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Jonathan Robinson: The recording is commencing for our next session which is a meeting with the security and Stability Advisory Committee.

And I'm pleased to let you know we have both Patrick Falstrom, Chair of the SSAC and Jim Galvin, Vice Chair join us here now. Thanks very much over to you Patrick and Jim.

Patrick Falstrom: Thank you very much we have pass over to you a set of slides that describes the - a little bit what we're doing, where we are in the current status and also presentation of the last couple of documents that we produced.

To make this session a little bit more effective I think we just like last time we met at the last ICANN meeting I think we should just immediately move into question and answer mode so and want to bring up some issues.

You see on the agenda here four different bullet points. You see the (OVUN) activities. Slide 64 was something we published is an advice or in search list processing which is a continuation of the old traditional namespace collision issues where we explain some of the back technical background on that.

Then SAC 65 and advice from (unintelligible) service attacks leveraging DNS infrastructure. And then we have this Q&A part.

But I propose that we dive directly into the Q&A part for the people that are interested in that to use the time the best way possible.

Jonathan Robinson: Thanks Patrick. And I can see we've got some at least one question raring to go so over to you Mikey.

Mikey O'Connor: Thanks Patrick. It's is Mikey O'Connor for the transcript.

There's a recommendation and a theme that's running through SAC 64, 65 the name collision thing -- a bunch of stuff that says something to the effect ICANN ought to let the world know about these issues.

And I'm just curious if you've got, you the SSAC have got any ideas on how that happens? I mean who does what? How do we, you know, I agree wholeheartedly but I don't - I'm curious if you thought about sort of how do we get that going?

Patrick Falstrom: Well we have a couple of ideas of what can be done. You can first of all you could for example have everything from in no particular order just to list some ideas we have been talking about.

And we are interacting with for example our account security team tracks the activity work with the - with various other communities to increase the collaboration and cooperation between ICANN and the (ITF) including the ICANN staff even working documents in the (ITF) when things need to be updated.

It is - and a reminder for ICANN to when they do briefings on new technologies and new things that they don't forget to write about security issues or that when there - when ICANN's spending money on flyers, education and outreach that they include these kinds of security robustness things.

They also that their communication team is going to work and do also briefings and video and podcasts whatnot that are related on these issues.

And I end with a just by saying that we at SSAC do believe that we of course from ourselves are part of the community, the ICANN community.

So some of this requirement on or request to do a recommendation to do more outreach is of course pointing to us.

So one thing that we have done the last year is that we have been working with ICANN Communication Team to come up with a mechanism on whereby which we can present ourselves to the world better what we are have written in our documents in the form of videos and others.

And we today actually had the first meeting with the Communication Team. We decided to work on the first presentation on what SSAC is, what are principles are, the difference between damage on for example damage that someone do on their own business or technical things and damage that some - that - and collateral damage based on some kind of - those kinds of examples.

And then we're planning the or expecting that the next briefing we probably should do is let's say by accident before London or something about other - some other topic.

So that's sort of what we are now planning to do ourselves to do this kinds of and to try to resolve this recommendation. So those are examples. Thank you.

Jonathan Robinson: It looks like the next one might be from the same person.

Mikey O'Connor: I'm curious about how the GNSO can help you do that?

Patrick Falstrom: That's a good question and we are talking now and about how to communicate.

I think we have started to get more and better communication with various stakeholder groups.

I don't really think that we know yet really how to exchange information in a more effective way.

I think that the meetings that we and SSAC have with each one of the stakeholder groups are more and more constructive and better.

And I also hear from my SSAC members that they also listen. So I think it's really important that the meetings we have together does not end up being one-way communication from us to you in GNSO but also in the other direction so that you bring up what issues you have.

For example one thing that I discussed with the previous with Stephan - and no Jonathan is the fact that I brought up together with (Heather) the chair of GAC how many items we and SSAC for example could work on each year that have been four increased to six and now it's about eight issues a year.

