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BILL DRAKE: All right. Good morning, everyone. I hope you have all signed into Adobe and agreed to terms of service, proper behavior and all of that.

Steve, are you waving at me for anything in particular?

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BILL DRAKE: So good morning. I believe -- are we alive and ready to go? Video and up and rocking and rolling, and all systems go.

Okay. So, welcome. This is the conference ICANN and Global Internet Governance, the Road to Sao Paulo and Beyond.

We are here at the Raffles City Hall Convention -- City Convention Center in Singapore at ICANN 49. My name is Bill Drake. I teach at the University of Zurich and I am the chair of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency, NCUC, which is the host of this event. And so welcome to you all, both people in the room and online.

The meeting is being organized with the generous support of ICANN, and we much appreciate their help in this.

Just a word on NCUC. In case you don't know, NCUC currently has 337 members from 81 countries, including 94 noncommercial organizations

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and 243 individuals. We represent civil society actors and interests within the Generic Names Supporting Organization of ICANN, the gTLD space. And we have a longstanding interest in such issues as human rights, freedom of expression, privacy, access to knowledge, protecting noncommercial uses and users, development, global Internet governance, you name it. So we've been around and in this space for a long time.

Anybody who's interested to know more about NCUC, there are little fliers outside in the back. They're geared towards civil society members, or potential members in particular, but maybe they're of interest to you.

There's also in the back, if you haven't seen this, this flier which is -- contains the program information. It is a little bit dated, and I will tell you how so in just a moment. We had some late additions to the program after it was printed.

This is the third day-long conference the NCUC has held in recent years. We also did meetings in San Francisco and Toronto on ICANN and global public interest issues and we held some workshops in Beijing as well. So this is part of an ongoing stream of activity that we like to engage in to promote cross-community dialogue on ICANN and global public interest issues. Videos of all those past events are available on our Web site, NCUC.org.

This time we made a special effort to facilitate cross-community dialogue by soliciting Expressions of Interest in participating from people in the community and then reaching out directly and soliciting speakers, and we as I think you have seen from the program managed



to get quite a good cross-section of people from across the community. So I am very, very pleased with that.

The goal of the meeting, of course, is to help everyone understand better what's at stake and what's on the agenda at the upcoming NETmundial global multistakeholder meeting on the future of Internet governance that will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil from 27 to 28 April 2014.

As everybody here knows, the meeting was initiated by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and ICANN CEO Fadi Chehade and is being co-organized by the Brazilian Internet Steering Committee and 1net coalition. And the meeting will bring together a wide range of government, business, technical community, civil society, and academic participants from around the world with the declared objective, according to the organizers, of creating Internet governance principles and proposing a roadmap for the future evolution of the Internet governance ecosystem. That sounds quite a heroic task for a meeting, but it will -- so it will be a very interesting event.

The purpose of this NCUC conference is to provide a first opportunity for intensive face-to-face cross-community dialogue on the main substantive issues that will be likely to be addressed in Sao Paulo. There will be other events during this week. I imagine we'll be talking about Internet governance in Sao Paulo all week, and there will be other events during this week, most notably the two meetings being held by the Cross-Community Working Group on Internet governance which is the community's chief mechanism for addressing these issues.



I just want to make a brief note of thanks to some of the people who helped to make this happen, most notably Fadi Chehade and David Olive and their senior staff for their support. Nancy Lupino and her team for making the conference logistics and remote participation happen. Special thanks to Ergys Ramaj who helped work with me throughout this whole process from start to finish and learned to put up with civil society people and the complexities that we bring. And within NCUC, special thanks also to my colleague Steffi Milan and Brenton Kuerbis for working on the Web site, and to Joe Lee McPhee (phonetic) who is not with us, who is in New York City but he's making the live Webcasting happen via YouTube.

So we hope to have remote -- robust remote participation by the wider Internet governance community, not just those who are able to come to ICANN meetings, in particular, Singapore.

