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Marie-Laure Lemineur: This is for the recording. This is for the meeting between NomCom and NPOC Constituency Day.

So my name is Marie-Laure Lemineur, I am the Chair of NPOC, and would like to welcome the NomCom Delegation to the meeting. And thank you very much for requesting this meeting.

Cheryl, do you want to say a few words?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I do indeed, thank you so much for the invitation or accepting our rather pushy request.

My name is Cheryl Langdon-Orr. I happen to have the honor of being the current Chair of the 2014 Nominating Committee. I have with me our leadership team which will all be doing a little talking. Yrjo is acting as part-chair and as assistant to the Chair, Associate to the Chair. And Stéphane is what's the called the Chair-Elect. So the assumption is he will be the Chair for 2015.

And we also have a couple of our members is you would like to welcome this side of the table basically. So I have (Luis), I have Bill, I have Hans.

And this is one of many meetings we will be doing today because what we want to do is ensure that you and those you talk to have a clear understanding of what happens in the NomCom process.

Last year as you may remember, we unlocked the doors and welcomed you into the room to explore the mysteries of what happens in the Nominating Committee process.

We have a simple rule; it is utterly and absolutely confidential when we are dealing with individuals in summation or things that are declared confidential. The Nominating Committee works under confidentiality documents. But all of our processes, all of our practices, and now at every ICANN meeting, are ordinary business meetings, and we will be doing one of these tomorrow and (Joi) will remind me what time it is in a second.

We are doing these in public so it is becoming more transparent what we do. It has been a mystery but we'd like to think it's less mysterious now than it has been before.

We are also very aware, and Stéphane will speak to this to some extent, that you don't have a seat at the table. The NomCom is a table of people who have been appointed by the component parts of ICANN. And in the GNSO configuration, NPOC does not actually have a seat at the table.

We're trying to navigate through that, but as Stéphane will tell you, there's been some change or potential change that has been thrust upon us with the recent (unintelligible) resolution from exchanges last month.

We're hunting for real talent. And NPOC is in a rare and privileged position because of the level of organization you have as members. People in the C-suites of the organizations you have are utterly and absolutely perfect for the leadership role because they bring in the experience, the very wide, wide

working and not-for-profit with the diversities that many of your not-for-profit organizations will have.

You will understand what it is to act in service, which of course particularly for two odd seats than it is two seats on the ICANN Board that we're looking for, but also on the GNSO Council one seat, and on the ccNSO Council one seat.

Now of course remember, once we get to the GNSO and ccNSO, we are affecting policy development. And so if you've got someone who actually wants to make a difference, it's probably best to direct them into some of these leadership roles or to serve with the ALAC. And the ALAC of course doesn't just have a ccTLD interest in the way the ccNSO does, or GNSO interests with just the generic top-level domain. ALAC is a cross, so it can deal with any business that ICANN has.

But we appoint to ALAC geographically. NomCom puts five people into the 16 person ALAC. This year, we are appointing from North America and from Europe, okay.

I'm not going to go too much further because there's a wonderful new Web site, and I want you all to visit, and it is a newer Web site. So if you think the old one, fear not, it's a whole lot better now.

Just go to ICANN.org, if you're on their landing place, on the left hand column, there will be the groups listed. If not, you can select the Groups button. Go to NomCom; our space is much more easy to navigate. You can just (unintelligible) potential candidate so you are (unintelligible).

(Joi), it probably has a bunch of little business cards which she'll hand around to a couple of you now. And when you're in a cocktail party and you think you would be perfect, you are just the sort of person we want to think about on the Board or in one of the SOs or in the Advisory Committee for the ALAC,

give them a card or recommend them. So there's a couple of ways that can happen.

I'm going to stop now and I'm going to ask, first of all, Yrjo, because the timing on all of this is pretty important. And he's going to give you a very compressed and feel for what we have to do and why we have very short deadlines. And then he'll pass directly onto Stéphane who will hopefully tell you a few things that will make you feel a little happier, based on the issues we have and not having a seat at the table.

Yrjo?

Yrjo Lansipuro: Thank you Cheryl. Good morning, thank you for (unintelligible).

The goal for applications went out on the 31st of January. And after that, since that, the goal of this Nominating Committee has been mostly in outreach, (equipment). We have been telling – giving the same metrics Cheryl just gave to you pretty much to everybody and telling them to apply if they want. And to tell their friends about these leadership positions that are available.

Now we are at the end of that period. Actually our being here at this meeting is the last sort of leg of that part of our job. When the applications are in, we start reading them, evaluating them, and the first step is to select about 15 or 20 candidates for the Board who are going to be evaluated by a head-hunting firm, (Orge and Bernstein), and they're specialists are also going to make telephone interviews with these people.

Meanwhile, we are taking a look at the other candidates for the ALAC, for the GNSO and the ccNSO.

When the results are in or at least the scorecards from OB or (Orge and Bernstein) are in, we then select about ten or less – or less than ten I hope –

of them who are going to interview in London; in-person interviews, and that's really the top group from which the selection of the Board members will be done.

Finally in London, after the interviews are made, then we go in seclusion for two days. It's like the (unintelligible) you actually (unintelligible) here. And then the white smoke comes out and we have two Board members and all the others. So that's in brief, that's our process. Thank you.

Stéphane Van Gelder: Hello everyone. Thank you Yrjo.

Welcome this morning. My name is Stéphane Van Gelder. As was explained, I'm Chair-Elect of the NomCom 2014.

The NomCom has a slightly unique leadership structure which I personally think is very good which allows for leadership training for one year as Chair-Elect, and then to have that person become Chair at the next cycle of the NomCom, and also allows for the position of the Associate Chair which Yrjo holds this year which is a position which supports the Chair, Cheryl this year.

So Cheryl was Chair-Elect last year and we rotate in this year. And it's a very efficient way of both keeping the experience that's been built up in the leadership team and making sure new experiences built into the team as the NomCom progresses. So I just wanted to explain that to all of you.

As Cheryl mentioned earlier on, we understand the current NomCom structure does not have a space for an NPOC representative on the committee. The current structure copies or mirrors the GNSO to a large extent – I'm talking about the part of the structure that is relevant to the GNSO. But it's the GNSO pre-NPOC unfortunately.

So as Cheryl alluded to earlier on, under her leadership, we have begun work this year on looking at revisiting that part of the structure. And she has assigned me to lead a sub-committee on bylaw revisions.

That sub-committee has already begun its work in Buenos Aires which was the first meeting for this year's committee, and it has already looked at having or modifying – I can't be much more specific than that at this stage because we're still working on the changes and they haven't been approved yet by the full committee. So just to let you know that we are looking at that as a committee and we are looking to suggest some changes.

Another thing that I wanted to make you aware of in light of this, if I can find it, is that on the 5th of February, the ICANN Board and the Board Governance Committee which is the committee that we report to I should say, although we don't report to anybody.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Wait – we share, we share information.

Stéphane Van Gelder: That's it; the committee we share information with.

So the Board approves a resolution to establish a Board working group on the Nominating Committee. And that is part of the ongoing – the whole organization's ongoing process to look at its structures and review them from time to time.

So all this work that I've just described actually flows together. And the reason why I'm not able to give you any information that would be now ratified, approved or definitive, is because that work is ongoing. But please know that we are mindful of the fact that NomCom – sorry, that NPOC is not represented, and we are working with the Board to make sure that can change. Thank you.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: That it's recognized.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you, thank you. Well, that's interesting because I wasn't planning to – I mean I had no idea we were going to discuss this. I thought that was something we were going to discuss with the NCSG and the Board later. But that's good to spruce it up – it's good it's happening.

Well I mean you might be aware, and I'm sure you are, that we – this is – we have this report of NCSG as a whole, as a stakeholder group. And we have to prepare a letter actually that we are about to send to you. And we've been told that it should be sent to the Chair, to groups working with the Chair before (unintelligible) – the Board.

So I think it all comes together, the pieces come together. And then we're hoping that at some point we will get some results for these results and go beyond the traditional recognition that there is a problem and that ICANN needs to do something about this. But actually get to the point where it does do something about this because this has been going on for quite a long time.

And I think we – I mean from our point of view, it's not a fair situation; it violates the bylaws. And we've been hearing informally that we need to be patient, and that in light of the GNSO review, something is going to be done. But then when you look at the deadlines, or we happen with the GNSO review, I mean this is not acceptable. I mean we don't want to wait another three, four, five years.

So I mean it's good that you're taking care of these issues, and I'm hoping that we will be in touch with people and discuss the matter.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thank you Madam Chair. I'm just thinking, and all I can do since it's not my place to advise you, that if I was to share with you – and you can do with this what you will – that the Chair of this board group happens to be George. You may want to start copying some of your material to George as well.

There is a small team. It is public as memory serves, it's (Mike Sylvan). George is chairing it. Who else is on it? The Board Review Group because they're the ones that will be definitely making your lives either better or not so good.

Now if they make your lives not so good, I can assure you they'll probably make a number of other constituencies' lives not so good as well.

It's (Right Public Ramohan), (Mike Sylvan) with Sadowsky as Chair. And you need to be talking to them, because understand that's in your position, you won't get them moving if you want.

If there's any other questions we can take them now.

Laurie Schulman: I have generally questions about saying that the members of the C-suite, the NPOC members – well, I'm sorry. I'm Laurie Schulman; I'm part of NPOC. I'm also General Council to ASCD which is a very large – it's sort of the largest educational organizations for superintendents and principals globally. We have 150,000 members in 140 countries.

So my C-suite might be what you're looking for, it may not; I don't know. But what I'm concerned about with these timelines, it took me quite a bit of time to convince my C-suite to send me; to take the time.

I think this is a challenge that NPOC has in general with these organization – particularly the newer organizations that tend to be a lot smaller – to have the resources to allow a member of the C-suite or senior leadership as I am, to take the time – not just for the three weeks a year of the meetings, but all of the preparation in between and the monthly phone calls. It's an enormous amount of time.

And one of my concerns even being involved at the level I'm on, and I don't know if this is a Board issue but I think it's a general issue to think about,

particularly at the non-commercial level, is the level of staff support for prep-time, board-prep.

I know that ICANN supports and has staff support. I'm not necessarily saying it's not adequate, but I'm not sure if it's adequate for NPOC members that (unintelligible) have resources.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: If I may, that's very understood and there's very little we, as part of the organization, can do about that.

But what we can tell you is for the roles, the leadership roles we have open are very hungry of time; they are all hungry of time. So you do need to encourage people who have that time or can time manage appropriately.

But there is more support within each of those organizations. So there is Board support, there is staff support in the ALAC. There's excellent support from staff in the GNSO and the ccNSO.

So once you've got them positioned there, it's not quite so much of a problem. But it's that transition of getting there.

We don't need to do this just this year, but next year and the year after. Maybe it's the Australia plan is the way to go.

Stéphane wanted to respond and I then I think I saw Rudi.

Stéphane Van Gelder: Yes, just briefly. If you have an engaged individual, use this as an opportunity to improve the visibility and the stature of your constituency within ICANN. ICANN will undoubtedly provide you with the level of resources you want. But take that with some particularly jaundiced eye.

The Security and Stability Review Committee, SSAC, came into existence. ICANN saw a need, referred the committee. They got some strong people in,

and now SSAC has a lot of ICANN support and is inter-rolled to a lot of ICANN activity based upon the fact that they had some strong people in their running SSAC.

So if you get good people from NPOC into positions and responsibilities within ICANN, ICANN will respond and they will help.

(Christian): This is (Christian) from the Chair (Midwadoe Longay) or (Lunch). (Longay?) I apologize. (Unintelligible).

Alluding to what Stéphane is referring is the timeline and the work of bylaw reviews, of bylaw reviews subcommittee, in order to recommend that the NPOC being treated on the NomCom. Is there a timeline (unintelligible)?

Stéphane Van Gelder: Stéphane here; thanks for the question. No, not one that I can share because I'll have to explain why.

As you may or may not be aware, each nominating committee under the general bylaws that govern the Nominating Committee base each own rules in terms of the way it works throughout its cycle. And each committee is distinct from the next or the previous run. I think that's an important point to make.

So the 2014 committee which you have with you today has taken it upon itself to review the bylaws and the current structure in this way. It is an entirely self-driven initiative, and it may or may not be accepted by the Board.

So we are facing two steps; the first is – well, three. The first is the subcommittee's work and that is what I described earlier on. That work is largely complete and has been sent to Cheryl as Chair of the committee. Cheryl as shared it with the committee. Beyond that, it's not the committee's purview to do with it what it will.

And if – this is a complete assumption on my part – if the committee decides to approve, send to the Board, do something with it as a follow-up, then the Board will also have to decide what to do with it. So those two steps are out of our control.

What we can do is notice, feel that there's a problem, notice that there's a problem, and embark upon work to try and correct that problem. That's what we've done, and I think it's important to let you know how it works because not only since 2013, the committee that was chaired by Yrjo last year, we have worked very hard on opening up the process.