And I understood and I heard that you're working on maybe 35 main topics, probably 135. But anyway it's much more than eight.

Now if we - we are advisory Committee to the board. And the board will ask you - will ask us questions. And we have got one or two questions a year that removes let's say two out of these eight. We have six more issues to work on.

I have offered GNSO three. So the question now is I actually - and I do understand that I haven't gotten really a response.

And yes it was Stephan that I said okay if I tell you that if you among all the things you do in the GNSO picked three items that we should work on during fiscal year 2015 what three topics should be?

Think about that Mikey.

Mikey O'Connor: Let me preview something Jonathan and others and I are working on with GAC GNSO collaboration because in a way what we're talking about is managing a queue.

And there are two components to that. One is developing what a queue is. And then another is deciding how to manage it.

And so one of the things that would be interesting to explore is whether that's a similar approach could work between the GNSO and the SSAC.

Patrick Falstrom: Yes. Can we please move forward a slide or two until I say stop? Stop. Okay back one. So this is something that we present to you at each meeting.

These are the issues that we are working with at the moment okay where the public suffix list is the latest one that we started up.

We actually do have one work part that we might start on Tuesday. So it's not really a secret and that is that we find that given that we deal with the security and stability issues with identifiers we feel that we at least should have a look at stability, security and stability issues related to the globalization of IANA.

So that is something that we will discuss on Tuesday. But given the - so I cannot of course like say whether that will be created and what exactly the title and charter will be. But that is a very big work item for us that might be another item on top of what you see on this?

So for example feedback on priorities, if the, for example on the things that you see these are things that we already spent time on.

New suggested things that we should work on look at that are triggered by what you're doing in your constituency for example, that would be helpful.

Jonathan Robinson: Got a follow-up question from Stephan and then a comment. Do you do want to make an additional - Jim go ahead and make a comment and then we...

Jim Galvin: Jim Galvin for the transcript. I just wanted to point out in addition to these slides that the GNSO gets which describes our work plan and things it's probably useful to note for the record that all of this is presented in the SSAC public session which typically is held on Thursday mornings.

So one can always go back to the record and see what we've been saying about our current work plan and current activities. Thank you.

Jonathan Robinson: Thanks. I've got Stephan and then (Cheng).

Stephan Van Gelder: Thanks Jonathan, Stephan Van Gelder. Just to add to what Patrick was saying one of the things that I think is very useful certainly I think we found it useful as you were saying is the interaction at the leadership level that happens prior to every ICANN meeting which is I'm sure you're all aware that the SO and AC leadership tends to meet on the Friday with the ICANN CEO.

And it's not only an opportunity for interaction between the community and the CEO. It's also an opportunity for interaction between each community.

And I've always when I was chair found it extremely useful to find out more about what SSAC and other communities were doing.

So I know it didn't happen at this meeting. I'm sure there was some good reasons for that. But it's certainly something that I'd encourage to happen at every ICANN meeting. I think it's really useful.

And it's often more useful than formal lists and this is what we're doing where people don't always understand, you know, each other's priorities.

That's a good way if we talk the face-to-face and then have that fed back through the leadership to the community to get that understanding I think.

Patrick Falstrom: So Patrick Falstrom. Yes. I'm also - I also found it very useful to be able to talk with the other people in the leadership so that it's been useful for us for me as well.

But let me add that what I was talking about is what I think would be even more important. And that is if that is the case that you through your process whatever issue or want to know what process you use if you find something that you are sort of that you would like to like us to have a look at ask us a question.

The more precise the question the easier it is for us to respond. And to take us between three months to six months to response it's not something we can respond in a week.

GAC has done this very successfully. The board is doing this but don't hesitate to ask us questions.

Jonathan Robinson: Thanks Patrick. I've got Edmon next and then we should - sorry Jim were you in the queue? I wasn't sure if you were in the queue or not yet. Go ahead and then we've got Edmon after you then I think we should probably call it a day at that point.

