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David Olive: Greetings and welcome to today's Webinar for the pre-ICANN 56 Policy Update. The Policy Development Support Team at ICANN presents this information before each ICANN meeting to help highlight the various policy and advisory work being done by you the community in – at the ICANN meetings and throughout the period between those meetings in various teleconferences and conference calls as well as soon to be a face to face meeting in Helsinki.

This meeting is a first with the many important firsts I must say. It is our first ICANN meeting in Helsinki, the first meeting of our new President and CEO, Goran Marby and the first meeting following the new community proposal format a policy forum.

As you know ICANN holds three international public meetings per year around the world and these are free and open to all our stakeholders whether in person or remotely. But this ICANN meeting will be different. What is changing? The ICANN 56 policy forum will be a four-day meeting with sessions focused on policy and advice development work. The supporting organizations and advisory committees of ICANN have taken the lead in organizing the program. This is the core work of ICANN, community driven, consensus policy and advice development for the top level of the Internet's naming system and also to help facilitate the use of other unique Internet identifiers.

Our mornings will be dedicated to individual and joint meetings of the supporting organizations and advisory committees, their councils and various working groups. The afternoon sessions will feature cross community discussions exploring a variety of topics including ongoing policy and advice development efforts. There will be no formal opening ceremony an informal one in fact of greeting, no public meeting of the ICANN board and no public forums. Networking receptions each night will allow participants to interact and engage outside of our work session. Of course we'll see very active discussions as the working groups will do their - this work. And the discussion groups in the afternoon will raise important topics that are of interest to the ICANN community and their various stakeholders.

We will also have 15 individuals from various universities in Europe who've been selected to be part of the ICANN 56 policy forum as our fellows program. And that will be an important element as well in the meeting in Helsinki. And we will also announce the recipients of this year's multi-stakeholder Ethos award which was launched to recognize the ICANN participants who invest their time and efforts in the activities of policy and advice development.

So with that we've changed our format a little bit to focus on the Cross Community sessions that will be in the afternoon. These are topic driven sessions. And that'll be followed by an update of what each SO supporting organization or each advisory committee will be also working on or focused on as priorities during the meeting in Helsinki. But as you can see by this slide there are number of very interesting cross community discussions linked to topics such as the auction proceeds from the new gTLD top level domain program, a framework of principles on the Cross Community Working Groups, next new gTLD subsequent procedures for policy development work, the new registry directory service replacement for Whois and other interesting topics that will be organized around various stakeholders coming to give their advice, talk about their interests and share their comments with the groups that are leading discussions for these afternoon sessions.

With that I'll turn it over to my policy team to go through some of the highlights of these sessions. And just to remind you that you can ask a question in the chat at any time and we'll try to answer it. And at the end of course we will have the URL link to the slides and the recording for your use after this session. Again we welcome you and I turn it over to Marika Konings to talk about some cross community topics. Marika the floor is yours.

Julie Hedlund: Actually this is Julie Hedlund and I'll be filling in for Marika Koning's on this first of the Cross Community topics. I'm based in the ICANN Washington DC office and hello and welcome to everyone who's joined today. The topic I'm going to cover is the charter for the Cross Community Working Group on the use of new gTLD auction proceeds. So a few things to point to concerning this topic. First of all it's important to note that auctions are the mechanism of last resort to resolve string contention within the new gTLD program. Significant funding has accrued as a result of several auctions and that funding is currently at $105.6 million US dollars. The community started a discussion on how to deal with funds at ICANN 52. Following a workshop on the topic at ICANN 53 a discussion paper was prepared by staff and public consultation opened focused on development of framework of disbursements of funds.

Following the review of public comments on the discussion paper the GNSO Council chair reached out to all SOs and ACs to identify volunteers to participate in a drafting team to develop a charter for a Cross Community Working Group. And that is this Cross Community Working Group that now will be - has been working for some time on this topic and will be meeting in Helsinki. So a couple of things to expect here in the ICANN 56 meeting in Helsinki.

So first of all the – there is now a drafting team, a Cross Community Working Group Charter Drafting Team. And this Drafting Team has volunteers from all SOs and ACs except for the ccNSO. And so that's the ALAC, ASO, GAC,

RSAC and SSAC. The chair is Jonathan Robinson. And the Drafting Team is developing the charter for the Cross Community Working Group a new gTLD auction proceeds. And that will then be for consideration by the SOs and ACs for adoption. They've been meeting since February. And they will hold a public session at ICANN 56. And this will be a session in which you can participate.

And some of the background materials that you should look for in preparation for this meeting is to review the discussion paper and also the charter will be posted at the link shown here. It's not up there right at this moment but it will be posted prior to the Helsinki meeting. So that would be important to look at. And the charter will be accompanied by a memo that outlines the legal and fiduciary constraints as a result of ICANN's bylaws and status and a statement of principles which the Drafting Team believes should guide the work of the Cross Community Working Group.

So how should you prepare? As I just said it's important to look at the discussion paper now here and also to the review charter as well. And let me just briefly cover the next steps. So we will have the discussion at ICANN 56. There'll be the review of community inputs received there, updates to the charter and then submitted the charter, a draft charter to the SO and ACs for their consideration then adoption of the charter and finally the creation of the Cross Community Working Group on new gTLD auction proceeds. And that is it for that particular topic item. Thank you very much and I'd like to turn things over to my colleague Mary Wong.

Mary Wong: Thank you very much Julie. Hello everybody my name is Mary Wong. I'm a Senior Policy Director with ICANN and it's my pleasure today to speak to you about another Cross Community effort that will also be a topic for one of the new and Cross Community sessions that (David) mentioned a while ago.

This is the framework of principles for future Cross Community Working Groups. And the work is being done by a group that is affectionately called

CWG Square because it is Cross Community Working Group that's working on principles for future Cross Community Working Groups. And it's a group that was chartered by the ccNSO and the GNSO councils in order to develop a set of uniform principles and guidelines that will be used to refer to the formation, the chartering, the organization and operations as well as the closure and post-closure implementation of recommendations of a Cross Community Working Group.

