

DEVAN REED:

For the recording, this is Devan Reed. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the RDRS Standing Committee call taking place on Monday, 23 September, 2024. For today's call, we do have apologies from Farzaneh Badii. Statements of interest must be kept up to date. Does anyone have any updates to share? If so, please raise your hand or speak up now.

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SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

Thank you, Devan, and thank you, everyone. Lisa is on leave this week, so we're welcoming Eleeza Agopian, who's going to replace her this week, but who is obviously fully up to speed as Elisa works on her team and etc. And we're going to move the chat somewhere else because it's distracting. There we go.

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So, agenda. We circulated the agenda last week. Does anybody have anything they want to add as an AOB? Maybe I should have also. So, I see hands up and I see no hands up. So, let's go on. Let's move on. So, action items, follow up on the pending action items. There are-- Oh yeah, sorry. So, this is a new tab, and is she around? Is Fedor around? I haven't seen her.

CAITLIN TUBERGEN: Seb, this is Caitlin. I can take this one.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: That's taken. Okay, very good. This is a new tab that the team created for us to make sure we're kept honest and we are on track with what we need to do. Caitlin, go ahead and give us the spiel.

CAITLIN TUBERGEN: Thank you, Seb. So, this is Caitlin Tubergen from ICANN org. And as Seb just noted, the team added this tab to what we're now calling the Standing Committee Workbook since it's expanded beyond the impressions document, and the action items is the first tab that you'll see in the workbook. It's pretty self-explanatory, but I did just want to note or draw your attention to two items at the top that you'll see marked as not completed yet. These are all from the previous meeting that the group had.

The first in row five is for Standing Committee members to log any events, meetings, or webinars related to RDRS. And you'll see that there's a tab here where you can log any sort of outreach event that you

participate in, and that's so that we can better track these and understand who's participating in these and what materials were shared, any questions that came up, just for better transparency and understanding of what's going on in the community and how we could potentially better assist here. So, we would ask that before every Standing Committee meeting, if you were to participate in any outreach event, please ensure you log that before the next meeting, and we'll certainly make note of that in the action sheet.

And then back to the sheet again, another action item stemming from the last meeting is that we started an RDRS Standing Committee findings report. That's in the fifth tab, marked feedback for findings report. And you'll see that in the top right are the four assignments that the Standing Committee is in charge of. And of course, some of them are underway, which the Standing Committee is reviewing the metrics and identifying trends over month-to-month periods, and is also noting potential technical updates or ways to enhance the system, and that's being tracked in this workbook, but I wanted to draw your attention to assignments three and four.

And these are the specific lessons learned that should be factored into the consideration of how the Council should consider the RDRS in its conversation with the Board, as well as suggestions for the Council in their ultimate proposed recommendation to the ICANN Board. So, as you're using the system or making note of things, we would ask that you use this tab for findings, because support staff will be working to compile all of that feedback into a cogent document. So, if you already have some observations that you think would be helpful for this

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purpose, by all means, start populating that into this tab, the feedback for findings.

So, again, we will be tracking all of the action items, and you'll see that there is a hyperlink for the meeting where the action item was created or referenced. So, if you have any questions, you can refer back to the notes for that meeting or the recording as applicable. Does anybody have any questions about action items?

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: If I may, Caitlin, for a second.

CAITLIN TUBERGEN: Yes.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: So, on this second item, we discussed this last time, I believe, very briefly. I'm not expecting you guys to go and fill it in immediately. I think that Brady's going to-- It might take a conversation of two to four people, but there are ideas. I know, for a fact, I hope I'm not disclosing any secret, but that the registrars already started working on it. I would encourage all parties to look at it, so to look at it, to sort of get back into the charter questions and start sort of compiling thoughts here. I'd like, if possible, to engage this conversation during ICANN, so we're talking a month and a bit. So, if you can come prepared for that, it'll be a lot more interesting.