We also solicited written inputs, by the way. Members of the ICANN community were invited to provide personal or organizational written inputs related to the four panel topics indicated in the conference program and these were added to an online repository on the Web site associated with each of the panels. I don't know if you can see the Web site, but at the end of each panel there's a link where you can go and see various NETmundial inputs that people provided and various other materials, some of which were written for this meeting by various actors to help try to frame the discussion. So hopefully we'll be able to refer to some of those as we go along.

A brief overview of the program. We'll start with an opening benediction from Steve Crocker, who needs very little introduction



here. And then Sally Costerton, senior advisor to the president for stakeholder relations, who has been very involved in the planning of Sao Paulo, will give us an update on what's going on. And I understand our Brazilian colleague is also here, Daniel, so we can get a two-for-one on that.

And then we'll go into four panels, and these panels, the first panel is a broad setting-the-scene kind of panel just to get people started by getting a bunch of ideas out on the table about what have been some of the most important initiatives in the past few months, some of the most important ideas that have been put on the table through all the various strategy panels, cross-community working group, 1net, all the other multiple initiatives that are in the wind right now to help generate input into the NETmundial process and help work beyond them in some cases. So that first panel will take that task on, and it will be moderated by Rafik Dammak who is the chair of the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group, NCSG, and co-facilitator of the cross-community working group on Internet governance. And you can see the full list of speakers on the Web site.

On the program here, there's some amendment to say -- said, I will note those as I go. We'll have lunch and the next panel will be on Internet governance principles. Again, one of the major objectives of the NETmundial is supposed to be to adopt a set of global principles for Internet governance, and that's been a subject of some concern, exactly what those principles might be. We have a very good panel there as well. I just want to note on the program it says that George Sadowsky is on that panel. He has, because of a conflict with the Board schedule, been moved to a later session, and we have added Jari Arkko, the head



of the IETF, to the program. So Jari is here, and we're very happy to have him.

The panel after that will be on Roadmap for Ecosystem Evolution and the whole issue of globalization, a rather timely topic. Globalization of IANA function and ICANN more generally.

And added to the panel since this was printed -- unfortunately, again, just a little bit out of sync, is Paul Wilson, the Director General of APNIC from the ASO.

Then we'll have a coffee break and finally the last panel, Roadmap for Ecosystem Evolution: Institutional Innovation. I'm sorry. I should have said that the principles panel will be moderated by Adam Peake and the globalization panel will be moderated by Avri Doria, both of NCUC.

The last panel will be on institutional innovation that will be moderated by myself, and George Sadowsky has been added to that panel. That's not reflected on here.

Finally, then, we will have a keynote address by the man of the hour, Larry Strickling, who is the assistant Secretary of Commerce for the U.S. government and has recently had some very interesting and important things to say that has animated the global Internet community quite a bit. So we're really pleased that Larry could be with us and share his thoughts.

And then we'll have some brief concluding observations from a few people from NCUC. Particularly, we put a couple of our newby members because NCUC has been growing very rapidly, and we're bringing in a lot of people from outside of the ICANN sphere who have



been involved in broader global Internet governance issues in other environments, such as the United Nations and so on. And so we will have Pranesh Prakash and Stefania Milan, two colleagues who are now on the Executive Committee of the NCUC, and we will close with Robin Gross who is familiar to all of you and one of the long-time stalwarts of the NCUC.

And then we have a reception, the most important. And Fadi Chehade will be here for that. He's flying in a little bit later.

So that's the overview of the day. I think it should be a very interesting and robust discussion. Really happy to have such a full room here, and I see some people are online as well despite the time zone differences. I think that's fantastic.

And so without any further ado, as they say, I'd like to welcome to the podium Steve Crocker.

Steve is, of course, the chair of the Board of ICANN and somebody who has got a very longstanding and deep involvement with these issues.

Do you want to just stand in the front, Steve, and talk or would you like to sit down? We don't have a podium but we're working on that.

STEVE CROCKER:

I'm happy to stand here. Is there an issue about --

BILL DRAKE:

You would need a mic and I guess there is a roving mic here which we can give you.



STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you very much. Can you hear me? I guess I have to -- ah, there we go.

So I'm electing to do this without the protection of a podium to stand behind or sitting down behind the screen here, and I have scribbled a few notes, so I apologize for the stage craft here.

I'm actually bowled over. Most of the interactions I have had with NCUC have been with the leadership, and I've always wondered, the leadership has been so active and forceful that I've sometimes wondered how much was behind and involved as well. So it's a pleasure to see so many people here. This is great. And particularly also, I could feel the energy in the room as I came in.

Benediction. I don't know what a benediction is exactly. You're not going to get any benediction from me. I'm just going to chat for a bit.

There's a lot happening here. My sense is, I was looking at the program and listening to bill, reminded me of my reaction when I go to a new restaurant, and one of the criteria I use for judging how well I like the restaurant is whether or not there's enough choices on the menu that appeal to me that I can't possibly get to them all in one visit. So that if there's another set of things that I might be interested in sampling and want to come back, that's a good thing. And that is exactly the feeling I had coming in here; that the set of topics that are meaty and relevant and timely is more than one -- more than one meal, if you will.

There's an awful lot of buzz, of course, about the announcement from NTIA about the transition of their role with respect to the IANA process.



And let me set that slightly in context, at least from my perspective. It's been a pretty fantastic year with a lot of things going on, and I want to divide it up into, very crisply, three -- three areas, all of which have a degree of globalization in their concept. And in my very simple-minded picture of how they're organized, these are almost in concentric circles.

So from the inside, we have the IANA globalization and the transition that Larry referred to in his announcement. That will garner an awful lot of attention, quite obviously, but it's just one of the three broad areas of globalization.

I want to come back and say quite a bit more about that, but -- and it will be interesting because it's uncoordinated with anybody else, and so I hope I don't run counter to what Larry is going to say later.

The second big area is ICANN globalization, which I want to distinguish from the IANA globalization.

The globalization of ICANN has been under way. You've heard and seen the announcements of hubs, one of which is right here in Singapore, breaking up the headquarters into what we call tri-quarters, and regional engagements and a number of other initiatives.

Sally, I expect you're going to say a bit more about that, perhaps.

And the third is the things that don't necessarily involve ICANN directly, Internet governance writ large, for which the meeting next month in Brazil is a key piece but not the sole piece of that dialogue. 1net and others.



The natural focus, it seems to me, for NCUC is certainly with respect to ICANN globalization, certainly with respect to broader sets of issues in Internet governance, writ large, and, in particular, with respect to public responsibility. And I'll draw your attention to one of the four panels, the one headed by Nii Quaynor on public responsibility that just recently concluded as potentially helpful in kicking off that dialogue.

I'll come back, as I said, to the NTIA announcement.

I've been watching the dialogue online in various mailing lists and it ranges over a considerable set of ideas. My preference is that we stay focused more toward the minimal end of things. This is a natural progression that was anticipated even from the formation of ICANN. There is language in the original documents that anticipated the step that is taking place now to have happened in 2000, which is almost before the lifetime of many of the people who come here.

I would counsel that we should be looking for minimal changes as opposed to maximal changes; that we should be focused in trying to identify what are the issues that have to be addressed, what are the principles that have to be preserved, and then stay grounded in specifics as opposed to using this as an opportunity for reorganizing the world completely or reorganizing ICANN completely.

I'm particularly, as I said, interested in principles and issues in order to be able to evaluate and sort out what the role of various solutions that are proposed. There's a tendency to jump forward and say, "Well, let's do this," or "Let's do that," and the natural question, it seems to me, is "And that accomplishes what?"



So either after the fact of having solutions proposed or, preferably, before, let's see if we can focus on exactly what is the problem that has to be solved and what are the major principles and framework that we need to preserve.

The absolutely important aspect of the announcement last week -- last week, it was last week. It's hard to keep track of time -- is that it is not a signal that things are broken and need to be fixed but exactly the opposite; that things have been working and that it's time to release a piece of the scaffolding that has been in place from the beginning.