I mean, you know, Cheryl alluded to this earlier on. The data remains very – candidate data is very confidential. But our processes, we wanted more open. There have been report cards; you can go to the NomCom site which has been redone this year, there's a video of the leadership team explaining its work, there's report cards. There's – you can now see how the committee works.

So you know, we are working to make sure the NomCom is more transparent and more proactive when we identify situations like this. And that work will go on, but unfortunately there are no precise timelines.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: And there's really in Bill, and so Bill who is your direct response to – yes, okay, right, (unintelligible).

Stéphane Van Gelder: In answer to the question, there is in fact a hard drop dead line which is the termination of the 2012 NomCom or 2014 NomCom – sorry, wrong year.

At the end of our tenure, if we have not done anything with this it will die. And it will have to be resurrected by some future committee at some point if it's important.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Now that said, the chair and members of the Board review which we've now described to you have already proactively said they would like us to pass on our contribution to date for their consideration. Now that's no guarantee what they're going to do with it, but they have proactively asked for that and they're talking about provisional results by London (unintelligible).

So really pretty desperate but understand that it's gathered in full aspect reviews.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, Rudi Vansnick for the transcript. I have a very short question based on what you have been explaining.

When you give this recommendation to the Board, is that a binding or a non-binding?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Absolutely non-binding. We can only be as persuasive as we are as individuals. Judge that how you may.

Rudi Vansnick: Yes, good to know that it's an advice you're giving.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: We can only give advice; absolutely.

Man: This is a more general question. As a multi-stakeholder organization, you have a very heterogeneous mix of people. And in other settings I've worked with in board training, and as I gather, what we have here is basically a mentoring process with a chair-elect or a chair-post hanging around and so forth.

Is there any other formal effort within ICANN to say, you know, "You've come from an oil company but we're not an oil company."

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: And the check is in the mail for asking that question. I didn't realize you'd been reading our more confidential notes. But they are there; I'm glad you paid attention and gone down to the details.

Absolutely, and in fact, this is a new initiative from this leadership team and with this Nominating Committee. Again, it's self-directed, it's limited to our – it may or may not happen in the future. We would like to think it's a pre-decisional and one worthy of following.

But let me give you an example from this meeting alone. We have an HR company with expert knowledge coming in to work on interview skills and assessment skills for the team on these weeks. So there will be a closed meeting, but that's because a consultant is training all of us because you've rightly recognized it.

ICANN is a different beast to just about anything in the main universe, and that's not a bad thing. That just needs to be recognized.

But we have people who are sent to us, and when you have (unintelligible), (unintelligible), you know, in the sites that will give you that. You need to send people who do have the right sort of skill sets and experience, that if they are lacking, we need to in the service train.

We have had NomCom members who have never been interviewed in their eyes. That needs to be addressed; we need to look at (soft) skills not only in the candidates we're reviewing, but in ourselves. So the answer is yes, but that is very, very near.

Please go ahead Stéphane.

Stéphane Van Gelder: Thanks. And I just want to come back to the earlier point I was making because I don't want you to leave this room with the impression that

the work that I've just described would die the deadline after the AGN this year for example.

As I explained earlier on, there is also – the reason why we have rotating leadership is also because we understand, or the organization understands that the NomCom, even though it's supposed to be distinct one committee from the next does, there is value in leadership carrying that experience.

So if I am confirmed as Chair next year, and the work that I've described is not complete by that time, we will be looking, I as Chair, will be looking to ensure that it can continue. So you will not be forgotten in September 2014.

And you know, as you well know from the excellent leadership that you have, an organization does depend also on its leaders to be effective. And you have experience here and we, I think, have experience in the NomCom. Cheryl chaired an extremely important part of the ICANN universe before, I chaired a very tiny part of the ICANN universe before.

But you do have experience on the NomCom and we are extremely keen to make sure the committee does go forward -- effectively.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I'm more than happy to wrap up. And I really do appreciate the time, as we all do from the Nominating Committee, you've taken today, as one of, what we believe, the (unintelligible) the future leaders. We would like to think that there's a rather unique and special relationship that you can develop with this and future NomComs.

I need to remind you that for this sort of selections, it is the first of April, so 23:59 UTC, first of April drop dead gate for full consideration for candidates. It's not a long time.

We can't fiddle with that date. There will be no extensions, so don't assume every other NomCom has extended and this one will; it won't. All right, so that's very different from the past.

What has to happen is the process of applying has to have begun. So even if someone starts it, I mean before that, that will be okay.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus for the record – Klaus Stoll.

What happens to the people who (obliged) in the last round and who will say, "Okay, we want to stay in the pool?"

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thank you for that question. We have proactively reached out to everyone who indicated they wanted to be reapproached. I'm thinking somewhere in the order of 20 or so, there might be even 30; we're written for certainly 20 and a much smaller number of started their application process.

So once they've the invitation and reminder has gone out, they have to be treated just like every other applicant. And it is a different application form this year; it is a brand new Web site, it is a brand new Web based form. And it's something that the potential is very much in control of. And so until they sign off on one of four pages, that they're finishing editing it, we might even look at their Statement of Interest.

So it's a tightening new system, and we believe it's a system that will work better. But they're just treated exactly the same as everyone else. But we have reached out and a few of them have responded.

Are there any other final questions?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: I just want to thank all of you for sharing this day with us, and we look forward to continuing discussing any issues in between ICANN meetings. Thank you very much.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thank you and you just need to lobby, lobby, lobby the right people. I gave you a list of names. Bye for now.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Another good reason to, as I do, use open thought.

Stéphane Van Gelder: I suppose it's not a document coming from the NomCom.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: And the gentlemen from the back, can you start the recording please? Yes, thank you. Good morning again. This is the meeting of NPOC on the Stakeholders Day, and we are discussing the session.

My name is Marie-Laure Lemineur. It's a pleasure to be here today. And we have the agenda on the screen, and so would like to welcome all the people and all the NPOC members and Executive Committee members who are in the room.

And I'm going to start asking whether some of the people in the room want to add an item to the agenda.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus Stoll for the record. I would add discussion about travel arrangements for the upcoming presumed meeting.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you for much. So we can maybe start with item number one which is reports about the pre-ICANN events that we had last Saturday. It was a one-day event.

Basically, what we did is (Core) organized a session together with ICANN through – quick who is the ICANN's IP Vice President from Asia in stakeholder engagements I believe.

We also as an organizer and sponsor, PIR of Policy Registry who kindly sponsored us. And we also worked with the Domain Name Association. We had the one session, as I said, on the Saturday, had different panels; some of the participants with the session (sport) during the finals.

I don't know whether you want to briefly explain what your presentations were about, so that, for instance, while we won't (unintelligible) have an idea what we discussed during the – no, I know but maybe some or just like very briefly describe what we discussed during the...

Man: Okay, well I'll start with the panel that I was running which was what are the implications of the gTLDs and other things in the area of ICT for development. And the main pitch was the landscape is changing there and that it's making it more possible for a kind of multi-stakeholder approach to design the activities in those areas. So that was mine.

Should I say something about the IP? Well we had a meeting with some people from the IP area and of some exchange of what some of the issues are there. And I think it was as important to have the discussion as it was to discuss the issues because frequently the IP people feel that they're under siege by the Internet community, which they shouldn't, but that happens especially from the civil society side.

And then there was a general – another part of the panel on the implications of the gTLDs and what that means in terms of opportunities and issues for sort of our constituency.

Anybody else want to add?

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi Vansnick for the transcript – not on that panel. ICANN gave some information about the panel. I was running together with Kurt Pritz from DNA and (Yano Lumb) from IP mirror – sorry.

We essentially have been trying to highlight the efforts and capabilities for the use of TLDs and new gTLDs more specifically in the developing world, so there are a lot of possibilities for regions that are actually underserved in the use of TLDs and gTLDs, to be more precise, and especially with regards to Africa and the lack of registrars. There are only seven registrars in the whole continent of Africa which is just too small, which means most of their business is captured by other regions and essentially by these developed regions.

So our proposal is that we will try to open up a possibility to have more registrars in that region and also in the Asia Pacific region and Latin America. So Kurt Pritz and (Yano) has especially highlighted what they were doing and their ideas and proposals. And we think we have a good bunch of samples of what can be done together with NPOC. I think as our main acronym says, it's not-for-profit operational concerns, I consider that really as a big concern that there is not enough space for business in the DNS world in these regions.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Rudi. Any other comments about the activity we had on this update before I wrap up? And I would like to add a few things about positive outcomes.

In my opinion, in terms of logistics, and we have support from ICANN staff and policy staff, some of them. We also were able to put some key issues on the table that's important to ICANN and to us, and we were able to establish cross-community communication channels with other groups that not necessarily do collaborate or discuss with us very specific issues. And I think this is important since one of the ICANN, let's say, one of the goals of ICANN is to establish cross-community or to encourage cross-community work.

We are, as a follow-up to the activity, they are also several things I need to say. First of all, it wasn't a one-day activity that died at 5:00 pm on Saturday. We actually – that's the start of a process. We are participating in a session on Wednesday on GNS in underserved regions, and we are due to go there and sort of participate and provide input from our perspective.

And we also are working on organizing more activities before the upcoming ICANN-London meeting. And we also are already making arrangements with other ICANN constituencies and ICANN staff and other supporting organizations so that we can have another session during the London meeting of pre-session.

Klaus, you want to add something?

Klaus Stoll: Marie-Laure, thank you very much. With all due respect Marie-Laure, I think that the way how some of the ICANN staff handled the event is scandalous, outrageous, very much damaging to us. And I think we as NPOC have to find a way to express this to – because we having big sessions like yesterday about accountability, and when it comes to accountability from the ground up and when it's about doing something, there's no accountability.

And I would also like to point out how much time and money and effort we lost through their complete and utter incompetence by ICANN staff. And I would like to see that there is some official act taken from NPOC as a group with that regard. Thank you.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you. Go ahead (Casey).

(Casey): Have you prepared consent to recommend from the part of this community TLD which is affecting (unintelligible) which is suppose to affect our non-protectors, both in (unintelligible) aspect as allowed in our personal aspect of ICANN operations?

Marie-Laure Lemineur: I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question please?

(Casey): In the new (unintelligible), the gTLD under the main consensus of non-protector. I believe documented that.

Rudi Vansnick: Well I understand your question. But it is out of the scope of what we are doing in this pre-ICANN event.

What you're focusing on – way of focusing right on targeting is the fact that there is a need to do more. But that's what we have to do inside the different working groups. I propose that we have an offline talk about the approach to get us more involved in these operations.

It's part, as I said, it's part of the work we have to do in different working groups around the table. And that's where we can push some recommendations that we need to go through the different processes. You cannot just send out a report – it's good, we could send out a report, but they don't have to consider it if it's not in the process that is defined in the GNSO works.

So we have to follow all the rules and we can ask through, the NCID for instance, ask for and recommend a process of PDP in order to strengthen our concern.

And I see Klaus – by the way, Rudi Vansnick for the transcript, I see Klaus handing out his hand.

Sam Lanfranco:: Okay, this is Sam Lanfranco; just a direct reply to (Casey).

Rudi has just explained how the process works inside ICANN. But one of the things that we may be looking at and I look at in the future is how we reflect back to our stakeholder community and maybe develop liaisons there where the kind of doctrine that you're talking about is put together in collaboration with an external group so that there's a learning possibility and that gets circulated.

So that would be bringing up awareness in the constituency and this is bringing the constituency interests inside NPOC and inside ICANN. So the two are two legs to talk and go forward together.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much (Sam) and Rudi.

Going back to what Klaus was saying or referring to, when I say that we got report from ICANN staff, I meant from policy staff from part of the policy team. And which does not exclude the fight that's indeed we run into with some problems regarding logistics, and not support, as Klaus said, regarding very specific aspects.

And you're right Klaus. We should formally complain about it. Actually over the last two days, I have and you have too, been discussing this informally. We've been through board members, making it very clear that this has been unacceptable situation and made us lose a lot of time and resources. And that we have core sponsors – we have sponsors, sorry, and we need to report to them and this has been very damaging.

But we – I mean as an outcome of this meeting, we can agree that we can issue formal complains about the situation within ICANN if we all agree to proceed this way.

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi Vansnick for the transcript. I would like to make a motion to the ExCom of NPOC that we make a report, official report, and we send that to the Board in order that the Board knows that we have been not really considered as an appropriate entity as we didn't get the support.

As the Treasurer, I have to mention that this event cost us approximately \$4000. Compared to what others are getting, it's just out of line. And we need to do something official in order to let the Board know that as a constituency, and especially referring to the meeting we just had with

NomCom, it highlights thoroughly the need for more presence at a higher level in order to be able to communicate what's going on.

We're just at a too low a level to be able to raise hands. And when we raise hands, nobody sees it.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Klaus?

Klaus Stoll: I would second the motion of Rudi. But I would like to - (Casey), do you have one minute?

(Casey): Got you.

Klaus Stoll: I would really like to take the suggestion from (Casey), without changing subject but changing subject. Please, first of all, let's agree that we follow the motion of Rudi and get an official letter into the ICANN Board and see how that goes.

