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Rafik Dammak: Good morning everyone and thanks for attending our third morning meeting. I know that some of you spent a wonderful time yesterday at (Jim)'s party but you made it for today. So as usual what we'll try to do is go through the - I mean the schedule for today to try to highlight what are the main sessions that you should I'll say we advise that you attend. So it's up to you to select which session to go, but I think just here we're trying to maybe to explain what those who can be of interest.

So for today I think, like yesterday, there are the three-hour session for the working groups, and today's the case for the new gTLD registration directory services, RDS. And I think for those who attended Monday and yesterday cross-community session, you could see how much the topic is quite important and it's even becoming more pressing with the GDBR.

So I would advise you to attend, in particular if you want to get involved in the activities of the working group. It's always a good time to join the RSG I think and kind of first phase to try kind of set the scene for the next phases. So this I think it started from 8:30 so it's just after we finish our meeting.

Other sessions is the meeting between the GNSO Council and the GAC. Why I think it's important because why the GNSO is the body to make policy for gTLD. We have the GAC that they can make advice on any policy. But the issue that happened many times in the last year is that the GAC intervened really at the late stage or when the policy was already made and they issue advice really that is kind of in contradiction with outcome of the policy development process.

And then we get in the situation that the board has to respond to the GAC advice and we have a policy that was made in bottom up fashion by the community. And so the GNSO tried to kind of manage this by getting or trying to get the GAC to be more I'd say - to get involved within the process at early stage. And so we have now a GNSO liaison to the GAC and we're aiming to kind of to give an early notification to the GAC that is something is coming in terms of policy, and so the GNSO worked in a different mechanism to try to improve. However we are still kind of - the situation is not that improved that much but it's improving.

And also in today's agenda, I think we are going to cover some kind of issue that have been for years in regard to the protection for IGO and INGO and the Red Cross and so on. So it's a good opportunity to see the kind of interaction between two bodies with ICANN, between the development advisory committee like the GAC and a supporting organization like GNSO and see how kind of maybe the dynamics because that's I think the reality within ICANN is how each group try to push maybe to grab more power or to push in one direction.

Okay. After that there will be the, say, the GNSO Council public meeting. And for those who couldn't attend our yesterday policy committee, so we tried to go through the agenda. I think it's a quite straightforward agenda, there is nothing controversial, but it's a good opportunity to see how the GNSO Council functions and works and maybe to get more understanding - a better understanding about the procedure and so on.

Okay, before moving maybe to the next, any question or comment? Any clarification? Okay. Tapani, you wanted to add something or Renata? Okay. Thanks.

So after that, there will be the I think the cross-community session, and the first one will be about the operation of ICANN I think operating plan and budget. I think with the, say, the new mechanism for accountability and the broad community, the ICANN community has to get more involved within the process of shaping the budget and the plan for the organization. And my understanding here is just maybe it was proposed that maybe to have a discussion at the community level to see how - what does it mean maybe in terms of expectation from the community. So I think for those interested, you can attend this. Okay.

And I think if there's anything that you don't need to kind of expertise in financial or budgeting I think but just to see how the organization is setting its priorities and in which area they're - where they are spending - I mean they are spending money and so on.

And I think in relation to that, the next session is who sets the ICANN priorities. So I think there is a relation between both because at the end, setting the plan and the budget it's related to what strategic goal and priorities for the organization.

Okay, let's move now to maybe Tapani do you want to continue here?

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay. I'd like to highlight a few sessions that - a few points. First that there are some closed sessions that actually are not closed or might be interest even if they are. We're having the NCSG Executive Committee meeting at 9 o'clock and it's not closed here but any members that are present are welcome and also new applicants who just applied, because one of the things we will be (unintelligible) is membership applications. So I welcome anybody, all NCSG members and would-be members to come.

I also note that there are some - NCSG has two constituencies who have their own meeting today. I'm not sure if NCUC and NPOC representatives here want to invite or mention their stuff. They have NPOC constituency day and NCUC policy session today as well.

And then there's one thing I was hoping (Stephanie) would be here for that we are - that - so closed that it's not even on the agenda but I want to alert you to it because it's (unintelligible). Just 6:40 yesterday evening I got the invitation, there was rumors about it before, GDPR Compliance Consultation Group or so-called task force. At various times yesterday we had discussions about that with (Teresa Swineheart).

And this is a bit unusual thing. What's it going to do is to formally help ICANN collect and compile the basic information needed to evaluate GDPR compliance in the context of registry, registrar, and registrant data. Our goal is to be in a position to have the data needed to acquire actionable legal advice and engage with data protection authorities in September. So a very tight timeline and it's supposed to be a very hardworking, quick action task force.

The curious thing about this - calling it out this well quickly and exactly who or how many people we can send there. Informally I discussed with - hi, Chuck, you're welcome to join NCSG session if you like. How many NCSG representatives we can send there, an open question as of yesterday.

