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MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, Yesim, and good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone who's here. Thank you very much for coming along. My name is Maureen Hilyard and I'm the ALAC chair. I'll be moderating this session. What you will see is basically what At-Large is going to be doing during ICANN 69, and a little bit of a taster as to hopefully encourage you to come along to the sessions.

As you'll see, we've got quite a lot happening, and it's really gratifying for me that our At-Large presenters really typify our diverse community. [inaudible] sessions focus on how Internet end users are often impacted by Internet activity that requires ICANN policies, which as a community, At-Large contributes to.

Our program is going to be a little bit altered. We have a speaker who was actually double booked, so she's required to be rapporteuring at an IGF in another part of the world from where she lives, so we're going to accommodate her by giving her the first slot of the session so that she can sneak away.

Our first speaker is therefore Amrita Choudhury, who is from APRALO, and she's been one of ALAC's hardworking NomCom representatives who had a hard job over the last few weeks, months, and she has an interesting session which hasn't been attempted before, which she will explain. Over to you, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Maureen. The session is all about showcasing the work of our unsung heroes who are our ALSes and individual members. The title of the session, as you can see, is ensuring community engagement in pandemic times.

Our members from across the different RALOs will be sharing their experience on how, even during the pandemic, despite various challenges, they are working to spread the work of ICANN and At-Large across their communities at the grass roots level.

We will also have some experiences shared by our members on how they are assimilating the perspectives from their respective communities and contributing it back to the At-Large policy development process in a truly bottom-up approach. And finally, a discussion on how these engagements can be further improved based upon the feedback we get from the community and our members, and there would be a discussion on what the initiatives At-Large has taken so far to further this engagement process.

I sincerely hope you can join the session and also contribute, because we definitely want to have an enriching discussion on all this. And

before we end the session, we plan to have some of the key summary takeaways being discussed or summarized so that we can reflect upon it during the course of our activities in the future. Thank you, Maureen. I had this much to share. If anyone has a question, I'm happy to take it.

MAUREEN HILYARD: If anyone has a burning question. Amrita has a few seconds left before she's going to have to take off to her rapporteur activity. Thank you very much, Amrita, for taking the time to come along anyway and sharing. It's going to be an interesting session, and especially as it's one of the first times [we've really] focused on bringing our ALSes and our individual members into a conference session. Thank you very much.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Maureen. I hope to see everyone there.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you. What we'll do then is we'll go back to our agenda, and one of the things that you'll notice that we've actually got ten sessions, ten speakers, and we've just had Amrita. And most of those sessions are actually during week one of the conference. That's the SOACs week. So we'll be giving you an idea of when the sessions are actually going to be so that you can keep tabs on them and check through your ICANN schedule and mark them as sessions you'll want to go to, of course.

But what we'll do is start off on the agenda with myself and the sessions that I will be involved in, which are really sort of sessions that ALAC is

involved with and I will be moderating on their behalf. The first session that I'll be personally involved in is the first session of the first week, on Tuesday the 13th—sessions go from 13th of October to the 15th of October for week one—and that's going to be very short welcome and a very brief overview of what ICANN has to offer during the two weeks that may be of interest to the At-Large community, just making sure they're aware of the program that ICANN is presenting, [plenaries, fora,] etc., opening ceremony.

My session is quite short because it's going to be followed by a really important session and we shared that slot. I'm going to be a little bit more involved in the second week of the conference, and of course, it starts with the ALAC and board meeting, and we'll be discussing the board's choice of topic, which is the multi-stakeholder model, and we'll be responding to their question as well as posing a few questions of our own on the same topic, but including a few things like the ATRT3 report, how the model might be effectively evaluated, and also the impact on the model of the pandemic, as Amrita is actually bringing up in her session. So we should get some interesting responses here.

We have a couple of regular sessions. One of them is the session we have with the Governmental Advisory Committee, the GAC, and during this meeting, we're going to be discussing and comparing notes on our feedback to the EPDP and subsequent procedures reports, and there'll be scheduled sessions during ICANN for those as well.