And secondly, I would also make a motion that we start a PDP on the line of what (Casey) suggested. And in order to do that, and everybody knows what a long process it is, I think we should have a sub-working group in NPOC on developing at least a framework for a PDP. Or it's just a question and so I would invite, for example, Rudi and (Casey), that at the next meeting we talk a little bit online and develop something and put it in front of the NPOC constituency. That is something we'll want to do.

Just one very quick thought because (Casey) has to run out. I think it also fits extremely well with the globalization efforts of ICANN as a (motive). It's actually a service – good service we can do to the community as whole. Thank you.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you Klaus. Any other comments about this? Thank you very much.

So I'm guessing we can move on to item number two, and basically item number two is for those of you who are not familiar with it, we actually do have a strategy plan.

Klaus, I don't know if you could do us a favor? You have it in the folder and can quick check this. And what we can do is start reviewing each objective and we will end up covering all the – oh, interesting. I don't know why this is highlighted in yellow – anyhow.

Man: It's a virus.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Is it? It could be. Okay, well that's fine.

So what we can do is start reviewing each objective and then we will end up covering most of the items of the agenda.

So shall we start with the policy – we have four strategy coverage objectives or key areas or interests. So I can explain to those of you who are attending this meeting of the first time, we have a policy query of interests. We have the charter, we have the membership, related activities and communications.

And under the label of policy, basically we have three projects. The first one is a policy agenda, second is the (uniform) agenda, and the third cross-constituency policy processes. So what we can do is sort of review what we've been doing over the last month and make something of status reports about all these policy issues.

Rudi is our Policy Chair, so he's the one who is going to talk about the next 20 or half hour, but of course we can all jump in.

So regarding the policy agenda, Klaus, I don't know whether – can you scroll down and do us a favor? Okay, so that we can have a clearer idea of the

scopes and products that we were expecting which are basically we were working on having more public comment posted, on having more participation of community members in working groups – thank you.

Also working towards having more supports of other stakeholder group statements whether it's – I mean article group or others. And we are also working on issuing more public comment and meeting with more constituencies. And we're hoping also to have more articles published in the meeting online specialized publication.

Rudi, please.

Rudi Vansnick: Thank you Marie-Laure. Rudi Vansnick for the transcript.

Well I started being the chair of the Policy Committee. I was just almost alone together with Marie-Laure. Today I can say, and it's just a few months ago, that we are now several people on the committee and several people really actively working in the PDP and non-PDP working groups.

We are learning and discovering the way it is progressing for us in the sense that NPOC is a very young constituency. We need to find our space where we are adding value and bringing in fresh discussions that's going on.

I'm actually co-chairing with (Chris Dillon), a PDP working group, where we have Lars from ICANN staff and Julie Hedlund supporting us very, very well. I have to thank them for the efforts they are doing because as (Chris) and myself are quite new in the whole PDP process, they are helping us quite well.

The PDP we're working on is the translation and transliteration of contact information. And it seems that it is the first time that the ICANN Board decided to launch PDP and other working groups in peril. That makes life even more difficult for us to get into the timing and into the framing and get all

the information which is required to make good recommendation and as we know we have deadlines.

So the PDP will end – or the working group will end the 14th of December; that's our deadline – approximately. But anyway, we are trying to get that target anyhow.

What I see is that there is a lot of cross-constituency work, and I may say that there is good progress in the sense that there are no fights, we are all aligned, we're all having the same concerns trying to find a way to do a good recommendation which is quite a difficult way to do it. Especially when you're not so numerous in the working group; we are lacking people in the working group. It would be better if we could have at least the double number.

And I would like – and I'm using this space to ask for a bit more support from NPOC members if they are interested, if they are in regions that are really concerned, please step up. There is still room. You can step into the working group without any problem, and you can bring in ideas and you can really also participate in a way that you can learn, which that's also part of our key areas policy definition trying to get more people involved, but also learn how you can be effective, how you can help in policy.

Because it's work that asks a lot of time; it's not just the conference calls. For instance, it's a weekly call we have. It's very intensive. But between the calls, you have to read a lot of documents and that's the most painful part – the meetings, the calls, are really quite easy. It's good because the hour flows away; before you know it, you're over time.

But then starts the real work. It's reading, taking care of all the documents, all the information you are getting, and I think that's what we, in the policy, should try to figure out how we can be more productive in our constituency. We need more people getting involved in order to allow not being overloaded

because I'm actually at the limit of what I can care in what I'm doing inside the policy.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Rudi. Please be careful with what you're saying because you're discouraging our new friend. He just joined NPOC. He's starting getting scared – I'm joking.

But I mean as an example of other working groups we are active in, personally I'm involved with the Policy and Implementation Working Group, as I mentioned this morning in the session we were together, and also the Proxy and Privacy Accreditation Services Working Group.

And Klaus, he is also acting in the Policy and Implementation Working Group. And I'm not sure, Olivier Kouami is also an NPOC member and he's quite active.

And I don't know whether some is active in any working group as of today. Are you?

Man: (Unintelligible).

Marie-Laure Lemineur: That's good. I mean we don't oblige to be active in a working group, and I mean as we keep saying, the more the better in the sense that we are a small group and a new community, so we need more active members. But I mean it will happen when it happens.

And we are much better now than we were six months ago. This is absolutely clear and we're making progress. So I think the more members that come in, the more active members will get involved in working group and ultimately it's good for us as a community.

Moving on to another issue about policy. I think we might want to mention something very important which is that Rudi has been elected Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee of NCSG.

This is something that is important to us because as some of you might know, we work at constituency level and at a stakeholder group level. So at the stakeholder group level, there is a policy committee. And you have members representative from both constituencies and NPOC and various policy committees. And obviously your chair committee, and Rudi is the Vice-Chair so that's good news for us too.

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi Vansnick for the transcript. A little correction; I'm not the Vice-Chair, I'm the alternated Chair which is a clearly different definition. I'm not allowed to chair anyway except if the chair is not available at all. That's the big difference.

I've learned a lot about the names and functions in the last few months. It's quite different. And I'm even not allowed to call a meeting. That's the duty of the chair. The alternate chair just replaces the moment the chair is not available; that's it.

But again, it's a step forward. We are taking little steps. And I know that my colleague from Bangladesh, who is also a (nice) chapter, knows all about how things can be (developed), how much time is needed, to really obtain a real next step/next phase.

(John Huy): It is true; it is actually true. This is (John Huy) from Bangladesh. I am the Vice Chair of Bangladesh Dhaka Chapter and I am also a member of a couple of other nation in Bangladesh, especially Bangladesh (Unintelligible) Rule. And (Unintelligible) is also working to make (unintelligible) on the largest authority (unintelligible).

To be a (unintelligible)...(unintelligible) activities and try to echo and relay to the member, try to engage the member, and how to member in this event. How the members get benefit for the ongoing membership. So a lot of activity in terms that we face as a (unintelligible) member of our chapter.

But (unintelligible) to try to contribute as also a member of NPOC. So I will try harder so a new freshing as you come on here and get more inspired. It took me like a couple of (unintelligible) and will be more inspired, and possibility will become a good stakeholder in ICANN probably.

Rudi Vansnick: I'm convinced you will be. Rudi Vansnick for the transcript.

I mean would like to add another aspect of something that we just forgot to take up in the policy discussion. It's about the public comments.

As it takes already a lot of work to do the policy work, looking to what is on the table and how to make public comments from our constituency, I think we still have to learn a bit how we could do that in a way that it is appropriate. I've got already very positive (unintelligible) to the comments we made.

And thanks to Sam who made the very, very good comment with four paragraphs, that was very much appreciated because most of the documents they are receiving or comments they're receiving are booklets or even (pictures) in size.

That's not what they are looking for; they are looking for certain (preach) things. And I'm referring to the comments we have given to the ATRT2, the review team. They were happy with the comments we brought up in Buenos Aires – in Durban – sorry.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: (Unintelligible).

Rudi Vansnick: It wasn't Buenos Aires? Time goes so fast that it's difficult to catch up in what meeting it was that I thought it was high in the sky, and I think it was indeed in Buenos Aires because in Durban it was all flat; the conference room.

So again, we need to try to read as much as possible, the requests that are on the table for public comment. But again, it needs a lot of time to go through the documents.

And I would like that we consider insight, and talk not only the policy committee but the whole constituency, that we try to focus and define the fields where we think we need to really to give comment. Maybe there are other fields where there is not really additional comments to bring, but those that are really in the scope of our constituency operational concerns that we have while reading, then to take care of doing the necessarily comments on that issue.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Thank you very much Rudi.

If I may, I think you were referring to Sam. Are you talking about the statement about NTIA, about (BI Neffing)?

Rudi Vansnick: Yes indeed.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Okay, so that was something I was going to bring on the table and thank all of you, and particularly Sam, for writing the first track of the statements. And so – because that allows us to issue a statement of the IANA process – I think it was the first statement that was issued from a constituency reading to the GNSO. So that's good for us. It's good publicity and a good sense in saying it.

And the ATRT2, I believe it was Cintra who wrote a comment, if I'm not mistaken, and we actually a very good session with the ATRT Team in Buenos Aires. We did actually. And post-meeting, Cintra was the one who

wrote the comment.

Anyhow, we can – I don't know whether we want to comment about policy issue or we can move on? Yes (Roni)? Sorry – you want to add something?

(Roni): Yes, I have a general question about the working group because I'm not involved yet but I could be.

Is the working group – I know there are calls for opening. The established working group are making calls for members.

But are there opportunities for NPOC members to engage in working groups that are already formed, and how does that work?

Rudi Vansnick: Rudi Vansnick for the transcript.

If you're interested in stepping into a working group, just go to the Wiki or to the mailing list and ask to become a member. And you will see – you will get a message very soon, "Yes, please join us. We are asking for volunteers."

I think it's one of the issues that popped up to me personally, is that I've been now much more involved in helping and working in working groups, is that the need for volunteers has increased a lot in the last six months. And it looks like, and it's maybe due to the economic and financial crisis that less people are willing to take up free time or time out of their business time to participate in working groups.

I prefer to say immediately that it takes time for all of them, and enthusiastic people, and dropping them off after a few calls. I prefer that you know up front, it takes a while before you're really able to operate. It took me some time after being in the drafting team of the PDP we are in together with Kristin. We learned a lot.

But I would insist if you are interested to participate, just go to the Wiki space. You will see; there is always a message. And I think that Klaus can help a lot in giving you some guidance.

Marie-Laure Lemineur: Lars, you have the floor.

Lars Hoffman: Thank you, this is Lars Hoffman from ICANN staff for the record.

Yes, I mean Rudi said it very nicely. All that is needed is, you know, you send an email to the list and you type a statement of interest on the ICANN Web site to every member if that's the case. And then you can become a member of the working group.

I mean Rudi is sharing these different (unintelligible) for consideration with working groups. And just to take a little bit of the fear of the work away, the Chair obviously is additional work as a member you don't have to do.

And also the quantity of material that has to be reviewed each week, it's not a straight line. It's not that there's a lot of, you know, through the 12 months, the beginning is obviously more because everybody needs to get up to speak, you want to know what the different stakeholders and constituencies are thinking and put together your end thoughts.

But after awhile, the issues fall down to very specific points. And the material actually reduces and you become, you know, an expert in certain areas that you're interested of the overall topic.

I doubt (unintelligible)...(unintelligible). There were a lot of things to take in, but after a couple of meetings, you find your feet and work is a couple hours a week but I don't think it's more than that.

(Renalia): Thank you Lars. It's interesting basically in summary you join anytime you want. You just look at the list of the active working groups. You just jump in.

Some, you know, have started a few weeks ago, a few months ago. Others it's just that's the apposite and sort of ending the cycle.

You sent an email to the GNSO secretary saying hey I want to join you - USOI. That's it.

(Lori): Question to Rudy as our policy chair. Are there any working groups that we don't have representation on now that you have personally identified where we need it or is it more relying on personal interest?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick for the transcript. Thank you (Lori) for this question.

I think that there are working groups where it is important that we are at least in order to be able if one of us fails to be present you never know.

I have also already twice not been able to join the call because there are other things that happens in life. And it's good that you have somebody else that can jump in and give you the relay in case you're not able to catch up too quickly enough for the next call.

It's good to have somebody inside and that we have inside discussions because that's the reason why we have in NPOC also a policy committee. It's not only to deliver people to working groups, it's also to discuss among us what are our priorities. And that's why it's good to have at least two people in.

When I look to other constituencies very often they have several in it. It helps to have internal discussions on what are the priorities that our constituency wants to see in the discussions and in the recommendations that are going to be produced.

So I would say have a look into - you can have a look in - into the list of working groups that are active there.

The one where I'm missing somebody is in the translation and transliteration PDP and...

(Lori): I knew you were trying to - who tried to recruit you?

Rudy Vasnick: No not only because of the fact that I'm alone as an NPOC. But as you want to learn I think it's the best place to learn how PDP works, how we can go into a process to get all the information and then you will see there are many other working groups that are related to what we do.

