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SINGAPORE – Fellowship Meet and Greet
Sunday, March 23rd 2014 – 07:30 to 09:30
ICANN – Singapore, Singapore

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	So Spanish, it should be… Thank you very much. For Spanish, thank you, yes. Thank you. Yup. That is perfect, thank you very much. And if we can try Chinese. Fantastic, we've got our Chinese. Thank you very much.
JOHN:	This is the download edition of World Business Report, for Thursday March the 20th. I'm John [?]. 13 days on….
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UNIDENTIFIED:	We're doing something that affects almost every human beings, and I think that….

UNIDENTIFIED: Hello ICANN fellows. It is good to talk to you at the beginning of this great week. This is ICANN 49….

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UNIDENTIFIED: …talk to you at the beginning of this great week. This is ICANN 49 in Singapore, and it's going to be a momentous meeting. Not the least because you are here. I'm very glad that you joined us this year as the ICANN Fellows. Some of you may know us, some of you less so, but right now you are here and I need to make sure you appreciate how important your presence is.

We've never had an ICANN CEO who used to be a fellow.

JANICE DOUMA LANGE: Good morning, good morning.

Good, good.

Just going to do the shuffle. You should hear me now. Can you hear me now? Yes, beautiful. So thank you, thank you for that honey. So we're very, very blessed, all week long, while we're here to have – and I'm going to do this first before I forget, to have interpretation for our Fellowship meetings.

So our wonderful interpreters in the back of the room over here, and when we move down to the GAC room, they'll be here with us as well. So if you need a headset, because I talk to fast, or anyone else in the room is speaking French, Chinese, or Spanish and English is your primary language, or the other one is, we do have headsets in the back, on the side of the room.

So please don't hesitate to grab a headset so that you can understand everything that is happening, and that goes for the entire week, okay? So in these main rooms, like here, next door, [?], Canning, and in the GAC room, Collier, where we'll be for our morning meetings at the end, you will always have the option for interpretation. So please take advantage of it for these rooms that it is, and the At Large room. If you are in any At Large meetings, you'll also have that same blessing, as we call it.

Because we want you to not just hear things but to understand while you're here this week, okay? So if you haven't figured it out already, I am Janice, sometimes Douma, sometimes Lange, sometimes Mama J, but always Janice. It is my pleasure to be the manager for the Fellowship program, and also the manager for the Newcomer program. They're so closely intertwined. Both were created to fast track introduce you into the ICANN world.

But the Fellows, of course, are extremely lucky because they're fast track starts with a flight, and a hotel, gets some money in your pocket, and for all of that, you need to be with me all of the time. You're paying to be with me, which is really great. You're getting paid to be with me. So, I'm going to go through just a really quick introduction to the week for the program, and then we're are just going to get to the meat of this morning, which is meeting each other.

So this whole morning is just about meeting each other. I want us all to get comfortable with the faces, the names, where you're from, what's your main agenda is here. So throughout the week, you'll be able to mix in between and have kind of a buddy system for the different sessions that you'll attend and the different interests that you have. So we're going to start this morning with a special welcome, and Josh? At your ready.

FADI CHEHADÉ: ...great week. This is ICANN 49 in Singapore and it's going to be a momentous meeting. Not the least because you're here. I'm very glad that you joined us this year as the ICANN Fellows. Some of you may know us, some of you less so, but right now you are here and I need to make sure you appreciate how important your presence is.

We've never had an ICANN CEO who used to be a Fellow. I'm hoping that you will change that. It is time that we take this program, that has been one of our biggest successes at ICANN, and continue to invest in it, continue to grow it, so that all of you have all of the opportunities you seek to make a difference at ICANN.

And what a difference you can make at ICANN. ICANN is in a time of great change, and great movement forward, and we need your energies, we need your ideas, we need just your presence with all of your great energy to actually advance ICANN's mission forward. And a great mission we have.

I have been working in for-profit and non-profit fields for many years. Something at ICANN is different because we're doing something for the world. We're doing something that affects almost every human being, and I think that makes a difference in how we get up every morning and share our lives, share our thoughts, share our ideas. Here in the ICANN beehive, the ICANN meetings, you are amongst us and I want you to know, you need to reach out and feel comfortable to do so.

If you see me, stop me. If you see any of the leaders, do it with the same enthusiasm. Ask us questions, ask us to engage you, find out more, and tell us more so we hear you and listen to you as well, and all of us grow together and make ICANN the great place it has been, and will grow to become even better. Welcome. I'll see you later this week.

JANICE DOUMA LANGE: [Audio Echo]

Okay. Great. Thank you so much.

Good?

And we need to wait, sorry about this, because if I talk off mic, the interpreters… Wonderful. There we go. I just know how to waste time a little bit. So Fadi actually is, as the alumni know, a huge fan of the

Fellowship program. When he first joined ICANN in Prague, he actually found me in a staff breakfast. And he said, "I heard that you're the manager of the Fellowship program."

He said, "Talk to me about it. Tell me what it is." And I shared with him a little bit. And he said, "Okay. You need to make this thing just shoot. Just have it go as high as it can go." And he said, "You just need to tell me what you need." And a year later, in Durban, he and [?] who is the president of our global domains division now, was the COO of ICANN at the time, both of them came to me in Durban and repeated it.

And said, "Seriously, this program needs to keep growing. The people that we meet," especially from Fadi's perspective. He said, "The people that I meet through the Fellowship program," he said, "Are amongst the sharpest, most motivated, excited, passionate people that we have in the hallways of an ICANN meeting."

And so he said, "Consider me behind the entire project. And I want to tape a recording, in case I can't get to an ICANN Fellowship session every single meeting, so that they know that I'm with them and I'm serious." And so he does it personally for every single meeting. It's not one that I repeat each time and say, "Oh, there is Fadi again."

He literally wants to sit down and do one especially for every single meeting that we come to. You'll see that Fadi is scheduled to be here on Thursday morning, but sometimes things come up that are out of his control, so again, he just does want to make sure that you're welcomed. And when he says to reach out to him in the hall, put your hand out and say, "I'm Raoul, I'm one of the Fellows."

He is absolutely serious. If he is running to a session, he will take a minute, say hello, and tell you to catch up with him at the next event. Pictures, yes. He'll take pictures with you. I think we have more pictures of Fadi and Fellows than anyone else. But he's very serious about his mission. He's very serious about including you in it. And so please do take advantage of that.

And I'll just say as far as all of our staff, and the community leaders, and members of the community, everyone after seven years really does understand the power of the Fellowship program. We have 23 Fellows here, in Singapore, that are not funded by the Fellowship program. They are funded through working groups, taskforce for IDN. They're funded through the Government Advisory Committee, the GAC, the GNSO, the At Large, because they're working members, and they are leaders of those communities.

And so it's a huge step for the program to have that many people, that we can look at and say, "These folks came up in the seven years of the program, and they're actively engaged, participating and leading in the ICANN community." And all of you will meet the Fellows of previous rounds this morning, several are here, and throughout the week at the morning meetings. And they can tell you a little bit about their story and how they have gotten engaged and involved, and what it's like to really be inside the ICANN community.

Let me just go quickly through the slides. This is a slide that you're going to see so many times this week. You're going to be dreaming it. And I keep thinking that one day I'll get someone to redesign this slide. It's the multistakeholder model. It's everything that we are built on. It's

how we get our work accomplished. And so, really, everything this week is about reflecting back on this model.

When you go into any of the sessions that are At Large, ccNSO, the GAC, NCUC, the Noncommercial Users Constituency, NPOC. You go into any of those sessions and reflect when you hear the work that they're doing, reflect on the multistakeholder model. And understand that we are all doing the same, we're all working toward the same goal, which is bottom up policy; security, stability, and resiliency of the domain name system; competition and choice for those consumers in the DNS industry.