What may be interesting to folks on this Webinar today is that the drafting team for the chart for the new gTLD auction proceeds that Julie has just talked about has actually used some of the preliminary guidelines as well as a template charter that this present Cross Community Working Group has developed to guide their work. What's also interesting is that the framework was in draft form earlier this year and published for public comment. And so ICANN 56 is going to be quite an important meeting in terms of finalizing this very important piece of work, important because up till now as many folks know at ICANN we have not had this kind of set of uniform principles that provide a framework for Cross Community Working Groups but that also preserve the flexibility that they may need depending on their specific subject matter.

So at ICANN 56 what the Cross Community Working Group here will do is they will conduct an open community session. And this is really meant to inform the final stage of its work. As I mentioned a draft framework was published for public comment earlier this year and the idea is that following further community discussion at ICANN 56 the working group will go back and finish the final document such that it can be sent to its chartering organizations for adoption very shortly after the Helsinki meeting.

As such we hope that you will join the group a discussion on Wednesday afternoon at Helsinki. And in terms of preparing for that session we don't have the link up right now because the Cross Community Working Group actually had a meeting less than two hours before this Webinar where they

went over a draft final framework document. And it is our hope that that final document in draft form at least will be released within the week so that you can take a look at it for the session in Helsinki on Wednesday.

I'm actually just going to skip back one slide if you don't mind because the other point I'd like to make is that in terms of the session in Helsinki the group wants to focus on a number of key topics that seem to be of major or significant committee concern judging by the public comments. They're listed here in the dark blue box in the middle. And that includes ensuring diversity in terms of membership of future Cross Community Working Groups, secondly the question of allocating budget staff and community resources for future work efforts like this bearing in mind though that although the two most recent and major Cross Community Working Groups informed the work of this group, that would be the Stewardship Transition and Accountability Working Groups, those two groups are viewed by this working group as the exception rather than the norm. In terms of the subject matter, the profile, the size of the group and so on. Nevertheless future groups may also require resources that are beyond the norm and so the group thought this would be an important discussion to have in Helsinki.

The other two topics I'd like to focus on at Helsinki include the definition of consensus as well as the role of a Cross Community Working Groups implementing its recommendations. So basically four major topic areas. And so even if you don't have the chance to read the final framework document hopefully you will have some comments and suggestions that you can provide to and engage the working group in Helsinki.

As I mentioned this is a key milestone for the group. And the idea is that the final framework will be adopted by the chartering organizations will be sent to and accepted by the other ICANN supporting organizations and advisory committee and then it will be applied to future Cross Community Working Groups. So thanks for your attention and on that note I'm going to hand

things over to my colleague Steve Chan who will speak about the next cross community topic and session. Steve?

Steve Chan: Thanks Mary. This is Steve Chan from staff and I'll be discussing the new gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process which as Mary mentioned is one of the topics that is subject for a cross community session in Helsinki. So this policy development effort is to consider the existing policy for the GNSO's 2007 final report on the introduction of new gTLDs as well as experiences from the ensuing 2012 round of the new gTLD program. And so ultimately it could lead to improvements, refinements or clarifications to those existing policy recommendations. But as well it could also result in brand-new policy recommendations. And so sorry, I forgot to advance the slide.

What's important to keep in mind is that this PDP is not alone in looking at new gTLDs and there are a number of other community efforts underway, the outputs of which the PDP Working Group would be expected to consider prior to arriving at any final recommendations. And so what's expected ICANN 56 there's an open cross community session scheduled for Tuesday where the co-chairs of the PDP working group will discuss what has been already worked on by the working group and where the work is expected to go in the near future. So in addition to those updates there will be brief updates provided by the CWG on the use of country or territory names as well as the Competition Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team.

And then finally for that Cross Community session various members of the community will be moderating segments of the session dedicated to topics of broad community interest which would include things like community applications, promoting applications from underserved regions as well as safeguards and public interest commitments or PICs among other topics. And so the last thing on this particular slide is just a link to the important group's charter as well as the work plan.

But I mentioned this on when talking about the first slide this PDP working group is not the only effort related to new gTLDs. And this is a very important point to make. And so there are number of efforts, different efforts that are important and underway within this – within the community. So the first one on this page is the competition and consumer trust and Consumer Choice Review Team. And this is an effort that's required by the affirmation commitment. You also have the CWG on the use of country and territory names which I also mentioned that's going to be - provide an update during the Cross Community Session. And that group is possibly going to develop a framework for country and territory names at the top level. We also have the rights protection mechanisms policy development process which will be discussed a little bit later where the outputs of that PDP could require incorporation into the work of the new gTLD PDP for instance. The base registry agreement might need to incorporate the outputs there. You also have various efforts underway within the SOs and ACs. And then you also have the outstanding recommendations related to intergovernmental organizations and nongovernmental organizations.

And so really the take away I'm trying to provide here is that there's a number of moving parts related to new gTLDs that need to be properly coordinated and accounted for by the new gTLD subsequent procedures PDP. So it's a wide community effort and we all really need to be coordinated and work together on these things.

So what are the next steps for the PDP Working Group? The next things coming up are the Cross Community's discussion at ICANN 56. The PDP working group is also expected to have face to face sessions where they'll continue working through their work plan. And so what will happen after ICANN 56 is the working group will incorporate the input received from Helsinki as well as inputs received from solicitations for input from the various community organizations. They'll also determine if there are any dependencies in being able to reach any preliminary recommendations or

final recommendation. So some of the dependencies could be the result of all those community efforts I mentioned that are related to new gTLDs.

And so finally just a quick look at where the PDP Working Group is at this point. So what the working group has currently looked at are six high level over-arching subjects which is out of actually 38 total subjects that are defined in the working groups charter. So an example of one of these overall subjects is TLD categorization or differentiation which could be including things like a .brand or a closed generics or community application. So this is thought of as an overarching topic because creating categories of application types may have downstream effects, for instance on the evaluation criteria as well as the base agreement where possibly multiple versions may be necessary.