Initially I - this is only a rumor that we weren't going to be invited but all of them they decided to pick one, then maybe two, maybe three. There are three CSG members, so we obviously want to have three as well.

Now - and informally they said maybe two, at least, maybe more. But now we're getting the invitation which was sent to me only and no clarification when I asked what this means, so we have to decide how we negotiate with this. But this is apparently a seriously closed meeting and maybe they even wish just two of us go there, they'll throw everyone out, so I can't invite you there. But this is something going in the background, and especially those interested in the RDS we will be reporting what we - when we know more.

That I think I hand back over to Rafik but have NCUC, NPOC representatives talk about their sessions? I mean like two minutes, Joan? You have NPOC constituency day today.

Joan Kerr: Yes thank you, Tapani. Joan Kerr for the record. We've got actually a constituency day at 10:30 in this room. It is a full agenda, lots of information, so we invite everyone and anyone to come. And we also have our EC meeting at - oh sorry. Thanks. Community Four room. And we also have our EC meeting in Community Four at 15:15, and we invite everyone to come to that as well. Thank you.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Joan. And NCUC you have a session today, did I forget - remember correctly, a policy session at 5 o'clock, Renata Aquino Ribeiro?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Yes, NCUC has a policy session at 5 pm. So we have a program also with invited guests from other SO, ACs. So we would like to invite everyone to participate.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Renata Aquino Ribeiro. Rafik, you want to go on?

Rafik Dammak: Okay. So thanks. I guess we did a quite quick overview of important sessions but trying get - to maybe to get more question or comments. So I'm not trying to put someone on the spot. Okay, yes. Okay yes, Matt?

Matthew Shears: Thanks, Rafik. Matthew Shears. Tapani, to your point about the task force, I think it's probably a useful and necessary move to bring this task force together to consider compliance and GDPR. It's good that we have (Stephanie) on it. It would be desirable if we had more, so I'm sure you'll do your best to sort that out some way.

I think the other thing that came up in the conversations yesterday, maybe it's something you can propose to (Teresa) is some kind of liaison with the RDS working group in that task force. Somebody suggested - I think it's not a bad idea to ensure that there's good synchronicity between the two assets.
Thanks.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Matt. Chuck, it seems you want to say something. Please go ahead.

Chuck Gomes: I just wanted to say that we have identified Michele Neylon from the task force and he's going to volunteer, assuming he will be allowed to do that.

Tapani Tarvainen: Thank you, Chuck. That's good to hear. So maybe it will work out in the end. Rafik?

Rafik Dammak: Okay, if you want me to maybe talk. Okay so I said that I think those are the most important sessions and topics for today but - so I'm just trying here to maybe if we can get more comment or feedback from our members or if they want to share something. So. Okay. We have ten minutes left, so. Matthew?

Matthew Shears: Matthew Shears. I'm not trying to stall the time. This session at 17:00, who sets ICANN's priorities, it's a little unclear even from the description what the

purpose of the session is but I think it should be a fascinating opportunity to - I'm hoping to see representatives from the board also talk about priorities and responsibilities in the context of this particular session. So that might be something interesting to go to for those of you who aren't fully familiar with the responsibilities and the goals of the board are. So I would suggest that's probably a useful session to attend. But it is a bit unfortunate that it conflicts with the NCUC policy session, but there you go. Thanks.

Rafik Dammak: Thanks, Matt. I think it's the proposal - okay, yes, let me - I'm trying to respond to that. Renata Aquino Ribeiro, I'm trying to respond to that and then.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you.

Rafik Dammak: So I think that was coming as a proposal from the ccNSO and, yes, I mean maybe the description is not clear but my understanding is it's really about in relation like okay we have now all the new mechanisms for and those will have the budget I think and operating plan, so to see maybe how - what's the role of the community on this matter. So that's my understanding but maybe, depending how the session will be organized, maybe it will go in other directions. Sorry, yes, Renata Aquino Ribeiro, please go ahead.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: That was exactly my point, Rafik, that it was more procedural from what I've heard of this session.

Tapani Tarvainen: Okay we have covered a summary of everything we intended to but we might bring up something. The first thing coming up now, as you may recall, is the - or did we talk about the new gTLD registry services, the RDS session starting in ten minutes?

Rafik Dammak: I think so.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes.

Rafik Dammak: So if you want to attend, you can just stay here and secure a seat.

Tapani Tarvainen: Yes. That's actually one of the hot potatoes for us and the ICANN altogether and we might - we'll be having lots of interesting discussion about that. Well okay. I can't really bring it up too much because the other (unintelligible) is still not here but I expect she will be. Let's give us a coffee break before that one if nobody else has anything else to say.

Rafik Dammak: Yes okay. I think that's it and thanks for coming and attending this meeting. Thanks.

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