. It's a huge, great opportunity.

I started out in the fellowship program, just like everybody else here, so have a nice week, everyone.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you. Okay, so on the last day, we of course will speak about what we are planning to do after ICANN 64, what kind of reporting you are planning to do, but for you to start with, during this entire week, I want you to count whatever is on this slide, because you will need to report this in your survey.

There will be questions, specifically how many sessions you attended and daily sessions, and you need to put some explanation there. So these are some metrics which we will be gathering through your fellowship participation, and please, you can see how many working groups you attended, list them, and

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there are specific questions only for coaches here, so what activities, pre-meeting and onsite activities you did.

For everyone, there will be a question, main takeaways. There will be some small essay for you to write. Don't write a story actually there, be brief, be to the point. And there will also be the question how many miles you flew to ICANN. So it's interesting also the calculation for us.

And usually, we used to have the reporting process, which was only just for ourselves internally. Now, our community wants to see the results of participation of the fellows. So we are going to do a public report, and this will be called class report. We actually started last time with class report, and one of your fellows now, Ioana, was [leading] the process together with another fellow, Claudio.

But that means that everybody needs to provide the input for them to prepare this class report. And for ICANN 64, I need two volunteers from alumni who will be leading this process who, together with the staff, will get this information from all of you, and then prepare the class report. And this will be your report.

Our team will not interfere from content point of you. Whatever you write there, this will be publicly available, and we will be posting it on our website. So please, that's why I'm saying, be to



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the point, write whatever you want, help us to improve the program as well, because we are evolving, we are changing.

Starting from ICANN 65, if you go to the website, you will see that we have completely new process for the fellowship program in place. Now, we have different application process. We are asking some mandatory, compulsory courses to be taken before applying to the fellowship, because fellowship program is becoming a very competitive one.

Usually, for AGM, annual meetings and community forums, we are getting more than 500 applications. For ICANN 64, if I'm not wrong, we had 523 applications. Out of them, only 45 had been selected, and you are one of them. So please, feel that uniqueness. Please feel that uniqueness and use this uniqueness. This is something you might not have another chance to. But our alumni, my alumni here know how difficult [it is to] get back through the fellowship program again.

Now the selection committee is coming from community. As we say, SO/ACs, which is advisory committees and supporting organizations. You will hear this, SO/ACs a lot. So these are part of this multi-stakeholder model, advisory committees and supporting organizations.

The members of the selection committee are assigned by them, and they, particularly for the alumni for the second-timers and

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third-timers, they already look at what you have done after your first fellowship. Did you participate in any working group? Did you participate remotely? Because there are a lot of things going on remotely, not during only these seven days or five days of ICANN meeting.

A lot of work is going in-between. There are a lot of discussions, there are a lot of calls, many e-mail communications. Try to learn how to be part of this and get engaged into that. So that's why the program, because becoming competitive, it's also becoming very challenging to become a part of it. So there are strict criteria to be selected.

So I will encourage you, if you plan to come back and apply for the fellowship, go to the new fellowship guidelines which is posted in [icann.org/fellowshipprogram](http://icann.org/fellowshipprogram), you will find a lot of new information there about the criteria, because the time you were applying for ICANN 64, it was not the new way of application.

From now on, starting from ICANN 65, the new application system will be in place. The new process will be in place. So pay attention to this, go through that information posted on the website. We will not be assigning coaches anymore, but we will be having mentors assigned from those SO/ACs.

And there are already five mentors selected by the community, and these people will be mentoring. They are active members of

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the community, and actually, four out of five of them are alumni of the program, so they know what is fellowship program in general, but they also know what is ICANN. So they are like multi-stakeholder people who can help the newcomers from now on.

So there will be no coaches among the selected fellows for that particular round, but we'll be having mentors in place for the three respective meetings in a row. So ICANN 65, 66, 67 will be the same five mentors, and then we will change for another one year.

So there is a new process in place, so please pay attention to this when you apply for the next time for the fellowship program. And yes, please take a picture of this if you just lost my e-mail somewhere in your e-mails, but please keep this. And you will need this for your survey for counting.

And before going to you, with great pleasure, I would like to introduce Ergys Ramaj who is actually the Director of Public Responsibilities Support Team. This is the team which implements fellowship program, NextGen program, newcomers program, ICANN Learn. So he's my boss. Ergys, please. Thanks for coming.

ERGYS RAMAJ:

Hi, everyone. I was not expecting to be [into the] microphone, but appreciate the opportunity to welcome everyone. And what does

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the program look like for this session in particular, it's just a welcome? Well, I'll just introduce myself, and thank you for the introduction.