But every one of the groups in the multistakeholder model has a slightly different view. So they're working in a slightly different manner, but it's all of the same end goal. So think about the multistakeholder model when you're listening, in the sessions, and you're hearing people talk about trademark, for instance. And some of them, intellectual property constituency will be talking about it from one point of view, but someone from the noncommercial users constituency will be talking about the same issue, but from a different point of view.

And you have to listen to all of those points of view and understand a couple of things. One, where would I think that I would fit in this community? Not because I'm a lawyer, or not because I'm an academic, or I'm a technical person, but where do I fit for the voice that that particular community group is speaking through?   How they're approaching policy? How they're approaching security and stability?

How they're approaching competition and choice?   So it's really interesting if you just kind of keep this model in mind when you're going

through and listening to all of the different topics and sessions, that this is what we're built on. Diversity of understanding, and diversity of how things should work. And we embrace diversity from a cultural standpoint.

Here in ICANN we embrace it from a sector, or a point of view. So it's interesting. I don't think I've said it in other sessions, but the more I'm here and the more I think about it, if you really keep this in mind, it helps to kind of clear your head a bit as you move through the week. Because I'm always trying to find another multistakeholder model, I stole one from another person's presentation.

And what I like about this is that it just talks about more of the sector, or the arena, instead of the specific name of the community, supporting organization, or advisory committee. It talks about the fact that we embrace governments here as part of the multistakeholder model. We embrace the technical community. We embrace the registries and the registrars who have a contract with ICANN, versus the non-for-profit, or the noncommercial stakeholders, or the business community, or the Internet Service Provider community, who don't have a contract with ICANN, but are doing the same kind of work.

Learn a little bit more about in the newcomer session, we'll have folks from staff helping to talk about the differences in the multistakeholder model, but for me, this model really kind of helps just talk in a more general way about the thought process and about the people who are here making this model work. So we're just going to go through the week very briefly. Of course, you're here with me this morning.

We're going to do our meet and greet. At 10:00, all of those who are new to the ICANN meeting, we have a lot of Fellows who are not new to the ICANN community, you are already engaged in the community, and I understand and respect that, but if it is your fist time to an ICANN meeting, you are here in the room with me, and I have great teacher eyes. So I'll just kind of eye it and make sure everybody is here.

But you're in the newcomer session all day, because this is your orientation, it's your introduction to the meeting week. It gives you a better base of understanding for what's going to happen all week. So when your head goes kind of spinning, exorcist crazy, about Tuesday, you can kind of reflect back on the newcomer session and kind of calm yourself down and say, "Oh, okay. Okay. I got it. I remember hearing about that."

But the newcomer session is essential, and it's mandatory for anyone who has not been to the ICANN meeting experience. If you have been away from the experience, I have some Fellows who have been away from about a year, year and a half, I strongly suggest to come back and sit through this session. That next wave will kind of come over you, that a-ha moment, yeah 18 months ago, I kind of remember hearing something about that, but now I'm kind of getting it very, very clear.

For my returning and engaged Fellows who are already in a community, you should be out in the community today if you have sessions for the GNSO, or the At Large, or the GAC. That's why we have you coming to the Fellowship program, is to be engaged in those communities. You don't need to be here with me, you've heard it, you've got it, you've embraced it, you're out there, it's all good.

The Fellowship social event tonight is at 6:00. This is your chance to meet members of the Board, members of ICANN staff, and leaders of the community, as well as the alumni from the program, and a better chance for you in a much more relaxed atmosphere to meet each other. So it's just two hours of drinking and eating basically, and listening to my iPod music, but it's a really nice way to end the day, because the day is going to feel a little bit long.

But it's just our way of kind of letting off a little bit of steam, and also getting a chance to start the networking process that you're going to really, really want to get into all week, of putting your hand out, meeting – when you see someone with the Board registration badge, go up and say, "I'm a Fellow, I'd like to meet you." And we're going to have a couple members of the Board by this week too to meet you as well, but you kind of get over the jitters through the social.

On Monday, we're going to have – we'll start our parade of chairs, as it were. The community has, like I said, really embraced the program, and I used to have to go out kind of door to door asking for the chairs of the community, or the vice-chairs, or some representative of the community on their behalf to come to the program. Now I actually have people like Bill Drake from the NCUC, claiming a spot because he knows what he says is my sweet spot, if I come at 8:30 on Tuesday, I know I'm going to get the Fellows to come follow me to the NCUC. But they really, really appreciate the opportunity to come and talk to you, share a little bit about what their community group is doing, and of course, their hope is that during the week you'll come and engage in some of their sessions.

So we'll start with Olivier who claims at 7 AM on Monday. He's been 7 AM, I think, for a couple of years, but he really likes to start off your week. So he'll start with that. Then Elisa Cooper from the business constituency. I've learned through the years that I tend to talk a lot, and we all tend to talk a lot, so if I have too many speakers on Monday, we're always late to the Welcome Ceremony.

So I'm going to cut us short so everybody can get a seat at the Welcome Ceremony. Again, not to be missed. I call Fadi the Steve Jobs of ICANN, because when he hits the stage, you don't stop looking at him for the next hour and a half. I mean, he engages, he is sincere, he is passionate, and he is setting the tone for the week. So we are going to hear things about Brazil, you're going to hear things about Internet governance, you're going to hear things about IANA and where we're going because of the NTIA announcement.

So it's going to be a very exciting week and the Welcome Ceremony will set the tone for us for how the week will go and where Fadi sees it. The Gala event is Monday night and that's a must. I think we're going to get some more information about the transportation as today goes on. At the ICANN Booth, which is our newcomer welcome booth, you'll pick up your Gala ticket, if you haven't been able to, if you came in late last night, you'll get your registration bade today. You'll take that badge over to the booth and one of the alumni from the program, who help manage and run the booth, will get you the Gala ticket and probably…

As of yesterday, we didn't have transportation information, today we probably will. We will have two of our alumni, Amr and Gabi, and I'm not sure if Gabi got here this morning, but they asked me if they could

come in and speak to the group about policy development process, PDP, and working groups. For them, those were great avenues into the ICANN community by engaging in a working group. And also Gabi is now working in a working group that is working – how many times can I say working in a sentence?

Working on the PDP process, or the PDP which is the process, whatever. Long night, early morning. But because they are engaged and excited, they want to come here and share that with you, and let you understand a bit more about it. Then next we have Marie-Laure from the not for profit operational concerns. Followed by one of our alumni Tracy Hackshaw from Trinidad and Tobago. He a three time alumni of the program, and he is the vice-chair of the GAC.

Bill Drake, of course, in the 8:30 slot for the NCUC. Constituency day, we'll have a chance to talk about, but it is kind of a tasting day, it's looking going to a buffet. You may come here with a notion about where you might fit because of the work that you do. I alluded to that earlier. I encourage you to open your mind to other things while you're here, because you might be surprised.

Just because you are working at an university, or working in a not-for-profit, are part of civil society, that doesn't mean that is a track that you might take here at ICANN. So be open on constituency day. Be aware that it's an extension of the community meetings all year long. I think I sent out in one of our emails about going to the community wiki. In the community wiki are groups are exchanging all year long, putting up their meeting notes, their agenda, their accomplishments.

It can be very helpful to understand how we got to this meeting today, and what the discussions are about. But don't get overly concerned about it. What you're wanting to do is really meet up with someone else in that room, introduce yourself. See if you can sit next to an experienced community member, have them help you through the day. We have alumni like, I'm looking at Maureen back there, Maureen Hilyard, part of AFRALO.

