JULIE BISLAND: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. Welcome to the GNSO Standing Selection Committee call on Wednesday, the 30th of July, 2025. We have apologies from Julf Helsingius. All documentation and information can be found on the Wiki space. Recordings will be posted on the public Wiki space shortly after the end of the call. Please remember to state your name before speaking for the recording. And as a reminder, participation in ICANN, including this session, is governed by the ICANN Expected Standards of Behavior and the ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy.

And with that, I'll turn the call back over to Chair Karen Day. Please begin, Karen.

KAREN DAY: Thank you, Julie. Good afternoon, everyone. Good evening, good morning, wherever you may be. Hope those of you in the AP region aren't being affected by the tsunami waves I'm hearing about here in the states. We are surviving the heat and looking forward to some cooling rain coming soon. But otherwise, I hope everybody's having a great summer.

Does anyone have any updates to their SOIs that they need to alert us to at this time?

Not seeing any hands on that front. We will begin our work today on the non-registry liaison and alternate to the Customer Standing Committee. And I will now ask our great, great staff to take over and walk us through our survey results and our comments. Saewon, are you going to take this?

SAEWON LEE: Yes, Karen, thank you so much. I hope we can get through quickly and make it as efficient as possible.

So first of all, the survey results were shared with all of you prior to this call. And as Julia has shared in the chat, you can download them from the wiki agenda page. And now I will switch the screen where you can see the timeline as well as the process for this selection process on the wiki page. And I will also try to share with you on the chat where you can also see the candidates.

Before I start, let me also, like last time, switch up my screen. Please give me a second. Okay, so I hope you can all see this now. So, like last time, I'll start by providing you with some background information. The survey or the poll opened last Monday, 21st of July, and closed Monday, 28th of July. So it was open for one week. We had six respondents in total again out of nine, and they were Natalie Howatson from Registrar Stakeholder Group, Segunfunmi Olajide from BC, Pedro Lana from NCSG, Karen Day from Registry Stakeholder Group, Julf Helsingius also from NCSG,

and Mike Rodenbaugh from IPC. Again, thank you to all those who responded and as always, we really do value all your input to get the discussions going today.

So, for this nomination for the non-registry liaison and alternate positions to the Customer Standing Committee, we had in total three candidates, as you can see in this screen. I'll try to enlarge this for you a bit. And you can also see the ranking according to the survey results. So the number in black, as always, is the weighted average score of the candidates. And besides that, the red is the rank ranking based on the results. And here, as you can see, John Gbadamosi (I hope I'm not butchering the name) has ranked number one with an average score of three. And as some responders noted, he also happens to be the current non-registry liaison alternate to the CSC. And second was Anil Jain with an average of two rounded up from 1.6. which you can see below here, and Hago Dafalla with one rounded from 1.4.

The individual responses and comments per candidate was also obviously shared with you, which can be viewed through the Responses All file. And the three things to point out here are, first, that Anil Jain's supporting document (so, CV) did come in. It came in a bit later and was uploaded to the Wiki a few days after the survey started. So those that responded in the first two days probably did not see his CV, which was a part of some of the

comments. But I would just like to let you know that it did come in and it is on the Wiki now.

The second is that, as I mentioned earlier, John Gbadamosi happens to be currently serving the CSC as a non-registry liaison alternate and is ending this year.

The third is that through this process today, we can choose here both the liaison who will be first place and alternate who will be second place per the ranking.   And obviously this is all up to should the SSC decide to do so. But I do want to mention that it is not mandatory, and the selection will depend on the qualifications of the candidates, though each group is encouraged to fill the non-registry alternately as on position.

And just to remind you all again, the results from the survey today are intended as a discussion guide, not as a means of making any final determination. So please make note of that as well.   But again, we do value all your input. So thank you all. And I hope that this could essentially support the decision making process today.

So I think with that, I will hand it over to Karen. Over to you, Karen.

KAREN DAY: Thank you, Saewon.   As always, we appreciate your help and doing the math. I will, in full transparency, start out by saying I was

one of those who did the survey on day one and commented about the missing CV. So I personally, for lack of a better term, had dinged Anil for that lack of CV. So I will go back and I can look at it now while we're talking.

But anyway, regardless of that, with regard to the actual liaison position itself, it seems like we have a clear leader in John. Would anyone like to speak either in support of or against moving forward with John as the candidate for the role of liaison.

MIKE RODENBAUGH: Hey, Karen, it's Mike.

KAREN DAY: Hey, Mike.

MIKE RODENBAUGH: I would just say, I don't know that it's necessarily a clear leader if he actually did submit a CV[. I]t seems like that could have affected your vote. And I thought maybe one other when I browse through the comments this morning.