I am Ergys Ramaj, I am based in Washington DC, and together with Siranush, we work on the fellowship program as well as a bunch of other programs that fall under our purview. And for this week, I think we have a very good program for you in store. We're going to have a session on Monday that I want to point you at, which is a capacity development session that is the first time we're piloting on conflict resolution.

So that's the only announcement I really wanted to make, and invite you to attend that. I believe it is at 3:15. I don't have the room, but Siranush will share the details with you. I'm sure it's in one of the slides.

So welcome, and I look forward to meeting each and every one of you. And I hope you have a great week.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you very much, and thank you for coming. Actually, we didn't expect that you will be here with us, that's why you didn't expect that we will be giving you the mic. The session is listed here, the one which Ergys mentioned. 3:15-4:45, ICANN capacity

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development in room 301. So I put this as mandatory for all newcomers.

We had this conflict resolution workshop twice for the last two sessions, but now it is a pilot of the new way, so there will be new presenter there. So please come to that session. And it's actually right after the NCUC-At-Large outreach and then Tech Day, so it's in a very good timing for you to be there. So looking forward to seeing you there.

Any questions related to the agenda for the entire week? Any questions what you are supposed to do during the week? No questions? Yes. There is a mic, please use it.

DAVID MORAR: Hello.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Your name, please.

DAVID MORAR: My name is David Morar. I have a quick question. You didn't necessarily push a lot about the group photo. If you can talk about it, because it's important. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: It is. Thank you very much. Yes, this is mandatory and it is in bold and capital letters. It's on Tuesday, actually, from 11:00 to 11:30. But when it says 11:30, doesn't mean that we will have a picture by 11:30. No. We need to be there 10:55, so if it says 11:00, we need to be there 10:55.

We need to get together and I need every single fellow to be there. ICANN 64 particularly, but all our alumni are welcome to be there as well. So we'll be having one picture with ICANN 64 fellows and one picture with the crazy group, the whole group. Okay?

So yes, thank you, David. And yes, there is no location as of now. I need to identify where we are going to meet, and I will make sure you know where we are going to meet. Okay? Any other questions? If no, everybody has a mic in front of you. And please, I would like to hear your name and one interesting thing about you. This is just an introduction for everyone to know each other so when you see in the corridor you know, "Yes, you are a fellow with me, let's go do something crazy."

So please, take the time, and just one minute because we need to leave this room at 10:15. And just to finalize, but I want every single person take the mic and state your name, and say something about where you are from, and maybe you can add why you are here, what is your interest to be here. So that's up to

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you what to say and how you want to introduce, but only 30 seconds, one minute maximum.

SERGO KARAKOVOZ: I'll go first. Right here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, Sergo, please.

SERGO KARAKOVOZ: Hi, everybody. Sorry for the people in the back.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: You can stand up, just show you and get back.

SERGO KARAKOVOZ: Hello. I'm Sergo, I'm from Georgia. That's a country not a state. On my card, it says Europe. It's actually between Europe and Asia. We mostly identify ourselves as being part of Europe. If you see me in the hallway, you'll probably see me with a camera, so I will take your picture and I will share it with you afterwards.

I'm here to meet every one of you, want to find out more about how the engine behind the Internet works, because I've been working on the Internet for over 20 years doing development part

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of it. But now I want to know how the policy works. So that's why I'm here. Nice to meet you all, talk to you later.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to ICANN, Sergo. Good to see you. Okay, next one. Whoever wants to pick the mic. Yes, please.

Hi, everyone. My name is Toma, Toma G. My full name is though Artem [Vladimirovich] Gavrichenkov. You don't have to memorize it, it's so complicated. At the previous ICANN meeting, we even had a competition of who can pronounce that.

Anyway, I'm a technical community, I'm a second-time fellow, I'm a coach, and one thing about me, we started with pets, so I have a cat and it's 21 years old, so it means I'm good at maintaining things, actually. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. And actually, you don't need to remember every single name, because it's impossible. But that's why we encourage you to wear your badges all the time. And this is also for the security reasons as well. Okay? So keep this on. Next one. Yes, Claudio, please.



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CLAUDIO LUCENA:                   Should I get up?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:        You can, just for the sake of people to see your face.

CLAUDIO LUCENA:                   You're lucky, I have a much easier name. My name is Claudio Lucena, I'm coming from Brazil, Paraiba State University. I have a background in computing sciences and in law. I'm currently in the Center for High Studies in Public Policy and Government back there, and also as a researcher in the Foundation for Science and Technology in Portugal. First time here at ICANN, I wrote and discussed about ICANN for some time. The first time in a meeting was Copenhagen at ICANN 58. And I do love the idea of being part of one of the multi-stakeholder models in the world that produces the most efficient results. So whatever you hear, this is a model that does work, and you're going to hear a lot during the week. But also, and mainly, as part of one of the most inclusive fellowship programs in the area of Internet governance around the world. So that's a pride that I carry and I would like to share with you. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:        Thank you very much. Please. Yes, Claire. Please go ahead.