The other one that Caitlin talked about, and it was the events, I want to say that I've also had a conversation last week with the ICANN team, and the name escapes me right now, who works on those events, organizes all this outreach and etc. The Global Stakeholder Engagement team, thank you very much. And we had a good conversation. I was happy to hear that there is a lot of work that is happening, if not specifically to RDRS. Every time they have events, there is an RDRS pitch, at least when it fits, and there are questions and answers and etc.

I've shared at least my own personal view, which is that the committee should be involved as much as possible in these events, and we already started them later this hour. I think that John is going to give us a bit of a debrief on the event he attended two weeks ago. Anyway. So, I've started engaging with that team, I think that we need to do more, I think that we need to participate in what they're doing and vice versa, but so it's also a bit of sharing it.

So, I've asked them to give us a list of the events that they've organized and attended to and spoken with RDRS at, and we'll add that to the sheet, and if you can add your own, it'll give us a better view of how much outreach has been done. And it's never enough, there's always room for more, but how much is important also to sort of understand who's heard of it and who's heard of us in the next 12 months when we drop our report. Back to you, Caitlin.

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CAITLIN TUBERGEN: Thanks, Seb. Were there any other questions about the management of the sheet, or any questions with the contents of the sheet? I don't see any hands raised, so I will go back to the agenda and back over to Seb.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Yeah, I guess that means I need to mute myself. So, you've received the August usage report. To my knowledge, there was nothing, and correct me if I'm wrong, but I didn't see anything in terms of different metrics or presentation compared to the previous. Did anybody want to raise any point, anything that they saw coming out of this report that they wanted to note?

And whilst people are thinking about it, I wanted to note that two weeks ago, Eleeza raised the possibility of reducing the cadence on those reports, going on a quarterly report, there was a bit of pushback. We agreed that at the very least, we would keep it for the rest of the first year, so until November. But it turns out that the team looked at it again in more detail, and I don't know if it's a final-final, but what I understood last week is that actually it doesn't make a huge difference, and they will continue on the same cadence.

So, it was never a question for those that enjoy the CSV like I do. That was always going to be monthly. We're still on the fence about having it published or not. But the PDF that you're looking at right now, and if we scroll down, maybe it'll drop a bit of memory for those that looked at it two weeks ago, or 10 days ago when it came out. Yeah, we're going to keep that as a monthly report. There are, I believe, still the matrix about the jurisdictions that need to be added. But apart from

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that, we're getting to a report that is now pretty stable, which was what we wanted to do anyway to make sure that we can track the data over time and look at it, look at the previous editions. I see Steve with his hand raised.

STEVE CROCKER:

Thank you. Steve Crocker for the record. So, discussing the metrics and how frequently to collect, well, how frequently to report them and so forth. What sort of thinking, if any, has gone into what to do with the data? What kind of analysis, what kind of questions are seeking to be answered, and what kind of conclusions can be drawn or are looking to be drawn from the data? It would seem to me, and I think this has been mentioned already, that one could begin using the data that we have to sort of test or experiment with the kinds of questions and the kinds of answers that we're looking for.

Over the next period of time, there may or may not be a dramatic shift in the statistics. Odds are that it will not be a dramatic shift, and so you can sort of test what the results of this experiment are going to be with the current data and say based on what we know now, what would you start thinking about for the future. Thank you.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

So, thank you, Steve. This is exactly part of what I had in mind for our discussion next month in Istanbul. I know we haven't looked at that data in that way, or at least I haven't, and I don't think our staff has. They're ready to help if we have ideas or if we have particular queries that we want done, but it hasn't been done, but it definitely needs to be

done. And I think that there's already a few conclusions that can be drawn. I'm not sure if your conclusions are my conclusions, but there are, I think, already a number of things that are failing. Any other comments? I see none, so maybe we can go back to the agenda. So, who was going to take point four? I think that goes on staff's side again.

CAITLIN TUBERGEN:

Thanks, Seb. We already covered this a bit during the action items, but I can quickly show it on the screen again just as a reminder. And as you noted, this is a new tab that staff created, and we don't anticipate people immediately coming here and putting observations. Unless there's some that you have and you'd like to share, by all means, please populate it into the sheet.