KAREN DAY: So, Mike, it was Anil that didn't submit their CV on time.

MIKE RODENBAUGH:	Yeah, that's what I meant. Yeah. And it's only two to one, so it's not like it's an overwhelming landslide here. So I just wonder if it's closer than it is because his CV wasn't circulated.
KAREN DAY:	Okay. All right. If we take it from that, my rankings would stay the same.
MIKE RODENBAUGH:	Okay.
KAREN DAY:	I had Anil at third. John is one, and Hago is two. Would anybody change their vote for John based on having had access to Anil's CV or any other reasons?
	Okay, I see Pedro's note in the chat. He was the other person who commented on the CV, but you'd maintain that John's first choice. Segunfunmi, please go ahead.
SEGUNFUNMI OLAJIDE:	Good day, everyone. I think it's people who fill in the form or who submitted the survey before he submitted a CV that should rather be given a chance to maybe reconsider their choice or their selection rather. I don't even get that.

KAREN DAY: I'm sorry, was that a question?

SEGUNFUNMI OLAJIDE: No, I'm only suggesting that it's … For me, my ranking will remain the same because the CV was [inaudible] as at the time I filled in the survey.

KAREN DAY: Okay, great. Thank you.

SEGUNFUNMI OLAJIDE: I want to give a fair chance. It would be people who submitted the survey before they were able to see the CV that you have a reconsideration for.

KAREN DAY: Right. Saewon, I know there were the two of us that commented on it in the results. How many people actually submitted their surveys before the CV was posted?

SAEWON LEE: I can't say for sure. Once the survey was open, which was Monday, I think Anil's CV was posted immediately after; Tuesday or so. And I think two responses came in before that.

KAREN DAY: Okay. All right. That would be Pedro and I, so we'll cover that. Thank you. Susan, go ahead.

SUSAN MOHR: I just wanted to clarify, was Anil's CV published late because he submitted it late? Or was there just an issue with the system that didn't allow it to get posted on time?

SAEWON LEE: It was submitted late.

SUSAN MOHR: It was submitted late? Okay, thank you.

KAREN DAY: Okay, so let's break this into two parts, I think. If we can have a hand raising and if you can use your symbols in the chat or speak, are we comfortable moving forward with John as the candidate for the main liaison role?

Natalie is comfortable. I've given a thumbs up. Mike Rodenbaugh has given a thumbs up. Susan has given a thumbs up. Bruna? All right, I believe … And Pedro, yes, we're good?

All right, well, based on that, Saewon, I believe that you have what you need to move forward with issuing the consensus call to the team. Do you need anything else with that before we move on to the alternate?

SAEWON LEE: With the liaison, I'm clear with the results.

KAREN DAY: All right. Now let's talk about the alternate. As Saewon has told us, we have the option of appointing an alternate we are not obligated to. I would be comfortable with submitting an alternate of these two candidates that we had. Anyone have any different views and think that we should leave the alternate position open?

I see Susan wants to fill it. Mike says fill it with Anil.

All right, well, let's briefly discuss the two candidates then. And I would be interested in anybody who wants to voice an opinion. I do not know either of these persons. I thought Anil's answers were limited and not so well crafted, but that may be a language issue that I'm not aware of. So I had placed the vote for Hago.

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I see we have Mike and Susan in support of Aneel. Does anyone else want to voice an opinion?

Natalie, please.

NATALIE HOWATSON: I voted in the same line of thought as you, Karen, where I just didn't feel Anil's answers were as strong. But again, like you said, I don't personally know him or Hago either, so it could also just be a language thing.

KAREN DAY: All right, thanks, Natalie. Does anyone that supported Anil want to speak to his qualifications to help Natalie and I out? Thanks, Susan. Go ahead. Then Mike.

SUSAN MOHR: You bet. I would just say, I think, for two reasons, I would support Anil as the alternate. One is that, overall, on the score, he scored higher. Granted, it's close to Hago's score, but he did score higher in the overall rankings.

And then second, I do know him personally. He's a member of the ISPCP. He's a strong participant in ISPCP. He's done a lot of work around universal acceptance and has been a member for some time.

So it may have been a language barrier. I'm not sure about that, but I do think that he is a good, strong candidate.

KAREN DAY: Excellent. Thank you for that, Susan. Mike?

MIKE RODENBAUGH: Echoing a bit of what Susan said, I'm familiar with Anil, just from the Commercial Stakeholder Group. I know he's been very active in lots of things. As the former CEO of NIXI, he certainly has a really good experience, I think, as a customer dealing with IANA. So he just seemed to, for me, have far stronger qualifications than Hago.

KAREN DAY: Very good. Thank you, Mike. I appreciate that input.