And if you go to an At Large session, and you are here today and can recognize her face, find her when you go into the room, and say, "Maureen, can I sit next to you and understand a little bit more from you about what's going on in the session? Can I ask you questions during the session?"

So it's a great way to try and get yourself, understanding a little bit more about what's going on when it feels like a complete blur. If you move in and out too quickly of the sessions, you will gain nothing. If you stay too long at a session that doesn't feel like you're really gaining a good understanding, or feel like you are part of what's – the type of work that they're doing, take an appropriate time while you are there, take a look at other sessions, where they are, and do go. Do leave.

Don't feel tied to your chair, but you have to give things a chance, at least. Talk to someone else in that session and make sure that you're understanding and maybe a second chance will help. But it is a time during that day to not get discouraged, not go out shopping in Singapore, not go down to the food court, but continue to work through the day. Come back to the ICANN booth, come find me, come find an

alumni. Let us help you find another place to be in a different way to look at things. Okay?

It's any easy day to get discouraged. It's an easy day to get engaged, but it's up to you to do that. On Wednesday, two of our Board members, they are huge fans of the Fellowship program, and normally come around each week, will be here to talk to us. Patrik Fälström from the Security Stability Advisory Community. Tony Holmes from the ISP, and Byron Holland, the chair of the ccNSO.

That evening is APRALO Showcase. I'm told that it is one of the best showcases that has been put together, by a very unbiased person, the staff director for the At Large. You know Heidi, very unbiased, but we're all invited. And it's the RALO's chance, the regional At Large organization's chance to share with everyone their accomplishments, what's happening in their region, the important things that you need to know about their work, and it's a great way to network with the At Large Advisory Committee.

So it's another place to eat and drink. On Thursday, Lars-Johan Liman is here from the RSSAC. RSSAC has just recently kind of gotten their engine roaring again here at the ICANN community meetings, and Lars has come several times, and it's interesting because I didn't know that much about RSSAC, and three meetings later I'm having him discuss with us, I really understand now the importance of them in the multistakeholder model. And Lars is doing an amazing job of bringing this to light.

Akram Atallah, who is the president now of our GDD, the Global Domains Division, and Fadi will be here. They only have a half an hour,

so it's going to be a little bit of a rushed conversation. Fadi has already let me know that if there are questions for him, to get them ready ahead of time, and if he can't answer all of the questions, I'm to take those questions and get them to him and he will respond by email.

So know that. So if you have things that you can think of, put them together now and be ready to send them to me if you cannot engage with you that morning because it will be a very short session. Kristina Rosette from the Intellectual Property Constituency. And then at 9:00, we take kind of a breath, we take a group photo, and then we spend two more hours together.

Right now, it seems like, oh my gosh, really? Two more hours for this group? By the time we get to the end of the week, you'll understand this is a very special session. It's a time where we all get to talk to each other about what this experience meant. We get to share kind of our hopes about when we leave here, what you're going to do.

If you go through the week, taking things in, in snapshots, create a diary of sorts, capture the moments, capture the things that are working for you, the things that are confusing, the things that you didn't expect, the things that gave you an a-ha moment, on Thursday, it's nice to have some notes to kind of go by, to share with everybody what you're feeling and what you're thinking.

Also, you will be doing an after report, a post meeting report for me within three weeks of leaving, and so having a diary, having pictures, writing down comments to yourself, it's a great way to capture, you know, what happened here. So a week later, two weeks later, the whole blur of the meeting, and you sit there, you know, pen or paper, or

hand to the computer, and you're wishing that you can kind of remember some of those special moments. Capture them in a photo, capture them in a note, in a diary, and they'll come back to you a lot clearer.

The meeting, the post-meeting report can come to me in any format. I get PowerPoints, I get photo diaries with captions of the people that you're shaking your hand with, or you know, out in Singapore with in your free time. Those photo diaries are amazing, they really tell me how the week went for you. Talk about a certain session that you went to that really made a difference, but it can be in a Word document. However you want to express to me how the meeting went, that's how you can share it back with me.

And I do like to take the stress out of that, it's not a stressful thing. You don't get graded. I was a teacher, but I'm not grading you on this. I really want to get back from you what the experience felt like, and the things that we can do better, the things that worked, the things that made you comfortable, the things that we could, like I say, get better on.

So the post meeting report is important for you, and it's important for me, it's important for the community, but I want you to be able to do it in any way you feel comfortable. This week, if you are a Tweeter, I'm still not in that modern world, the hashtag, ICANN 49, we will be Tweeting out information about our sessions, about the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions that we'll be doing.

I'll give you more information about those as well. But all information about the Gala, about – if Fadi is calling a change to our sessions as he

did in Buenos Aries, everything you'll find out through the Tweets. So it's really good to sign up for them now. We also have many other different accounts. This PowerPoint presentation is already in the ICANN meeting schedule.

So if you go to Sunday and click on Fellowship Meet and Greet, you'll be able to get this PowerPoint and follow this all week. I talked about the post meeting report. This meeting, we're starting something different for the Fellowship. You've got a message from Joseph from the travel team that at 4:45 today, we will meet here with Joseph and he gives every Fellow an advance on your stipend.

We've realized through the time of running the Fellowship program, that paying for your visas ahead of time, all of the things that you do to get here, many times it's a little bit tough to actually fund yourself through the week. So we wanted to make sure that everyone, from this point on, would have some funding for the week. And then the rest will be wired to you when you complete your post meeting report. It's a big change to the program, it's kind of a leap of faith and trust, but we also want you to have a comfortable week.

So Joseph will meet here at 4:45 today. Certificates are mailed, certificates of completion of the program, are mailed to you once the post meeting report is provided to me, and then that process goes into being. I have to tell you, we have had some difficulties with that with the US Postal Service International we've been using. So if you know yourself that does not work, that mail cannot come to you that way, we'll ask that question before we send the certificate, if there is a better way for that to reach you.

We'll talk about the bond of fellowship at the end of the week, and by the time we get there, I don't think we'll really need to say much. But really, the important part is, this group is for you to be with this week. Fellowship is a special entry into ICANN. You can come here on your own, and go to the different sessions, and gain understanding about ICANN. That's fine.

When you come here as a Fellow, the advantage you have is each other. Whether it be getting someone together for dinner, someone for lunch, someone to share your thoughts about after a session, this bonding is not just about this week. It's about when the week is over. That's the bond I want you to form. When you leave here as an individual, and you go back, and you are in your region, in your university, in your place of employment, and you're talking about ICANN and the experience you had, you're going to want to reach back to those people that share this experience with you.

A lot of time Fellows come back and say, "I tried to engage, and I try to explain, and I felt like no one understood." By bonding here today, and bonding here this week, you're going to be able to go back to this group, and say, "How did you explain it? How did you get people excited? How did you get them motivated? Are you with me? Are we all feeling the same feeling here? Help me to get a better way to move forward here."

You have a family, and that's what we call the Fellowship here. It's… I very, very strongly believe in the family of fellowship. You'll be part of the alumni program. You'll be put on the alumni mailing list. Use the list. It's yours. I'm putting you on the list to share you with all the other

alumni, about 900 now, once you join. And they're the group that you reach out when you're going through a re-delegation.

I'm having difficulties. I know it's a customized event, a re-delegation, but somebody out there must know about this and what it means to go through it. And there are. One of our Fellows, I can't remember his name, from Rwanda, was a key implementer of the re-delegation of dot RW. Another Fellow from Montserrat, Denzel West, was part of the re-delegation for Montserrat.

And these people are on the Fellowship Alumni mailing list. And you can reach back to them and say, "How did you do it?" Share with me some of the things that you did. That's just one example, but it's a bonding experience that you build over the week by not going up to your room and hiding out up there. By not taking the experience as an individual, but taking it in the experience as a Fellowship group.