So on these six subjects preliminary discussions by the working group have been held and they've also formally sought input from the community. And so in the future the workgroup anticipates diving into the remaining 32 subjects via a series of subgroup teams. And this is expected to happen shortly after ICANN 56. And the working group intends to work through the 38 subjects in a consistent and thorough manner where preliminary discussions are held, input from the community is sought and they'll integrate or consider inputs from other community efforts. And then only after those things are done would they expected to reach recommendations either preliminary or final. And so that's where the working group stands at this point and it's tackling a large volume of work and there's a lot of work to be done in the future. And we look forward to the community's participation in ICANN 56. And so it that'll turn it over to Lisa. Thank you.

Lisa Phifer: Thank you Steve and hello all. I see that there is a question from Steve Metalitz in chat to you Steve. Would you like to take that before I continue?

Steve Chan: Sure thanks Lisa. This is Steve again. The Cross Community session if that's what you're referring to will be broader than the six high level over-arching

subjects. They'll also touch on – so I think I might've mentioned it. It's going to be to topics of broad community interest so things that the ALAC and the GAC would also be interested in. And those things are community applications, geographical names I believe, the ccTRT. And so the co-chairs of the working group are anticipating talking about the over-arching subjects to a small degree but the bulk of the cross community session will be on the topics of broad discussion. And so I'll try to type in the specific subjects in the chat and so I didn't want to take too much time here but I'll put them in the chat for you Steve. Thanks.

Lisa Phifer: All right thanks Steve Chan. And again this is Lisa Phifer. I work with Senior Policy Director, Marika Konings who couldn't be here in the this session of today's Webinar. And I work with her on the policy development process on next generation gTLD registration directory services. At ICANN 56 this PDP working group will be hosting two sessions, a Cross Community session on registration directory services on Monday afternoon as well as a face to face working group session on Tuesday morning. And we do hope that many of you will participate in one of both of these open sessions to provide your input on these topics. And I do see a number of my colleagues on the working group are actually present in today's Webinar. So to prepare you all let's get started with a brief look at the history behind this PDP.

As many of you know Whois was created back in the 1980s as a collection and publication of domain name registration data which was provided to help Internet operators identify and contact individuals or entities that were responsible for the operation of network resources. That's the origin. Although ICANN's requirements for domain name registration data collection, access and accuracy for gTLD registries has undergone important changes over the years including some specifications within the 2013 registrar accreditation agreement Whois policy and the underlying protocol have been the subject of debate for nearly 15 years now. Comprehensive Whois policy reform does remain the force of long running discussion relating to talenting

issues such as purpose, accuracy, privacy, anonymity, cost, policing, intellectual property protection, security and much more.

To address these issues the board launched an initiative back in 2012 which had recently reconfirmed for a board initiated policy development process to define the purpose of collecting, maintaining and providing access to gTLD registration data and to consider the safeguards for protecting that data using the recommendations that were developed by the Expert Working Group on this topic as input to and if appropriate as the foundation for new gTLD policy. This entire effort is what we refer to as next generation gTLD Registration Directory Services or RDS.

So what are the questions that this PDP working group is expected to answer during the first phase of its work? Well as a starting point this PDP is expected to reach consensus on the fundamental requirements for gTLD registration data independent of the system or implementation that might eventually be used to fulfill those requirements. As part of that effort the working group is expected to consider users and purposes as well as associated access, accuracy, data elements and privacy requirements. Once the working group has agreed on those fundamental requirements it must try to reach a consensus answer on the question as to whether a new policy framework and next-generation system is actually needed to meet those requirements or whether the current Whois policy framework and systems can be used to do so.

Should a new policy framework and next generation system be recommended the workgroup will then continue to address further policy requirements and then move on to phases two and three potentially to draft detailed policies and implementation guidance. Now given this background why should you participate in a cross community session and what can you expect? The working group has been developing a list of possible requirements for registration directory services by reviewing all the relevant documents identified as key input sources. The session in Helsinki offers you

an opportunity to voice your own Whois concerns and thoughts as well as suggest any possible requirements that you may have for registration data or directory services. Adding to the initial list which will then be deliberated upon in a working group as the next step in its phase one tasks.

Now in addition to reviewing the preparatory information that was posted on the link of the previous slide and I should note that that includes a monthly update report, a beginners tutorial and a draft list of possible requirements we encourage you all to prepare for this session by reviewing the charter questions that are listed on this slide. And I see that the bullets are slightly different than intended but this is the - had a list of 12 questions in no particular order.

You're encouraged to take a look at these questions and think about your own possible requirements associated with these charter questions especially the first five questions on this list which is who should have access to registration data and for what purpose, what steps should be taken to control data access, what steps should be taken to approve data accuracy, what data should be collected, stored and disclosed and what steps are needed to protect data and privacy. Now working group members will share a few examples of possible requirements during this cross community session but the priority for that cross community session will be for you non-working group members to come forward, share your perspective, share your ideas and to help the working group begin its deliberation with a comprehensive and inclusive list of potential requirements.

In addition to the Cross Community session on Monday afternoon I should note that there's also a face to face working group meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday morning. That too is open to all ICANN 56 attendees whether you're in person or remote. During that face to face working session the working group will be drilling down on some near-term tasks. That includes reviewing inputs that are received both during the Cross Community

session and through early outreach efforts the stakeholder groups, constituencies, supporting organizations and advisory committees.

It is hoped that the broad community perspectives that you all share at Helsinki will help the working group a pair for its deliberations which come next. Once the initial list of possible requirements has been finalized and organized the working group will commence its deliberations on those possible requirements with the goal of trying to reach agreement on what is required from a GTL registration directly service policy framework. Based on the outcome of its deliberations the working group will publish preliminary concludings for public comment.