CLAIRE CRAIG:

Hi. Good morning, everyone. My name is Claire Craig. I'm from Trinidad and Tobago, the C in the LAC for Caribbean. This is my fourth time at ICANN. I too, like Claudio, attended Copenhagen as my first. There are a few of us in the room who met for the first time. Bruna was one of them. [inaudible]. I'm so pleased to see where Bruna has – her journey, seeing that we were all together.

One of the things that I've been doing and I like being a part of ICANN for is that I'm doing research on multi-stakeholder and the role of stakeholders in the whole Internet development process. And ICANN is a really good place to get some of that information and to really understand the importance of stakeholders. So I'm looking forward to talking to a lot of you and meeting with some of you at this meeting. I have three mentees, I'm a coach of the session, and it's been a really good process. So thanks, and hope to talk to you guys during the session.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you. With that, actually, she reminds me to thank all the coaches for this round, and I would like to clap for your applause for our coaches. I'm sure they did a great job. And that's what it means to be a fellow. We are giving back to the program by supporting the next generation of newcomers, so thank you very much.

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Yes, please.

MARK DATYSGELD: Good morning, everyone. I'm Mark Datysgeld from Brazil. I started on NextGen 53 back in Buenos Aires, then fellow, coach. I eventually joined the Business Constituency, started doing some consultancy around here. But then I moved into my new ICANN adventure and I'm now an ambassador for universal acceptance program, which means accepting all characters in every situation across the DNS. It's harder than it seems, and there was nothing going on in Latin America, so I'm taking that on right now, and it's a great opportunity to meet people from all over the world and learn more about their scripts and languages, which is very exciting. So yeah, please reach out to me in case you have interest in any of that business, languages, and music. Yeah, thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Mark. Who is next? Please. Where is your badge?

ANNA THOMAS: I still need to go get it.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay.

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**ANNA THOMAS:** Hi. My name is Anna. This is my second time as a fellow, but I'd started out as NextGen at ICANN 57 in Hyderabad, which is where I was studying. So my journey started in college, and I was working with an organization at the same time that was analyzing multi-stakeholder participation in Internet governance from an Indian perspective, and so yeah, I started out there, now I'm starting to get more involved in the policy development process.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Excellent. Welcome back. And you will see some people are saying "I have been a NextGen and now a fellow." This is becoming some kind of a smooth transition. So the NextGen is another program which we are doing for those who are studying by the time of applying to ICANN. They are students, actually, at the time of their participation. So learning about ICANN, and then apply for the fellowship, because for the fellowship, you can apply three times, for the NextGen, you can apply only once. So this is becoming some smooth transition how to get more engaged into the ICANN process. And we have several NextGenners who are now a fellow. With that, I would like to give to another NextGen to introduce herself.

**OLGA KYRYLIUK:** Good morning, everyone. My name is Olga Kyryliuk, I'm from Ukraine, and actually, this is through my journey in ICANN, also

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studied from ICANN 58 in Copenhagen as a NextGen, and this is already my [fifth] ICANN meeting, but first meeting as a fellow, so I'm really grateful for this opportunity also to try what it means to be a fellow.

And for me, ICANN, it all started from writing a PhD thesis where I was writing about this multi-stakeholder model as something new, as a transition to a new model of governance. So when coming here, I really appreciated this first-hand experience to know how it is. So when it was already the defense time, it was so easy to explain what it is, and it created no difficulties, just like it went smoothly, because you see how it works and you can explain all the benefits of that.

So happy to be here, and wish everyone to have an interesting and inspiring meeting.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to the fellowship program.

DAVID MORAR: Hi, everyone. My name is David Morar. I'm going to sit down. I am originally from Romania, but I live and work in the United States. Just like Olga, I also started at ICANN 58 in Copenhagen, and just like Olga, I also wrote my PhD dissertation on multi-stakeholderism, although mine was specifically within ICANN. I

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am excited to be here for my third fellowship, I'm excited to meet you all and to have a great meeting together doing a lot of work, and hopefully having a lot of fun too. So nice to meet you all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back, David. And you cut your hair this time. Yes, please, Afifa, go.

AFIFA ABBAS: Should I stand up? Good morning, everybody. This is Afifa Abbas from Bangladesh. I also started my journey from ICANN 58 in Copenhagen. Just to mention that in Copenhagen, I mentioned about my first public comment in public forum. I raised three issues, and three of them got addressed and implemented by ICANN board, which means in ICANN, the voices are getting heard and getting implemented at the same time.