And then we're going to be doing another session similar to this one, but looking at the achievements and highlights of our various At-Large

working teams and regional organizations during 2020. This year has been full to the brim with activity, and there are a few highlights we think are worthy of mentioning. So I think that At-Large is going from strength to strength and what's happening with those working groups and the RALOs has really made it a really great place to be.

And we'll finish our conference on Thursday the 22nd, along with everyone else, with a wrap-up that will include a final debrief of our ICANN 69 policy sessions. And as it's our final meeting for 2020, there'll be farewells to departing leaders as well as welcomes to new people arriving. And during the session, it'll be an opportunity for us to have another short discussion with our CEO, the board chair and vice chair, and some messages about looking towards 2021.

So those are my involvements over the next two weeks, but I know that waiting patiently, we have the rest of the At-Large team here who will give you five-minute lightning talks about what else they've got in store for you during ICANN 69. I don't think we need to put the timer on, but we're going to be cutting people short if they take too long. It's just that we've only got an hour and it's a fairly packed agenda.

But our first session speaker for week one will be our Operations, Finance and Budget Committee chair, Ricardo Holmquist, and he's got a pretty nifty session. Thank you, Ricardo.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

Good morning, everyone. For this session next week, Tuesday the 13th, very early in the morning, so maybe still in the night for most of

America. The idea is to start a conversation in At-Large, with all the ALSes, individual members on what to do with the recommendations. [We have to build in their last years,] we're trying to put our starting point on the Work Stream 2 and not going back to Work Stream 1 and ATRT2, all these recommendations.

But just beginning with Work Stream 2, we have over 150, almost 200 recommendations that came in from the different working groups we have been working, CCT RT, ATRT, SSR2, so there are different recommendations that were going for ICANN Org, but how these recommendations [will] go to ICANN Org or different SOs or ACs, most or some of these recommendations really were implemented, but some are not implemented yet.

The idea is to look at them and to find out what is our priority as a community, what is our priority is At-Large, what is the best recommendation for the end users, the ones we are representing? And the idea is to start this conversation from then via the OFB working group or any other way, start the prioritization of these recommendations, try to [half build] this recommendation and find out what is good for us and also good for ICANN.

This idea for next week is putting a whiteboard there and try to put all these recommendations and try to prioritize these recommendations based on what the audience is preparing for giving us. That's all. Thank you very much, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Ricardo. Yes, the prioritization is very important, so we will be looking forward to that conversation there. Just looking to see whether Hadia is actually here yet. Or it doesn't matter, we can always move on to—

YESIM NAZLAR: Maureen, Hadia hasn't joined the Zoom room yet.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. That's okay. I'm sure Jonathan is ready to step into the breach. And this is, of course, as you mentioned before, Jonathan Zuck is the vice chair of policy and he's got an education session he's going to be in charge of. So Jonathan, you have the floor if you'd like. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK: As Maureen said, I am the vice chair of the ALAC for policy, and during ICANN 67, I chaired a panel on DNS abuse. It was really kind of an overview of DNS abuse, what constitutes DNS abuse, and some of the specific types of cybercrimes that stem from DNS abuse.

At the time, if you recall, we suggested that there was a two-pronged approach to fighting DNS abuse. One was to advocate for changes in policy inside of ICANN, which we have continued to do, but the second prong was end user education. The At-Large is in a unique position to reach a great number of end users through its regional At-Large organization and At-Large structures.

So in this session, we're going to brainstorm on the best way to launch an individual end user education campaign on DNS abuse. We're going to look at the existing resources around the world, videos, and instructional webpages, etc., infographics, see which ones we can make use of as part of our educational campaign, see which ones require translation, and get them translated, and then launch a campaign to reach out to individual end users with this information around the world.

So that is the objective of this session, is to begin to plan, share information, and take the first steps in helping users to help themselves. I'm happy to take any questions.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

I don't see any questions at the moment, but there's some questions in the chat which we will probably look at a little bit later. They're not exactly related to what you've just been talking about, Jonathan. So we will take questions at the end.