But there's a reminder of the group's charter from the Council on the assignments of the group, and one of the assignments is to document the specific lessons learned that should be factored into the consideration of the SSAD recommendations as well as suggestions to the Council for the proposed recommendation to the ICANN Board when the Council and ICANN Board meet to discuss the RDRS. And so, if there's any observations, I know, Seb, you mentioned that registrars have been working in the background on some thoughts, and maybe others have as well. When people feel ready to share, by all means, we encourage you to populate it into the workbook.

And we would recommend doing this well in advance of ICANN81 so that there's time to digest and have a fruitful conversation on the



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ground while you're there. But were there any questions about the feedback for findings report?

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

No, I see none. Thank you very much, Caitlin. Let's get back. I'm liking today. I was working on the agenda at a good pace. So, events. So, as I mentioned, I had a call last week, and we talked about a number of things, but we talked about an event that was held recently for the LAC region, and which was attended by John McElwaine, who I'm picking up the call, actually. Yes, you are. Great. So, maybe I'll show you. I'm not going to steal your thunder and let you explain how it went and what was discussed and all the good things that came out of it.

JOHN MCELWAINE:

Sure. Thanks, Seb. I don't have the exact number in front of me, but I think there was about 45 people that attended, obviously all from Latin America in the Caribbean region. Really good presentation by ICANN staff on the background of the RDRS. And then I came in and provided, like basically walked people through what it takes to go through the system, and little hints, like provided them some draft language that could be used for power of attorney, and talked a little bit about some of the trends that we were seeing as requesters, and then finished with some of the wish lists things or other issues that we had seen as requesters.

And then we took some questions. There were probably about three or four questions, and the presentation was recorded, and there was some

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interest in getting it out to other people that couldn't make it. But all in all, I think it was a good educational session.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

Yeah, I had the same from ICANN. They were very happy with your participation and also for the themes that you touched upon, and particularly wanting to make sure that people understood not only how it worked, but how to make it work for a requester like you, which I think was really appreciated.

And it's part of the information I'm sort of waiting for from them. I don't have the attendance. Your guess is as good as what I heard, but see, there was also some mention, for example, of maybe it wasn't Argentina, but maybe it was the district attorney in Argentina that had questions, and sort of interest there that was sort of highlighted. Eleeza, go ahead. I see you hand up.

ELEEZA AGOPIAN:

Thank you. Yes, I think the number you quoted was right, John. I'm looking for the correct number of attendees, but I'll find that and let you all know. I just wanted to compliment John again, because I think he really did do a good job in explaining how to make it work for a requester, as Seb said. We actually had a few of our engagement colleagues on the call who found those explanations really helpful, and they're going to point to that recording when they engage with potential requester audiences.

So, we're really grateful for that, John. Thank you. And also, for your willingness to volunteer for our Prep Week webinar, which will be the 30th of October, as you can see here. We'd love to have a registrar representative also on that call, so either someone from this group or really any of the registrars who are participating, we'd love your help in kind of getting the word out. It'd be nice to kind of show the perspectives of both sides, those who are requesting and those receiving requests on what they're looking for, sort of akin to the session that the RrSG held in Kigali.

So, I wanted to highlight that for everyone, but again, just to say thank you. It was really well attended. We did have only a few questions. The individual that John mentioned, I believe she was from the Argentine. She's probably not a district attorney there, but something similar to that, law enforcement, who had some questions about how those requests are processed through the system, but I think it was very well received and a lot of good engagement, so thank you.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

Great. I will attend, but I should remind everybody that, of course, in spite of my employer's name, I'm not a registrar, so I can't speak on behalf of registrars, so you know who you are if you're itching to raise your hand and volunteer. But in general, again, I think this group should participate. I'm particularly, again, concerned by those of you who are in touch with what is not the ICANN community, that goes beyond. And there, in that case, John, thank you very much, because indeed, it's the part of the rest-- I mean, it's the rest of the world that

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we're always finding very difficult to reach out to, so I really hope you guys can help them.