This is my first time coachship, and I'm really excited about it. I have two mentees from Nepal and from China. This time, recently, I have joined RSSAC caucus, so this is my first face-to-face meeting as a caucus member, and I'm also one of the panelists in the session on Internet content blocking.

One interesting thing about me is that my name is Afifa. If you reverse the name Afifa, it becomes Afifa. And I have three cats. So thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Afifa. Yes, please, Thato.

THATO MFIKWE: Hello, everyone. My name is Thato Mfikwe from South Africa. I'm a third-time fellow within ICANN, and this is my fourth ICANN meeting. So in terms of my interest, I'm actually a member of the NCSG Finance Committee.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is NCSG? Please explain.

THATO MFIKWE: Noncommercial Stakeholder Group. So I wanted to also invite some of the fellows who might be interested in participating within the NCSG to actually consider finding out more about the Finance Committee, because it provides an alternative in terms of how to participate within that community of NCSG. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Yes, please. Mate?

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**MATE MESTER:** Okay. Hi, everyone. My name is Mate Master. I'm from Hungary, from central-eastern Europe. This is my second-time fellowship after being first time in Abu Dhabi, ICANN 60.

My background, I'm a lawyer, I've been dealing with regulation all my life, and policy. Actually, I have been putting together a local IGF this year in Hungary, so if everyone is in the region interested taking part or contributing to the content, please let me know. I really like [inaudible]. That's something that you can remember of. And I'm really looking forward to this week with you guys. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Welcome back, Mate. Please, take the mic. Don't shy, our newcomers. Don't shy.

**DAJANA MULAJ:** Hi. This is Dajana from Albania. This is my first ICANN meeting. I have been involved in Internet governance for about two years now, and I'm the coordinator of the Albanian [inaudible] IGF. I have attended IGFs in Europe, SEEDIG, EuroDIG, and global IGF as well. I've been a fellow at RIPE NCC, but they say that ICANN is where really Internet governance happens, so I feel quite privileged to be here.



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**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you for being with us, and welcome to ICANN. Ioana, and then Syuzan.

**IOANA FLORINA STUPARIU:** Alright. Hi, guys. I'm Ioana, I'm a returning fellow and also a coach. My first time was not in Copenhagen, it was the next one, in Abu Dhabi if I'm not mistaken. My background is in law and policy, and I'm also working hopefully trying to finalize my PhD. David knows about it, it's really a struggle. And I'm really excited to meet you all here, and welcome to the newcomers. Try to make the most of this meeting. It's really a great experience.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** The good thing about the fellowship family is that once you become a fellow, then you start to help others, and this network within the fellowship program makes, I think, this is unique in the sense of your personal life and professional life, wherever you are. Yes, David.

**DAVID MORAR:** On that note, I just wanted to say that a lot of the people in the fellowship group helped me tremendously with my PhD and with my dissertation.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So you owe us drinks.

DAVID MORAR: Of course.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You're welcome, David.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay, thank you. Bronwyn, welcome to ICANN.

BRONWYN MERCER: Thank you. My name is Bronwyn Mercer from Australia. I'm part of the technical community. I'm currently working in cybersecurity, and I've been involved in Internet governance around two years, similar to Dajana. We met in the 2017 Youth at IGF fellowship attending the 2017 IGF. And more recently, in the past year, I've also been involved in the Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy and going on to be involved in the Australian IGF Organizing Committee.

But I think ICANN is the real opportunity to have impact on a global scale, so I'm really excited to be working with you all and have a chance to meet people who are working on the global DNS system from a technical and policy perspective. Thanks.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Pleasure having you with us. Welcome. Yes, please.

MICHAEL KARANICOLAS: Hi. I'm Michael Karanicolas from Canada. I'm a graduate student [inaudible] the University of Toronto, and starting this summer, I'll be a research fellow at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. I'm active in the NCUC.

I really liked what you did when you asked him what the Noncommercial Users Constituency. For anybody who's a first time here, anytime anybody uses an acronym that you don't understand, please shoot your hand up and ask them to spell it out, because there's way too many acronyms that are used here.

And one interesting thing is that this is, I believe, the sixth time I've been to Japan, and this'll be the first time that I stayed overnight.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And first time as a fellow, though Michael is a very active member of ICANN community. But welcome to the fellowship family, Michael. Happy to have you with us.

Yes, please.

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ALFRED RI'BAKO: Hi, everyone. I'm Alfred from Solomon Islands. Solomons is in the Pacific Oceania, our cousins in Africa. This is my first time to an ICANN meeting. I work for a telecom company in the Solomons, I work as an engineer for SBNIC looking after the dot-SB and DNS services. So I'm looking forward to asking some questions from our experienced participants and looking forward to learning a lot from this meeting as well. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Alfred. Actually, ten years ago when I was first-time fellow, we had a first-time fellow from Solomon Islands ever be a part of ICANN, and he was from your registry, [Roy,] and we actually are now friends for life.