And as the working group is expected to address at minimum the 11 charter questions on the previous slide this may likely happen in stages. At the end of phase one a decision point will be reached providing continuation on those phases two and three. That would be detailed policy definitions and implementation guidance. And that concludes my introduction to the next generation RDS topic. And I'll now turn it over to Mary Wong for her remarks on right protection mechanisms.

Mary Wong: Thank you very much Lisa. Hello again everybody. It's Mary Wong again. And it's my privilege now to take you through another community oriented session which is also a GNSO policy development process. It is the third GNSO policy development process that was started recently following on the next generation RDS that Lisa just talked about and the new gTLD subsequent procedures PDP that Steve presented on just a while ago. I noticed that one of the co-chairs of the review of all trademark related rights protections mechanisms in all gTLDs is on the call -- hello (Phil) -- as well as a few members of the working group. So it's nice to see everybody here. Basically like the other two GNSO PDPs this particular one is a Cross Community interest in impact because of the scope of what it covers and because as Steve Chan mentioned earlier it is a parallel effort that relates

very closely particularly in this phase of its work with some of the other efforts relating to new gTLDs.

This working group is conducting the PDP into phases. And this particular phase which is at the beginning of its work looks at all the rights protection mechanisms or RPMs that were developed specifically for the 2012 new gTLD program. On the completion of phase one the working group will then move to phase two to review the long-standing consensus policy that a lot of folks know that is the Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy or the UDRP which to date has not been comprehensively review.

At the end of both these phases it is hoped that the working group will have a set of recommendations that will lead to a consistent framework for future reviews of all these mechanisms, the development of additional mechanisms and of course any need modifications to the ones with we have at the moment particularly if we are looking at a further expansion or number of expansions of the gTLD domain name space.

As I mentioned this group has just begun its work. But ICANN 56 will be quite an important point for the group because of two sessions that the group is conducting in Helsinki. The first is the Cross Community open dialogue session that many other groups that you've heard about are also conducting. And this is viewed as important by the group because it's here that they would like to see community feedback on the methodology that it proposes to adopt particularly for its review of the phase one RPMs.

In addition because the group is also starting to embark on data gathering for its review of the 2012 new gTLD RPMs the community is also being asked to provide ideas and suggestions for where and how to get data sources and potential analysis that can be done from that. That particular session will take place on Monday afternoon immediately after the one on next generation RDS.

The working group will then have an open meeting open to all on Thursday morning where it will review the community feedback that's been obtained and look more deeply into some of its current work which actually commences with one of the new gTLD RPMs. And that is the trademark post delegation dispute resolution procedure, because this is a very comprehensive policy update Webinar that we have prepared for you today we won't spend too much time on individual topics. \ But as I've note that phase one will focus on the RPMs developed for the 2012 new gTLD program round. And at the end of phase one the working group is required to produce a preliminary report for public comment.

It therefore shows that as of now the working group is pretty much trying to coordinate and work in tandem with the other parallel efforts that related to new gTLDs not only the new gTLD subsequent procedures PDP group and also some of the other efforts such as the Competition Consumer Trust and Consumer Choice Review Team and specific efforts such as the ongoing review of the trademark clearinghouse. So what the working group is hoping to do is to develop a series of preliminary recommendations at the end of phase one that takes into account the work of all of these groups, the data and the analysis that they may produce as this working group focuses on the RPM issues.

In this particular slide the expected next steps are summarized at a very high level. But what you might want to take note of are the dates that are on this slide. This is based on the current working group's work plan. As many of you know the work plans of a number of groups may change over time depending on the progress that it makes on the work and milestones it has and in a case like this, dependencies on the output of the other efforts. But you see here that the group is going more or less sequentially through the new gTLD 2012 RPMs and it hopes to publish the report completing this phase one review towards the end of 2017. So we still have a ways to go and we hope that you'll join us in Helsinki. On that note I'm going to hand over to my colleague,

Bart Boswinkel who will talk about operating plan, budgets and I believe on country names too. Bart?

Bart Boswinkel: Thank you Mary. Let me – this is a bit of change of topics in the sense of this will not be very focused on policy and policy related matters. I first want to talk to you about a Cross Community session focusing on the operational aspects of ICANN. The background for this session is effectively was a meeting in Marrakesh between the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Working Group and Xavier Calvez the CFO of ICANN. As some of you may know the ccNSO Strategic and Operational Planning Working group that's a working group that's been consistently providing input and feedback and ICANN's ops plan and budget and strategic plan since 2009.

And the meeting in Marrakesh was more around how to take that interaction and dialogue to the next stage, to the next level. The SOP has been constantly providing input on the data collection methods used by ICANN up to the point where they are very satisfied with the ways it's happening right now. And they finally wanted to start focusing on the real substance. And that is on the operational side of ICANN and have a dialogue and start a dialogue on say the goals ICANN wants to achieve, how they measure the goals themselves, where they are in the process and on the key performance indicators, et cetera.

So following that dialogue and taking it to the next level and Helsinki being an opportunity to start new initiatives the say Xavier and the SOP working group and other ICANN staff agree to start a dialogue on some I would say yes topics on say within the common operational plan which attracts a lot of attention from not just the SOP or the ccTLD community but broader community. So as you'll see and as you'll see on the slides this session is to launch effectively and embed a cross community dialogue on ICANN's operations and it - ICANN's planning cycle. In particularly it's about higher - high-level operational goals, what ICANN wants to achieve so as a key performance indicator and related metrics and have a dialogue and create

mutual understanding of what is – what ICANN wants to achieve and how it measures its progress in these areas.

So the format will be say Xavier Calvez will be the chair of this session. There will - presentations of from two of the global leaders of ICANN staff. And there will be a moderator of the - from the chair of the ccNSO SOP Working Group Giovanni Seppia and they'll focus on three years. First is the outreach, ICANN's outreach strategy and program, what it wants to achieve, the goals, KPIs, et cetera. The second one topic will be ICANN's ops strategy and the third one will be around ICANN's human resources policies, goals, et cetera.