We have Expert Working Group in which my - (Lori)'s also present and I think Klaus also.

You will see the relation with other working groups to our the specific PDP. And you will be able to find the interest or the working group where you have the most interest and you can jump in that one and relay to the PDP Working Group.

That's what I consider myself being the best way to do and to help also NPOC being more efficient in processing all the information.

If you had somebody inside it's very easy to tackle back if there is a problem. I see also Lars.

Lars Hoffman: There's also - I should have mentioned this early. There's also we started doing with the help of Mikey from the community a monthly Webinar for newcomers so that you gives you an idea of the jobs involved and also the processes involved and how it works.

I mean it's just an informative. Even if you're not going to join the Working Group afterwards you can participate and just, you know, get an idea of what is actually involved.

And Mikey does a very good job. He's a very experienced community member who's chaired a lot of groups and he's very engaged. And I think it's worth the time whether you're going to join afterwards or not.

(Renalia): Thank you very much Lars for mentioning this. It's please you have the floor. What - sorry what's your name?

Hal Sherman: My name is Hal Sherman. I'm from India. And I represent a not-for-profit organization and we have 1200 or 600 members, corporate members. And we represent the IT and BPM industry of India.

And I think I've been reading about the NPOC more recently and I think it's a good opportunity for organizations like us to have a voice in the ICANN community.

And now but I've been loaded with (Gallup) information and that has raised a lot of confusion in my mind.

First is I think I will slightly digress from the issues that you're discussing. But I think it's important that the newcomers also have clarification on certain issues.

First is when you talk about the working group working group is established at what level? Is it at the level of GNSO or is it at the level of non-commercial stakeholder group or is it at the level of the non-contractual or contractual level when you're defining the business constituency as commercial and the non-commercial assets and so?

Or is it at, you know, is it a working group where people from different constituencies can be a part of say from At-Large also we have individuals and then - so how is that working group established and how do we work?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy I think for the transcript. The basics are essentially GNSO level. But we have indeed cross-community working groups where there is actually a very good working group with a lot of progress in work and they had the public session yesterday.

So there are more and more possibilities to try to bridge between constituencies whatever they are as those ACs. For instance in the PDP Working Group I'm co-chairing we have sent out letters to the all the SOs and ACs to get input.

So it's not only a closed environment between walls there is possibility to extend and have also other constituencies participating not necessarily from the beginning to the end but in case there is need to have information we can call on them.

But I think Klaus can give you also years' experience in what we are doing in workgroup levels. Because Lars has already helping a lot of working groups. And he - I think he has a clear vision on the limits and the borders.

Lars Hoffman: Rudy yes this is Lars again for the transcript. It's - I've not - not that though. It's really the Working Group isn't anybody. We need the same of interest. You don't even need to belong officially to any of the stakeholder groups or constituencies. You could just do it as a private individual as it were, non-affiliated.

There are - the working groups you're talking about are GNSO initiated. But there's a lot of members from other SOs and ACs that take part, especially AR that are active and then and in Vodacom as normal members that would sit as like anybody else too and their voice is equally heard. So there's no ranking.

But, you know, we're talking about policies that are developed for the GNSO at the end of the day. So that's the - actually said answer the original question.

Hal Sherman: Can I ask more questions? Hal Sherman for the transcript.

Now the second question is why is - is there any specific reason why the Non-commercial Stakeholder Group and the Stakeholder Commercial Groups that has business continuity intellectual property and NCUC NPOC are established within GNSO?

I mean or does this - doesn't this limit the scope of work only to GNSO? And can we also look - go beyond the working scope of GNSO and maybe the other organizations to, you know, maybe what At-Large does at all?

Because, you know, is that not a constraint the advice for an organization only be a part of the GNSO group and not as a whole, you know, bunch of other policy issue that GNSO does not (unintelligible)? So how can we contribute to that?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick for the transcript. Our work is essentially based on the fact that GNSO means it's the generic top-level domain. That is our topic as the basis of all the work we have to do. And we are a supporting organization.

When we talk about advice then we have the advisory committees. You have ALAC At-Large. You have the GAC. They are rather working advisory policy where the GNSO and for instance the ccNSO also they have - we have our specific domain. ccNSO is all about the ccTLDs. GNSO is all about the generic top level domains. So there is a clear split in what is done.

And in the GNSO I mean in the ccNSO our mission is to do recommendations to the board for implementation while from the advisory department its

recommendation to ask for recommendations to implement. That's the difference.

I have also there's difficulty in the beginning to understand really the big - the difference between both of the duties we have.

And I don't see any issue if you consider that there is for the not - non-for-profit organizations an issue. You can rather go to ALAC and make your statement over there.

Hey look I would advise that the policy implementers look at this issue. That's one way to do. But you can come also at the same time to the GNSO, step into our constituency and raise your voice also over there except that it is not an advice at that moment. It's rather going for direction of implementation. That's the difference.

So there is no constraint. You can be in both. Actually my organization Internet Society Belgium is a longstanding ALS. I'm one of the founding members of ALAC and founding member of Euro, the European Region At-Large.

But at a certain moment after seven years I said well they're doing great work there. But I see in a structure that needs a bit more power and needs more resources. And I moved over to NPOC.

So the same can happen. You can have one of your people being in the advisory department and another one in the implementation part.

So I see Klaus. Klaus you have the floor.

Klaus Stoll: As a long suffering participant in ICANN I can only give you one advice. And I think what Rudy just talked about and all of human beings wouldn't understand anything Rudy just said. And there's a reason behind it.

Because yes it's in a way a closed shop but it's not a closed shop. The only advice I can give you is jump in, do whatever you think is right, say whatever you think you have to say and you will find out and you will learn over time everything what Rudy says.

And in two, three years you talk the same gibberish like Rudy me, (unintelligible). And the biggest and the best advice I - you can give newcomers to ICANN, just engage and make mistakes.

I mean how many times you make - you have to make a fool out of yourself and ICANN to learn it's unbelievable. But on the other hand nobody is getting angry with these people because everybody's in the same goal.

And I've seen board members, you know, sitting there just staring blank and saying you have no idea what's going on (unintelligible).

So my advice just go in there, do it, learn. And whatever you - and just remember my - one of my favorite sentence ever at ICANN is it's by far the most socially dysfunctional group you can ever meet. And you have to get used to that.

I mean if - ICANN to a certain amount is a freak show but it's a good one.

(Renalia): Thank you very much (Sam). Please you have the floor.

(Sam Anfranco): Okay yes, I'd like to share a piece of advice because I'm only about 50 meters down the road ahead of you.

And that's that one of the tensions that I guess everybody has to deal with is there's the list of reasons that you've come here, that you've got involved with ICANN and with NPOC and so forth.

And then there's a list of tasks that you're being asked to do. And sometimes you say I've come to be the cook and they say we want you to go grow the vegetables.

And so you have to figure out how to balance those two things because there needs to be some help in getting the vegetables grown but you don't want the comments say I came to be the cook but now I'm driving the tractor and I'm on a shovel and what happened to my mission?

So you have - that will always be a tension and there are many more other tasks that people would like you to cover than your primary one. So you have - it's a real - you have to stay focused.

(Renalia): Yes please? You have the floor. Can you state your name when you speak please?

(Carla Asbring): (Carla Asbring) from (iStock) Australia. And sorry I came in a bit late but maybe I can explain my background and why I'm here at ICANN.

I have been involved with (ISCO) Australia for many, many years and been engaged with that process. And I have attended a couple of ICANN meetings in the past but very much as an outsider.

About a year or so ago I started participating in the AP (Rahler) meetings online. And we already have two key people from (ISOC) Australia most you would know very well, Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Holly Raiche.

And so I'm the third person from (ISOC) Australia. And I got involved with a small working group on rules and procedure with (AT Rahler) and staff is engaging more and more online.

And I have a particular passion which is accessibility for people with disability to use the Internet.

And a very good colleague of mine (Orin Hillad) from Pacific Island chapter of (ISOC) and very much involved with ICANN now is my mentor in a pilot At-Large mentoring program. And there's three this year or here at the moment, one from Canada, myself from Australia and one person from South Africa.

And I'm going to take this opportunity to socialize my message of accessibility for people with disability. That's my background and my passion.

But as (Maureen) has told me she came into ICANN to deliver the Pacific message that there needed to be more profile from Pacific Islands and understanding about the particular issues from Pacific Island countries.

And while she did that she also then got more and more involved with other ICANN processes. And the cooking and the growing vegetables was a great example of that.

And while I'm going to be socializing the message of accessibility if in as many groups as I can while I'm here I'm also interested in involving myself in ICANN processes generally.

(Renalia): Thank you very much. Klaus?

Klaus Stoll: Thank you very much. I have a very direct comment to make.

I'm one of the guys who are trying to establish a group for accessibility group in ICANN since three years. And the thing is accessibility is not a topic for ICANN at all. It's something which is completely out of the agenda of NPOC...

Man: (Rataban).

Klaus Stoll: ...(Rataban) of ICANN.

If you look at the agreement (unintelligible) it's not there. It doesn't exist. It has nothing to do with names and numbers.

But that's why for example NPOC and these groups are there. What we have to do is to really bring in this kind of issues (sic) into ICANN into discussion and saying look you've got agreement. It's the rules. It's names and numbers. That's - that's what you have to do. That's what we're here for. That's all our interest.

But accessibility is influenced by what you do and ICANN is influenced by accessibility.

So there is a connection which officially we are not talking about. Unofficially there's a lot of other topics chart online, the Web protection, accessibility, ISOT 4T -- all that stuff is there.

And one of the groups for example like NPOC what we are trying to do with our Engage program is put these program and these topics basically smuggling them in.

And the problem you will have is like I have the whole time is if you're officially coming with to topic base or subject based agenda you will be told that's nothing to do with us.

If you wrap it up the right way everything has to go with it. It's just a very - I know it's a very how to say that a very confused message.

But this is how ICANN works because ICANN has a certain agreement. And ICANN is very, very jealous in guarding their agreement.

On the other hand it's one of the biggest thing which harms ICANN because ICANN doesn't - is not able to speak a lot of to the topics that you speak to.

And now think about that whole globalization and the IANA process. All these topics will come in Brazil, accessibility -- all these things will be there like the nation states will put it on the agenda. But ICANN will not be able to respond to it. Yes?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick, a little correct. They cannot make a statement.

Klaus Stoll: They cannot make a statement.

Rudy Vasnick: They cannot make a statement. I'm referring to the discussions when we have this new gTLD program luncheon where there was this discussion about is ICANN allowed to take a statement, take a position on content? They're not. And that's what the problem is with when - because I'm also - we have an organization a blind person especially to try to figure out what are the needs of blind people in -when they use Internet?

And we tried to discover the way how is this effecting the DNS world? And it's a very small issue. And domain names and IP addresses while they're not affecting disabled people indirect.

There was a discussion that came up in the whole process when we discussed the guidebook. Is content part of it because of the intellectual property people trying to use that window of content to make their statement. And that's where the discussion went into another direction.

I'm happy. I was there yesterday when there were - in ALAC when there was this discussion about accessibility in ALAC. I followed part of the session.

And I would like to ask you if you see any way as our organization is called operational concerns we see it as a part of the operational concerns in what way you could - how our constitutes in getting this on a agenda.

(Renalia): If I may before you have the opportunity to answer because I don't know whether you're aware of it but we have an NPOC member we have who's working on these issues. His name is (Glen McKnight). Have you been talking to him?

Rudy Vasnick: Yes.

(Renalia): Okay. Oh you're working together. So (Glen) attending one of our monthly calls a few months ago and mentioned the initiate the project.

And we encouraged - basically we encourage at the time him to move forward and let us know, you know, what he needed from us. So if you're already working together...

Klaus Stoll: Just one very quick personal comment in addition. It's my personal opinion that there should be accessibility constituency in ICANN. There should be a formal accessibility constituency in ICANN. That's what they're trying to do since as I said three years and I don't get anyway.

(Renalia): Okay. I have quite a few things then to respond to. I have - I was fortunate to speak to Fadi at the capital of IGS last year.

I've also been involved with the AP Roller in talking about accessibility there.

And as I understand ICANN unfortunately works in silos. I know that's not the intent but it happens.

And I have spoken with Glen. And Glen works - talked with a number of people in the Buenos Ares. And I had had my discussions.

So there actually is now an ad hoc At-Large accessibility task force.

And I can't say exactly how the mechanisms happen to - for it to actually become effect. But I'm really delight that there is one and it's - the interim chair is Cheryl Langdon-Orr.

And we had a meeting yesterday afternoon, the first face to face meeting. I had put together a set of objectives for example building a cultural accessibility in ICANN, increasing the accessibility and also making ICANN processes and practices more inclusive.

And then there were a number of actions under each of those and I don't know if it's apocopate for me to go into that amount of detail here.

But it was just a starting point. And the suggested objectives were supported in a very informal way. There wasn't any voting or anything like that. And I'm not clear how the taskforce is going to move ahead. But there will be future actions happening because it is an ad hoc group at this stage.