Okay, so we'll move on to Seun Ojedeji who's taking a regional meeting, and he's going to tell you a little bit about it. It's really good that we've got two regional meetings during this week, and finding out what is actually happening within some of those regions could be interesting for a lot of people. Thank you. Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Good morning. It's good to have this session. Just to brief us on what is going to be happening from AFRALO side for those who are guests on

this call, AFRALO is one of the regional At-Large structures within At-Large. Of course, we would normally run a session at every ICANN meeting, and the session normally includes members of Africa who are participating in ICANN community. So the discussion topic which we would do at this upcoming ICANN 69 is to discuss a topic on impacts, status, and recommendation on universal acceptance in our region.

We expect to have a lot of discussion around this. There's already discussion happening on the working group. We normally have a small team that does a draft statement, then we share on the mailing list. And of course, we will discuss, finalize during the virtual events which is ICANN 69.

We'll also be having interactions with the CEO, president of ICANN, board members of ICANN, some staff from the ICANN leadership, and would also be having the leadership of ALAC as well, which is the chair of ALAC, talk to us during that session.

It's normally an opportunity to engage one another, and of course, to discuss issues that could contribute to further contribution within ICANN and that would also contribute to improvement of our region as a whole.

We would also discuss one important topic on the future of AfrICANN list. For those of you on that list, you would recall that there's been a list of AfrICANN. We are going to be discussing not just the list but actually the AfrICANN itself, what the future is going to look like. I hope it's going to be a good discussion, and of course, we'll have a good outcome from

that discussion. Pierre Dandjinou will be leading that discussion during the session.

Of course, the AGM is where we normally welcome, and of course, thank you to outgoing leaders. Of course, we also welcome incoming members. We'll also be doing that for some of our fantastic leaders and members of our community. I think that is it. I look forward to having you in ICANN 69. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Seun. Yes, AFRALO has actually been a leader in the work that they do at their meetings, and it's very often that they come out with a paper which is like a real credit to the RALO for the work that they do and the discussions that they have on policy issues, which is really great. Thank you, Seun.

Now we're moving to the second chair of a regional organization, and that is Sébastien Bachollet. Sébastien's session is on Thursday. It's a very busy day for At-Large, and especially for Sébastien because he's not only taking sessions for EURALO, he's also representing the EURALO region as the chair of a regional leaders meeting as well. So he's going to be a busy boy that day. Sébastien, take the floor.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Maureen. Welcome from Europe. We are virtually in Hamburg, Germany, but of course, you are each one of you at home or somewhere in this world where it is difficult to travel today. I wanted also to thank the participants who are not the usual suspects in At-

Large to participate to this session, because they will know what will happen with At-Large, and I want to specifically thank the board member, and more specifically, the European part of the board member who are here today. I hope that you will find some interesting topic even for your work in the board.

As Maureen said, I will run three sessions that day. I have just one slide for the two first one. We usually have a general assembly of EURALO each year, and we were thinking that too much during an ICANN meeting even if it's over three weeks, it's too important and we wanted to take advantage of a global meeting to discuss issue concerning all the stakeholders and not just our administrative and policy discussion as a general assembly will be done the 7th of November. And we take the advantage to have two short slots to have two sessions, and the idea is to have a European perspective on ICANN for the first one and Internet governance in ICANN at the second one. And we try to set up stakeholder roundtable with participants from different stakeholder in Europe.

The first session, you see on the slide when it will happen, but question will be, as European leader of the ICANN community, can you point out one important topic? And I say one important topic for ICANN and it's community in a European perspective and explain why, and all the speakers will have four minutes, including the chair of the board who will open the meeting with his presentation and we have different speaker after and we will have some Q&A and conclusion at the end. Hopefully, we will be able to take a straw poll with the different topics given by each speaker to see what is the reaction of the participants.

With a break of half an hour, we will convene again, and this one will be a question about Internet governance and ICANN activities, and we will have also different participants from inside and from outside of ICANN. we have, as EURALO, an MoU with CENTR and RIPE, and we asked them to be one of the speakers. It will be closed by Göran Marby, president and CEO of ICANN, and with some Q&A and conclusion.