I see in the chat Pedro is saying that he thought Anil likewise has a bit more specific experience, but he has no strong stance on either of them.

Anyone else want to contribute to the conversation? Mike, is that an old hand? Gotcha.

Okay, well, not seeing any new hands—oh, wait a minute. Am I missing something in the chat here? Let's see. "Because Hago had

put a bit more effort in the application." Oh, I got it. I see that, Pedro.

All right. Based on all the input that we have received today on the call and based on what you saw in the written submissions, could I have a show of hands of those that would be comfortable moving forward with Anil as the alternate?

I see three hands in … four. Okay, I've got four in favor. Those opposed to moving forward with Anil, you can … Pedro has weighed in in favor of Anil. I don't see any hands as opposed.

Therefore, three have commented in the chat that they are in favor of Anil, so I believe we have consensus of our team members here on the call that we will ask Saewon to include Anil as the alternate on the consensus call.

Saewon, are you okay with moving forward with that?

SAEWON LEE: Very okay with moving with that. Thank you so much.

So as of the discussions today, we will issue John Gbadamosi (I'm so sorry; I don't want to butcher his name) as the liaison and Anil Jain as the alternate.

As you can see in the screen, the timeline is as follows. So with the decision today, a consensus call message will be sent out for 48

hours following this meeting, per usual. So that would mean it would be out until Friday, 1st of August. And if no objections, the preliminary decision will be sent to the CSC support team prior to council confirmation. And this is just for the information, and this will be sent to them by the 1st of August. And then this result will also be sent to the GNSO Council for their confirmation on 14th of August during their August Council meeting. And just for your information (and this was also on the wiki), the terms of these new roles are to begin on 1st of October.

Any questions?

Okay. Karen, if it's okay, could I go straight on to another order of business in the next-steps item?

KAREN DAY: Yes, ma'am, absolutely.

SAEWON LEE: Okay.

KAREN DAY: The freight train is leaving the station. I understand.

SAEWON LEE:　　　　　So there is one more order of business to this next-step item. And this came in freshly today after the agenda was shared, so apologies that this is abruptly shared with you now. But some of you here may know already that the Review Of Reviews work is on its full steam ahead. And there is a need to select two members or two representatives from the GNSO community to serve on the Review of Reviews Cross-Community Group. I don't really have much information or more details as of now, but we are trying to move this along where obviously the selection needs to be done through the SSC, and the candidates are not limited to the councilors and [it's] quite open to the community, and though everything is currently up in the air and uncertain, and obviously it's also still in discussion with the council leadership, it will most likely need to be done as quickly as possible through this process.

I had a talk with Karen before the call where we find it may be beneficial to save a date for our next meeting or the selection process just in case. So if you see in the screen right now that I'm sharing with you, this is the tentative timeline that we suggest. During this week, we will send out a Doodle poll that will be most probably suggesting a meeting on the 19th of August so that we could confirm and submit a name by the 22nd of August. And I hope this day will work for you all.

And I just wanted to share this with you as one of our next steps. I don't know if I can answer anything much more specific than this as of now, but any questions about this so far?

KAREN DAY: It's not a question, but I just wanted to say for the group's benefit, if you've not been following this issue, personally, I expect we are going to be inundated with candidates to represent the GNSO in this very high-interest topic. So I know it's August, I know people are dodging vacation (I am too), but for that week between the 11th when the deadline for the submissions and then when we would need to start our polling the next week, please make sure that you're available to give it the attention that it's going to need. And if others think I'm crazy and that nobody's going to want to do this and we'll have one applicant, please let me know. But personally I think this one is going to be very heavily contended.

SAEWON LEE: Sure. And thank you for bringing that up, Karen. As I said already, this is still a work in progress. Everything is up in the air where, where staff, Council leadership, is still in discussion about how to get this going. The call for volunteers has not been sent out either, and this timeline is still tentative. But because things are moving so quickly on that end, we are trying to follow with the progress, and basically we'll try to see which timeline works best. This is

just as a suggestion because, again, as fresh news, we heard that we might need to submit the names by the 22nd of August. But we will definitely keep a close eye on the candidate applications as well as the poll.

KAREN DAY: Thank you, Saewon. I appreciate it. We know you'll let us know as soon as you know anything.

SAEWON LEE: Sure.

KAREN DAY: Anyone have anything else they wanted to add to this discussion or anything else we've hit on during our call today?

Well, that being—go ahead, Saewon. Was that you?

SAEWON LEE: Nope.

KAREN DAY: Sorry. Okay, well, that being said then, it looks like we are at a point where we can wrap up today's call. And we will be on

standby for email from Saewon and team with a Doodle poll to set up our time once they know more.

And I hope everybody has a good rest of your day and rest of your summer. Thank you.

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