And if you do that by the end of the week, trust me, this experience will have meant so much more. Now I'm going to stop talking, and we're going to start, Rommel would you grab that mic? Rommel is one of our alumni from the Marshall Islands, so he's been through this before, and he's going to kick us off. What I'd like is just a quick introduction, you, where you're from. Perhaps the sector that you are thinking you're engaged in, or currently engaged in.

If you're with the ICANN community now, let us know the group that you're with. Quickly the expectation perhaps of the week, but this is not, Beran, a biography of your life. I love you, I can't wait to know more about you, but this is truly just a quick snapshot, and we're just

going to keep passing the microphone around so you can get a quick snapshot of each other. Rommel, go ahead. No, no, no. You.

ROMMEL NATIVIDAD: I'm Rommel Natividad from the Republic of the Marshall Islands. I'm working for the Minister of Transportation and Communication. This is my third time [?]. Thank you.

RAHUL SHARMAl: Hello everyone. My name is Rahul Sharmai and I am from India. I work with Data Security Counsel of India, and it's a not-for-profit, private organization. I'm trying to look out for – I'm first time Fellow here, and I'm trying to look for ways wherein, as an industry, as an organization, we can participate more, different areas.

HASNAA SORAYA MELYANI: Hello everybody. My name is Hasnaa Soraya Melyani and I am from Morocco. And I represent civil society. And I would like to thank ICANN community for this opportunity, which help us to learn more and discover many things about the Internet, and everything in relation with. Thank you.

ZAKIR SYED: Hello, good morning everybody. This is Zakir Syed. I'm from Pakistan. I'm representing the [?] Telecommunications Counsel. It's South Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. It basically covers 25 markets in the [?] region, in terms of telecommunications, ICT development, particularly the policy and regulation aspects of it.

I'm here for the first time as an ICANN 49 Fellow, and I hope this is going to be a super amazing experience. I'll be learning a lot. And that's it.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Hi everybody. My name is Lianna Galstyan. I am from Armenia, ISOC Armenia. Also, I'm ccTLD representative. I'm a part of At Large group and a second time Fellow. And I want to welcome all of you and say how lucky we are, all of us, to be here, to be a part of ICANN. And it's special for those who are first time, I want to say, yeah. Here's your chance to be integrated and to ask everyone, whatever you are interested in and they are very – we are very welcome, welcoming people, warm people.

And you will get as much as you can. Enjoy your week, and study as much as you can. Thank you.

BERAN DONDEH GILLEN: Good morning everyone. I've been warned, so I'll make this very short. I'm from Gambia. I'm a representative of ALAC, but I've also been a Fellow for – two times in a row, at Czech Republic and Beijing. And I look forward to the week ahead. This is my first time as an ALAC member. ALAC is At Large Advisory Committee, and I'm representing the Africa region for that.

I'll be around in the hallways if you have any questions, or anything else. I'll be at the newcomer lounge. You know, feel free to stop me in the hallways. Thank you.

ANTHONY NIGANII:	Good morning. My name is Anthony Niganii, and I come from Winnipeg Manitoba Canada. I come from the Community of [?] Nation, so I am [?]. And so this is my first meeting. Not only am I a newcomer of the pilot program of guinea pigs that are part of the mentorship program. So those of you who have gone through the Fellowship program on your own, we are now – or they are now testing on us a process that will make that transition easier and smoother for some of the new people.
	So I'm looking forward to meeting some of you, and being a part of this group here, because I know we are all the future leaders of ICANN. Thanks so much.
JANICE DOUMA LANGE:	Thanks Anthony. We have two other members of this At Large pilot program. So Fadi asked if the Fellowship program would help support this pilot program for the At Large community, and they did a great job. And there are three selections. I've been able to meet all three members, and we've asked that they integrate with us all week. And so we have something called an honorary Fellow, which is those individuals, those newcomers, or individuals who join us every single day, and become part of us, and by the end of the week they've bonded with us.
	And we actually add them to the Fellowship Alumni list, because they've engaged and they become part of our family. And so Anthony will become part of our family. I met him yesterday, and I was just amazed with his boundless energy, just to start with. So I was quite thrilled for that. So please welcome him and the others who will be joining us in this pilot program.

ANDREAS SIFISO DLAMINI: Good morning. My name is Andreas Dlamini. I'm a second time fellow. My first was in Toronto 45. I'll be joining the GAC group. I'm working for government, in the communications policy. And I'm glad to be here. Thank you.

BONFACE WITABA: Good morning everybody. My name is Bonface Witaba from Kenya. I represent the NGO sector of engagements with NPOC. Basically I'm just here to have a good learning experience and be part of the next generation of leadership, sort of the Internet ecosystem issues. Thank you.

EPHRAIM KENYANITO: Good morning everyone. My name is Ephraim Kenyanito from Kenya. I'm currently with Transparencies International and Access. Mostly I fit into the civil society. And I'm glad to be here. I'm very grateful that – to have this opportunity to learn and to engage. Thank you.

WISDOM DONKOR: Good morning. [?] My name is Wisdom Donkor from Ghana. I work with a national [?] agency. I'm a minister of communications. And I'm representing government.

ALI ALMESHAL: Good morning. Good morning. Yes, they are waked up. My name is Ali Almeshal. I'm from Bahrain. This is my fifth time attending ICANN

meetings. I already consumed my three fellowships, but always a chance is to attend, if you wish, you can find a way. I'm very much proud to be a part of you and part of the meetings this time as well.

I am at the booth. So if you are looking for a Gala dinner, tag me and target me. If you don't want the Gala dinner, then don't have to come to the booth. So if you have been to the booth, if you need any information, if you need any support, please look around. Whatever I can help, I will do. If I can, I will just direct you very quickly to the people who can help you with that.

Make sure that you utilize this as much as you can. It's very, a long ways and a long distance that you have. I will just tell you a very short story that I have. People who are looking into the acronyms and who always, with the acronyms, get crazy when we are trying to get that. One day I was with my daughter, she's 11 years old. She was just telling me a story.

She said, "You know, dad, after that the BFF group…" I said, "Hold on, hold on. What is a BFF?" Let me just set you up on the ICANN, ICANN wiki. There is no BFF on the ICANN. So I said, "Sala, what is the BFF please? ICANN did not mention that." So she said, "It's Best Friend Forever." I said, "Just join ICANN then." So, take it easy. By the time you will definitely know these acronyms and there is a very good guide for that, which is the [?] that we have.

And if you don't have the link, just pass by the booth there and we have the link for it. If you have a smart phone, scan it, you get the app, download it and install it and that's it. So enjoy your week. Whenever you need anything, I am in the booth for you. Thank you very much.

[APPLAUSE]

AHMED BAKHAT: Good morning everyone. Good morning. My name is Ahmed Bakhat. I am from Pakistan. I'm a two time Fellow, and I am here for – as part of the taskforce on rapid IDN DF AIDN, another acronym for you. So, you can find me in the ICANN booth. I have very [?] three days, sorry, for sparing, very few time because I'm busy in my taskforce.

So it is a very good opportunity for all of you to participate and to contribute for your own community and the whole community for the world. Thank you.

JOÃO CARLOS CARIBÉ: Good morning. I won't repeat the good morning for everybody. My name is João Carlos Caribé. She think my name is exotic, but my name is Latin. It's my third time fellowship. And I'm well pleased to stay here again, again, again, and again. I can say for the newcomers, two important steps. One, the Fellowship program is the better understand the confused structure for the ICANN. To understand the multistakeholder, to understand the – our relationship, and help ICANN to building this to enhance this.