That's the first two meetings. The second one will be around what's happened at the regional level and some coordination with the At-Large regional leaders, and we will try to first bring some input from what's happened during this meeting prior to our meeting with the regional leaders, and we'll try to set up some activities for the future and see how, with the pandemic, we can start maybe one day to travel again to work together, and that will be in the afternoon at the midday UTC time. And as the others, I am also available for any questions now or at the end of this call. Thank you for participating. Bye.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Sébastien. And you'll notice that Sébastien is actually taking the regional leaders meeting, and it's a rotational one, [Olivier] is hosting the meeting, [he gets] to host the regional leaders meeting as well. So that gets shared around amongst our regional leaders at each of the meetings.

Thank you, Sébastien. And so now, we will move on to Daniel, the chair of our outreach and engagement committee. It looks like he's outside somewhere.

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Yeah. Thank you very much for this opportunity. One thing is that as far as outreach and engagement is concerned, we're bringing in a new twist on how we conduct meetings during this ICANN 69. We're going to have so much of a conversation, more of a dialog, since this is a community forum, we're looking at maximizing engagement. So we shall be following the different occurrences of activities during COVID, which has been a gamechanger, so we are focusing on leveraging on the adoption of virtual outreach, how to bring the power of engagement, how to conduct our outreach. The fact that we've been having face-to-face, we've seen a lot of tremendous growth within the ICANN community in adoption of the virtual outreach and engagement.

But this time, during this meeting, we shall be having a kind of chat as we bring forward the strength or achievements of a given period of time or what GSE is saying, how we're collaborating with GSE, what is a perfect example of outreach and engagement, and all this. So we're going to have so much of this discussion, and we're having all the VPs available, GSE staff will be there, and then we'll be able to bring in all these respective milestones.

In case you want to know more, I'm available for any questions.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Daniel. Sounds like it's going to be a very busy meeting at the ICANN 69 session. It usually is, because not only is Daniel in charge of the outreach and engagement, there's also another session which I

meant to mention, that the At-Large already had a session before this one this week. It was started with our social media group, which gave an excellent presentation on some social media tips for people while they're [sending] tweets and Facebook posts, etc. And it was an excellent start to the At-Large program, and many thanks to Natalia and Shreedeeep for that introduction.

Okay, so now we're going to be moving on to sessions that are taking place in week two, and although Hadia doesn't seem to have arrived just yet, we can leave her for a little while and we can go on to Joanna Kulesza who has got a very interesting session. The floor is yours, Joanna.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Thank you very much, Maureen. Thank you for this opportunity. Welcome, everyone. Thank you for joining us despite the time zone challenges.

One of the sessions that the At-Large is planning for week two will be a continuation of the discussions we've had around the geopolitical aspects of ICANN policies. We will look at the work that is going on within the UN, we've looked at the Fifth Committee that works on cybersecurity and global challenges, and this session will look at the work of the First Committee, which is focused on cybercrime.

There is an interesting report authored by the governmental engagement team from ICANN that focuses on that work and steps

forward, and Veni Markovski will introduce that report during Olivier's session which he will introduce himself in a few moments.

Within this session that I will have the opportunity to moderate, however, we want to look at the end user perspective. So we will take a brief look at the status quo, where we stand in terms of international discussions on cybercrime and protecting individuals from online harms, and we will look at existing international legal tools like the Budapest Convention. We will have guests coming from the Council of Europe to give us a recap of how this instrument has been working thus far, and we will use this opportunity to see whether DNS abuse that we have looked into from the end user perspective throughout quite a few last meetings could be supported by those existing legal instruments.

So this will be our objective. It's a brief session, it's just 60 minutes. We're hoping to receive feedback from end users. It is a challenging topic. I personally find it interesting, but it is challenging in very pragmatic terms to, on one hand, have this global community of end users to be protected from DNS abuse through policies, and on the other hand, this very vivid framework of various international legal instruments that focus on online fraud, spam, child abusive materials, etc.