So I'm really hoping that I can work together with NPOC to see how we can move between these silos.

And so if there is that accessibility task force we can also discuss that here.

And the issue about content -- and that's not ICANN's remit -- when I talk about with accessibility I suppose one could stretch that to say that accessibility to Web sites is not the content as much but the structure.

And therefore I think it can be argued that it is really in ICANN's remit to look at this.

And so what we're suggesting is that first of all that ICANN's Web site, new Web site be accessible. I'm aware that it's not at this stage there. And that concerns me. But hopefully work will be done to improve that.

And then where I think this constituency it could be really relevant if looking of course at W3C with content accessibility guidelines as to the way do they - they were the accessibility work.

But to consider that the ccNSO might develop a best practice guide, just a few paragraphs on using (recag). And then that could go through into the GNSO when it comes to registries registrars informing through the process right down to the registrants so that the - that when new domain names are created that the onus of those are aware that really Web accessibility is something they should consider.

Now this is very, very early discussions. It's only discussions. And I just wanted to share this with you so that we can see how that might work, if it's a possibility, if we need to say no that's not appropriate but to start a discussion going.

(Renalia): Thank you very much. Yes before we wrap up on this?

Hal Sherman: (Hal Sherman) for the transcript. And I think we have talked about the issues of accessibility. But my point is that issue of accessibility is also related to the cost issues.

And what I'm aware of -- and please correct me if I'm wrong -- that ICANN has no role to play when it comes to fixing a cost that registrar can set a domain to (unintelligible) at particular place.

It's just a part of it that goes to the ICANN. And so therefore from, you know, in the new TLDs ICANN would not have any part to play to fix the cost of what the registrants pay for the accessing a domain.

And also accessibility will also depend on the cost of the broadband within the (Nastin) territories. And that is the only scope of ICANN work because (unintelligible) national governments imperative. And it's the national

governments prerogative also to decide that what rates can individuals have as to broadband to end. ISPs also would have a role to play in that.

And so when we talk about accessibilities or do we also take these into consideration?

Woman: Thank you very much. Well it's actually interesting but unfortunately we have so much things to cover that we need to move on.

And I would like to make you a very practical offer which is the following. Please use us a community.

If you need to ensure, you know, some - I mean to publicize or to share information in a more public way the way you've been doing with us right now about, you know, the ALAC Working Group, the ALAC Group and, you know, we can share it on our mailing list and to see if - I don't whether other members, other community members would be allowed to join but it - that's an option that, you know, if you want to recruit people from other constituencies of their communities.

And also we are in the process of redesigning our own Web site. So what I would like to propose -- and I'm sure that my colleagues from the executive committee won't oppose the idea -- is that consulate who is working on the project might want to, you know, to discuss the accessibility aspects with you and you might be able to provide some advice to him. He's a Web designer and he knows.

So it could be, you know, interesting for you two to get together, you know, and discuss this so that our own Web site, you know, the constituency Web sites can, you know, respect the standards that you think should be respected.

(Renalia): Thank you very much for your offer of sharing the information with this constituencies members. And when it comes to the Task Force group it's a very informal group at this stage. And we welcome as many people as possible who would be interested in collaborating and working together because obviously the more opinions, the more expertise we have the better it will be for us to move forward.

And I'm certainly willing to provide advice to the Web designer. And what I'm not clear on at this stage is there are so many sub Web sites under ICANN. I mean there is the official large ICANN Web site. And then you drill down and there's different constituency Web sites.

And I'm not clear on who develops those.

(Hal Sherman): If I may, there is not only just the digital Web site of ICANN. We have also the community wiki that it's ICANN but it's part of ICANN.

So what I would like to round out this because otherwise we are going to have some fine restrictions and get into difficulties to handle all the rest of our agenda.

What I propose is that I will get my colleagues together in the Policy Committee and see what we can bring forward as an idea for the task force to see what is NPOC able to do to help the task force obtain the goals you are looking for.

(Renalia): Thank you very much. I think we might want to take a break. Do we?

Man: I just would like share some gossip with you.

Man: Gossip?

Man: (Renalia) you just got elected.

(Renalia): Okay.

Man: (Renalia)?

(Renalia): Okay thank you very much. So we want to take a maybe 15 break we - and pause, not to spend...

Man: I don't think we should have a 15 minutes break. We should just get some refreshments because the point is we have got so much stuff on the agenda and we haven't even started talking about the meaty stuff.

(Renalia): Let's take a break ten to 15 minutes while we go, you know, and go for coffee and come back. I mean we make it short. Steal a coffee from somewhere and come back as soon as - as quick as possible and move on with the agenda. And just pausing the recording please. Thank you very much.

To summarize send an email very...

Man: (Unintelligible).

(Renalia): Sorry. Very well. Can you start the recording please? Thank you very much, welcome back to the NPOC session, the NPOC workshop on the Stakeholder Group.

We need to - we were discussing the policy, our policy agenda. And we'd like to welcome you people who showed up and were not in the first part of the meeting.

So (Vani) it's nice to see you.

(Vani): Hello.

(Renalia): Hello. It's good that you were able to show up and be with us for a while.

So maybe we can wrap up very quickly the policy section by mentioning I don't know whether any of you wants to summarize what has been going on on the iEngage planet since the Buenos Aires and then discuss very briefly after that the policy processes that are ongoing again in a summarized way.

So who volunteers to describe the iEngage agenda?

Man: I (unintelligible). Okay where are at? Where are we with iEngage?

Basically we had that current setback three days ago we talked about at the beginning of the meeting.

What we are currently planning is to regroup around London and other events like the IGF and to try to get something going there.

And I'm actually fairly hopeful. And Rudy would you like to speak to the development of last night?

And I before Rudy speaks about that we need in order to do that we are now moving into a completely different magnitude of operations in iEngage.

That doesn't - it simply means we are talking events with a lot of people, full days, lot of groups and things like that.

And we can't do that on a weekly telephone basis and with volunteers and things like that.

We need now to have other organizations like JKPF and (Pierre) thrown in there and helping us also with capacity to organize and get things done. That's very important. I mean we can't go on like this.

And just to - what we looked at this morning and forgot to basically say we - that my (Lord) there needs to be - I would like to be an official motion that letter you should write to Fadi or to the board about the event yes, just that that is an official motion yes.

(Renalia): Thank you. I believe there is additional information that Rudy can brief us with about the long term meeting and the iEngage/NPOC activity we are going to have.

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick for the transcript. There are two aspects in where we are with iEngage.

First there is the planning for the meeting in June as ALAC is having their second summit. I was one of the people in the first summit also in Mexico in 2009. It was very successful.

Yesterday evening I've been talking to and it was already an ongoing discussion the last two days with Evan Leibovitch from ALAC about trying to figure out in what way there will be a close collaboration between At-Large and NPOC because we have on many aspects the same concerns and the same reaction.

So that was initial idea to set up as they will have a lot of their ALSes. And all the ALSes will have one person being covered by the Summit project to come to London.

That means that there is a huge audience that we can speak to. And the idea is that we would have an event where (unintelligible) would try to spend also some money and sponsor it the day before the ICANN meeting starts discussing the relationships between both constituencies and what they are doing. So that's part of iEngage also.

The other element I want to touch upon is that as we had the session on Saturday the iEngage project that I'm actually drafting now, the proposal I'm drafting is trying to use all efforts we - and all resources we have to help the developing world in the gTLD, new gTLD program.

We have seen that there are not that many applications from Africa for instance. There are several reasons for that.

One of the reasons is that many of them don't have the financial resources. That's an initial discussion. They don't have the resources for them. Fifty-thousand or \$185,000 is something like \$1,800,000. You have to make it in the right perspective.

A second point is that as they are quite new in this business there is also a lack of being able to produce a well formed, well dressed business plan. That's another aspect they have. It's also about knowledge and about technical means that allows them to participate.

And the third element that is in the scope of the definition is that there is a lack of registrars. Because if you want your business being developed and you have to address outside of your region as supplier that's a huge burden already.

And it means that your business or the value you're spending in that market is going out of your center, out of your region. That's not good at all, especially for the African region.

So the proposal is in fact in the beginning we were talking about the consortium, but I have been indicated that it's a wrong word.

So I'm now rather drafting it in the sense that it is a spinoff concept where we will gather all the potential registrars in Africa together, try to register that

spinoff as a registrar, accredited registrar in ICANN and then allow each individual registrar or candidate registrar to develop their business.

And once they are mature they are able to be sustainable they can spinoff and have start their own registrar and registry as a registrar.

I think that's the only concept that will help them. I've seen this working in Europe. In many universities they are using this concept of spinoff and it works well.

And I think that's when you go with such a proposal to governments especially in developing countries the governments will be very happy to support that also.

So I think that that is a plan that will be very useful and will illustrate that NPOC is not just discussing policy but also bringing solutions to the table. So that's my input for the iEngage.

(Renalia): Thank you very much Rudy. (Sam) you have the floor.

(Sam Anfranco): Okay (Sam Anfranco) for the record. I was a bit hesitant to say something earlier because we hadn't discussed a lot of this yet. But and (Mike) with respect to iEngage, with respect to London I mean with respect to my heading up the membership committee for NPOC at the moment the one key word for what I'm going to say is stakeholder engagement and empowerment.

Whether we can get it rolled out under the appropriate banner or I have to rule it out at - in two levels one is as a kind of survey of the existing members of NPOC with a set of very clear questions and the other part possibly a kind of Skunkworks wiki.

A lot of the issues that need to be discussed in this area from an NPOC perspective, the discussion around stakeholder engagement and stakeholder empowerment and stakeholder awareness, stakeholders who haven't quite found their constituency yet and haven't organized a lot of that activity I expect we will have underway and it will likely be underway under a - an iEngage umbrella or an NPOC umbrella or a collaborative umbrella or a Skunkworks that's just sitting there separately but people can go to is to get those dialogues going well before London so by the time London gets there the people who are there are informed and the people who can't get there are already involved and not just waiting for an Adobe Connect session to link in.

So that's my intention over the next few weeks. And I - Rudy and I didn't have time to discuss it because of the IANA issue popping up just before the last weekend and not taking our time.

But the expectation there is that in one form or the other there's going to be a more open and ongoing dialogue that will initially be focused on an opportunity for the NPOC membership to get into it in preparation for London.

(Renalia): Thank you very much. To finish on this I would like to thank Klaus and Rudy. I'm aware that last night during the gala they actually kept on working on this and reach out to people and instead of enjoying the gala so and they did a good job and that also that Rudy stayed awake until 2:00 in the morning to write the proposal. So I would like to thank them.

This is an example of the kind of hardworking that is...

Man: (Unintelligible)?

(Renalia): Yes? Insanity. Thank you. It's on the record. But anyhow thank you very much for - very well.

Man: (Unintelligible).

(Renalia): Excuse me.

Man: Ms. Chairman?

(Renalia): Hi, (unintelligible), so many doctors in the room. We can move on to the last item about a - the policy processes. I wanted to highlight that on the strategic plan we're supposed to work before our term ends on policy processes.

One of them was the writing of the policy charter. If I'm not mistaken this is an ongoing project. We still have room and time to finish.

The mailing list has been created. And also one of the deliverables was that we would have someone from NPOC Executive Committee acting - being active in the Policy Committee of NCSG and this is already done. Rudy did you want to add anything about that or we can move on?

Rudy Vasnick: I would just say that we made progress. It's step by step. We are a young constituency. If we try to run before we can really step we are doing to kill ourselves. So I think that the process we are going through is rather a learning process.

It doesn't make sense to draft the charter if you don't understand the mechanisms and the methods that are used.

So I have a very good view now on where we need to and emphasize and where to we have to change our forces in order to be able to better operate in the policy world.

But the fact that we have positions of co-chair and vice-chair in working groups illustrates that NPOC is bringing very good people to the discussions and that we are valuable in the work we do.

So I think that that's a merit we have already. And the charter is rather a document and is more a formal procedure than doing the work itself.

(Renalia): Thank you very much Rudy?

If there isn't any more comments about this comments about this we can move onto the next item which is the charter, Charter constituency Charter Number 26 charter.

This is one of the items from the strategic plan. And basically the plan was since we started our firm last year has been to and it still is to review the charter.

Again this is an ongoing thing. We have been going slower than we anticipated, at least I anticipated. But (unintelligible) I mean as Rudy just said were learning and sometimes we are involved in so many different projects that we just don't have the time to deal with everything at the same time.

But we still have room until the end of June. I believe Cintra (some) and Rudy are form subgroups that they would prepare a first draft of the changes that should be done to the charter.

Cintra is supposed to lead the process. Last time I heard from her she said she was working on it and she was going to send a draft to you too. I don't know whether you have received anything.

Since she is not here can you brief us? You have it?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick for the transcript. No we didn't receive a proposal. There wasn't a proposal. I highlighted items in the existing charter that we have to review.

As I said earlier as we are in the learning process and we know that I think a critical aspect we have to take in consideration is that there are two aspects in fact.