I made good friends with different stakeholders, with different visions, but we are here really to make friends. It's not college. The Fellowship program has this characteristics to approach the people and to increase

their relationships. Basically this is the promise of the Fellowship is the better way to get into the ICANN…

I mean, when people… Where is Benjamin? Benjamin is not here? Benjamin [?]? Benjamin is not here. I can bring some friends from the other conference for Internet Governance in Europe, from for example [?] we had first time meeting in [?], he was at the ICANN, IGF in Kenya. It was my first IGF, it was my first international governance meeting. It's important to put this in the trail.

And now, I'm a member from NCUC, I am a member for NCUC, since the first time in Beijing. I'm working now to make a part for the LACRALO, for the Latin America, all right? And, I think there was two trails, two clear, important themes for this meeting, this ICANN meeting. One, is the position of the United States government for the ICANN, for the touch of the ICANN for this [?], organization for the commerce, touch for the America, for the United States for ICANN.

And another is the meeting that will take place in Brazil next month. It's Net [?]. This meeting is a meeting for the great possibilities, but everyone don't know really what you can be from this. We have hopes, we have great hopes for this meeting to, or to announce the Internet as we know, or to modify it completely. By this, I'm pleased to inform, due to your participate inform Net [?], and if everybody – if everyone, you not participate for this meeting, please. It has some kind of agendas, or some kind of help for this civil society.

I'm a member for stakeholder for Civil Society, really not give this demand for the governments, instead this demand is not privacy if you want. But if I can help anyone, I can bring information, and I can

connect everybody, everyone who wants to participate in voting that inform these meeting. Thank you.

Someone? Wake up man, wake up.

YOUSEF TORMAN: Good morning. Good morning. This is my first time. My name is Yousef Torman. I am managing, now it's different region, different domain. I represent the [?] Education Networks for the Arab world. [?] Education Network. What I'm looking for, what this meeting, so that you know we are building the dedicated networks for the certification, and we want to build these networks, taking care of what goes into that, and what standard things are being done.

So that's why I am here. I hope I can bring more participants from my community because I represent networks, [?], and education in the whole Arab world. Thank you.

SHAKEEL AHMED: Good morning everyone. My name is Shakeel Ahmed. I am from Pakistan. I am working at Pakistan Software Export Board, it's an autonomous organization under the ministry of information technology. I am here for a second time. My first meeting was ICANN 46 meeting. That was a great experience, a good experience, and I think so, this will also be a great experience. Thank you.

WALID AL-SAQAF: My name is Walid Al-Saqaf, I come from Yemen, but I'm based in Sweden where I teach Internet governance and technology issues. I've

been to ICANN 46 in Beijing, and I was supposed to be at the Buenos Aries event, but I had a bigger cause, so Janice knows.

I've benefited a lot, this is my second time. I'll tell you just numbers. I've been since ICANN, at the Arab Internet governance forum, advisory member Board. I went to the IGF. And I've created ISOC Yemen. All of it because of the encouragement and motivation I got from here. So this is a great opportunity. And then of course, I've been a part of NCUC, I'm involved with them.

So I would like to remind you that even if you're not going to be involved directly in ICANN, you have opportunities to network and go beyond ICANN. There are so many other institutions as well. So we make it a point of connection through various other institutions. So I wish you all the best. And I will also be at the booth for a few hours. Thank you.

INAM ALI: Good morning. My name is Inam Ali. I'm from Jordan. I work for… Good morning everybody. I'm Inam Ali from Jordon. I work for in ITC, National Information Technology Center. It's the ISP for government, and ccTLD manager for dot [?] and dot [?]. This is my second time as a Fellow. The first time was in Beijing. I am glad to be here.

After my first time Fellow in Beijing, I became a proud member. I'm interested in At Large and I want to know more, and to be focused in [?], thank you.

MOHAMMED ELSHAIKH: Good morning everybody. This is Mohammed Elshaikh from Sudan. This is my first time, but it's supposed to be the third time, but for many reasons, I can wait. So this is my first time to be here as a newcomer. Actually I'm from [?], and I used to be one of the members of the Sudanese. Currently I'm working with the government. I'm very glad to be here, and I have a lot to do. Thank you.

OLUWASEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Good morning. My name is Oluwaeun Ojedeji from Nigeria. I work with a university in Nigeria, and I also [?] with the AfriNIC region as the PTP co-chair fo the AfriNIC. Last month, I joined the… I tried to do a demo of one of the groups within ICANN, so I joined the At Large ATLAS II communication working group. And it's been amazing so far, it's been interesting.

My main goal is to, at the end of this week, be able to decide where I best fit within the ICANN multistakeholder group. And again, to meet people and try to see how I can contribute to the development of my region. Thank you very much.

VERNON O'BRIEN: Good morning. My name is Vernon O'Brien. I'm from Dominica, but representing Grenada in the Caribbean. My interest is in Internet governance and At Large. I came here, this my first time at the meeting. I hope to learn a lot. Thank you.

JAHANGIR HOSSAIN: Hello. This is Jahangir Hossain from Bangladesh. I am mostly involved in upper level, and I represent executive member of Internet Society [?] sector. So in this way, I'm also a member of ICANN ALS, and COC, and NPOC member. I am also [?] analyst on university in Bangladesh, [?] university.

So I'm trying to focus on the ICANN issue, mostly civil society and academic. As well as [?] doing [?] presently. And how can our continued development, our country development country, and our reasonable community involve in ICANN. It, target issue surely. Thank you.

JASON HYNDS: Good morning. I'm Jason Hynds. I'm from Barbados in the Caribbean. I am a member of the Barbados ICT professionals association, and this is who I mostly represent here. We, as a group, are a member of the Latin American and Caribbean At Large community. And I'm hoping, from this meeting that I would understand a lot more of the ICANN processes, and be able to help others in my country to get more involved inside my association.

And I'm also technically oriented, so I'm very anxious in some of the technical stuff relating to DNS and so on. But I guess I have to balance it with my global understanding. So looking forward to the sessions. Thank you.

GAURAB RAJ UPADHAYA: Hi everyone. I'm Gaurab Raj Upadhaya. I'm not a Fellow. I'm not a Fellow, so you might ask why I'm here. I'll tell you that. I've been doing

ICANN stuff since 2001, or 2002, when I first join the ICANN meeting. So I've been around for a long, long time. And I think that's the reason why I'm on the Fellowship Selection Committee. So I've seen most of your applications and all of you have done a really good job.

That's why you are here. I've been really excited. I've been on the Committee since the last one and a half years, roughly around that. And I've been very impressed with the participation and all over applications, and so feel free to grab me anytime. I live in Singapore. So if you need any tips or anything about Singapore, you can always find me.

I can give you good tips on where to go, what to… Janice said don't go out shopping. And I said, "Don't go out shopping in Singapore, it's too expensive." But there are a lot of other things you can do here. Grab me at some point and I can tell you about those. Workwise I'm a network engineer. I'm basically the operational guy who manages a worldwide backbone for Limelight Networks.

But I'm also on the APNIC Board. The APNIC adopted the RIR for the Asia Pacific region. And if you remember the slide from earlier, that falls under the ASO part of it. I am also a DNS, root DNS, KSK holder. So this is another story. You know something that a lot of people don't realize is, with DNSSEC, there is a group of trusted community representatives, TCRs, who hold…

There are 14 of us, seven for the east coast in the US, seven for the west coast of the US. And I'm one of them. So we participate in these functions twice a year where we go and roll over the DNS root key sign in key. And you know, part of that process, that's why I'm more

involved in that part of ICANN and IANA and all of that stuff, then the more domain names side of things.