So we will take these 60 minutes to seek the best answer if at all possible, or at least offer a freeze-frame on where we stand in terms of DNS abuse, end user interests, and international cooperation, including the UN and beyond. So if you have the opportunity, come join us. We're

looking forward to an interesting discussion. Thank you very much, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Joanna. I'm sure that it will be an interesting discussion. It always is when Joanna is taking one of those sessions. And we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond. Olivier of course is a former ALAC chair, former EURALO chair, and this time, he's chairing the engagement group that's working on Internet governance. So he's going to tell us all about that. Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Maureen. Yes, I'm here to speak to you about one of the sessions in the last week of the ICANN meeting. It's in fact the penultimate day, it's on the Wednesday, the last day being the Thursday, I believe, and it's about Internet governance.

ICANN used to have a cross-community working group on Internet governance. It now has an engagement group on Internet governance, which is a loose group of people open for everyone to participate in, it has a mailing list, and we exchange details of things that are happening in the world outside of ICANN, outside the immediate ICANN domain name issues, etc.

Of course, we're looking at issues of Internet governance worldwide, but we're making sure that they also pertain in some way to ICANN or they have an influence on ICANN, or to the ICANN remit as such.

Every meeting, we used to have a face-to-face meeting, and of course, now we don't. So we used to have a face-to-face meeting and also a public meeting, so a face-to-face meeting of the working group and a public meeting of everyone around discussing just one single issue.

This time, we're going to meet remotely, and it's going to be really interesting because we've got a meeting that is going to mix both the face-to-face meeting that we usually have in the working group, and the public meeting.

So we have basically, as you can see on the diagram, three different parts to this discussion. The first part of our meeting, which is going to be two hours long, the whole meeting is two hours, the first part of the meeting is going to be discussing digital platforms and innovation, and specifically, the regulation aspect of digital platforms, starting with how regulation actually happens. It's one of these things where you can really explain this with examples, so we'll have a couple of examples that will be shared with us. One will be from Holly Raiche, how regulation happened with the Australian competition regulation with regards to content regulation, and then another person, Bruna Santos, will be speaking to us about the Brazilian platform regulation concerning fake news.

Now, of course, understood, ICANN doesn't deal with content, but these are good examples of regulations that have just been basically imposed, that came down and fell on the Internet industry in those countries and there was very little chance afterwards to get out. [It just

had ...] The network needed to adapt, or the businesses needed to adapt to the regulation.

We'll then have a look at the potential impact of regulation on ICANN. We'll have Elena Plexida, who's from ICANN staff, who will be speaking to us about the ICANN response to the Digital Services Act consultation. That's a consultation that is taking place or has taken place in Europe, pan-European regulation regarding digital services. So that could include ICANN services or at least services of industries that are within the ICANN remit, so registrars, registries, domain name, this sort of thing. So that's one.

We'll also have Suzanne Taylor from RIPE NCC who will be providing us with their response on the Digital Services Act consultation. RIPE is one of the regional Internet registries, it's the one for Europe. It's an organization that provides IP addresses, Internet protocols, the numbers basically that everyone needs in order to access the Internet. Every computer needs one of these numbers.

So anyway, RIPE has put forward a response on this, and we're still trying to get a platform, maybe a US-based platform provider to provide us with their perspective on this. We did ask TikTok for example, because they're under heavy discussions at the moment in the United States, but they responded that they, at this moment, given the current problems or challenges that they have, wouldn't want to comment on what's going on.

So that's the third thing that we'll have, which is this discussion on regulation. Now, after that, we will have a discussion with the board

working group on Internet governance and specifically its chair, Tripti Sinha who is a board member, of course, and is the chair of that board working group that focuses on Internet governance, and it will provide an opportunity for the community to interact with this board working group and discuss aspects of Internet governance, which is not something that we often have a chance to do. So that should be quite exciting, a bit of a Q&A session, a bit of feedback from the board working group, and then Q&A.

And then finally, we'll have Internet governance updates that will be structured in three different main parts. One will be updates about what's happening at the European Union, and already, of course, we've heard about the digital services act, but there might be other things coming up in the pipeline.