ALFRED RI'BAKO: [He passed these] good things over to you too.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yeah. Friends for life. That's how we are starting the friendship globally. Thank you for being with us. Welcome. Yes, please.

CESAR: Hi, I am Cesar from Paraguay, and it's my first meeting also. I am a graduate student of the Melbourne University. I'm engineer, and I have two cats and two dogs.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Cesar, though you are not a fellow but you are more than welcome to come to the fellowship sessions, as this is actually intended for newcomers there. Yes, please.

THOMAS STRUETT: Hello. I'm Thomas. I'm from the United States. I'm currently a student in Washington DC. This is my second time in an ICANN meeting. My first one was ICANN 61. I'm interested in the multi-stakeholders and process in Internet governance and I look forward to meeting you all.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back. Coppens?

COPPENS PASTEUR NDAYIRAGUE: Okay. Thank you. My name is Coppens. I am from Canada for the moment. This is my second time attending ICANN meeting. The first time, I was from my home country, Burundi.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: [inaudible].

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COPPENS PASTEUR NDAYIRAGUE: Yeah. And then my objective when I was in Africa was to create IT brain in Africa. This is the reason why I have initiated my country for GAC, and I have been involved in so many projects in Africa, in Central Africa and in South Africa, trying to restructure in terms of university studies in order to enhance the capacity of students and working on various projects. And now I know when someone is having objective, courageous and committed, he has to succeed to everything, and even now, in new environment, I'm very committed and I'm very sure that together, all of us, we are going to reach to our destination. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent. Welcome back, Coppens. Actually, the guy was suffering for a couple of meetings to get his visa or to get to ICANN meeting, so finally, we have you here back with us. That's because he moved from Africa to Canada, so he couldn't find himself, and that's why we have challenges with him.

COPPENS PASTEUR NDAYIRAGUE: I am not going to go to details, but for my second ICANN meeting I [inaudible], I was on the way heading to the airport in order to attend the meeting in Marrakech, and I was kidnapped for ten days, and they went to kill me, but I alive. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So you are here now in Japan.

GRACE LINDO: Hello. Good morning. I'm Grace Lindo, I'm from Jamaica, which is also in the Caribbean, just like Trinidad and Tobago. This is my third ICANN. My first one was ICANN 58, and there are lots of alumni from ICANN 58. That was a great group in Copenhagen.

I am an intellectual property lawyer and tech lawyer in Jamaica, and I am interested in, of course, GDPR, data protection and intellectual property infringement on the Internet and how policy affects that. Looking forward to meeting you all and discussing anything that we have in common throughout the week. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is GDPR? Who knows? Yes, Michael. You know the best?

MICHAEL KARANICOLAS: The General Data Protection Regulation, which is a new-ish privacy law that's come into force in the EU and thrown all kinds of processes at ICANN into turmoil, and the community is working their way through it.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It's also the reason why we have popups on all of the websites.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Absolutely. That's the reason why I'm hiding your e-mails also while sending you something. So, yes, we need to comply with this GDPR. Next, please. Yes.

ANA PAULA: Hi to everyone. I'm Ana Paula from Brazil. I have my PhD in [science and] policy technology, and I work in a law school in Sao Paolo, but I have a social science background, and I'm very happy to be part of the fellow team. My main interests are in the multi-stakeholder model, but also the policy and the technical discussions behind the Internet [engineering,] so it's a pleasure to be here, and let's keep in touch.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to ICANN, Ana. Yes, please. Let's move forward, please.

MONA ELSWAH: Hi, everyone. I'm Mona Elswah, I'm originally from Egypt. I shouldn't stand though, I think, because I'm too short. Hi. I'm from Egypt originally, but currently live in the UK where I study for my PhD and work as a researcher for the University of Oxford



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Internet Institute. So if you come to the UK, just let me know. Also currently doing some research on WHOIS and falsely registered websites' relationship with disinformation. I'm focusing on disinformation [inaudible] propaganda, basically, what else? And happy International Women's Day yesterday. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Vrikson, please.

VRIKSON IVAN ACOSTA VELASQUEZ: Hello, everybody. I'm Vrikson from Venezuela. I'm a first-time fellow, although I've been involved for several years with ICANN. I'm a systems engineer and a lawyer, more related to the policy area. Right now, I'm working on my PhD in the area of education, and I'm taking notes from what other people talk about, like David. [And, well,] this very nice to be here. I expect to learn a lot. [inaudible].

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to ICANN, and I'm happy you made this. It was very hard for Vrikson to get to Japan, but I'm happy you made this.