So feel free to grab me anytime, talk to me, what's up. As I said, I've been here a really, really long time. So I put my hands in almost everything, but this is like mostly SSAC, RSAC meetings, plus DNSSEC. So thank you very much. See you around, most of the time. And see, I'm local, that's why I have a jacket with me.

You need a very flexible thing when you walk out of the doors, you need to take this off, but on the inside, you really need this. And this, because in Singapore, we don't have winter. Right? So people don't really experience winter, so they make it so cold on the inside.

PASCAL BEKONO: Good morning. My name is Pascal Bekono from Cameroon. This is my third Fellowship. And I work with the government, but I'm a member of non-commercial user constituency. And also, I'm a member of ALAC, because of ISOC chapter of Cameroon. That's it. Thank you. Have a good week. See you around.

UNIDENTIFIED: Hi everybody. My name is [?]. I'm in program of [?] within organization called [?] information and training and outreach center for Africa. We promote access to information throughout the sub-Saharan region. This is my second time to attend an ICANN meeting. And I was privileged to be one of the three guinea pigs, just like Anthony, who was elected for the mentorship program.

So I don't how they came up with my name, but Olivier said at the Durban meeting, I stood up. I don't know how far true that is. So I'll be seeing you, and I intended to learn a lot from you guys. Thank you for having me here.

HANEN IDOUDI:

Hello everyone. I'm Hanen Idoudi from Tunisia. I work in academia. So I'm an assistant professor in computer science. I'm here for the first time in the ICANN. I'm very glad to join you this week. I hope that by this week, I will be more familiar with the Internet governance issue, and hopefully engaged in some other activities to my background. Thank you.

MARIO ZAPATA:

Hello everyone. My name is Mario. I'm coming from Central America, Nicaragua in particular. I've been a long time Fellow of ITU, International Telecommunication Unions, but actually met like a big network, just like you. I'm a newcomer. I'm very glad to be a part of this group. I represent actually the non-profit organization.

I'm part of the Board of Directors on IEEE, which the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer back home. And actually we try to foster is technical activities in education. Since you're a young professional until [?] in the industry. And one of the things that I'm really looking forward in this event is actually to, besides the learning and the networking in the morning, to find a space where I can actually be an advocate.

So I can actually be in country viewed, with my perspective of my previous experience. And I hope actually to learn, understand, digest, a small just ICANN information of the entire structure. I will not try to cover everything, but I will try and actually go and pitch in what I like to be more interested and engage.

And I really appreciate all of your feedback, really good advice of actually the former Fellows. So I'm very glad to meet you, and I'm looking forward to have a great week with all of you.

MARICARMEN SEQUERA: Hi everybody. I'm Maricarmen Sequera from Paraguay. I'm a lawyer. I work in [?] NGO, and we work in digital rights for Internet user. Let me see. I'm LACRALO member, with it – no. I did a web page for ATLAS II communications. I'm an ISOC member too. Thank you.

MAMADOU LO: Hi everybody. I'm Mamadou Lo from Dakar, Senegal. [?] I'm a banker working on online banking and the management of a website. It's my second time Fellow. I was in Durban. I'm also active on communication in our region in Africa, in order to raise awareness and outreach in Internet governance and development management in Africa. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Hello. I'm [?] from Armenia, Armenia mafia. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Armenia mafia. I am from part of ICANN [mafia?] since 2012, I started from Prague. There were too many good

things about ICANN I would like to mention two bad things. First one, if you are a Fellow, you don't have time to go to swimming pool, and as a rule, during Fellowship, you have very good swimming pool in your hotel.

And second bad thing that started this Fellowship, bad thing, they canceled music night. So before this, the best two things in ICANN are Fellowship and Music Night, now we only have only Fellowship. Thank you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

XANDRA FONG: Good morning everyone. I'm Xandra Fong from Fiji. I work with the Pacific ICT regulatory resource center. It's good to see a couple of my colleagues here from the Pacific as well.   I'm a newcomer, and interested in the policy side of things. But I'm here with an open mind and just looking to learn as much as I can about ICANN and meet a lot of interesting people. So please say hello if you see me. Thank you.

ARUA TARAVATU: Good morning everyone. My name is Arua Taravatu. I am from Papua New Guinea. If you don't know where that is, we share borders with Australia and Indonesia. I work for the national carrier, Telecom Papua New Guinea.   My role is to do with the two submarine cables that traverse Australia and Guam to the US. And also the local ISP, the domestic ISP there.

First of all I'd like to, I'm grateful to the Fellowship Committee for accepting my application and nominating me to attend this event. And also I'm privileged, very much privileged to be here.   My interest this

week is mostly with the At Large, also with the GNSO stuff. I believe the technical side of how the Internet [?] operates is much impacted by the human societies, and the demands of civil societies. So I'm looking forward to this week. Thank you very much.

UNIDENTIFIED: Good morning. I'm [?] from Pakistan. This is my first time to be here. I'm a teacher, and I'm a member of taskforce on Arabic IDN. I'm also a [?] with an umbrella organization working for the lesser known languages in Pakistan. And I want to know more and more about ICANN and how it can be helpful for the lesser known languages. Thank you.

MATILDA: Good morning everyone. My name is Matilda. I am from Papua New Guinea. I work with the PNG University of Technology. I'm attached with the ITD department. We're a ccNSO. We host, we're the host of dot PAG. And I'm very much pleased to attend this meeting here in Singapore. And I'm looking forward this week to learn as much as I can, that would aid me in the functions of ccNSO back in my country.

And of course, I'm also keeping an open mind with the different sections of ICANN functions. Thank you.

VALENTINA: Good morning. My name is Valentina. I'm from Romania. I represent a NGO dealing with civil digital rights, open data, manager of the Internet governance, and all other interesting topics like this. And I have a legal background. So I'm here also to learn more about the technical issues,

because this is my understanding will improve, so I can do my legal work better.

And I'm looking forward to a very interesting and full of debates in meetings. So thanks.

UNIDENTIFIED: Hi everyone. I'm [?] and I'm from the neutral community, which does exist. But I'm part of [?] secretariat, so we are trying to do outreach for different constituencies. And what Persia means, Farsi speaking communities, so we want to do the outreach for like the different constituencies to come and join ICANN.

So if you know any Farsi speaking people that would be interested, come and let me know. And also I work at Internet Governance Forum Secretariat for a while. And, yeah, yeah. Thank you.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Good morning. My name is Alejandra Reynoso. I work at dot GT. Currently I'm involved with ccNSO, so to help in that respect. I also teach at the university program in languages. So anything [?], please let me know.

NIGEL HICKSON: I'm Nigel Hickson. I'm not a Fellow. I don't think I would have qualified to be one actually. I've got no talents, no abilities. I'm not a lawyer. I used to work for the UK government, which doesn't qualify you for anything much, apart from talking. It's delightful to see the Fellowship

in action. I've only been in ICANN two years, but I can tell you the Fellowship makes such a lot of difference.

I know some of the people here that do such incredible work in their own countries for the Internet in general, and of course now, for ICANN as well. And you're coming to this meeting, and no doubt, Fadi has already told you all of this. So that's such a critical time, and critical time for the Internet in general.

This year is going to be very exciting indeed. And I think we're all really grateful for you. At the moment, I'm the vice president for stakeholder engagement in Europe. So I work out of Brussels, but I'm soon to be moving to Geneva wherever that is. I think it's sort of south in a place called Switzerland, or something, where I'll be working more with the international governmental organizations like the UN and the ITU, and bodies like that.

So I'll come across some of you in that arena as well. But it's really good to see so many dedicated people from such marvelous countries. Have a really great week. I'm sorry about the swimming pool and the music night. I liked music night as well. I'm devastated actually, I think I'll go home early. Andrea.

