AC Chat – GNSO Council meeting 12 October 2017

Carlos Gutierrez: I've preference to places the majority can reach with only one airport connection. Not like Abu Dhabi....

Rafik: @Donna is LA considered as hub? because with the current situation in US, it is quite uncertain for several people to go there

James Bladel: And ICANN could sign long-term contracts to save on expenses.

Donna Austin, RySG: @Rafik, not necessarily.

Carlos Gutierrez: Certainly 2 policy meetings in easy to reach places would reduce costs

Donna Austin, RySG: That's a great question to start with Michele: what do ICANN meetings mean to you?

Rafik: @Carlos easy to reach is quite relative, for those in eastern part of APAC, many places are not that close

Donna Austin, RySG: Average cost for ICANN meetings I think are in the order of $4m

Michele Neylon: ICANN Dublin led to how many new participants from Ireland?

Carlos Gutierrez: @Rafik The time it takes to get to Abu Dhabi and back I could go around the world 2 times

Michele Neylon: As I'm Irish I have no issue asking that question

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Rafik, Vancouver seems more interesting in North America than the US counterparts.

Carlos Gutierrez: 36-40 hours to get back

Michele Neylon: oh and the answer is a big fat zero

Philip Corwin: Personal comment: I believe maintaining three meetings per year is important to accountability

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): In Europe, London seemed the better centre.

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): But if actually doing in the US, Washington looked better for attendees than LA.

Julf Helsingius: London is really expensive

Carlos Gutierrez: LAX is also quite logical, or not?????
Tatiana Tropina: Rubens, UK has even quite ridiculous visa processes for many nationals...

Michele Neylon: That sounds like Erika

Michele Neylon: I could be wrong

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Julf and Tatiana: that was an weighted airfare exercise.

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Local costs and visa issues not taken into account.

Julf Helsingius: Rubens: ack

Tatiana Tropina: Rubens, just an average visa cost: I pay 600 EUR for any visa to the UK in total (and I live in Germany)

Tatiana Tropina: I agree with Rafik re gathering additional input from the wider community

Rafik: for UAE, it didn't take much time to get visa and more better than usual

Rafik: for other visa I have to provide financial statements and other details, not fun

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Rafik, my UAE visa experience seems different than yours... I still don't have a visa to ICANN 60, BTW>

Stephanie Perrin: If ICANN is serious about gender diversity and human rights, that has to be a primary filter for site selection. We should not select venues with legislation that discriminates against certain genders and relationship preferences. A second filter, in terms of human rights, in my view would be the difficulty for anyone who has been active in certain areas of human rights and freedom of speech issues. Naturally, our constituency (NCUC) has many members in that category, so this comment reflects a certain bias.

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Stephanie, so no UAE then ? ;-

Rafik: @rubens what did you sue as service? I used emirates

Ben Fuller: I have note to James.

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Rafik, I used ICANN's appointed travel agency, by their suggestion.

Michele Neylon: I've no issue with there being 3 meetings

Rafik: I don't think anyone will suggest reducing the number of meetings.

Stephanie Perrin: Let's just say I am nervous, Rubens, and I think it is extremely unfair to members of the ICANN community who have same sex partners.

Julf Helsingius: I agree with Stephanie
Rafik: risks needs to be assessed in many areas

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: We certainly have enough work to do over 3 meetings

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Just note: this London airfare result is in the cur-rention situation before a full Brexit... whether it will holds or not, remains to be seen.

Michele Neylon: connections from where?

Paul McGrady: I'm from O'Hare. What are these "connections" Phil is talking about? :) 

Michele Neylon: I'm near Dublin - I need connections to get most places

James Bladel: Spoiler Alert: Folks aren't going to be happy with me regarding the Sunday dinner. :) 

Rafik: @Michelle but you got the most intelligent home there

Michele Neylon: Rafik - heh - I broke my home network

Michele Neylon: James - what did you do? Book us into a vegetarian restaurant?