So with that, I will step aside. I apologize that I can't be here for the entire session but I will be attentive to hearing what the major pieces of dialogue are and hopefully there won't be any great explosions but I do expect there will be quite a bit of energy. To borrow from physics, let's hope that energy turns into light mostly instead of heat.

Thank you.

(Applause)

BILL DRAKE:

Thank you, Steve. I guess it depends on what your threshold is for great explosion. But starting with a small explosion, then, let me welcome to the stage Sally to give us an update on what's going on. And I don't know if Daniel wants to join. However you want to do it.

SALLY COSTERTON:

Daniel, do you want to come down?



Thank you, Bill. That's the nicest thing you've ever said about me.

Good morning, everybody. For anybody who doesn't know who I am, which maybe lots of you don't -- Daniel, why don't you come grab a seat here. So I'm Sally Costerton, and I look after stakeholder engagement at ICANN. And occasionally, as is today, I periodically channel Fadi Chehade, which is my spare job. So I hope that we'll be able to have -- I think we'll be able to have a great session today. Congratulations to the committee that have put together such a good agenda. I echo what Steve says.

Now, I have been specifically asked by Bill to shed some light, and I don't want to stand in front of Daniel. Let me just introduce Daniel.

Daniel Fink here to my right is the head of the secretariat for NETmundial, and I'm very pleased that he was able to be here. So I'll just make a few comments about what's going to happen at the meeting and some of the backdrop to it. And then if we have questions, we can take them between us. But hopefully between Daniel and I, we should be able to answer most of the questions that you have. Fingers crossed.

Okay. So the first thing I would say is that, as you know, NETmundial is a partnership between CGI in Brazil and 1net. And this has been quite a pioneering exercise, I think it's fair to say. Fadi would say, if he was here, this is an historic opportunity. And it is. It is also the first time that I am aware that any pairing of this type has tried to put on an event like this, and certainly in such a short time frame. And that has brought some quite big challenges operationally, but it's been very impressive to see how the team, particularly in Sao Paulo led by Daniel, very ably, and



his partners in CGI and on the two -- three committees have really stepped up to the challenge of organizing such a big event under such an intense spotlight as well in such a short space of time.

There has been intense interest in this event. Much media coverage has already been generated, and I was reading this morning, I don't know if any of you have yet had a chance to see it. There is a very interesting piece in this morning's Economist online talking about the recent announcement from the NTIA and pointing to the importance of the NETmundial event and looking at the broader Internet governance issues that it's going to take under its wing. So I think it's just one example of how high profile this event has become in such an incredibly short space of time.

Now, that is mostly good, but it's also something to be aware of. There's no question in my view that the world, and far -- very much the world beyond our ICANN community, is watching this event, and it's watching it I think for a couple of reasons, which are reasonably obvious. One is how will the -- how will the multistakeholder model function in such a global environment, in a global stage? How will it show itself to be able to grapple with the enormous challenges of looking at principles and frameworks that go well beyond some of the areas that we've been dealing with in the past?

And that's a very good question, and it's a challenge, it's an opportunity for us, particularly, I think, for those of us in this community. And I know many of you have registered interest to attend in person. And I hope that most of you will be able to access the meeting remotely if you wish to do so.



It will give us an opportunity to show the world, if you like, what we can do and what that high-functional multistakeholder model looks like in practice.

The other reason that it will be high profile is because of where it is and the fairly unusual platform of a national government co-hosting an event of this type.

So I think we have a lot of energy, to use Steve's words, ahead of us over the next four weeks.

He now in terms of some practical issues, the first thing I should say is it is on the 23rd and 24th of April, not the 26th and 27th of April. No, it's fine. I just want to make sure that people actually have the right date because if you turn up on the 26th and 27th of April you probably should kind of hang around for the football because I'm thinking everyone would have gone home.

It's being held at the Hyatt in Sao Paulo. I think you all know this. And the other logistical point to make is that, as I referred to earlier, we will, of course, have remote access available.