We know that there's global review of a GNSO in the agenda for the coming months that will start. Another aspect is that we have seen that NCUC is also reviewing the charter.

And there was the idea of reviewing the NCSG charter.

I think actually that as we have these discussions going on and as I have been looking into the different documents there is a need for alignment of the charters of the constituencies under the umbrella of NCSG.

They are not aligned today. There is a need to align them so that there is no longer confusion. One of the confusions is essentially based on the membership definitions and how you become a member and why you can become a member of NCSG and a member of NCUC at the same time. All these things are we need to clarify them because it makes a lot of confusion.

But on balance also the empowerment of the constituencies. If NCSG NCUC together can have their memberships and we only as NPOC can have ours then it's unbalanced in the sense that the umbrella is not a real umbrella. It's something else. And that's what I'm trying to figure out.

(Renalia): Thank you very much Rudy I'll now that we're talking about the charter and you brought up the issue of the membership which is the next item on the strategy plan we can take maybe the opportunity to move on and discuss membership very briefly.

I believe (Lori) wants to say something about that do you?

(Lori): I have a personal interest in this. I was just discussing this with (Marie Lori) last night. I would like to work with you directly on that and put into the record at this meeting that I think it should be a primary goal based on the challenges that we've been facing this membership review at the EC level.

And I have very strong opinions about it that might flow from the next piece of conversation but it needs to be fixed.

And it actually needs a lot of ICANN staff support that I don't feel that we're getting right now that we should be getting.

And I've raised this issue in the EC meetings. The EC says that requests have been made to ICANN staff. But I'd like (unintelligible) requests come from the PLC directly rather than through the EC process on behalf of NGOs.

Man: Yes, yes.

(Lori): Okay.

(Renalia): Now we got...

((Crosstalk))

(Renalia): Thank you very much. We actually I mean basically there are many aspects to the issue of membership. Remember is the goal we have to increase 50% our membership since we initiated our term which is July last year.

You - some of you might not be aware that before October last year we had review of applicants. It was very like twice a year or three times a year.

And since October last year we were able to negotiate with our colleagues from NCSG because we actually review applicants for NPOC at NCSG level.

We were able to successfully negotiate with them a monthly review. So this has improved quite a lot. You know, it's much more agile system.

Still we are dealing with some issues that are very important. In terms of numbers we have made progress. We have had over the last three months an increase of about I think we have omitted about 12 new members.

And the goal is for June is to have 50% increase we - and since we have 34 members the goal is to have in total a minimum of 14 new members by June. And I'm hoping that we will be able to go beyond that.

Right now we are all more or less for (unintelligible) NPOC and I believe we will be review them today or Thursday. There is an executive NCSG executive committee meeting.

One of the crucial in my view problem in the process -- and I want this to be on the record -- is that due to the way the form is designed when you apply online it's absolutely not clear that when you apply as an individual, you cannot join NPOC.

So we're in a situation now is where I reviewed last night the list of pending applications. And every month I see the same - I see maybe five, six people who do apply as an individual and do pick NPOC.

So what it means that they don't understand that they can't join NPOC as individuals. So they are automatically omitted as a member of the other constituency.

And this is a real problem because it obviously these are people who want to join NPOC but they're not aware that they have to join as a representative of an NGO.

So this is I think this is something we need to discuss with Rafik and other colleagues from the NCSG Executive Committee.

I've had discussions informally with them not on the record but I'm planning and (Lori) and myself we are planning to discuss this next - I think it's tomorrow Thursday we're meeting with them and request that this online form is being redesigned so that it doesn't lead to such confusion. And it's very clear from the very beginning when you just log on, you know, what you're applying to and the status you're using whether as an individual or as an organization.

Yes Rudy?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick for the transcript. It's even not clear for me why there is the possibility to register as a NCSG member because NCSG in itself is in fact not a constituency. It's an umbrella of two constituencies.

(Renalia): You're absolutely right Rudy. Well this is another problem. I think aspects of the process is that this is I mean this is due to the fact that the charter of NCSG has been designed this way and approved by the board.

So at this stage what we can do is try to work on some aspects we can control, I mean on the short term basis obviously.

And (Lori) and myself discuss this with our colleagues from the NCSG. And the other bigger problem which would be, you know, renegotiate the - some of the provisions of the NCSG charter. It's a more of a long term project, more complex because it requires our colleagues from NCSG to agree and it's a different process but it can be done in parallel.

I mean one thing does not exclude the other. So I just want everybody to know and that is on the record that we're working on all this, we're aware of

the problems and that we also have made, you know, progress and not everything is a problem.

I mean I do I still think that the fact that we have a multi-review of applicants is a big success we've had because in a couple of months. We've been able to have 12 new members.

And if you compare with what happened last journey we have had to wait almost nine months to get like five people new members.

So that's huge success so but it doesn't mean that, you know, we're still aware that there issues and we need to work on them. Is there any question or additional comment to that?

Rudy Vasnick: Rudy Vasnick. I would like to applaud the work you're doing because it's not easy to convince that NPOC is important.

And it illustrates also that our outreach actions are successful. People start understanding that they have to join us. And that makes me really happy.

(Renalia): Thank you very much. Actually I'm going to have - (Ali) is raising her hand. You are an example of one of the people. I mean we've been talking for almost like during the last five years. And the one before we discussed the possibility of you joining or some of the NGOs you are affiliated with or you're promoting joining NPOC. And so that has been very responsive.

And maybe you want to explain to us what you're working on just very briefly so that we have a clear idea?

(Ali) (Unintelligible) ICANN fellow. So there are a couple of difficulties when I go to the NGOs and I tell them what NPOC is.

And basically there are individuals who are interested. But when they have to present their NGO then that may actually lead to a lot of so there's like competition among them and they don't want to send this person or that person.

And then said these are the difficulties that they're facing. So I even suggested I can go as like the a representative of these NGOs and just say what your concerns are.

You just have to give me the permission to do this as well of course I did not receive any permission. So this is a problem with especially in countries that NGOs are not very strong and they have many difficulties and they are facing challenges.

(Renalia): And sorry can you remind us where you're based so that's others who don't know...

(Fasanni): Yes well I am from Iran. Yes and also we work on Afghanistan and Tajikistan and there's absolutely no response whatsoever from those countries.

And we are still trying. And hopefully we get - that but just I have to emphasize on this. This is not - because they have to be the representative of the NGO this actually brings about some a lot of (unintelligible) issues within the organization. Thank you.

(Renalia): Thank you very much (Fasanni).

((Crosstalk))

(Andir): This is (Andir) from (unintelligible). Maybe this is true some of the nation have some direct complexity internal but in our region this is very (unintelligible) on this most of the (unintelligible) NPOC.

A couple of (unintelligible) member of NPOC. But most of them almost 90% NGOs do not know actually the NPOC duties.

So for my view I take my country to (unintelligible) NPOC issue and (unintelligible). And I'll try to also to since I have a reasonable good connection through (ISOC) I'll take in the responsibility a volunteer to take this out (unintelligible) NGOs to inform them to becoming in for membership.

I (unintelligible) good result of it. Thank you.

(Renalia): Thank you very much (Andir). Did you (Sam) do you want to say something? (Sam)...

(Sam Anfranco): Okay this is (Sam Anfranco) on the record. Part of what NPOC is going to have to do their and this is what I'm going to try doing with the membership (unintelligible) when you say that the organization has to join it's very unclear to the organization what that means.

And if the organization says okay I can represent the organization it's also very unclear what my obligations are back to the organization.

And so those are some areas where there needs to be a dialogue initially among the existing members of NPOC so that we can formulate what those issues are and formulate text to get the statements that we can use and I can use and you can use and say well this is what is involved.

Because even I have to go back we've had to put it off because we have a new executive director.

In April I have to go to the organization that I represent and explain to them what it is they have joined because now they've done it, you know, and they're trusting me as the former head of the board.

But there is an information vacuum there that once it's filled will be in a much better position and our members will be in a much better position.

(Renalia): I would like to apologize to (Sam) because I forgot to mention because you're wearing so many hats you recruit, you grow vegetables as you said.

(Sam) is the newly appointed membership chair so this is - I mean this is the kind of issues together with (Lori) that the three of us need to fix and to achieve our message to our community members or potential community members.

Yes Klaus you have the floor.

Klaus Stoll: Klaus for the record. I think it's also important to point out that with the iEngage initiative we will have a much more attractive product for our members because it's basically topics based and not so abstract as ICANN is.

And the second thing is don't forget that we have a strong partner with CKPF in iEngage which means there are pool of at least 200 organizations who are potentially just have to move over from one organization to the other.

So that's just another point about I engagement that's why it's important. And I really think that in about three or four months when iEngage is really going that will make a hell of a lot of difference.

And I just have a please to the members with respect to our engage for example (unintelligible) tell us the topics you would like to - what are the ICT or the topics you would have liked to have tackled yes?

(Renalia): Yes. Please you have the floor.

(Alchin): My name is (Alchin) and I have a question. That we have different groups (unintelligible) noncommercial groups and also there are (unintelligible) commercial groups in business constituency unintelligible and we don't (unintelligible) every stakeholder group has an equal say in ICANN so one group is not more important than the other.

So why is it that for being a part of the business constituency you have to pay some amount of money when the same privileges and same services can be achieved by being part of other groups such as NCUC or NPOC?

So is there any reason behind this way certain things paid and not paid? Is it special privileges that those people have been provided above nonpaying members?

(Renalia): I mean basically it's like when you go to the restaurant you have a menu. And depending on how hungry you are the money you have and your interests and if you're a vegetarian, you're not a vegetarian you just pick, you know, what's convenient to you.

And ICANN you have a lot of different groups within the GNSO. Each community organizes itself within let's say a range of, you know, official standards and requirements.

There is room for each community to decide processes whether they - some of them do actually cover a membership. They charge a membership fee to their members. We obviously don't.

Others don't, you know, it's - some of them are very formal procedures process that you can join, others are more flexible.

So each community organizes themselves. And it's up to you to pick. You know, again we keep repeating the same but depending on your interests

and, you know, professionally speaking as a person it's up to you to decide what's suit you best.

Man: A follow-up question that is any difference between these group inside of different committees say business constituency or NPOC so like the work NPOC is doing, how is it different from the way business constituencies is doing something?

(Renalia): We know now we are nicer.

Woman: No. We smile a lot more.

Laurie Anderson: This is Laurie. They call us the happy constituency. Somebody just said that to me out in the hallway. Yes you're the happy constituency. What I like to say about this because many of you who know me know that my background is intellectual property law but I also have an equally strong (unintelligible) people background in non-profit governments and management. So my entire career has been to that with a foot in - most of the time with a foot in both worlds. So what do we do that we do differently? We're not based on individual needs. We're based on greater mission needs, the missions of our organization. And those missions may encompass many of the principles that NPOC is advocating for in terms of privacy, transparency, accountability, accessibility.

But at the same time we are all providing services. We have a commercial, and I use that term very broadly, a commercial stake in the internet in terms of the presence that we have when we're after grant money, when we provide program support. Pardon me, when we provide program support. Those all cross the lines between business and civil - well business and what we would call a more academic approach to certain responsibilities and freedoms with the internet. So we look at ourselves as the balance between the commercial, the balance between the academic and with a focus on true

service delivery for development, improvement and sustainability in and in that sense a very non-commercial sense.

(Sam Anfranco): I'd just like to add as an economist, a second comment which is probably below the surface here and that's that for some of the other constituencies the participants it's basically their job. It's a big chunk of their job. So they're - the amount of time and effort and resources they bring to their participation will always be a lot more than is available from someone representing a not for profit organization that gets civil society organization where very seldom will the organization say this is 5, 10, 15, 20 or 100% of your job. And so there's an input imbalance that's just a structural given.

Woman: Thank you (Sam) for reminding this very, very key aspect of. This is completely true. I don't know about you but in my case I have to take ten days leave from my paid job to be here. So I asked for vacation and I'm using these days to be here. And I'm sure this is happening to some of you. I know it is. And (unintelligible). This is his paid job. But the business constituency most - many lawyers. I mean it's part of their job and they're being paid to be here. So it makes a difference and maybe because we're not being paid to be here maybe we have some kind of mystical, you know, belief in what we're doing that goes beyond the average, you know, normal thing and whether it's good or bad I don't know. We just believe in it and we just go for it so. Do we have any other comments (unintelligible) here?

Man: Actually (unintelligible). Can you please share the digital permission URL link for I-engage program? Because there have been actually (unintelligible). They're really important for ICANN.

Man: So you've asked me for the transcript. I will provide you the documents that we have on I-engage. If you go to I-engage.me we especially use that combination of domain name, I-engage.me, you will find already a lot of information but it's not up to date as we are spending some time in pre-drafting our proposals. And I think that on the point of what has been said

earlier about our participation it illustrates the way civil society wants to be engaged in the more political and technical discussions combination and that more and more volunteers are standing up and raising the voice in name of communities. That's what is changing in the world of - if I compare it to 20 years ago that's the big difference. Actually we have people standing up volunteering willing to defend statements and concerns from many of the communities and I think that's the big change and that's where I think NPOC is quite different because we try to do that independently being paid or not paid. It's because we feel in our heart that there is a need.