When will it happen? It will happen on Tuesday on the 28th at Veranda 2. So that's the room where the ccNSO will have its day meetings. And it will be from 5:00 to 6:30. Over the next day or two other communities especially those who are interested in the – in ICANN's finances and who have provided input and feedback on the ICANN's operational plan and budget for this – or for the upcoming fiscal year will be approached and will be invited to actively participate in this dialogue.

Now moving over to the next cross community session under the auspices of the ccNSO or organized through the ccNSO is the country and other geographic names forum. Again this is originates from the cross community on cross community on the use of country and territory names as TLDs. But it will be broader and the CCWG will not actively participate in the discussions itself. They want to take the results and listen very carefully to the community dialogue on the different topics and issues relating to the use of country and other geographic names.

In particular what they are seeking and trying to understand given the divergence of views not just across communities but also within communities is whether a harmonized framework would be feasible because that would yes that's one of the I would say goals of this working group. And they are now discussing the use of three letter codes as TLDs however it will really get

hard when they start reaching the point of discussing the use of full and short names of countries and territories. And therefore a sense of the community and engaging the community in this dialogue was considered very important.

Again the format will be a chair will do a brief overview of the current policies that exist including some examples around three letter codes and two letter codes which have already been discussed within the working group. And then two moderators one from the GNSO one from the ccNSO not members of the working group will seek input from people actively contributing to the discussion and the broader audience. So this - the working group hopes this will be a very lively and interactive discussion on these topics.

The session will be conducted on Wednesday 29th from 3:15 until 4:45. It's not in Hall A. It will be in the Helsinki Hall as far as I understand. So these were the two brief updates on - to yes a little bit different cross community sessions. I will like to hand over to Carlos Reyes now who will start the specific SO and AC related update. Carlos the floor is yours.

Carlos Reyes: Thank you very much Bart. Hello everyone. My name is Carlos Reyes. As Bart mentioned we're transitioning away from the briefings on the various cross community sessions and now over to specific updates from the supporting organizations and advisory committees. We'll begin with the address supporting organization. The address supporting organization is essentially the home of the numbers community at ICANN. And within the ASO is the ASO Address Council. The ASO address council is responsible for overseeing and managing the global policy development process of the numbers community. And the Address Council is composed of representatives from the three operational regions which correspond with the regional Internet registries.

I want to specifically define what a global policy means. Global policies require specific action or outcomes by the IANA. All five of the regional Internet registries must approve the same policy which is then sent to the

Address Council for ratification and then ultimately the board for consideration as well. Some examples of global policies include post-exhaustion of IpV4 Allocation Mechanisms. This is from 2012 and the allocation of IPv6 blocks from 2006. There are currently no global policy proposals but there has been a lot of policy development taking place at the regional level which is how the Internet which is how the numbers community conducts their policy development work.

Three IRI meetings have taken place since ICANN 55 in Marrakesh. And the regions are currently focusing on two broad areas one Internet member research transfer policies. This is both within regions and between regions. And that relates IpV4 aggressive and autonomous system numbers. And then second IPv6 allocation policies.

Some broader updates from the members side of our community. The service level agreement between ICANN and the IRIs has been approved. This is of course the SLA which establishes the relationship between ICANN and the IRIs with regard to the IANA Numbering Services. There were six drafts of the SLA and we expect the final draft to be signed in Helsinki. Also the ASO address council is very close to making an announcement about Board Seat 10. And this person will replace Kuo-Wei Wu at ICANN 57. And with that we go back to Bart Boswinkel to provide an update on the ccNSO activities. Bart?

Bart Boswinkel: Thank you Carlos. So now I'll allude a little bit more to the discussions on Tuesday and Wednesday morning by the ccNSO. The major topic will be around the launch of a ccNSO policy development process on a review mechanism for decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs and the retirement of ccTLDs itself. What will be discussed is more or less the scope of the initial launch. One of the major discussions also in the context of the other major projects going on right now within ICANN is whether to launch one or two PDPs and whether to do work on these two major topics sequentially or in parallel.

The ccNSO Council is very well aware of the fact that due to the transition work and with the kickoff of Workstream 2 and the implementation work volunteers are - and say the - are thin spread. So that's one of the reasons for first having a fulsome discussion with the ccTLD community present and also with the GAC. This topic around the PDP is also one of the topics that will be discussed between the ccNSO and the GAC. So the initial timeline the council is looking at is launch of the PDP in Helsinki meaning say request an issue report, drafting of the issue report, et cetera. That will then lead up to a decision whether or not to initiate the PDP so really start working on one or two PDPs at the Hyderabad meeting.

As I said they say the ccNSO Council is well aware of say the other activities going on especially the transition related activities. And as you see the progress on the implementation of the CWG stewardship and the progress of implementations and next step of the accountability are two other major topics on the ccNSO agenda in Helsinki. Both will focus on the progress to date again with yes a different perspective of course.

The implementation will focus - will also focus on the selection and appointment of members to the Customer Standing Committee and to the (RzRc) again one of those new abbreviations. And what is also important again for both sessions is what is expected from the ccNSO and the broader ccTLD community between Helsinki and Hyderabad. What can they expect that needs to be done in order to make the transition successful?

It is not just the CSC and the (RzRc) but is very clear there need to be processes and procedures in place around the CSC, (RzRc) and other initiatives, and groups, and committees and with the CCWG accountability proposal very clearly around the empowered communities the ccNSO needs to focus on some processes and procedures. And it wants to have an understanding yes what is needed.

One particular thing that will be at the CWG accountability session as well is the results of a council survey on its accountability and transparency towards the broader ccTLD community will be presented to the ccTLD present. It's not only to fill in say the - and as input for Workstream 2 but also for the work of the council itself around developing its guidelines for the selection of councilors and of council meetings. So if you want to have more information you can go to the ccNSO meeting's agenda. And I now want to hand over to Marika or Mary I think. Mary this time around the GNSO updates. Mary sorry go ahead.