There is currently a request, which you if go to the NETmundial Web site you can see it's running on a banner at the top of the Web site, out into the community for partners for remote hub access around the world. And we will run as many, or the secretariat will run as many remote hubs as we can. It depends on how many people step forward to participate in that.

But I think, Daniel, the interest in that has been reasonably good so far, hasn't it? Yeah.



So I'm not surprised by that. I think it's a good example of our community in action wanting to do their bit and wanting to participate. So the secretariat will make sure that once those organizations or individuals have volunteered and put their hand up to run a remote hub that they are properly supported with staffing resourcing and technical support to make that works smoothly. And we will also, of course, run a normal Adobe link or something similar so that people can dial in as they are doing, I hope, today.

In terms of the structure of the event -- I think, again, this is reasonably well-known but it's worth stressing. There are three committees looking after this. There is a logistics committee, who are looking after, fairly obviously, the logistics of the event. And that is Hartmut Glaser. I don't know if he is here. I don't think Hartmut is here. And Nick Tomasso, who is the head of the ICANN meetings team, are working very hard on that side of things. And that includes helping with the -- organize the remote access.

The middle -- the middle committee, I'm going to call it. I don't know, it's the second committee, is the executive multistakeholder committee. Now, this is the committee that really is making decisions and recommendations about the agenda. This is its next job. And it will meet fairly soon to have a look at the -- all the various submissions that have been sent in. There have been nearly 200 submissions to NETmundial, which is a lot more, I think, it's fair to say, than we were anticipating. Which is a really good thing in my view because it shows how -- not just how much interest there is, but it takes time and effort to write a submission like that. And this shows that many, many people



really, really want to be heard and have their thoughts looked at and considered as part of this process.

It, of course, brings a challenge because that committee is going to have to distill and examine all of those submissions and come to some kind of decision about how to structure an agenda. And we really thank them for the work that they are doing in this, because this is not an easy task, as I'm sure you can appreciate, and they need to do it in a way that is seen to be fair and allowing the right issues to be surfaced in the two days of the conference. This is very challenging.

I can tell you from my own personal experience, I've been quite involved since I've been at ICANN in the -- I know, frankly, thankless task of putting together an ICANN meeting agenda, for which my inbox is full of all sorts of quite spirited email, shall we put it that way. For anytime for about a month in a run-up to an ICANN meeting, I kind of prepare my inbox for the attack. And it's really difficult to do this in a way that keeps everybody happy. I mean, it's pretty much impossible, actually. But we have a lot of options in an ICANN meeting. As you know, we run a lot of different streams in parallel.

We are not going to do that in NETmundial. There will be plenary sessions only. I am looking to Daniel to check that I haven't got that wrong, but I haven't.

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In the main ballroom. And that is, I think, very, very good from the perspective of showing the world how the multistakeholder model engages with itself and with each other to make decisions and recommendations, but it creates some serious pressure in terms of how much can you actually get on an agenda in two days. Because you can't move anything into another room or into another meeting.

So I just thought it was worth mentioning that, because do bear in mind and please try to be very supportive of that multistakeholder committee because it's a very big job and it's a very big responsibility and we thank them for it.

And then when they have made those recommendations they will share them with the high-level committee, which is, if you will, a kind of oversight, steering group of the whole meeting, which is being run by Minister Bernardo, who -- from the Brazilian government, and this will be the final hand who says yes, we're happy with this, we're ready for this to go forward.

We're not quite sure exactly what date that agenda is going to be published, but I anticipate people will want to know that. So to give you some guidance, sometime in the first two weeks of April, hopefully nearer the beginning of April than the end of April, an agenda will be posted on the NETmundial Web site and everybody will be able to see and prepare themselves for that meeting.

I think that was all I wanted to say, other than to hope that we see an awful lot of participation from the ICANN community at this event. I think we will. And to thank in public Daniel and the team at CGI. I think what they've done is really unbelievable, actually. And I'm sure that it



will be a very successful meeting, and we will owe enormous amounts of gratitude to them for having made it happen.

