

**Policy Process Steering Committee (PPSC) Working Group Model (WG) Work  
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**Present:**

J. Scott Evans - IPC Work Team Chair  
Avri Doria - NCSG  
Cheryl Langdon-Orr – ALAC chair  
Jonne Soininen – Individual  
Alexey Mykhaylov

**Staff:**

Marika Konings  
Ken Bour  
Glen de Saint Gery  
Gisella Gruber-White

**Absent apologies:**

Iliya Bazlyankov  
Caroline Greer

Coordinator: Thank you for holding. I would like to inform all parties that this line is being recorded. If you have any objections, you may disconnect at this time. Also your lines will be open for the duration of today's call so please press star 6 to mute and unmute your line. I will now turn the call over to Gisella Gruber-White. You may begin.

Gisella Gruber-White: Sorry J. Scott Evans would you like a quick roll call?

J. Scott Evans: I would please.

Gisella Gruber-White: Good morning, good afternoon and good evening to everyone on this call today. Happy New Year to you all as it's our first PPSC work group meeting of the year.

On today's call we have J. Scott Evans, Jonne Soininen, Alexey Mykhaylov, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, from staff we have Ken Bauer, Marika Konings, Glen de Saint Gery and myself Gisella Gruber-White.

We have apologies from Iliya Bazlyankov and from Caroline Greer and if I could just remind everyone to state the names before speaking for transcript purposes. Thank you.

J. Scott Evans: This is J. Scott Evans and I would like to thank everyone for being here today. If you're in the room...

Woman: Nobody will let me in J. Scott.

J. Scott Evans: You know we've tried and tried to get you banned and it's finally working.

Woman: No, nope somebody slipped up I'm coming in now thanks J. Scott.

J. Scott Evans: I knew if I said that you'd get in. You have a way. See if I challenge you in the way. If you're in the room you can see that Marika has consolidated the documents into a consolidated document and thank the Lord changed the name so that the - it is no longer OMG is the acronym to the GMS Working Group Guideline.

This is a red line version that contains a lot of, you know, clean up editorial work and then has some highlights for work that either is not been completed by other aspects of this process or needs further consideration once we have some input from others.

I would ask for a discussion but my plan would be that we have a call for consensus about putting this out for public comment. Because I think this is in good shape to go out to get public input on this document. And I would like to hear from others what they think and believe.

And of course we would put out a clean version not this particular version although the highlight - I would hope the highlighted editorial notes would remain. Others I see Marika with hands up.

Marika Konings: This is Marika. I guess just one suggestion I would have before putting it out to public comment is that we put it on the mailing list for the last call for review by members of the work team to make sure that people are aware that this is now ready to go out for public comment.

As that I'm not sure how many people actually have gone through this document now that it's merged together and seen all the changes and edits that we've made over the past couple of months. Just give those people a week or two weeks to do so before we maybe put it out.

J. Scott Evans: Yes that's what I had thought was that we would do that do a call for consensus on sending it out for public comment and have that call be open for two weeks. And in that time hope that nobody, you know, that people would take the time to review it during that time.

Marika Konings: Okay, perfect.

J. Scott Evans: And I see that Cheryl Langdon-Orr...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I had my agree up. Yes, I agree. I do have a question but Jonne is probably going to ask the same one so I'll pause with my hand on the pointer.

J. Scott Evans: Go on Jonne.

Jonne Soininen: Well yes this is Jonne. No actually I didn't have any questions. I was just happy. I think that I actually read through the last version and I think we're getting to the point where kind of further tweaks don't necessarily make that big difference any more.

There is something there what might want to bring up in the last call but otherwise I think this is definitely ready for the public comment and let's have like a two week last call and then go for public comment.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: All right then.

J. Scott Evans: (Carol) I mean Cheryl.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: See he didn't do what I thought he was going to do so now I'm going to have to do it myself damn it all. And thanks J. Scott I just wanted and I agree with what's been said in leaving the editorial comments in. Just under one point one is there a reason why we can't complete the part that says to be completed just...