ANDREA BECCALLI: Thank you Nigel. Just to say a few words. My name is Andrea Beccalli. I'm stakeholder engagement for Europe, I also work with Nigel in the same office, we share a desk. And [?]. It's a pleasure to see you here. I used to work for the UN before, for UNISCO. But one of the things that

we like about ICANN, about the Fellowship program is that it really brings what we need more into ICANN.

I mean, people coming from communities that don't usually come to ICANN, that the [mass?] and they should have a voice, allow their voice, on how the Internet is governed. So your contributions is fundamental. Don't hesitate to ask questions, to go into session, to be blunt if you don't know something. Stop any one of us from the GC team. Don't be at all constrained the serious question, or the most complex question. We are happy to help you out.

And you are the future of this organization really. The more we expand this program, the more people from 100% of the communities come here, and the more we can actually claim that we have a global voice [?] with all of you. So thank you so much for being here, and have a great meeting.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Hello everyone. My name is Gunela Astbrink from Australia. And I'm actually the third guinea pig of the pilot At Large mentoring program. And I'm really delighted to be here and to be part of that mentoring program. I've been to two previous ICANN meetings, very much as an outsider. And to be part of this Fellowship program, and to learn and immerse myself in all the ICANN processes is something I'm really looking forward to.

I am a director of ISOC Australia, a member of the Pacific Island chapter of ISOC, a member of Women with Disabilities Australia, and I teach information policy and governance. And this coming week, I've asked

my students to participate remotely in some of the sessions to learn a little bit about the multistakeholder model.

I'm a member of APRALO, and the working group that is just completing its work on rules of procedures. And I'm delighted that ICANN has set up an accessibility taskforce within At Large. And the first face to face meeting will be on Monday between two and three PM. So if anyone is interested in disability and accessibility issues, you're very cordially invited to that meeting.

And I look forward to immersing myself in all different aspects of ICANN. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Hello. My name is [?]. It's good to see my previous Fellows of ICANN 47. I hope that this ICANN can repeat what we enjoyed in the last cycle. I hold three different things, or involved in different organizations. Firstly, I'm a Board member of the Pacific Internet Society. Doing research, [?] related research at the University of [Auckland?]. And I also teach at another institution in New Zealand.

So my life is pretty busy. Here at ICANN, I like to relax a bit at night. Thank you.

GUL-E RANA: I'm Gul-e Rana. I'm from Pakistan. I'm a second time Fellow. My first time Fellowship was in Durban. And where I would want to tell you about ICANN meetings would be, the only word would be is it's

overwhelming. You will be overwhelmed with energy. You will be overwhelmed with the number of sessions.

I remember, first I would go to the schedule, and what I would see is, okay, there is so many sessions. I would go to this one, and this one, and then you go out and see what's happening. But when I'll be sitting in one session, I'd be feeling guilty that okay, I'm not right now in that other session, because there is so much good stuff that's going on at every moment of ICANN meeting, that at the end you would be like, okay, it's ended. I don't want to go back home.

I remember, I cried. You remember Janice? And you will be overwhelmed with energy. And if you have exams coming up, after this meeting, I'm an IT student basically. So you would be so filled with energy that you would ace those exams. I did that. So I would be looking forward to NCUC, business constituency, and At Large, and trying not to feel guilty for not attending other sessions because you cannot be at two places at once. That's all.

KAREL DOUGLAS: Hello good morning. My name is Karel Douglas. I'm from Trinidad. And for those who don't know, Trinidad and Tobago, that's the formal name of the country, is all the way over on the other side of the globe in the sunny Caribbean area. So we have [?] and Carnival. So anybody wants to know how to dance and do a calypso, just check me, and I'll try and help them.

A demo. Besides that, I'm a lawyer, so I have a legal background. But I also have a technical background. Many, many, many moons ago, I was

an amateur radio operator. And because of that, I enjoy the technical aspects, and I'm trying to marry the two to be able to contribute, purposefully and meaningfully, into what ICANN does. There are many things happening now, I understand, with the conference in Brazil, as far as Internet governance is concerned.

So my particular interest at this meeting is going to be about Internet governance and some of the legal issues that are going to come out of that. One word of advice, I join with Carlos and Gunela, you can't do everything. There is so many things happening, and there is so many different interesting items that you would want to go to. It's almost impossible to go to everything. So my advice is try and structure your meeting, because I made the mistake last time of trying to divide myself between meetings to go to the beginning of one meeting, and try and scurry off to another meeting.

And it didn't work. So my advice would be to try and structure yourself so that you can get as much as possible without trying to spread yourself thin. Otherwise, good luck and have a good time.

YUNGYUNG TENG: Good morning. My name is Yungyung and I'm from China. I'm the director of [?] department of [?], that is the host of Beijing meeting, and the new registry of – sorry. The registry of government affairs and public interest, and I'm also a lawyer in China for seven years. So thanks ICANN, thanks [Jan?]. I'm so happy here. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED:	Hello everyone. It's [?] from Pakistan. It's my second meeting at ICANN. I started from Prague, from the first time since I've been affiliated with this very good community and I feel at home. I welcome you all for the newcomers. And I wish you have a good week and a nice time. You'd have plenty of time to visit us the city. You need to focus and be on time for the morning session especially, to be here on time for Janice. She loves to see people running and chasing people around the lobbies and get them in another sessions.
	And meet people, connect with them, have a brainstorming. You feel at home, and you love it. You learn a lot. You meet with people and learn your customs, their traditions, and what they have experienced in their lives. Have a good week and enjoy, thank you.
PETER GREEN:	Hello everyone. Please be patient. We have just a few to finish. So my name is [?], and I'm not sure if you can remember my Chinese name, so I've an English name, my name is Peter Green, and yeah. I also come from China. Miss Yungyung is my colleague. So thanks for ICANN to make my dream of life come true.
	I take [?] to come to Singapore. So yesterday, when the plane takes off, the moment the plane takes off, I was scared. Yes, I was even unmarried. So I'm glad I landed on Singapore safely. So this is my second ICANN meeting, and the first time is last April in Beijing, a very small city. So, currently I work in a GNSO PDP working group, which is, it's very long. Please be patient.

The translation and transliteration of WHOIS contact information PDP working group. And my duty of work, I focus on ICANN, and I focus on ICANN's policies. Besides, we are a registry for two new gTLDs. So I want to, sorry, sorry. This time, I want to communicate with every one of you, and if you don't come to me, I will reach to you. Thanks very much. Please remember me, Peter Green.

BRAM FUDZULANI: Good morning. If not, why not? Bram from Malawi, I'm out of Africa. I'm from the business constituency. And looking forward to… I've watched one video clip about the key holders on [?]. And I'm so excited to have one of the key holders in this room, and that's the direction I want to take. To be one of the key holders in the next years, why not? If not, but I'm so excited to be here. Thanks to ICANN. I look forward to networking.

I've joined the [?] last year, the technical partner, which is Africa Computer Images Sponsor Team. I'm so forward looking to getting very much involved in DNSSEC, and part of the business constituency. For now, which is where I belong to, I'm hoping to be in another constituency. But at the end of this week, I should know to get involved in more [?] constituency. Thank you.

BUKOLA FAWOLE: Good morning. My name is Bukola Fawole from Nigeria. I work at the university, in the IT department. I learned about ICANN, I think, a year or two ago, and I joined the mailing lists. I've been a silent observer. But I'm here, thank you to ICANN for this opportunity. I'm here with an

open mind to decide finally at the end of the week, the best group that will suit me and to be an active member. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Good morning. [?] It seems that we… Well, I'm all the way from Grenada, the government of Grenada. Douglas already gave you a geography, so I guess you will know where we're from. But it took me 26 hours flying to get here. I went from Grenada, Miami, Chicago, Hong Kong. In Hong Kong we came off the plane, go through security, come back on the same plane, and then we got to Singapore.