Woman: Thank you very much. (Sam) you want to wrap up?

(Sam Anfranco): Just very quick for new people or people who don't understand the relationship between the two. I-engage is a separate entity. It's somewhere between a non-profit civil society organization and may become more like a social enterprise business or a. That definition of itself is yet to be worked out but it's a collaboration between NPOC and another entity that has a similar mission and vision will work quite closely together and it will be able to run like continuing workshops in the areas of say helping energize the accessibility community around the world in terms of how it deals with issues that are more NPOC ICANN related without the constraints that are - that you face when you're here. And within those constraints hopefully my vision is those communities will be able - those constituencies will be able to say okay we now see how this works in (unintelligible). This is how it works in ICANN. So we can be ready strategically to make our moves when there's a PDP or a working group and so forth but they don't have to be all trying to get into a door at ICANN to do that or whatever. So it - think of them as sympathetic collaborating institutions.

Woman: Thank you very much. We have 15 minutes left. Twelve? Thank you Rudy. Twelve. To discuss a few things left on the agenda and the last - one of the last items is the communications area of interest. Basically what we're doing is working on redesigning our Web site. (Pon Select) is our colleague from

the Gambia.. He's from - works for YMCA and fortunately he was due to be here. He had an issue with his pay job. He landed in Singapore and basically had to - got on a plane back to Gambia right away and he's fine. He's safe. I mean no major issue but that's work related.

So we heard that obviously he was not able to make it to the hotel unless the meeting. But he's the one that's working on the re-designing process of the Web site and at some point we will have more news and we already discussed earlier that I put you two in touch so that you can discuss accessibility features of the Web site. Yes I will. Rudy, sorry. Rudy wants to add a few things before he does. Rudy's kindly - Rudy's company is kindly hosting our Web site and Rudy is managing the Web site and constantly updating it and he's doing a great job. Thank you again for that.

Rudy Dekker: Thank you (unintelligible) really nice for the basket. I'm trying to manage and I'm trying to update this as often as required. What I would like to mention is that the actual version of the Web site respects the W3C, WIA standards. For those who don't recognize that go to the W3C. There is a lot of stuff to read. We are - the platform that we are using is something that I developed myself several years ago and it's still in an ongoing process. And as I said we have some blind person in our organization that points me when I'm failing in doing so. And what I think is that you can have all a very sexy fun Web site but then most probably half of the disabled people will not be able to look at your Web site. You can have still a sexy and funny Web site if you respect the rules and that's one of the issues that I see in many of the sites being created. So I'm not making any extra effort and I'm not requesting any urgency in redrafting it. The fact that we are doing the work is more important than having a funny and sexy Web site.

Woman: Completely and truly agree. Please go ahead. You have the floor.

Woman: (Unintelligible). Look really nice to hear that that current Web site is meeting (unintelligible) version two and that sets the model for other ICANN websites.

So I think that's an excellent start and I agree. I mean there can be exciting Web sites. I think BBC for example very multimedia oriented and it is fairly well accessible. There's always going to be maybe a few bits and pieces that aren't but the main thing is that the information is there in a user-friendly accessible way and it's very good to hear that. Thank you.

Woman: Thanks to you. And Lars would you be kind enough to move back to the agenda please? Thank you.

(Lars Hoffman): (Unintelligible). Can I make a proposal about the agenda as we only have eight minutes left? We have at one the meeting with NCSG that we tried to figure out what we are going to bring to the table in that meeting. So that's important I think.

Man: Can I move the motion that we keep going for another half hour so - until 1:00 if necessary if that's possible. Okay yes technically the background is saying yes.

Woman: You are? Okay but the meeting we have with NCSG if I'm not mistaken is at half past one.

Man: No it's 1:00. One o'clock...

Woman: One.

Man: One.

Woman: One until 3:00.

Man: One to 3:00.

Woman: Okay it's at 1:00. So but we - so we can keep on to half...

Lars Hoffman: Until quarter to one that we can grab something or steal something to eat on the way to the next room.

Woman: Thank you. I was going to propose either half past twelve or a quarter to one if that's fine with all of you or if you need to be somewhere we'll keep on working for awhile then. Thank you very much for supporting us with this. So the - let me see with. I'm sorry I can't find the agenda. So we - let me see the agenda. The charter we already covered. Ongoing policy issues we covered. Current participation to a genus processes we did it. The non-comm, we had a meeting with the non-comm very early this morning. It was the first half hour. Basically so that it's on the record for B session we are working on lobbying all concerns, parties within ICANN so that we get a seat on the non-comm because we currently do not have a seat as a constituency which violates ICANN bylaws. And this is something we are going to discuss with our colleagues from NCSG within an hour. It's on the agenda and this is something we are going to bring up during the session, the meeting. We're going to have as NCSG with the board this afternoon.

Then the participation within NCSG and executive committee I believe we covered that. If not you correct me please. Membership related issues we just covered that. Financial report we haven't. So please if you want Rudy who is our Treasurer to briefly brief us about that. Please you have the floor.

Rudy Dekker: Thank you (unintelligible) for the transcript. Actually we're one of the only constituencies that tries to fund themselves in order to be able to do what we have to do. We have a very restricted resource level. So we started having some funding in the past year and actually the work we have been doing we have been trying to avoid using too many financial resources. So actually we have still on the account on the 9th of March there was \$4,263 U.S. Meanwhile we have been asking for some financial support for the event we organized on Saturday and we got about that money. We have support - funding support from PIR that is to the amount of \$10,000. From that amount we are going to use approximately - I'm still waiting for the expense but we

paid already the coffee breaks to the hotel here to an amount of about \$1,666 U.S. But I paid it in Singapore dollars in order to avoid a loss of currency. So I'm also taking care of keeping as much money in our pocket and not giving to those who have a lot of benefit to it.

And so actually the total cost of our participation in Singapore will approach \$4,000. That means that we will still have some resources for June and that will be really important because we want to emphasize in London and be able to report our success in many different aspects of the work we are doing getting the number of members we are expecting to have. I think it's - it would be a celebration of one more year of work and I'm happy as a treasure to see that I don't have to use money out of my pocket to run the organization.

Woman: Thanks very much Rudy. Adding to that is the fact that I forgot to mention that we submitted the request for via fiscal year '15 the budget, NPOC budget. So that's - if approved obviously I think - I believe we will hear about that within the next week. I don't know exactly the deadlines but it will be soon. The budget request runs from July 1 I believe until the end of June next year. So I mean we - last year we went through a difficult situation due to very special circumstances. We were not able to find or, you know, to request an NPOC budget but so we've been surviving with, you know, money from sponsorship and we will keep on doing it until the end of June and then hopefully we will be able to get more money from ICANN budget - official money from ICANN. So any questions about budgets or we can move on?

Man: Does ICANN have unofficial money?

Woman: That was a poor wording. Yes you're right. Thank you for correcting me. Some secret funding, no, no. ICANN has so secret account somewhere in the world, in Switzerland. So big coins. So next item is, very much. We have been told that we have an extra half hour. Thank you very much. We can. Yes Klaus?

Klaus Stoll: Oh before we close the topic of finances. Rudy what are the applications? How much did we request or what was the request for the next funding spree? Or you.

Woman: I mean I'm sorry. It was copied...

Klaus Stoll: I just would like to know what we expect to come in next year.

Woman: It's not in the form when you apply. You don't have amounts. You ask for specific items in kind and you request support for organization a pre-event but there is no specific amounts. So accessing the form I got and that was the community request form. And what we requested is to have a pre-ICANN event for the three ICANN meetings during fiscal year '15. We requested to be - to have the expenses covered for attending - for organizing two workshops during the IGF. So in total if I'm not mistaken we requested money to cover the expenses for three ICANN meetings plus two sessions during the IGF which it would be four let's say outreach events in addition to the regular session we are holding during the meetings. Does that answer your question?

Klaus Stoll: Yes.

Woman: Thank you. Because some of the item funding is in kind and they provide, you know, translation services. What we did is through the request say hey we want - we would like to organize a pre-ICANN event in Los Angeles to be covered. We need translation services. We need coffee breaks. We need the room to be provided. So this is the kind of expenses they cover.

Rudy Dekker: I will do something for the transcript I would like to add one element to the finance report is that I waited to see how things were going on. I have now almost one year experience and I'm looking into a process of trying to create a budget plan for next year besides the money we eventually could get so

that we have a balance that keeps us running. If in some cases we are not covered by ICANN's financial support and we want to do some specific activities I still want to try to figure out a budget plan for fiscal year '15 so that we have some abilities for instance looking into the discussions of not being able to go to Brazil where we have meetings where our membership asks for our action that we are able to act. So I'm also looking into other ways of sponsoring that allows us to bring eventually also other people to our meetings. When we say that for instance in June we will have an extremely good discussion on some topics that we can have people coming in that are in fact important for the discussion. That's sometimes out of the scope of the financial support of ICANN. So that's something we want to try to figure out.

(Tom): Just very quickly (Mark) (unintelligible). This time we brought (Casey Michele) from India and it wasn't especially cheap but everybody who knows what happened the last three days with (Casey) here knows it was any more than we expect. This is the things we need to do.

Woman: Yes thank you (Tom) for bringing this up. It's important. We - any additional comments about budget, finances? No? Next item is NPOC work site redesign. We already mentioned it. The item number 11 is vacancies in the executive committee. Very briefly, what is - what has happened is that well we had a number of vacancies in the executive committee. We issued a call for nominations on the mailing list. The executive committee as a whole decided based on the charter provisions how we would do the process and deal with it. We see the core nominations that open - received some obviously expression of interest from some community members. As a result we had some who had been elected - appointed that's the term membership chair. We had (Jorge Restrepo) who is Columbian and lives in - has been living in Switzerland in Geneva for many years and works for an organization called (Oeste) and a famous one. It deals with privacy and (unintelligible) organizations. And (Jorge) is now a program chair.

We still have one vacancy which is the communication chair. We - actually that's I'm the one to be blamed for it because there is a candidate who is interested and we need to formalize the call for nomination and have this person, this community member and others and serve the call for nomination and appoint him or the other candidate once they apply formally to this position. But I'm the one who delayed the process. So I'm hoping that within the next day I will issue on the mailing list the call for nominations and we will be able to fill in this position. So once this is done it means that there will be no other vacancy within the executive committee from now until June and in June we'll be running elections because this is when our term ends. Beginning of July it means that we need to start the process many weeks earlier and based on the charter that the election process is described. And I mean basically this is something we're going to be dealing with. Why we are going to go to London, I mean to attend the ICANN meeting in London which is due to take place in June. Rudy?

Rudy Dekker: Yes a small comment. When we talk about nominations now it's in the main election process. It's just trying to fill the gaps that we have and the executive committee has the right to appoint - not to elect, to appoint people to the chair position that we have. And we are going to start the nomination and election process not in June but in May, early May. So we still have something like a month to go to prepare the whole process to start at the nomination process and that was the election process that it's a quite long way of going.

Woman: Thank you Rudy. You're right. Apologies for my mistake. You're right. The - well basically we'll be working on that over the next weeks. Any question about the coming elections or vacancies in the executive committee?

Man: Are there any candidates?

Woman: Excuse me?

Man: Are there any candidates in the room?

Woman: Well there is - yes there is only one position and it's communication chair and anyone here online is obviously free to enter the call when it's issued.

Man: But I'm addressing especially the coming elections. I would like to know if there are people interested because between now and June we won't see you. We can hear you. We can read you but we won't see you. So express your interest by laughing or crying.

Woman: We can - that's a good question. We - if you're interested we can discuss this offline and explain to you.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Woman: And one thing it implies it taking holidays from your paid job and being here. No I'm joking. But this is something we can discuss later on. Cross country GNC collaboration. I believe we covered that unless someone wants to add something about this item. Well this is obviously something we are very aware of and always try to invest time to collaborate with community members from other constituencies. Very important to us so that we don't end up, you know, living among each other thinking, you know, like and end up being a microcosm and we don't, you know, get input from other perspectives and other groups. Rudy?

Rudy Dekker: Yes thank you (unintelligible) for the transcript. When we discuss about the cross constituency collaboration this is outside of the working group to be clear. It's not the working group that exists on cross community and cross constituency working. I'm just wondering is this the point in the agenda where we discuss the participation in about three quarters of an hour in NCSG? What are the positions we are going to take in the discussions that are going to happen over there? Or is that another point on the agenda?

Woman: It was a point number seven. What - my question to you is we have the agenda for today's afternoon - I mean today's session in the afternoon. What do we need to discuss? I mean from my perspective it's all clear and basically there is the one major issue that is our - of interest of us is the non-comm and we already know from previous discussions that they - NCSG is supporting us. So do you want to cover other issues that are on the agenda?

Man: Thank you (unintelligible). I just want to know if there are any concerns among our members, our team, other issues aside the non-comm that we want to address during that meeting. For instance, the question about should we address the discussion of the Brazil - the lack of support for Brazil meeting in the NCSG?