J. Scott Evans: No I don't think there is and that's sort of...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I know that was nitpicky but I just wanted it said.

J. Scott Evans: Marika do you think that we could flush out the background section during the two weeks?

Marika Konings: Yes I can definitely put some information in there and, you know, I can leave a part open that can leave space for those groups that haven't wrapped up their discussion yet like for example, you know, PDP Work Team and then those reference can be included.

J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Marika Konings: I can complete that.

J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Because then I think it's really, you know, I'm very comfortable with it.

J. Scott Evans: Okay well why don't we do this. Why don't we say that we will complete the background section and when that is completed Marika if you will contact me I will then - we can post it on the wiki. And if you will send it to me also in PDF version I will then send out a call for consensus to the group, to the mailing list.

Typically how I do a call for consensus and I want to hear if the group is comfortable with this is to say that consensus will be assumed unless I hear otherwise so that I don't get 500 emails. In other words only objections should be raised.

Man: That sounds very good.

J. Scott Evans: There are people speaking over one another. Marika, did you have something to say?

Marika Konings: It wasn't me. But just one comment I might make is just to make sure that to put it in the title because we had some complaints recently where people are saying oh but I was never consulted. It was like well I wasn't emailed send but, you know, it wasn't right in title what it was about so...

J. Scott Evans: Okay I will...

Marika Konings: You can say I didn't see it and I didn't know there was a call for consensus.

J. Scott Evans: I will say call for consensus on putting draft up for public comment. Is that enough of a warning?

Marika Konings: I think it should be.

J. Scott Evans: Okay. So that's what I would suggest that we do. And Marika do you think we could have something on the background section by next Tuesday?

Marika Konings: Normally I should be able to get you something tomorrow.

J. Scott Evans: Okay. Well that's great. As soon as I get it then I'll review it and we'll do this. And we'll try - if you can get it to me tomorrow I'll commit to getting this out by - before COBPSP don't you love the acronyms? I'm getting so good at them.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: You are.

J. Scott Evans: By COBPSP Friday the - this Friday which is that the 8th? Is that good?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: It's wonderful except that I do wish you would actually use UTC because that's how we have to think in the at large world.

J. Scott Evans: What I meant was I don't know what close of business time is UTC it's...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: We actually decided its 1200 UTC smack bang in the middle.

J. Scott Evans: But we'll get it out and we'll give a two week period from Friday so that would be the 8th. So it's going to be the 8th, 14 days from the 8th is going to be the 22nd that we would close it.

And I'll use the UTC time to close it for raising objections. And then Marika I assume as soon as we - we'll - if we don't receive any objection we could put it out for public comment pretty quickly on the turnaround.

Marika Konings: Yes this is Marika. And what I can do in the mean time is write prepared announcement that I can share with the group that explains what this

document is about and what we're looking input for input on so people can get as well. And if you have any comments, you know, they can shut up in the mean time.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: J. sorry I should put my hand up.

J. Scott Evans: Cheryl.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Just a question moving forward to Nairobi is there any intention for this document to be under some form of workshop or public discussion or meeting? Any thinking of the 15th of February deadline that's all?

J. Scott Evans: What I would think Cheryl would depend on what the public comment produces.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes but the 15th of February is smack bang in the middle of it.

J. Scott Evans: If we get a - well, you know, timelines can slide. It's most important that we get input. And if the input is indicating that there needs to be a workshop I'd certainly think that is something that should be done. At this point, you know, let's just see what we can decide that as a group once we see what our public comments are bringing forward. Is that...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: If that - if we can make a time point then at prior, just prior to February 15 you have that decision node looked at by the group.

J. Scott Evans: Sure.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: So that at least the white paper can be put into the Nairobi paper processes without, you know, falling off their time table.