Mary Wong: Thank you Bart and it is Mary Wong although it has not been an unknown phenomenon for Marika and I to be mixed up with each other. So we're now talking about the generic name supporting organization and the activities that you can expect from the GNSO at ICANN 56. Before I delve into my presentation slides though Bart just to let you know if you haven't seen it that Steve Metalitz has asked a question in the chat and I don't know if you'd like to take that orally now, wait till later, or type your response to him? I'll wait just a second.

Bart Boswinkel: Let me do it is to one or two PDPs. To be clear I'll do it the other way around. Is currently there is no policy in place to retire ccTLDs. So - and some ccTLDs have been retired in the past. Probably the last one was .an for the Netherlands Antilles because that country code was removed from the ISO 3166. So there needs to be a policy in place also in - do to say they in the transition to have a full set of policies.

The second thing the second policy or topic which is interdependent is around a review mechanism on decisions relating to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. And this is the result of or directly follows the discussions of the CWG stewardship and the CCWG accountability. If you would look at the final proposals of these two groups you'll see that the review mechanism or the - is around these decisions is excluded from the proposals because the ccNSO and the ccTLD community

at large need to develop a policy around this area. I hope this answers your question Steve.

Mary Wong: Thank you very much Bart. And Steve Metalitz and everyone else if you have a follow-up or indeed other questions for any of us please type it in the chat or we will get to a question and answer near the end. Coming back to the activities of the GNSO at ICANN 56 as David Olive noted at the outset of this Webinar this is a different slightly shorter policy development oriented forum for the ICANN community.

So as you've already heard there will be significant time set aside for meetings of the various PDP working groups. In addition to the three that we talked about earlier in this Webinar the Curative Rights Protection for International Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations will also be having an open working group meeting as that is one of the other ongoing PDPs within the GNSO. The GNSO will also have meetings with the Governmental Advisory Committee or the GAC whose activities you will be hearing from in a little bit. And they will also be meeting with members of the ICANN Board in the course of the four days.

As many of you know the GNSO typically at the so called regular ICANN public meetings has full weekend sessions. They will have some version of that at Helsinki on the Monday starting in the morning going through to early afternoon where some of the topics will include the implementation plan for some of the changes that are expected to come out of the recently concluded GNSO review. Quite a lot of time will also be spent talking about some of the changes and procedural updates adjustments that will need to be made in order to accommodate the GNSO's new roles, responsibilities and obligations as a result of the bylaws change that effects the IANA stewardship transition.

On top of these sessions for the PDPs that have been concluded and had their recommendations adopted at least in part by the ICANN Board there will

also be meetings for the implementation review teams that have been formed for these efforts. And this includes the Thick Whois policy implementation as well as implementation of those few protection of IGO and INGO identifiers that have been adopted by the ICANN Board. The GNSO Council meeting will also be held as per normal. And some of the topics that'll be discussing during that council meeting which will be held on the Thursday morning is listed on that slide. And finally the GNSO on Thursday afternoon will do a wrap up of what looks to be a very intense and hectic but substantive four days for the community. I'm going to hand you over now to Heidi Ullrich who will talk to you about the At-Large and the At-Large Advisory Committee and their plans for ICANN 56. Heidi?

Heidi Ullrich: Thanks very much Mary. Hello everyone. My name is Heidi Ullrich. I'm the Senior Director for At-Large. I'm delighted to give you a brief update on the activities of the At-Large Advisory Committee or the ALAC in the At-Large Community that have taken place between ICANN meetings in Marrakesh and Helsinki as well as provide a preview of At-Large activities that are being planned to take place at the ICANN 56 meeting.

The first the ALAC and At-Large activities since ICANN 55 related to policy, between these two meetings the ALACs submitted five policy advice statements in response to public comments. These statements included statements on the draft framework principles for Cross Community Working Groups, the final report recommendation of the Geographic Regions Review Working Group, the Draft ICANN Fiscal-Year '17 Operating Plan & Budget and the Five-Year Operating Plan update along with the Draft New ICANN Bylaws.

In addition the ALAC also responded to the request for two feedback from two GNSO PDP working groups. And these were PDP on the next generation RDS to replace Whois and the New gTLD Subsequent Procedures. The ALAC also submitted a proposal for a multi-year planning of At-Large face to face meetings and this was recently approved. Other policy activities include

holding several capacity building Webinars on substantive issues of interest to the At-Large community. These Webinars are part of an ongoing series and they're open to all. More information on the ALAC policy advice statements may be found at the URL listed on this slide.

Related to process a key activity has been the At-Large Review. And this review has now started with the group items being selected as independent examiners. The At-Large Review is focusing on the At-Large structures or ALSs and the regional At-Large organizations or RALOs. And I'll speak a little bit more about this review on the next slide.

ALAC is also updating its rules procedure specifically the sections about selection and election submitted matters. And this is in advance of the anticipated start of the selection process for the director the board selected by At-Large. So at ICANN 56 there are going to be several areas of focus related to policy and process. The ALAC will discuss the next steps for the new ICANN bylaws including developing the internal processes that will be needed. The ALACs will also review the status of their working groups of which there are currently 20. They will provide an update on the ALS Criteria and Expectations Taskforce which is running in parallel with the At-Large Review and discuss implementation of their approved fiscal year '17 until request in addition to a number member of other issues.

As noted earlier another main topic is the At-Large Review. The At-Large Review Working Party will review timelines and reference documents for use by the members of (items). Also (items) will be conducting interviews with members of At-Large and other communities during the meeting in Helsinki. Regarding outreach and engagement similar to the meeting in Marrakesh there will be a few interesting sessions to increase awareness and knowledge of the activities of At-Large. The first is being held by the subcommittee in outreach and engagement and they are going to be meeting with NextGen Students on Monday 27th of June between 10:45 and noon as well as a policy discussion with the ALAC and the fellows later that day between 13:30

and 15:00. The aims of these two sessions is for these groups to increase their understanding of the ALAC in At-Large.