ZAKIR SYED: Good morning, everybody. My name is Zakir Syed, I'm from Pakistan. I've been a fellow a number of times. This is probably

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my fourth or fifth time as a fellowship coach, so I've been regularly coming to ICANN meetings, both in person and remotely as well since 2014. But one thing very interesting, as Siranush in the morning mentioned, don't be overwhelmed. There will never be a time where you're at ICANN and you can say that you know everything. So you'll always find yourself on a learning curve. I wish you all a great week of learning and networking. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Zakir. Yes, please.

SUBHASH DHAKAL: Hello. Good morning. I'm Subhash Dhakal, I'm from Nepal. So I'm first-time fellow, but my first ICANN meeting was ICANN 57. So I joined GAC at that time, but what I realized after going through different regional IGF and national IGF, listening to other constituencies and communities, [inaudible] Internet community to serve the Internet [inaudible] better for [inaudible] but it also help myself to have new ideas, new way of thinking, and it has directly contributed on my work also. That's why I think to join this fellowship programs and engage with the people from the multiple constituencies. That's it. Thank you.

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PAOLA PEREZ: Hi. My name is Paola Perez, I'm from Venezuela, and it's my second time fellowship. My first one was in the ICANN policy meeting in Panama, ICANN 62. Yeah. It was very difficult to arrive here because of our political situation in Venezuela, but I have been working in many projects related to community networks to Internet access for people with disabilities, children with disabilities in Venezuela. Also, I worked with the ISOC e-learning. I trained the multi-stakeholder group ISOC in Latin America and Caribbean, and also trained people for regulators in Latin America with [inaudible]. I'm glad to be here, very grateful, and I hope to learn more about ICANN community and I hope to contribute with the work in ICANN. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back, Paola. Good to see you. Yes, please.

FRANCO GIANDANA: Hello, everyone. My name is Franco Giandana. I'm from Argentina. This is my second time as a fellow. Back home, I work at the national university. I also work as a private IP lawyer.

I'm a member of the executive committee at Creative Commons, and also, I'm a member of the [OGP] board in Argentina. I have a very short experience inside the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group, and I'm open to exploring other opportunities. So I hope

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to meet all of you and to have a word with all of you at some point during the meeting. Thank you.

Good morning, everyone. I'm [inaudible] I'm from Morocco. Asking everyone to indulge my English as I'm more fluent in Arabic and French than in English. And this is my first time here in ICANN, but I'm from the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, and I've been involved in the organization of the Moroccan participation in the ICANN Marrakech three years ago.

But this is my first time, and I'm glad to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. And thanks for joining the fellowship session, even not being a fellow. Yes, please.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: [inaudible] good morning. So this is a multilingual community. My name is Lianna. I'm from Armenia. I used to be, as Zakir said, a several-time ICANN fellow. This is not my capacity here. I'm the vice chair for the APRALO, which is Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization, representing the end users.

But my journey, actually, in the Internet Governance ecosystem started from ICANN, and I'm very grateful to start that journey

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from ICANN activities and the works we're doing here. I don't know how to [inaudible] I'm active in the Internet Governance Forums and the Internet Society activities, so if you have any questions in that sphere, feel free to come and reach us, to me and to the colleagues who have experience.

So this is really fascinating place for all of you to see how experienced people and newcomers come and merge together. I wish you a great and good meeting, and you will remember all the ICANN meetings, wherever you go. So not only the Copenhagen one was very successful, but all the other ones.

My first ICANN meeting was in Beijing 2013 as I remember that perfectly.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** And I'm happy seeing alumni now be a part of ICANN community, but joining the fellowship sessions, and one of them is here as well, and I love seeing Pua here who is one of the first fellows in the fellowship journey, and she was, and still vice chair for GAC, government advisory committee. Pua, please introduce yourself.

**PUA HUNTER:** Thank you, Siranush. Hello, everybody. My name is Pua Hunter. I'm from Cook Islands. I attended ICANN as a first-time fellow in Mexico in 2009, so I've been a frequent participant in ICANN

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meetings in my capacity as a GAC representative, Government Advisory Committee representative from the Cook Islands.

I'm still learning. I've been to more than five meetings so far, but it's still a learning process for me. And one thing that I find very interesting is the human factor, the people you meet, the networks, the learning you actually get, not just on technology, not just on Internet, but on geography, you learn about the background on people, and it's so interesting. I find that very – and I think ICANN, I think the fellowship that I'm here, that I'm part of this community and the people that I work with and communicate with, thank you very much, Siranush.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you. And that's exactly [what it means,] once a fellow, always a fellow. That's what exactly it means. Thank you for being with us. Yes, please.

**JUAN ALEJO PEIRANO:** Hi, everyone. My name is Juan. I'm a second-time fellow and third time here in ICANN. I'm an engineer. Also, I have a background in public policy, and what else? I'm a member of the NCUC, the Noncommercial User Constituency. And also, I'm a member – I'm a committee member of the IANA RC, the review committee for ICANN.