James Bladel: No, our choices were: Affordable, Nearby, or Alcohol. Pick any 2. :) 

James Bladel: But I suspect this will be a recurring challenge for Abu Dhabi/Dubai

Michele Neylon: what did we get?

Marika Konings: Also note the Council informal session at 17.30 - 18.30 on Tuesday 

Tatiana Tropina: Better no alcohol than vegan :-) 

Michele Neylon: Tatiana - I can cope with vegan

James Bladel: Currently targeting Nearby + Affordable. But I will host cocktails after dinner back at the hotel.

Philip Corwin: Dinner without cocktails or wine is pure barbarism ;-) 

Tatiana Tropina: Michele, sigh. I can cope with vegetarian more or less. But vegan!

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): I believe CPH with Board conflicts with the Council informal session.

Donna Austin, RySG: It does Rubens.

Heather Forrest: I think we need to be prepared for questions from others about SubPro WT5

James Bladel: Good point Heather.
Julf Helsingius: we seem to have some very young participants

Michele Neylon: the future belongs to them

Marika Konings: Up on the screen are some draft agendas based on previous meetings

Marika Konings: (apart from the Board topics)

Heather Forrest: Good to see IGOs on the agenda with GAC - quite confident they’ll begin to push IGOs once Red Cross work is completed

Julf Helsingius: Indeed

Marika Konings: If there are volunteers to introduce these topics during the meeting, please let me know and I’ll add your name to the topic. Staff can prepare a wiki page that will allow everyone to add proposed speaking points for the different agenda items.

Marika Konings: items = items

Rafik: @Heather that item about CCWG-IG should be tweaked, it is not about revised charter anymore

Nathalie Peregrine: We’re checking up on that line

Marika Konings: @Rafik - this is from the last meeting agenda. Please feel free to suggest rewording (and I will add your name :-)

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): "Hey ICANN, why you keep denying being a data controller?"

Stephanie Perrin: Exactly my question Rubens.

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): denying

Michele Neylon: Bringing up GDPR for the sake of it is futile

Heather Forrest: hangon James

Michele Neylon: James should sing during intervals

Rafik: @Marika thanks for voluntelling :) I was going to suggest dropping that :)

Stephanie Perrin: I agree Michele, but surely you are not doubting my ability to come up with some precise questions?

Michele Neylon: Stephanie - no, but I’m making sure that you actually do :)

Stephanie Perrin: oh ye of little faith....
Michele Neylon: +1 Heather - I really don't care about how many cups of coffee they drank

Marika Konings: Updates on joint CCWG's has been a standard feature for the agenda with the ccNSO. It may also be an opportunity for the CCWG-IG to update the Council on its progress as there is no formal update foreseen anywhere else?

Heather Forrest: @James - new hand

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): "After which amount of fines from EC will ICANN accept being a data controller - EUR 100k ? EUR 1 Million ?"

James Bladel: ok, will circle back to Heather

Heather Forrest: thx

Philip Corwin: The IGO CRP WG should have a draft final report to discuss in Abu Dhabi. It does not follow GAC advice because the WG could find no sound basis for doing so. But I do believe it will be a sound report and recommendations based on lengthy discussion of underlying legal rights as well as ICANN's proper role vis-a-vis DRPs that supplement but do not replace applicable applicable law.

Heather Forrest: Good point, James

Heather Forrest: Fine to volunteer

Heather Forrest: Thanks, Donna - thanks James

Heather Forrest: Nothing further on that point

Michele Neylon: what date is Thanksgiving ?

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben: Our constituency is preparing answers to the questionnaire

Patrick Jones: Feedback by 17 November

Patrick Jones: This is the start of the process, there will be more opportunity for comment after

Tatiana Tropina: Oh I had the same question more or less

Tatiana Tropina: but in a bit different way

Patrick Jones: General comments on community travel resources are welcomed

James Bladel: Good to know, I think you'll receive many general questions as Tatiana described.