And then we'll have some feedback on some of the ITU, International Telecommunication Union working groups, which are not ... The ITU doesn't deal primarily with the Internet, it deals with telecommunications in general, but some of the work of the ITU at the moment has significant chance to impact the functioning of the Internet. So we'll hear from the work on various working groups and processes, including the WSIS, the GSR and the WTSA. We'll put it in the agenda what these acronyms mean, but the moment you start going into these, it's a long discussion.

Anyway, there's three of these processes taking place at the moment. There's also the virtual Internet Governance Forum which is hosted by the United Nations. It's of course virtual this year. It was supposed to be

in Poland, and I'm really sad that we're not going to be able to go to Joanna's country and visit the country and have the great food over there. But there you go. We're stuck with a virtual theme again, so the Internet Governance Forum, of course, is the forum that I guess all of you know, about discussion on Internet governance issues in a worldwide manner.

And then of course, also the latest developments, what's going on at the UN General Assembly. It's only a few years—quite recent—that the UN General Assembly, based in New York, has a direct interest into Internet governance matters. So we'll have someone update us on that. and of course, any updates that any of you might have on processes that are not listed there.

That's the two-hour session that we'll have. Hopefully, we'll be able to cover everything. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Olivier. I'm sure that everybody was thinking, how can you fit all that into a 60- or 90-minute slot, and I'm glad you clarified that we have given you 120 minutes, and you'll probably use more than that as well. So yeah, thank you. It sounds like it's going to be a really interesting and inclusive session. Just about everyone in Europe seems to be involved. Thank you, Olivier. We're looking forward to that. It's on the second to last day of the conference.

Now, we have Hadia with us, and so I'm hoping that she's available. Hadia, [inaudible] session.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you so much, Maureen.

YESIM NAZLAR: Unfortunately, we're not able to hear you, Hadia.

MAUREEN HILYARD: There's a connection issue, obviously.

YESIM NAZLAR: I've been just informed by tech that her audio was disconnected. I believe she's trying to reconnect back. Apologies for the technical issues.

MAUREEN HILYARD: While we're waiting for that connection to be reconnected, just as an aside, I was going through the list and I didn't realize that we have quite a number of special guests. I always consider that board members are special guests. But there's quite a few board members who have attended this session today, and I'm very pleased to see that they are interested, and very much appreciate that they've taken the time to come along, and for some of them, I know that the timing is horrible as it is for others of us.

But yeah, I'm hoping that we do get Hadia connected, because she's taking two very interesting sessions during the week. It's unusual that she's having these difficulties. But if there's anyone who's got any

questions to ask any of the presenters, please put your hand up. We've been answering questions that we've picked up in the chat, but I'm not quite sure if there's been anything that's been specific to a particular speaker.

Okay, so Hadia is not able to hear us either.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I just noted that there was a question earlier on, that I would have a stab at answering, from [Moamin Hamad] regarding what are the work details for At-Large new gTLD working group and At-Large ICANN development working group.

As co-chair of the subsequent procedures working group, which is under the auspices of the Generic Name Support Organization, the GNSO, thought I might mention that new gTLD working group that actually does the policy development belongs in the GNSO world, but we have several exceptional people working in that working group and that we have a weekly meeting of the Consolidated Policy Working Group that gathers all of us from At-Large who are interested together to not only develop opinion and consensus on things to do with new gTLDs but on many of the policy matters, and I just wanted to perhaps

draw attention to how incredibly useful it is, if you're interested in policy, to join that Consolidated Policy Working Group that the At-Large community runs. And Jonathan or staff might have a link to put into chat to respond to that question. And hopefully, I filibustered long enough for Hadia to get her audio organized.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