(Cheng): Sure thank you Jonathan, (Cheng) speaking and thanks Patrick and Jim for the update. Just very quickly the six items, the topics of this list is that in the synergy with I mean with the Mozilla public list?

Man: Yes.

Jonathan Robinson: Excuse me, Edmon.

Edmon Chung: And Edmund here. And that's kind of the question I was wanting to ask as well but more on I guess this is - this kind of relates to one of the final report from the JIG that came out in terms of universal acceptance I assume.

And part of the recommendation from the two councils is for ICANN to look into some of the services that these public suffix list provide and whether there is any gaps.

So I'm just curious whether the SSAC would look into that and what kind - there is a topic there but what is kind of the scope that perhaps you might be looking at?

Patrick Falstrom: Okay I have two little bit fluffy responses here. First of all it's very intentionally that is written in plural okay?

Secondly (Rob) can you stand up please? This is the SSAC member that is currently working with these and working with these work parties. So I encourage you to talk to (Rob) directly and he can explain much better than myself what this is about.

Edmon Chung: And the fact that it's the sixth does it mean that it's lowest priority or, you know, because...

Patrick Falstrom: No, no, no okay, okay now I understand. No the list is unordered.

Edmon Chung: Okay.

Patrick Falstrom: Good question. Thank you very much. No there's - it's an ordered list.

Edmon Chung: Okay. So the reason why we did have a very brief conversation both on the JIG and also I think Thomas mention this about, you know, how the universal acceptance issue on IOS or, you know, other platforms as well and this is somewhat related.

So it ties into consumer trust and ties into kind of some of the things that GNSO I think is...

Patrick Falstrom: Yes. I have repeatedly - this is Patrick Falstrom. Several different groups have constituents within ICANN have talked to us at SSAC about universal acceptance and now you bring it up as well.

We are very well aware of it. We follow what's going on. But this is one of these cases where we have really difficulty to actually do something that has - that is sort of a series of recommendations if it is not the case that we get a crystal clear question that we're going to answer.

But this is one example where for example a good question can actually help us to deliver faster and easier.

Edmon Chung: Just very quickly but I think the depending on what you have in mind for the public suffix list that might help add to some of the, you know, for clarifying the actual question.

Patrick Falstrom: I am - yes I understand. Please talk to (Rod).

Jonathan Robinson: Yes were going to finish up then after you Thomas the last word last question.

Thomas: Yes my question is what we can expect in terms of the public suffix list? I mean what questions surrounding the public suffix list are you addressing?

I know that Jonathan for example is promoting it as a tool to foster universal acceptance. Others in the technical community are saying well this is meant purely for cookies and nobody should be using that list for acceptance of TLDs. So let's have that matter are you going to...

Patrick Falstrom: We are talking more about the - we are talking much more about the generic issue with the fact that there are multiple lists that how various entities know but the list exists how to know who you should communicate with.

And potentially looking at various issues that have been for example when ccTLDs have introduce IDNs without knowing that should be announced through some public suffix list and various different kind of things.

But that work parties in creation so I encourage you, all of you to reach out to and let us know.

Unfortunately we're not really prepared on answering so much question about public suffix list so we could maybe we have our open meeting between 8:00 and 9:00 on Thursday so I'm looking at (Rod).

Maybe we could if you come there and ask questions we might be better prepared, might be.

Jonathan Robinson: On that note Jim sorry last...

Jim Galvin: Just a quick thing to add since you phrased your question as a what can we expect from SSAC with respect to this I think it's important to point out that although we have these particular topics that we're working on there's - we don't have any promise of producing a work product okay?

So there really wouldn't be any expectations in particular as to what will come out of it because SSAC does and has in the past, you know, started a work item and then decided that there's nothing for us to say about it and then the work party just closes and we move on.

Man: My question was relating to the outcome but to the questions that you're asking yourself.

Jonathan Robinson: Okay good. We're all set then. Thank you very much.

Jim Galvin: Thank you very much.

Jonathan Robinson: Thank you Jim. All right we can stop the recording on that session.

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