We are 12 hours behind Singapore. So if I'm home, I'll be getting ready for bed at this time. So my biological clock has not adjusted yet. So I will be brief. This is my first ICANN meeting and I'm glad to be here. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Again, I'm [?]. I apologize for missing my ICANN story. Every time Mama J speaks, so I always sit in awe listening. My first ICANN experience was in San Francisco. I come to a part, therefore just go to Golden Gate, go to Golden Gate, go to The Rock or Alcatraz. Then after that, my Beijing meeting, stay away from the Great Wall, you'll have your chance.

Now I'm here. If you see in our logo, we have the butterfly, so let yourself evolve in this ICANN Fellow. First we are cocoon, then he'll turn into a caterpillar, now we're butterfly. So we are – there are a lot of alumni's you can ask us, and we'll be at the ICANN booth for the newcomers.

Please don't hesitate to ask. Feel free to consider ourselves as family. That's how Mama J would treat us, always. Thank you very much. Any one or any stone left unturned?

UNIDENTIFIED: Okay. Good morning everyone. I'm [?] from [Malawi?]. Okay. Good morning everybody. I'm [?] from Malawi. I'm an ICTG engineer. I'm working now for an [issue of?] ICT, and I'm technical advisor. So I'm here today to see how ICANN is working. And I'm much interested in Internet governance and some legal aspect also to help me to do my activities in my country as a technical advisor for our government. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED: Hello everybody. I am [?] from Malawi, from the regulator of telecommunication. My English is bad, so I will continue in French. [FRENCH]... It is the first time that I come to ICANN. I heard so much about ICANN that I wanted to know what it was about. What they do. What interests me is basically everything.

Whatever ICANN offers. Thank you very much.

JANICE DOUMA LANGE: I'm going to have to brush up on my language skills. And it's a good reminder though, if we are to understand that we're going to have some speakers other than English, than all of us can grab the headsets at the beginning of the day, so that we can make it easier for those in

the room. So it's a habit that I'll need to get back into after the ICANN meeting.

Let's just think about that. There are always in the room, or on the side of the room, when you come in. Just grab the headset and be ready for another language. I just so appreciate, from a person who speaks one language sort of well, and took French for five years so, so long ago that we won't even talk about that time, but I'm just always so impressed and amazed at English as a second language.

For those of you who come here and how amazing your – the command of the English language is. I'm in awe because I just – I don't have those multi skills. But be comfortable in your own language, if you would like to do so. And if you would like to practice English with everyone, we have the patience of all day, because I think it's a fantastic opportunity to also be able to practice, and to just be that.

So just appreciate the diversity that we bring here, listening to everyone's backgrounds, your current work. I don't know when you find time to do anything but work. I was talking to one of our alumni yesterday, who is with the IDN taskforce, Dr. [?] who is a three time Fellow. He's a member of the SSAC, and the first Fellow to be a member of the SSAC, and we now have two, and working on several working groups.

And he told me yesterday, he's 20% on his day job and 80% on ICANN. He said, "ICANN doesn't pay." So he said, "Figure how I'm doing that." There a couple of folks that alluded to how much there is here. And [?] and [Honey?] I really appreciate the advice that you were giving. In the newcomer experience that starts at 10, I really talk about that. You

were overachievers, if we're in this room. I mean the folks that are here are already showing themselves to be, now we're at 38, we had 42 to start with.

We had some visa issues and some other issues, some of our Fellows were not able to join us today. 38 out of 202. So you're already in a very special group to be chosen here to be here. And your resume speak for themselves, and the passion that you have, and the interests that you have. But the overachiever, that sometimes can create burn out for the ICANN week. Because it's just too much.

What I'll be saying in the newcomer session, I'll say again here. We record, transcribe, and translate. And so there is nothing that you'll miss unless you are not mentally present in the room that you're in. So, with we, myself, the alumni, at the ICANN booth, we're here to help you make, help to make some decisions maybe about, from our experience, what's the best we need to be in physically?

Be in that room. And what are the meetings that maybe it's better to listen to the recording later? Or to read the transcription later? But you do not need to divide yourself into 10 people here at this meeting. It won't work. [?] said it perfectly. I mean, it just doesn't work. And some of you have pressure from an employer. Some of you have pressure from your university to get all this. Well you will get all of this, but it will come in waves, and be patient.

I hear some of you saying, "I hope to find the place that I belong in the community." If it's your first time and you do, that's fantastic but don't put that pressure on yourself. Don't. It's not necessary. I'll tell you in the newcomer session, as a member of the ICANN community, which

you are now, by being here today, you're as equal as a member as anybody else in any room you go into. Don't look at yourselves as, "Well, I don't have the experience that they are up there."

I listen to all of the resumes here, you have the experience, and you have the knowledge, you just haven't been here. So don't let anyone else intimidate you away from the microphone, or away from expressing your opinion or your voice. But take it easy on yourself. Don't have such high expectations. It's not necessary. If you leave here and you think the way that I can best participate is to write blogs.

The way that I can best participate is to write some articles. I can go into the universities, or into the high schools, and I can explain a little bit now that I know about ICANN. I love when someone says, "I just want to learn what is this ICANN?" And here, is where you're going to learn from those who are involved in the process, not those who are outside that you might have talked to before, where outside the process, second guessing the process.

You will be in here, in the process. And even saying that, you have to listen to the different voices with a grain of salt. Take it in, think about it, is it applicable? Is it right? Question it to someone else, because everyone here is also very passionate, very engaged and very excitable now because of all the changes. And so things can be said that aren't quite real or true.

You have your chance to validate it this week. So make sure you do. Pass yourself, calm yourself, ask us, use us. Okay? The worst thing you can do is get discouraged, is to turn it off and say, "This wasn't for me. The next three days I'm just going to have on my own." I can find you

anyway, so that won't be possible. So just, you know, keep the same good spirit you will have this morning.

And let yourself be in the moment in these sessions. You don't have to worry about writing, typing, you'll know in the Fellowship meetings it's laptop down. Every morning, I'll say, "Laptop down." Because I want you in the moment, in the experience. In all the meetings, all the laptops will be up and going and going because everyone is used to it. Everyone multi-tasks, they're doing 10 things.

Only you will know if that's how you can gain the experience. I know when I was in college, oh, somebody here is going… I found that music helped me to study. Some people work that way. Some people can watch TV and do everything at the same time. But when you're here, I would really suggest to the best of your ability, to just be in the moment, focus on the speaker, focus on the questions.

You know, you can write the questions and answers, do whatever you want here, but really try to be there. That's the best advice I think I can give. So guys we have, about 45 minutes before the Newcomer session, whoo-hoo. But I need a couple of strong gentlemen here, I know women are strong, I am too.

A couple of strong gentlemen to help me. I'm going to go get some gifts and prizes that are in the staff room. So if you would like to just go out and take a little break, walk around, and come back in here in just about five, 10 minutes. I'm going to have everybody sign that they were here today. There is a bit of a teacher still left in me.

So we will just sign off that you were here today. Actually, I'll put the paper right up here and you can do that before you go out or when you come in. But come back in because for the Fellows, I do have some gifts. For those who are not, and my honorary Fellows, so don't worry. For those who are not in the Fellowship program but are planning on coming here, for the mornings, by Thursday, if you've signed every day and you're here, you will get every gift and prize.

Because you deserve it. So anyway. I will take who, yeah, I know. Thank you, thank you. And I will be right back. Go take a quick break. Thanks guys.

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