So I'm happy to take any questions.

Daniel, is there anything you would like to add?

DANIEL FINK:

Good morning, everybody. It's a pleasure to be here. Just like to introduce some other members of the executive multistakeholder committee, and I met this morning professor Flavio Wagner over there. Thank you. Carlos Afonso beside him. Adam Peake. I don't know if he is here. Okay.

So....

And also -- Sorry?

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(Off microphone).

DANIEL FINK:

Okay; right. Yeah, please.

BILL DRAKE:

Could you introduce yourself because people remote --

JOHN BERARD:

My name is John Berard. I'm a member of the business constituency from San Francisco. And I was curious, it's -- the Expressions of Interest



to participate have given us insight as to who may be there. Is there anybody that you have been surprised has chosen not to participate?

DANIEL FINK: Well -- Not to send the Expression of Interest, you mean?

JOHN BERARD: I'm sorry?

DANIEL FINK: You mean not sending the Expression of Interest?

JOHN BERARD: Yeah, yeah.

DANIEL FINK: Well, we are -- We received some comments from some committee members after we showed them the list of people who sent the Expression of Interest, and they remember some people who should be there but were not in the first hand. Perhaps didn't pay attention or didn't have time to fill up the Expression of Interest.

What we are doing is inviting these people through the chairman, Virgilio Almeida, so the people that the committee understands should really be there, we are inviting them directly and registering them as well. And this is an ongoing process right now.

And we are receiving some comments as well from the community. So if you have any suggestion, just let us know, yeah.



And also we have Mr. Michael Niebel from the European Commission, also from the Executive Committee, yeah, together here.

BILL DRAKE:

Are there other questions?

Any logistical or substantive questions about what's going to happen in Sao Paulo, now that we have the date correct? Sorry. In the age of mass surveillance, typos still happen and go unnoticed.

Any other questions for the organizers here on logistics?

STEVE DELBIANCO:

Steve DelBianco with Net Choice. With respect to the 800 slots, as it were, how were they located between private sector, civil society, government, and are any of those allocations or quotas oversubscribed?

DANIEL FINK:

Well, the first idea was to have five members for each country, like two from government and three from the other -- from the other constituencies. But it would be very difficult to keep this code because it was not a homogeneous application from several countries. We had 80 countries applying. Brazil and United States were the higher number of applications. So Brazil had 215 express of interest. The United States, 120. And the third country was India with 28 only.

So we found that we will be able to invite all the people from the other countries except United States and Brazil. And for this case, we have to invite them in groups. So that's what we did.



So we selected at least one person from each organization, from each constituency, but it would be very, very difficult to keep a balance among all the groups because of the Expression of Interest was not very uniform.

But many people were not registering as well. So in the....

BILL DRAKE: Steve, perhaps your question wasn't entirely clear to him.

STEVE DELBIANCO: Yeah, it was just a simple matter of mathematics. Of the 800, I had come to understand that a certain number were set aside for business and civil society and a certain number for government. And of those that were set aside for business and civil society, a big part of the audience here today, just let us know where it stands. Are they oversubscribed or are there still available slots?

DANIEL FINK: Okay, yeah. So for governments, 200 slots, and for the other groups, 500 slots in the -- in the attendance. Plus 100 invitees from international government organizations -- intergovernment organizations, yeah.

BILL DRAKE: I have a question.



SALLY COSTERTON:

So, Steve, I think the answer is it hasn't been finalized yet, is the short answer. But the goal, my understanding of the goal is that to the best of the ability of the organizers, they will be balanced.

But Daniel's point is it depends who expressed a registration of interest, and there wasn't an even representation from every single stakeholder group. It didn't work like that. So some stakeholder groups a lot of people applied, and others less applied. But the goal is, as much as possible, to have a balanced attendance, of course, because this is, as I said in my comments, part of the goal of this is this is a multistakeholder process, so nobody wants there to be an unbalanced representation at the meeting. And that would be not at all desirable. But I don't think -- the process hasn't been completed yet.