Woman: Actually that's a very good question. Why don't we bring this up during the NCSG meeting and agree with them that we bring this up to the board meeting that we have this afternoon right after the meeting with NCSG. Maybe Laurie and Klaus have you heard what I just said? In another in addition to sending the email you're working on to (Fadi) we could take advantage of the agenda we are having for the rest of the day, bring this up to the NCSG as a whole that we bring to meet with a one o'clock and agree with them that we bring this up to the board in the afternoon since we're going to meet with the board at three o'clock...

Laurie Anderson: Oh no that's a great idea.

Woman: So why don't we discuss with NCSG colleagues whether they agree with us.

Rudy Dekker: Correction, the board meeting is at 3:30.

Woman: Thank you Rudy for keeping an eye on the agenda.

Laurie Anderson: Send it to me or did you want us to send it now, tell them we've sent it and what we intend to do with the board. That's a better approach in my opinion.

Woman: Yes we do.

Laurie Anderson: Okay.

Rudy Dekker: So Rudy, you asked me for the transcript. So we agreed that we are going to put that on the agenda of the NCSG meeting.

Woman: Yes Rudy. Thank you. So in the addition to the preexisting agenda that Rafik sent to us, the Chair of NCSG we request to add this item. In the meantime we are going to send an official email to (Fadi). May I suggest you copy (unintelligible)?

Rudy Dekker: No could you please read it out?

Woman: Okay.

Laurie Anderson: You want me to read it?...

Man: (Unintelligible).

Laurie Anderson: Okay let me read it out loud. I wasn't going to send anything without approval obviously...

Rudy Dekker: By the way I've been advised that it only should be addressed to (Fadi) and not CC to any staff member because then (Fadi) will just say to that staff member deal with it. If it's addressed to (Fadi) alone he will have to deal with it.

Woman: Well I mean he's actually going to see it within like next week because he has...

Man: No schedule.

Laurie Anderson: Okay well this is what I wrote. Dear (Fadi) we are writing to formally request travel within parents, airfare per diem and hotel, funding from ICANN for participating in the Net Mundial conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil on April 23 and April 24, 2014. And POC member, ISOT Australia they're presented by (Ginella Outspring) has registered and received the required invitation letter. However this application was submitted on reliance of promised funding for potential Net Mundial sponsors. Apparently the funding was promised by organizers of Net Mundial has not materialized and travel expenses have not been budgeted from any other source.

The absence of the promised funding will result in the absence of an important NPOC delegate to Net Mundial. Given the recent NTIA announcement, we believe that is even more critical that ICANN have the strongest presence possible. We can provide a registered participant if ICANN provides the funding. We understand that time is of the essence for this request. Currently NPOC has three available crop slots. However due to her geographical location (Ginella) does not qualify for crop. Therefore we are requesting either one, a special exception for crop to allow (Ginella's) participation or two, provide travel funding from a discretionary source within the ICANN budget to ensure the maximum ICANN/NPOC participation in what has become a very critical multi-stakeholder's forum.

Rudy Dekker: Thank you very much but I think it has to be substantially amended.

Woman: Sorry I think there is a confusion here. (Ginella) is - I thought (Gifrella) is not a member of NPOC.

Laurie Anderson: Oh I'm sorry.

Klaus Stoll: That's what I mean and we're having to regress also for the other members who have been approved which is Rudy, me and who else?

Laurie Anderson: I'll do it all. Tell me what I need to do.

Klaus Stoll: No and the other point is we shouldn't say promise. There was an expectation instead of promise, using the word because they didn't promise it. They said - Rudy what do you think?

Rudy Dekker: Very shortly, very shortly. When I got the - when I received it I got a kind of promise that (unintelligible) and when you've got that registration confirmation there was something that was somehow promising.

Klaus Stoll: About our members...

Rudy Dekker: That they would try to have coverage...

Klaus Stoll: For three or four members?

Woman: Sure, sure now. Thank you very much for those words. I think I appreciate very much and what you've foreseen certainly in regard to my participation at Net Mundial recognizing that this is my first NPOC meeting. And I took Australia is represented in a lot of ICANN processes but I don't believe specifically on NPOC so.

Laurie Anderson: That is easily fixed. We can ask for Rudy and Klaus as members and then we could ask for a special...

Woman: Well any of us. I mean it doesn't have to be specific names.

Laurie Anderson: Wait. I want to clarify something. My understanding is in order to go you would have to have already registered and received this invitation. So the only people we should be requesting for are qualified people.

Woman: Okay. That's correct. Okay so...

Man: (Unintelligible).

Laurie Anderson: The mike was off.

Klaus Stoll: Oh no okay. Okay let's put in the three names and forget the rest. The only - it doesn't have to say NPOC members. It just has to list the names. And the only question - potentials or end of story. And the next question there is quite simply can - in your opinion was it promised or not?

Man: For the Net Mundial I've got - (unintelligible) support.

Klaus Stoll: Did you get accepted?

Man: Yes. No it's only (unintelligible) but sometimes there was instant...

Klaus Stoll: No did you get accepted?

Man: Yes, yes, yes (unintelligible).

Klaus Stoll: Okay. That's number four. Five...

Man: (Unintelligible).

Klaus Stoll: Yes okay. So we're having to make six things. So talk about six members and if you want to make - who also made substantial contribution in writing.

Woman: (Unintelligible).

Klaus Stoll: So the question is which remains very quickly. Do you - the question that remains. Do you feel that it was promised or not because I've got the feeling that that promise...

Man: No it was not promised.

Klaus Stoll: It was not promised. That's what.

Woman: I think we need to be fair in what's recent that there was an understanding as we registered and in my case I put in a submission to Net Mundial, a recent submission, about an exclusive internet that we could participate but there may or may not be travel funding provided. And that is still not clarified. Net Mundial hasn't got back to us and when I received the invitation letter I emailed back to say thank you very much for the invitation letter and the visa information. However I'm not able to participate if I don't have travel funding. And they returned and said we will get back to you in an appropriate time and that was a week ago.

Man: Oh that's the same thing.

Klaus Stoll: It would be one thing for the transcript. Anyhow the invitation to register was somehow giving the impression that they would like to have you there and everybody knows that from civil society and NGOs and not for profit there is not that much money available to do some trips especially if it's for a day and a half even spending \$4000 or \$5000 just for the flights for being there a day and a half. That doesn't make any sense for civil society and especially not for volunteers.

Laurie Anderson: Maybe we could say the absence of spending will result in the absence of an ICANN...

Woman: As a representation of NPOC.

Laurie Anderson: What I would say - well do we want to - if we want to include ISOC Australia I have to write it broader. Okay? Or do I limit it to the members?

Woman: Can I just suggest that maybe just say the person's name and the country because they are - well there's proposed members of NPOC...

Laurie Anderson: Do you have a pending application with NPOC?

Woman: No.

Laurie Anderson: Okay. Well stop. I mean I think that we have to do this orderly. My thought is this. We ask for the people that are NPOC members because that's the right thing to do. However, that does not prevent us from saying we can include you. Why not?

Man: We will - all will in addition to (unintelligible).

Laurie Anderson: ISOC Australia.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Laurie Anderson: Yes she's attended NPOC meetings. She's contributed blah, blah, blah.

Man: (Unintelligible).

Laurie Anderson: If it works I - that's what I'm vacillating on this. I think on one level in order to maintain our credibility we should be only asking for NPOC team members.

Man: We have to be careful because ISOC Australia is an ALS in (IWAC) and we have to be careful because it could be that this is seen as an action to move - to force things that. I would prefer...

Laurie Anderson: So keep it to members.

Man: If we are defending our NPOC members we have to defend them. I understand and I am fully with your issue but we have to be careful if we are going to ask for non-members to be covered in financial resources. It - we are going out of our scope.

Laurie Anderson: Okay so that was my misinformation but I can tailor this. This can be changed quickly.

Woman: Do you want to say something?

Man: I just want to adopt the email that - from Net Mundial and it is that Net Mundial executive committee will come to a decision about offering travel support to participants and will inform at appropriate time. And it's not the Net Mundial that is funding the participants for the travel. I think it's the supporting organizations. It is ICANN, ISO and IGS that would be funding the participants, not the Net Mundial.

Man: Actually the related organization maybe think for funding so by no. So the organization like ISOC, like (unintelligible) and ICANN. That's Net Mundial directly so one I do not know that they may work on funding. Yes maybe. Maybe yes. Okay.

Woman: I think that now it's clear to Laurie. She's doing the editing and let's not interfere anymore with her so that she has five minutes. Unless you want to ask something about that? And we have - we do have six minutes left before the session ends. So if I go back to the agenda because okay let's move onto the crop sponsorship. Just briefly because we discussed this off the record but so that it's on the record we have five. Crop is a program of ICANN. It's a by look program so for those of you who don't know - by look program for community outreach for constituencies right. So ICANN has assigned each constituency a specific number of travel slots. It covers basically the attendance of two days of an event in the region of the person who requests the community member. For example if you're based in the Caribbean it has to be Latin America, Central America. If you're U.S. it's obviously North America and the same for Europe, Asia, Africa.

There is a very formal process that needs to be followed. You know, the chair of the constituency or the - has to approve. Then the Vice President of ICANN has to approve and decide if this, you know, request is worth, you know, being covered, if it fits within ICANN's strategy goals from a regional perspective. So the problem - I mean it's not a problem. The situation with this program is that if -- God bless you -- is that we as the community members we need to request those slots before mid May because there is a six week period that needs to be respected before the - this is the - you can attend the event. So in other words you need to make the request six weeks before the actual date of the event.

And since the money is for fiscal year '14 it means that end of June, you know, if we haven't used those travel slots we will lose them. So far we have had two community members who have requested it, consulates who - I mentioned before his name is not here. He had to go back to Gambia. Requested attending an event in Mozambique. It's an IT related conference. To be honest with you I don't even know. I think he - I mean he had been approved but so we have had some issues regarding the process of approval with the VP for Africa and apparently he's going but I'm not sure I mean he will be able to make it. Since (Sopmanam) she's the Vice Chair of NPOC requested going to the Brazil meeting because she's from the Caribbean.

Laurie Anderson: They announced it. We believe that it is even more critical that ICANN have the strongest presence possible from all of its constituencies. We can provide three registered participants if ICANN provides the funding. We understand that time is of the essence for this request. Currently NPOC has three available crop spots. However, due to their geographic location the organizations referenced above do not qualify for crop. Therefore we are requesting either one, a special exception for crop to allow the participation of three NPOC members or provide travel funding from a discretionary source within the ICANN budget to ensure the maximum ICANN/NPOC participation in what has become a very critical multi-stakeholder forum. Thank you for your kind consideration of our request. We look forward to your reply.

Woman: Yes you have the floor.

Woman: I'm just - look. I think the letter's great. I'm just a bit confused. Is ISOC Bangladesh a member of NPOC? Okay. So all three are members of NPOC. That makes sense and therefore ISOC Australia can't be included. Is that correct?

Laurie Anderson: Yes. Yes the membership policy right now - oh sorry. I keep doing that. The membership policy right now allows for multiple chapters of a single NGO if they're located in different geographic places to independently join NPOC. So I would - if you're interested in being a member. However Rudy pointed out previously that ISOC Australia is part of (ALAC). Would that then disqualify them from NPOC?

Rudy Dekker: May I just make one comment? I think that it would be good if you could go to (ALAC) and they are doing the same that they could also send a letter to (Fadi) like we are doing. If we do it in collaboration the pressure will be much higher than we doing it alone and trying to put somebody on who is not a member who puts us in a situation where it's a start of enabling others to make a discussion about yes but anybody can go on the NPOC site because they allowed anybody else who is not a member to jump in. So try to talk to - only yes maybe they are able to do the same.

Woman: Thank you very much for that suggestion. I think that's a very sensible one because I answer to NPOC of AP (Rollo) within the annex structure. So that makes sense and it certainly would be stronger if different constituencies write to (Fadi) about this. Thanks.

Laurie Anderson: Or email. If you give me your email address I can forward this to you as a - not a template. I think each constituency should make its own case but at least it can inform you of what we're saying.

Woman: You wanted to say something? Very well. So we - I think we are done for today. I mean for this session at least, not for today. My mistake. Yes no it's just only this day yes. Thank you very much to all of you for attending the session. I hope you have enjoyed it and even if we discuss very easily sometimes we still have - we still are a happy constituency right? That's - it's new to me. I didn't know we were legal that way. I'm not sure it's a compliment but anyhow.

Woman: (Unintelligible)...

Woman: Yes it was from the person it came from but it's nice to hear that. So you know that you can reach out to us off the record and we'll be happy to help you and discuss with you and share ideas and thank you very much for attending the meeting.

Rudy Dekker: And I would like to thank all remote participants that are currently participating. Thank you Alejandro Pisanty from ISOC Mexico for listening to our meeting. It shows that there is a lot of interest from that community in what we are doing.

Man: We can stop the recording.

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