Tatiana Tropina: thanks! I just thought that narrowing it down is of course a good idea, but expanding it is actually better from strategic point of view to have a kind of "helicopter view". But we will sure submit the feedback :-)

Patrick Jones: It is possible that revisions to the Guidelines can be done in time to be used for the FY19/20 fiscal process

Patrick Jones: Again, it depends on the inputs from the community

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Makes sense

Donna Austin, RySG: Agree Michele, value for money should be a consideration.

Paul McGrady: @Michele, agree. Spending trend doesn't look in line with revenue growth

Mary Wong: @Michele, that is the kind of general comment that (like Tatiana’s earlier intervention) can be provided as part of the response.

Michele Neylon: Paul - or sanity in general

Rafik: sorry old hand

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): For instance : outreach. Outreach effort result is adding new participants to PDPs.

Carlos Reyes: Thank you all for welcoming Patrick and me to your call. We look forward to your feedback.

Patrick Jones: Thank you everyone.

Patrick Jones: See you in Abu Dhabi

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: just an FYI, this is why ALAC is reviewing the Metics it applies to and performance it expects from CT sponsored travelers from At-Large

Tatiana Tropina: Thanks Carlos and Patrick

Mary Wong: Please respond if you and your groups are interested in this issue - it is critical we get your feedback in order to move forward with this consultation.

Rafik: if council is planning is planning to respond, shall we have a drafting team?

Steve Chan: The GAC has selected Olga Cavalli

Paul McGrady: Thanks Steve! Hot off the press!

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): And my UAE visa just arrived, so you won't get rid of me in Abu-Dhabi.

Donna Austin, RySG: Well done Rubens.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: My bandwidth is so bad I can't risk taking the mike... Thanks Rubens for making clarification points
Cheryl Langdon-Orr: on the selection process

Paul McGrady: Thanks Ruebens!

Rafik: thanks for the clarifications

Rafik: and congrats Rubens for the visa

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): In the WT5 selection, there was also a public comment on the group list, which included the possibility of asking questions to applicants and for them to respond.

Rubens Kuhl (RySG): Considered the distorted histories I get from GDD in other topics, like RSEP, I would be more inclined to believe Craig's storyline.

Marika Konings: @Rubens - I don't think GDD staff is arguing about the storyline, just trying to clarify what staff would need in order to move this forward.

Paul McGrady: @James - but we won't know until we see the final version...

Marika Konings: @Paul - one option would be for the Council to indicate that in principle it does consider this implementation (if that is the case) but requests to see final proposal to conduct a final check before it goes to the Board?

Wolf-Ulrich Knoben: I have to leave for another call. Thanks, and see you in AD

Paul McGrady: @Marika, thank you.

James Bladel: @Paul - good point. If there's any doubt that this can be narrowly defined as implementation, then we need to consider kicking over to pdp

James Bladel: @Marika - good suggestion

Donna Austin, RySG: Good input Phil

Paul McGrady: Can we not have this up for a vote in AbuDhabi? I'm concerned that a question this close will not get constituency membership attention in the few days before now and then. Maybe a discussion item in Abu Dhabi and a voite on the next call?

Paul McGrady: (voite is a vote over voip) :)

Heather Forrest: +1 Paul

Philip Corwin: Thanks Donna

Paul McGrady: Thanks James! Great call!

Rafik: thanks all
Keith Drazek: Thanks all. See you in Abu Dhabi!

Tatiana Tropina: thanks James and all

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thanks everyone ... Sorry I had such bad connectivity and tech gremlins tin todays call Terri and Nathalie have been fantastic assisting me... Bye for now...

Paul McGrady: Travel safe all!

Ben Fuller: Bye all

Darcy Southwell (RrSG): Thanks, everyone! Safe travels to Abu Dhabi.

Julf Helsingius: Thanks all!

Donna Austin, RySG: Thanks James

James Bladel: Thanks all. Bye!

Marilia Maciel: thank you all

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: safe travellers everyone

Philip Corwin: Bye all. Safe travel