J. Scott Evans: Well why don't we do February what did you say 15 so let's say - get a calendar up here so that I'm not speaking off of my thimble brain. How about February 8 we make that determination?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Fantastic.

J. Scott Evans: And that gives us seven days then to react to the determination. Avri joined late so I just want to quickly in a very short nutshell bring her up to speed. Avri the plan at this point or the consensus of this group for the plan at this point is to by close of business on Friday issue a call for consensus.

From the group to place the draft document that you see before you in the Adobe Acrobat room up for public comment. In other words to ask our group if there is a consensus this draft is ready to be posted for public comment that call for consensus would be open for two weeks from January 15 until January 22.

The call for consensus will be done in such a manner that only objections would be requested to be received and responded not affirmation. In other words so we don't get - we all don't get 500 emails saying yes I agree.

The only addition to the document that you see before you is that it won't be in red line version and that the 1.1 background section will be flushed out by Marika, Marika. Sorry Marika will be flushed out so that that will be more robust.

We do intend to keep the highlighted editorial notes that refer to work that may be cross referenced or inserted depending on decisions taken by other working groups. So that's our plan at this point.

And then Cheryl has just requested that we make a hard deadline of February 8 to consider whether we're going to hold a workshop in Nairobi on



this which I believe should be informed from whatever public comments we receive to that point which will probably not be a huge amount.

But we may get some indication of where we need to go. Or if we get none that in and of itself Cheryl and Avri and the group may mean that we need to have a workshop because there's not been time.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: But at least we'll have it in time for that 15 deadline.

J. Scott Evans: Yes. Avri is that having not heard from you I just want to make sure that you're comfortable with that.

Avri Doria: Oh yes I'm comfortable the only two questions I had one of them got answered which is so there was no reason to go to PPSC with this before. But the other question is and I don't know because I'm not following it is that February 8 decision point in enough time for Nairobi scheduling nightmare.

J. Scott Evans: It's my understanding that it is.

Avri Doria: Okay.

J. Scott Evans: But I can - it is certainly for the briefing paper or in addition to papers but what I can do is go ahead and Iliya are you still on the phone?

Marika Konings: Can I comment on this J. Scott?

J. Scott Evans: Yes sure go ahead Marika.

Marika Konings: Because what I can do is tentatively book some space because we're all being asked I think particularly for next week on one meeting do we think will take place and I think it's probably better to try to find some time. And then, you know, pretend...

J. Scott Evans: Actually that's exactly what I was going to suggest.

Marika Konings: One suggestion might be as well even if, you know, there's no workshop or discussion one opportunity might be especially if we see there's not that much public comment to take advantage and present what, you know, we have at that stage to the PPSC.

And have the advantage of having a face to face discussion on this with the PPSC as they will eventually need to take a decision on this. That might be another approach to take or consider on the 8th of February.

J. Scott Evans: Yes I think so. And with regards to Avri I can ask (Jeff) about this but it seems to me that we're taking public comments in order to inform our draft and to be as open as possible before we put something to the PPSC which looks like it's going out to be considered to be pushed to the GNSO for consideration on the decision.

So I feel very comfortable with opening this up to public comment at this stage. So I just think that that's reasonable because the more input we can get the more informed our document will be when it goes to the PPSC. And I think the less risk that it would be sent back to us. Is everybody comfortable with that?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes J. Scott but just a minor point if I could raise it with what Marika was just saying, Cheryl here. If we're going to meet with PPSC could I ask just make a personal plea that that isn't done on a Sunday because it clashes totally with my full day's commitments.

And I'm just being selfish and I gather you probably have time on your Saturday scheduling for June and so any way I guess but if we're going to do something with the public Avri just for your reference.

Unlike previous years the ICSO chairs list is being given some advanced notice on unconflicted time and who's doing what when even at this stage. So as Marika talks to (Chuck) she might be able to choose a time that's going to give you more people having the opportunity to come to a public workshop.