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My background is mainly the RIR community, regional Internet registries community, so basically IPs and ASNs, the numbering part of this community. Well, that's it.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back.

JUAN ALEJO PEIRANO: Thank you. I'm from Uruguay, but I live in the UK, but 100% Latino. So welcome, everyone.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. Yes, please. We have only 15 minutes to go, and please, we need to leave this room because another session will be here, but there'll be coffee break outside and you will have a chance to get a coffee. So, please.

CHUAN GUO: Okay. Good morning, everyone. I'm Chuan from Beijing, China. You can call me Chuan, I think. [inaudible], and I have a master's degree in the information security. So my background is all around [inaudible] four years development [inaudible] most sensitive part of the Internet security. So I would like to know, to study more about the [inaudible] related policymaking and the

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Internet governance and to make contribution to [inaudible], I think.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to ICANN fellowship and to ICANN.

CHUAN GUO: Yes.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: And we are happy to help you with whatever you want to learn.

CHUAN GUO: Okay. I have a technical presentation [inaudible].

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. Thank you.

CHUAN GUO: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Syuzan, and then everybody who [hasn't had a] chance to say something, they need to take the mic.



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**SYUZAN MARUKHYAN:** Okay. hello, everyone. I'm Syuzan, I'm from Armenia and I'm a newcomer. My background is linguistics, international relations, European studies, and I just did my executive MA in GDPR and its influence on non-European countries.

My motto is more I learn, less I know. I am unique as of now because I have two daughters. Happy to be with you, and hope we'll cooperate and communicate and learn from each other. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** So those who like to hear about GDPR as a non-European, ask Susan. Yes, Kristina.

**KRISTINA HAKOBYAN:** Let me continue. My name is Kristina. I'm from Armenia as well. I have no pets, but I have two sons, and I see this is typical for our region [inaudible] two sons. So my background is domain registration business, and when I did my first steps, I see ICANN so far and so unreachable, but now I'm here. This is my third ICANN, and for this time, I'm a coach. Thank you very much.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Welcome back. Yes, please. Take the mic.

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**HANAN KHATIB:** Salam. This is Hanan Khatib from Jordan. I have a very long experience with application building and implementations. This is the second time for me with ICANN meetings. I enjoyed it a lot. And I would like to know more about ICANN’s structure and roles, and so we can change the world with this organization. And I'm not a lawyer, but I would like to participate in all policy development issues, and I hope we will manage to make it secure Internet all over. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you.

**JOAN KATAMBI:** Hello, everybody. Joan Katambi is my name, from Uganda, Africa, second time as a fellow. My first time was in Puerto Rico, ICANN 61. I've been running a number of capacity building programs to the communities and to my students as I'm an assistant lecturer to UICT in Uganda. I'm happy to be here and to meet you all.

**SELUVALA KAUVAKA:** Hi, everyone. I'm Selu, I'm from Tonga, It’s in the South Pacific. This is my first time to ICANN fellowship. I studied here in Osaka though. Yeah, very interested to learn from very big countries here. I feel really very scared, you guys are from very big nations, but very happy to come here and learn from you all. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome to the fellowship program. Please, Gunela.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Hello, everyone. I'm Gunela Astbrink from Australia, but I was born in Sweden, and I love seeing how people use the Internet, and especially my interest is people with disability and accessibility. Talking about meeting people, I had breakfast with Paola this morning, and we found a common interest, so it's a great start.

I have been to a number of ICANN meetings. I was fortunate to be a part of the At-Large mentor project, and I participated in ATLAS in London.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: What is ATLAS? At-Large summit?

GUNELA ASTBRINK: The At-Large summit.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: At-Large end users are doing their summit. The first one was in London at ICANN 50. The second one was – where it was?

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GUNELA ASTBRINK: I participated in the London one.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Okay. The third one will be in ICANN 66. That I know for sure. So the third one will be in Montréal.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: So I was fortunate to cofacilitate a user perspectives group within ATLAS, and that was a great experience as well. Within ICANN, I've been involved with the At-Large taskforce on accessibility, and then a cross-community committee on that.

I would also like to say I love Japanese food. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Excellent, so you are in the place where you can eat quite interesting, lovely food you prefer.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: That's right. And can I just say one more thing? I enjoyed doing the ICANN Learn program, and I'd be very pleased to speak to the creators of those programs to ensure that they are as accessible to people with disability as possible. thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: I will make sure to introduce you to our ICANN Learn people. Thank you for your feedback.

MALISA RICHARDS: Hello, everyone. Good morning to you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: It's over there.