And in addition a joint EURALO civil society networking event will be taking place on Tuesday evening 28th of June between 18:30 and 19:30. And the session is going to be held in the same room as the president and CEO reception. It is open to members of EURALO and the Civil Society Engagement Contact Group as well as anyone interested in learning more about these two (confused) groups.

Now moving on to the regional events taking place during ICANN 56 they'll be several meetings both formal and informal of all of EURALO. EURALO will be holding its general assembly on 28 June between 8:00 and 10:00. This is a non-face to face general assembly. The agenda includes a review of the EURALO annual report, a briefing by the EURALO Bylaws Taskforce and the launch of the EURALO ALS Engagement Taskforce. And as noted earlier they'll be a civil society and EURALO networking event on Tuesday. AFRALO be holding their traditional joint AFRALO AfrICANN meeting on Wednesday, 29 June between 13:30 and 15:00. And the theme will be on the IANA transition and accountability ICANN accountability and a statement will be discussed and then submitted to the board.

NARALO's monthly meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, 29 June between 13:30 and 15:00. This meeting will be focusing on discussions such as their outreach strategy, activities, and preparation for the NARALO General Assembly to be held in fiscal year '17. Finally the RALO Secretariat consisting of the leaders from all of the RALOs will be meeting on Tuesday between 13:30 and 15:00. And some of their items they will be discussing will include the recommendations from the second At-Large Summit just finalizing those and the At-Large Review as well as other issues concerning all of the RALOs. And that includes the ALAC and At-Large update. And I would like to give the floor to my calling Olof Nordling who will be providing an update on the GAC. Olof?

Olof Nordling: Thank you very much Heidi and good evening from Brussels. My name is Olof Nordling. And I'm responsible for ICANN staff support to the Governmental Advisory Committee more well-known perhaps as the GAC which currently has 168 governments as members and 35 intergovernmental organization as observers. And they will have a busy time indeed in Helsinki since they're usually in the classical ICANN meeting format have five long days of work and now this is squeezed down to four very short days for individual work.

So the agenda is jam packed for the GAC Monday to Thursday. And just to give a few samples of the topics they will address two character labels and country names as second level domains. What on earth is that? That's a remaining issue from the latest new gTLD round and entails actually an ongoing and pretty lengthy dialogue with the Global Domains Division of ICANN on implementation steps and in particular the mitigation of confusion between two characters in general and which can be perceived as country codes. So that's one.

GAC advice effectiveness, how has it worked with the GAC advice to the board and is there ways of improving it? This is something that will be discussed by a joint working group between the board and the GAC. Those two sessions will take place on Monday. Privacy and proxy services, there is a recent policy development process that produced from the GNSO that reduced the number of recommendations. And the GAC has some views on some details on these recommendations which will be further developed in a session.

And IGO acronyms protection I think that has been mentioned by Mary earlier on that what - and this is also remaining issue from the recent new gTLD round. And where there is a temporary protection in place but there is let's put it like some wrinkles in the positions between the GNSO and the GAC on how the permanent solution should look like. So these are a few samples.

There are plenty more of sessions which you can of course see from the overall schedule but also there is a specific schedule which is slightly more detailed on the GAC Web site. And all of the GAC plenary sessions are open. Yes you heard right they are all open the GAC plenary sessions. And with that and this is not all of course so let's know turn the page and also make a giant leap to Los Angeles and to Karine Perset who will tell you more about what the GAC has in store. Karine take it away plays.

Karine Perset: Thank you Olof. Hello everybody. My name is Karine Perset. I'm part of the GAC support team as Olof said based out of Los Angeles. So to continue on the GAC's agenda for ICANN 56 in Helsinki the GAC plans to actively participate in many of the afternoon cross community sessions with the other ICANN stakeholders. The GAC is also leading one of the cross community sessions specifically the one on workload scheduling and management on Thursday afternoon.

So just a few words on this workload session that will be moderated by the GAC chair it follows up on the Marrakesh communiqué where the GAC flagged the large number of activities across ICANN taking place in parallel and many of which call for significant community input. So the idea is to discuss how to balance the different communities priorities and improve broad participation in some of these activities especially at the PDPs and CCWGs. So the session will mainly be about collecting input and ideas from the whole community and how to prioritize and organize some of these activities that interest the broad community with for example things like year-long planning, or prioritization exercises, et cetera.

In Helsinki all the GAC's working groups will meet as well to advance their work on geographic names on capacity building for underserved regions. And that session will have helpful assistance from the ICANN teams on global stakeholder engagement and government engagement. On public safety as well and this the public safety work by the GAC's working group looks at

different aspects of the DNS and the IP Whois as well as a security and consumer protection in the DNS or the ICANN ecosystem.

The GAC Working Group on Human Rights and International Law will also get together Wednesday. And then some more internally focused working groups on GAC operating principles and GAC noncom relations will also convene. The GAC will also meet with other SO, ACs as some of the others have mentioned as well as with the competition consumer trust the Consumer Choice Review Team some of them at least. And for the first time the GAC communiqué will be finalized on Thursday instead of the traditional Wednesday night.

The - it's also important to point out the communiqué format itself is evolving to articulate in more detail the rationales for GAC advice. And as Olof said the GAC room and meetings are now completely open so that anybody who wishes to can attend so welcome. Please come to the sessions you're interested in. And now I would like to hand it over to Steve Sheng for the RSSAC update. Thank you. Steve?

Carlos Reyes: Thank you Karine. This is Carlos Reyes presenting on behalf of Steve Sheng who could not join us for this session. I'll be updating everyone on the activities of the Root Server System Advisory Committee. Just as a quick overview the RSSAC is comprised of 12 board appointed representatives of the root service operators. There are three root zone management partner representatives as well as liaisons.