J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Marika Konings: I take a note of that and June scheduling hasn't started yet but I'll definitely make sure that we take into account the Saturday. But I know in the past we've often opted for the Sunday because several people weren't arriving until, you know, some chairs of the work teams weren't arriving until the Saturday so we'll try to do something...

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: You know, I'm just declaring we always work all day Sunday so.

J. Scott Evans: Well, you know, the way I look at it this too Marika is we just need to make sure if that decisions going to be made let's do a blast to those people we can to tell them that it'll be on Saturday and they need to make arrangements accordingly.

Marika Konings: Yes.

J. Scott Evans: I mean, you know, I'm sorry it's 26 hours for me in a plane. You know, and I need to know when I need to be there. And then it's a personal choice of whether we're going to - we can't accommodate everyone's particular schedules, you know.

I'm sorry if somebody's being Bar Mitzvah'd on the Friday before. I understand that that's an important event. If it's my, you know, but life events happen and we just have to do the best we can. With regards to...

Marika Konings: This is Marika so...

J. Scott Evans: Yes sorry.

Marika Konings: One other question and of course we're now talking about too many. Do you - would you like to potentially reserve two slots then one for potential meeting with the PPSC and one for, you know, public consultation workshop kind of events because it's two different meetings that we're looking at.

J. Scott Evans: The only one that I want to have is to reserve time for is to public consultation because we may need it if we don't get enough public comment. With regards to the PPSC it seems to me. Are they having a face to face meeting? There's been something going around. If they are can't we just get on their agenda?

Marika Konings: This is Marika. I'm not aware that they're actively discussing a face to face meeting. I mean many members of course are the same as well in the PDP work team. There was some discussion more around the face to face meeting. But as it stands now I think the PDP work team is not ready yet to present the final results in Nairobi so...

J. Scott Evans: Well here's what I'm going to...

Marika Konings: I'm not sure whether they will...

J. Scott Evans: I'm the alternate chair to the PPSC and I'm going to suggest to (Jeff) that we do have a face to face. And because that group has not met in the last year and they need to meet. And we can present our work and the PDP group can give an update on where they are.

I think that that would be very beneficial. Cheryl I think if that took place on Sunday it would not prejudiced you. I think the public comment should be on Saturday.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Okay.

J. Scott Evans: Because the other one is just going to be a report and that would be coming from the chairs of the teams any way.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Sure and the public comment would be through the week not on the Saturday.

((Crosstalk))

Marika Konings: Because on the Saturday and Sunday are more GNSO...

J. Scott Evans: Okay then let's do it through the week I don't care when it takes place as long as it takes place. I'd leave all that scheduling stuff to the people who make all the money.

((Crosstalk))

Glen de Saint Gery: This is Glen just to confuse things more because we are trying to get out the schedule as quickly as possible. So this helps a lot to know for example if we get it out fairly soon. And we say that there is a PPSCWG meeting on Saturday that people will be able to be there.

J. Scott Evans: I think we should. I mean I'm going to talk to (Jeff) and Glen I'll copy you on that and Marika I will copy you as well. I'll send a note to (Jeff) as soon as we get off the phone suggesting that I think it has to take place.

Glen de Saint Gery: Okay because that will help us with our weekend scheduling a lot if because probably there's a meeting that need quite a lot of time.

J. Scott Evans: Okay I'm going to just note right now note to (Jeff) copy Marika and Glen. All right.

Glen de Saint Gery: Thanks.

J. Scott Evans: With regards to the additional questions we've been asked I noticed there hasn't been a whole lot of additional discussion over the break. So my suggestion is that we during this next two weeks when we will be taking a consensus call.

Review these and not have a call next week and have a call the following week which would be. Today is the 6th, 13th the 20th to wrap up our discussion on these additional questions. Is that workable for everyone?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes.

Glen de Saint Gery: Sorry J. Scott. It's Glen again. The 20th is not a good day for staff because we are having a staff retreat. And we have been asked if possible not to have teleconferencing so you can have the teleconference. But they probably will not be staff on it.