MALISA RICHARDS: Good morning to you. I'm Malisa Richards, Georgetown, Guyana. I'm a third-time fellow. My first fellow was ICANN 58 in Copenhagen. I have a background in statistics as well as computer science. I'm back in computer science doing my master's as well. It's a pleasure being here, and I wish you all the best.

ROXANNE JOHN: Good morning, everyone. I'm Roxanne John from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Small island in the Caribbean. This is my third ICANN meeting and fellowship program. I would have started off my journey in Abu Dhabi. I have two interests, kind of, the end user. [I'm the president of an] Internet Society, so I try to get our members be part of the various ICANN community.

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I am also a public servant, so I have interests in the Government Advisory Committee. [inaudible]. I like to try new things, so for this week, I'll be trying a lot of new Japanese food. It's my fourth time in Japan, and I look forward to meeting everybody at various sessions.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, and welcome back. Manmeet, please.

MANMEET PAL SINGH: Good morning, everyone. This is Manmeet Pal Singh. I'm from India. I buy and sell domain names. [inaudible] domain name industry for the last 20 years. This is my sixth ICANN meeting but third one as ICANN fellow. I'm a coach this time. I have lovely mentees, Ana, and the second one could not make it because of some emergency in the family.

I also sit on Internet Society board in New Delhi as vice president. Fellowship team should thank me for increasing the number of submissions, because there have been a lot of [participation] from the Indian community for the ICANN fellowship.

But yeah, I'm also trying to build capacity in order to make them understand what they're supposed to do within the society or the community to be able to participate in the ICANN meetings. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back. Yes, please.

COMOE CHRISTIANE ESTHER ANAKY: Hello.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Who is it?

COMOE CHRISTIANE ESTHER ANAKY: It's me.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Yes, please. Now the first one who grabs the mic and says something.

COMOE CHRISTIANE ESTHER ANAKY: Hello. My name is Christina Anaky. I'm from Cote D'ivoire, Ivory Coast, western part of Africa. This is my second time as a fellow. The first time was in Johannesburg, ICANN 59. And I have a background in human resources and communication. So I'm here to learn, I've not finished learning. I think I have a lot to learn from each and every one here.

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Back in my country, I belong to a group, and association called Women in ICT. It's all about motivating ladies, women to get into IT, how to be empowered and how to make money out of it, because there's money in IT. So I'm here and you are all welcome, and Monday is my birthday, so we are here –

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: So the gala will be devoted to you. We couldn't do more, sorry, but the gala is for you.

COMOE CHRISTIANE ESTHER ANAKY: Alright. Enjoy yourself.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome back. Yes, please.

I-HSUAN ANNA WU: So I'm Anna Wu, and I'm from New Zealand. I studied law and computer science, but I went down the computer science route and became a network engineer, and I'm interested in finding out how I can contribute my skills to the community. And something interesting is that I write science fiction in my spare time. That's all.



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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Is there any fellow who didn't have a chance to introduce? Any fellow? You, please.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thanks. I'm very sorry for my English, but let me try. My name is [inaudible], the longest one. Actually, the nationality with my brother, Coppens, Burundi. The first time I attend ICANN meeting. Personally, I'm [here for] fellowship program. It is an opportunity to learn from others. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you for being not a fellow but speaking about the fellowship program. But welcome to the fellowship session as well. Anyone else? Nigel, yes. Please. You will see Nigel tomorrow, of course, but please.

NIGEL HICKSON: It's always nice being last. I'm not a fellow, and I haven't got a PhD in anything. In fact, when I took my degree so many years ago, there weren't any things – we did have microprocessors, just. Anyway, I'm ICANN staff, I'm with government engagement. I've been to a number of ICANN meetings, and it's fantastic to see you all and hear you all. And really, hearing your experiences, hearing what you do, hearing your backgrounds, hearing how some of

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you have struggled to get here, it's inspiring. I'll have a chance to talk to a few of you tomorrow morning, but I really do hope you'll enjoy this week. And I'm sure you've been told, approach anyone, ask anyone a question. We don't know that much, some of us in staff, but we're always helpful and we're always willing to put you in touch with people. So thank you, and enjoy.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Nigel. With that, one more time, welcome to ICANN, welcome to the fellowship program, and enjoy the entire week. Please, if you have any questions, ask us. You know now who is a fellow, who is not, who is a community member. We're all here to help you. We are here to help you. Please, reach us. Wherever you see me in the corridors or any other alumni here, just ask whatever you need.

Don't forget about the ICANN engagement booth which will be on the second floor right next to the health and security office, and a couple of hours, the booth will be working, so if you have any questions today from 11:00 to 2:00, the booth will be open and the same will be for tomorrow. And don't forget about today's evening gathering, so looking forward to seeing all of you at 6:30, and enjoy the week.

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