The RSSAC meets monthly as well as at ICANN meetings. And the two co-chairs are currently Tripti Sinha from D Root and Brad Verd from A/J roots. The RSSAC also consists of a caucus of 74 technical experts, 47% of them actually do not work in root service server operations. So they bring other skill sets and expertise in DNS root service. In the past two years they've published three advisories including three versions of one advisory. And this

group is a broader membership based organization so qualified or interested applicants may submit statements of interest for consideration.

Since ICANN 55 the RSSAC has published its third version of its advisory on measurements of the root server system. This updated version offers several clarifications based on implementation experience. And these measurements help meet the requirements RSSAC 001 which is an advisory on service expectations of root server operators. Currently the RSSAC is working on two documents the Root Server System Naming Scheme Work Party which documents the technical history of the names assigned to individual root servers and the History of the Root Server System. And that's a separate document which provides an overview of - and a chronological history of the root server system as well as descriptions of each root server. And with that I'll hand it over to my colleague Julie Hedlund who will present on the Security and Stability Advisory Committee. Julie?

Julie Hedlund: Thank you very much Carlos and thank you everyone. This will be very brief. First I would like to highlight the two publications that the SSAC has released since ICANN 55. So the first of the two publications SAC 81 that is - and actually I was going to - sorry about that. So that is the SSAC response to the request for input on next-generation gTLD RDS to replace Whois policy development process.

And this is actually a fairly brief response. At least a couple of the SSAC members do participate in this group. And they did have some suggestions based on their understanding of the RDS and the work of the group. And as you know and Mary Wong spoke of the work of the RDS actually I'm sorry Lisa Phifer spoke on this work earlier today. But they made a couple of minor comments in respect to the questionnaire that the working group had sent out.

And then the SAC 82 was a response for their quest for advice relating to the 2012 new generic top level domain round. This was from the PDP Working

Group on new gTLD subsequent procedures. And in the RSSAC's response it pointed to its list of publications because many of its publications actually do pertain to gTLDs. And it noted a couple of publications that relate to name collisions and scaling of the root. So those two documents can be found on the SSAC Web site.

And then just moving along to more importantly the activities of the SSAC at Helsinki this activity in particular is the DNSSEC workshop. That will be held on the Monday, June 27 from 9:15 in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon. And this is an important workshop for the updates on DNSSEC deployment. As noted DNSSEC deployment is moving forward. And this is a particularly interesting session for those people who are engaged in this deployment such as registries, registrars, ISPs and others who may be planning to deploy DNSSEC services or are deploying them.

So we should attend, really anybody with an interest in the deployment of DNSSEC. You don't have to be somebody who is actually deploying. You could be just somebody who is interested. The workshop actually covers topics that are simple for beginners, intermediates and experts on DNSSEC. So we welcome you all to that session. And now I would like to turn things over to Benedetta for the Q&A. Thank you very much.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you Julie. My name is Benedetta Rossi. I'm a policy and Communication Analyst and I'll be handling the question and answer session followed by a couple of updates. So to ask a question please press Star 1 and record your name. And just one moment to see if we have any questions, operator do have any questions on the audio?

Operator: There are currently no questions in the queue.

Benedetta Rossi: Thank you very much. Well if you have any questions following the Webinar or would like to stay updated with the Policy Development Support Team please use the team email address policy-staff@icann.org. You may also

follow us on Twitter using the handles that are shown on the slide here. If you're new to the policy development process but would like to join the GNSO Working Group you'll be interested in the two newcomer sessions which are housed held at the start of every PDP Working Group.

A communication tools classroom which is led by staff to learn all about the working group tools and ask questions and a working group newcomer Webinar which is community led and whose focus is helping newcomers familiarize themselves with the policy development process and better understand how to engage within the GNSO working group setting. The next sessions will be take place in July and the dates are yet to be confirmed.

In preparation for ICANN 56 also please don't forget to download the ICANN 56 mobile application which will help you access meeting information on the go, personalize your meeting schedule, connect with several attendees and post feedback on the sessions you attend. To help attendees prepare for the Helsinki meeting a pre-ICANN 56 policy forum report will be posted as of early next week on the ICANN 56 meeting page. The report will provide attendees further information across community session and updates on the various SOs and ACs. After the meeting we will also release a post ICANN 56 report which will include results and outcomes of the meeting and this will be posted in July. I will now turn it over to David Olive his closing remarks. So thank you and over to you David.

David Olive: Thank you Benedetta. And I want to thank our people on the Webinar tonight or in the time zone that you're in. We appreciate your participation and the act of questions. There's a good mixture of veteran ICANN participants some chairs and co-chairs of working groups as well as some new faces and new names to join our discussion and we welcome that. The policy team is actively preparing for the sessions in Helsinki. As noted the morning sessions are really the general working groups council meetings and the like with the afternoon sessions being reserved for just the discussion. So many of those participants in the morning sessions will be having time on their hands to

participate and actively be involved in those discussions on the topics that we've listed. But to help you be prepared for that we will be putting into the program and on to the ICANN 56 application various links to the background materials we've cited some of which on this Webinar that will help you direct your attention to some of the background materials, questions, and other topics that will be a part of those form part of those discussions in the afternoon in Helsinki.

With that I would like to thank all of you for your involvement in today's Webinar. We hope it has prepared you for the next step. And we will see you either in person or remotely at ICANN 56 the policy forum. We do want you to listen in, participate and at the end session on Thursday there will be a feedback session to comment on this new approach that we're taking before an ICANN meeting. This Webinar was an attempt to try to change that format into the way that will link to our discussions in Helsinki. And so we look forward to hearing your views on how that will go and what improvements we could make going forward. So with that a pleasure to facilitate all your work and we look forward to seeing you all in Helsinki in person or remotely. I wish everyone a good evening, good afternoon or good morning wherever you may be. Thank you very much.

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