Any further questions on this? I don't have any. The next webinar is noted, and there will be other webinars. The engagement team is also committed to send us a schedule of what they're looking into and where we can fit to make sure we can let go. And yeah, again, thank you, John, for that first experience. I think really, really open-- well, I don't know if it needed to be opened, but open their eyes to the fact that there's a lot of things that we can bring to these discussions.

Anyway. With this, and we still have 25 minutes to go through it, I'm going quickly through the list of participants. And I think that we wanted to look at requester enhancements, but again, most of these things are either signed by Farzaneh or Gabriel, neither of which are here, so if there is anything on the requester side that one of the residents want to discuss or talk to. I think, Eleeza, did you have questions? Because I understand from Lisa that you had questions that you want to open. No, you didn't. Okay.

ELEEZA AGOPIAN:

All right. No, I do not. And I did know that both Farzaneh and Gabriel aren't here, so I'm not sure. I'm happy to try to answer questions if I can, but nothing new for me.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

Does anybody want to pick up from them? Oh, there you go. Steve DelBianco, go ahead.

STEVE DELBIANCO: Hello, Sebastien. Looking at items that are either pending or pending discussion to see whether the Standing Committee has consensus or wrong. I would love to know the current status of which items simply await this body having a debate. Realizing that without Farzi and Gabe here, that might not be the best thing to do, but I'd like to at least tee up to make it attractive for them to join our next call so that we can resolve things that are currently pending, pending consensus to move ahead.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: So, on the side of Farzaneh, I don't know that there was anything. She said in the email. I didn't have time to read in details, but she sent an email earlier today that had some questions for Eleeza. So, I think that that part is-- On the side of Gabe, there was one or two things that were not a priority and one or two things also that might have been linked, and maybe Steve Crockett can help us here, link to the API you referred to before the call started, Steve.

I don't know exactly where things are at there, if it's something that is coming back to us or if it's something that you guys are definitely going to deal with outside of this particular discussion, or sorry, this committee. But otherwise, no, I don't know that there is anything pending either. But they said Gabriel has been absent for a few calls now, and I don't even know that we did take the opportunity of his presence last time he was on to go through all his items. So, I don't quite know if anything is.

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Sorry, I have a long-drawn answer here, but last time we left it that there was nothing that was on fire, needing urgent attention, and that the API thing, Gabe and Steve Crocker, were going to look at separately.

STEVE CROCKER: If you're waiting for me to offer some helpful stuff.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: I'm offering you the mic. I'm not waiting, but offering if you can, yeah.

STEVE CROCKER: Yeah. No, I'm not sure I follow completely the question that you're asking.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS: Gabriel and you agreed, I want to say a month ago, to maybe take out the API discussion out of this and see how it could be handled outside. Is this something that is progressing? Is this something you're finding grounds on? Or is it something that is going to come back to us in a few weeks?

STEVE CROCKER: Okay. So yes, he and I have had some discussion. My impression, I want to be careful not to speak for him, but my impression is that there is activity proceeding within his organization, which I'm not privy to directly. I think they're just working on whatever they're working on. So, I would recommend asking him for whatever he wants to offer up.

SEBASTIEN DUCOS:

Okay. Fair enough. Fair enough. Okay. Well, that's good. I'll maybe send him an email and see if he can either attend in two weeks or if he can't, send me some notes and I'll share that with the group. Okay? I don't know that it's worth us spending our time relooking at these things without him. We will look at files in his email and try to answer a few questions that might be in there.

And if that, there is no real good reason for me to hold you back for half an hour apart from being happy together. So, if that's that, and if there is no AOB or anything anybody want to ask, I'm more than happy to give you 30 minutes back of your day. Once, twice, been great. Thank you very much and talk to you in two weeks.

DEVAN REED:

Thank you. Bye.

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