I think we've got all the techies trying to get to work on that, but interesting, because I think that what Cheryl has actually raised is important. It's one of the things that we've been trying to encourage people to get to, and that's our Consolidated Policy Working Group, which is a very hardworking activity group of people who attend regularly, each week, to discuss the many issues that come to the various constituencies to discuss, and At-Large really does take the matters that arise very seriously, and Jonathan has a strict protocol as to what the expectations are for people who want to speak about a particular issue. But it's a good place for people who are new to At-Large and who want to learn about the sort of work that ICANN covers. That's the place to go. They have a rotating time so that everyone shares the pain, and I know that the next session I think is tomorrow at 13:00 UTC. Just getting clarification on that from you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Yes. Here on the East Coast, the CPWG will have its next meeting at 9:00 AM, which is in about four hours.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Any special topics for today’s session, while we’re waiting for Hadia?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Actually, what we’ll be discussing are the talking points for ICANN 69, because what we try to do with each ICANN meeting is look for what the main topics of discussion will be during the meeting and get all of the At-Large volunteers onto the same page so that in the sessions they attend, they both understand the issue and where the At-Large stands on that issue so that if there's an opportunity to make an intervention, we can create a kind of At-Large echo chamber in which people hear the same messages from us over and over so that some of them might make their way through.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Exactly. And I think that’s probably going to be one of the highlights for people within our community, is that the talking points have always been something that we've initiated in the very first sessions. And some reason, I'm not quite sure if we have organized that, but the CPWG—

JONATHAN ZUCK: We have for next week.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Good. Because as you say—

JONATHAN ZUCK: We're all trying to get used to this three-week format.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Maarten, did you hear that? Okay, so that's another thing too though, is that to give the board and Org their due, they are expecting some feedback on meetings. Did I hear Hadia? Hadia, you've got three minutes.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yes. Thank you. So this session would be on Monday, 19th of October from 10:30 to 12:00 UTC. The title of the session is coordinating the Internet's unique identifiers and the interest of the Internet users.

In this session, we try to explore the interest of the end users and [inaudible]

YESIM NAZLAR: Maureen, I believe we have once again lost Hadia as she had bad connection.

MAUREEN HILYARD: We can see that it's trying to connect again. Well, we're actually at the end of our session anyway, and it's really unfortunate that we didn't get to hear about Hadia's sessions, but hopefully, the connectivity for her will be mended so that she can take those sessions as she would like, because she's got good speakers and so the session should actually be very good. But as you say, Cheryl, Murphy's law, when you want

something to happen, there's going to be something mucking it up. Oh, she's back again. Come on, Hadia, Give it another go. That's all right.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Yes. I'm so sorry. I know this has been very frustrating to everyone. Please, if I drop off again, that's it. There's a reason I was so anxious to be on the call, is that we have great speakers. The title of the session is coordinating the Internet unique identifiers and the interests of the Internet users, and in this session, we shall try to explore the interests of the end users as they relate to the Internet's unique identifiers and parameters from different perspectives. So we will explore it from the security, stability point of view, from the industry point of view, and from the policy development point of view.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Maureen, I believe she got disconnected once again.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay, that's fine. We sort of got that session, and I'm sure that it would be really good. Hadia is obviously very enthusiastic, and I'm sure it'll be great when it happens.

I just want to say thank you very much. We're at the top of the half-hour for the end of the session. Thank you so much for sticking with us with the little glitches, changes that we've had to make to the—

YESIM NAZLAR: Maureen, I'm sorry for interrupting. I'm seeing two hands raised before we conclude, Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Seun Ojedeji.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: My apologies. My hand is down here, I don't know why it's not down in the system. Another gremlin.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Maureen. I just wanted to respond to the question from Moamin Hamad who asked, "I ask that much of development of society in Africa is far below standard." I think the response to that would be we need to clarify what the standard is. The most important thing is that the region is developing its own pace, and for ICANN to focus on ICANN's remit, the African community has been putting efforts always to participate in all the processes that exist within ICANN.

So the standard, it depends on what standard we're talking about. I hope that addresses your question. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. I'm sure. And I'm not quite sure—I was wondering if he's part of your community anyway and if he goes to the RALO meetings, wants to discuss, that's something that he can raise with you directly. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah. That would be very good. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much. And once again, I'm thanking everyone for coming along, and we're looking forward to seeing you at our sessions. And if you have any other questions or queries, just send us an e-mail or a Skype chat, and we're looking forward to you participating and having a great time at ICANN 69. Thank you. Take care, everyone. Bye.

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