BILL DRAKE:

Could I ask a question from behind you?

Early in the discussion there was mention of the possibility of some allocation for global citizens. I'd heard mention that people like Bono and others might be coming. Is that still part of the concept or is that gone?

DANIEL FINK:

Still ongoing discussion with the board of chairmans, yeah. It's to be a surprise.

BILL DRAKE:

If there are no other questions -- oh, okay. One. Great.



GA YOUNG LEE: Hi, my name is Ga Young Lee from South Korea. I ask about the format of meeting. There's whole sessions. There are no parallel sessions; right? The meeting without any parallel session, just one whole session process. And is there any other, like, subsessions or just the format -- I'm curious about the format of the meetings, process.

DANIEL FINK: Yeah, no parallel sessions at all, yeah. So everything will happen in the same venue, in the same big room, yeah. The only thing is that the discussions will be divided between for a certain amount of time we will discuss about principles and another amount of time we will discuss talk about roadmap and so forth.

GA YOUNG LEE: How about the committee meeting? There's no committee meeting in (indiscernible) meeting?

DANIEL FINK: No, no.

>> No committee meeting?

DANIEL FINK: Unless you want to organize something, but not in the main agenda.



BILL DRAKE: So the idea would be, then, that you've got a large plenary gathering that will all together discuss and reach agreement on things like principles in a couple hours.

DANIEL FINK: That's right.

BILL DRAKE: Okay.

DANIEL FINK: And the time for specific meetings, perhaps, would be between when the discussion is running about roadmap, perhaps, the people about principle can go outside and discuss and come back in the next round.

SALLY COSTERTON: I think it will be important, and I know the multistakeholder committee will look at this, that when they publish the agenda, they also publish the format. So we have a -- we have a short document that explains exactly what will happen when. But there's not much point in doing that until you actually publish the agenda because I think it would be confusing but the two things should go together because it's not using a similar format to, say, an ICANN meeting or an IGF meeting. So I think it will need a bit of explanation so people will know what to expect. Okay?



BILL DRAKE:

Well, listen, thank you very much, Sally and Daniel, for that background on the meeting.

(Applause)

I had promised the incoming chair of the NomCom, Monsieur Stephane Van Gelder, two minutes to make a quick pitch, without dropping all of his materials, about the NomCom challenge, and then we will go to the first panel.

STEPHANE VAN GELDER:

Thanks very much, Bill, and thank you to NCUC for this event. It's really good.

I just wanted to speak two minutes to the current NomCom process, the Nominating Committee, just to make sure everyone in the room is aware that we are currently looking for applications for leadership positions within ICANN.

We are recruiting this year two members of the Board of Directors, those are three-year terms, two members of the At-Large Advisory Committee for two-year terms, one member of the ccNSO Council, two-year term, and one member of the GNSO Council, which is a two-year term. And the ccNSO, sorry, is a three-year term.

That recruitment process is ongoing at the moment, and I just wanted to make you aware of the deadline, which is the 1st of April. The call for SOI, Statements of Interest, went out in January of this year and that's ongoing. So if you know anyone or you yourself are interested, please use the NomCom Web site to apply. That's NomCom.icann.org, and



send in your SOIs. It's a simple process, and, please, if you need any further advice on this, I promised Bill I'd be very quick, just speak to myself as chair elect of the NomCom or other members of the committee. I see over there the associate chair who was chair of the committee last year and part of the leadership team this year as well and our chair for this year, Cheryl Langdon-Orr. I'm not sure she's here yet. Or any other members of the committee will be happy to help you.

So NomCom.icann.org, and any questions, we're happy to answer.

Thank you very much, Bill, and have a good meeting.

BILL DRAKE:

Thank you, Stephane. That was amazingly concise. After spending a few years together on the GNSO Council, that's the briefest thing I could ever -- I've ever heard you say.

Okay. So let us welcome, then, the first panel to the podium. If everybody could just come on up and I will move to the far left where I'm most comfortable. And Rafik Dammak will take over.

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