J. Scott Evans: Do we - does the group want staff present? I always find it very valuable so we can bump this to the 27th.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: That's got to be then that's got to be.

J. Scott Evans: Yes let's do the 27th then that just gives everybody the additional time. Cheryl I would like to see some comments from you because I don't see any comments up here from you. And you usually have an opinion.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: J. Scott I always have an opinion.

J. Scott Evans: Well so do I we hang together, hang tough. So but I am a neutral chair so I'm not giving my opinion necessarily on these except in the discussion.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Okay I've just dropped out. That wasn't me wanting to leave.

J. Scott Evans: Okay. So if we would - our next call will be same time, same bat time, same bat place on January 27. In the interim please look over these additional questions and solidify your comments and concerns.

And so that we can wrap up discussion on those during our conference call. And I would ask let's go ahead and slot an hour and a half for the 27th because I really would like to finish this.

Marika Konings: Yes good plan.

J. Scott Evans: And just get it done so by the time Nairobi we've got meat on the table okay.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes.

J. Scott Evans: Is everybody comfortable with that? I'm out of the room. I was on the wiki so I don't know if I've got a bunch of hands going up applauding or okay.

Glen de Saint Gery: And I've taken your message. You'd like me to go to the wiki yes.

J. Scott Evans: Yes I would because I just know that you...

Glen de Saint Gery: I just think what you don't realize is in the at large world we have this small thing called the voting director process. And I'm in the middle of white papers and global consultations so getting to a wiki is...

J. Scott Evans: Avri is it possible if I can persuade (Jeff) that you could give a wiki demonstration at the PPSC meeting?

Avri Doria: I think no problem.

J. Scott Evans: Because I just think that the tool that is being under utilized and I realize it is by me because I'm a idiot when it comes to it. And if we could just have some practical instruction I think it would be a very, very valuable thing.

Avri Doria: So then you mean live in Nairobi or some time online.

J. Scott Evans: I'm talking about live in Nairobi.

Avri Doria: Assuming that I manage to nail down getting myself there, etc. yes. Now...

J. Scott Evans: Okay if not then we'll just do another time and we'll do it online. But Nairobi would be - I'd like to see the whites of the eyes of an instructor when I can.

Avri Doria: So you can process it better. No I think I will manage to beg, borrow and steal enough to get myself there.

J. Scott Evans: Okay.

Avri Doria: But since I have to do that I am not positive yet.

J. Scott Evans: Okay I'm flexible but I just think you tend to be a very good educator on these kinds of things. And I think it would be extremely valuable because I think this is a grossly under utilized resource on my part I know and given the activity I've seen on many other people's part as well.

All right with that I'm going to bring this to a close. I thank you all very much for participating. Marika I look forward to receiving the revised document with the flushed out background section.

And everyone on the group can look forward to receiving a two week period of consensus calls for me. During the interim please go over these questions that have been asked and solidify.

So that when we have our call that we are going to slot an hour and a half for on Wednesday, January 27. So we can wrap this up and march into Nairobi with our heads held high and our work product gleaming. Okay.



Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Yes our esteemed leader we hear you. We hear you.

J. Scott Evans: Ken's not saying anything and he's thinking yes this should have been done a year ago. Ken thank you for being so terribly silent on that point.

Ken Bauer: You're quite welcome.

J. Scott Evans: So all right thank you all very much. We will talk again on the 27th. In the mean time I hope your 2010 is delightful.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Same to you. Ken just before you hang up we've done our white paper in Google Waves so we've got one piece of collaborative policy development done in Wave. It's been amazing. I'll tell you about it later.

Ken Bauer: Yes outstanding that's great.

J. Scott Evans: All right guys. Thank you so much.

Woman: That invitation (unintelligible). Bye bye.

Man: Bye everybody.

Man: Thank you. Bye

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