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Manal Ismail: Should we get started?

Woman: Yes please.

Man: Hello.

Manal Ismail: Okay, this is Manal Ismail, vice chair of the ATRT and replacing Brian until he joins the call. Alice can we know who is missing from the call right now?

Man: Hello?

Woman: Okay Brian has joined the call.

Woman: Okay.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Okay thanks, Manal just asked for a roll call, Alice can you do that please?

Alice Jansen: Okay, on the call tonight we have Alexander Kulik, Brian Cute, Caroline Nolan, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Chris Disspain, Erick Iriarte Ahon, Fabio

Colasanti, Feng Guo, James Bladel, Louis Lee, Manal Ismail and
(unintelligible).

Urs Gasser as well.

Man: Hello this is Feng speaking. Tijani is here too.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Excellent.

Brian Cute: Thanks Alice, have we started the recording yet?

Alice Jansen: Yes.

Peter Dengate Thrush: Brian it's Peter, I was just maybe add myself to the roll call, I'm on mute because I'm in traffic.

Brian Cute: Very good, thank you Peter. I'm sorry?

Fiona Alexander: Fiona, I just joined as well.

Brian Cute: Hi Fiona, my apologies, I just got out of traffic myself. So good luck with that Peter. Okay this is the ATRT call, first order of business, did everyone receive a copy, did anyone not receive a copy of the agenda?

Okay, any proposed changes to the agenda, it's a brief one.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I like short and sweet, I was hoping the meeting might be as well.

Brian Cute: It will be. Hearing no suggested changes we'll proceed with the agenda as written. And the first item is status of working group reports.

In lieu of doing a round table and asking everyone to give a status of their reports it seems that the work is well underway across the four working groups.

Interviews are being lined up and conducted and as far as I can tell it seems as though the work is moving apace. What I would like to put forward on this item is just a simple request that each of the working groups and their respective leaders and authors of the documents now move to drafting recommendations or drafting proposed recommendations.

The reason I'm asking that we do this and I'd like everyone to get their respective updated reports with draft proposed recommendations back to the list and the team by Monday.

And the purpose of this really is with an eye toward our meetings in Boston. It's very important that even though we have three days it won't be a long time and we need to be very efficient in how we work in Boston.

I think it's critical that the review team come into the Boston meeting with Berkman with draft proposed recommendations to begin our focus there.

And then to work with Berkman to get their inputs and as I like to say just go through the exercise of kicking the tires or checking the foundation of those draft proposed recommendations.

So that's the request to each of the working groups that I understand that you're still in the process of conducting interviews, that there's still data gathering that's underway but my sense is that each of the working groups has

a sufficient basis to date to begin drafting proposed recommendations, getting those circulated and continuing with their data collection.

I'd like to put that to the team for any discussion, any discussion or questions?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Cheryl here Brian.

Brian Cate: Yes Cheryl.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Hi, thank you. Just supporting of what you said, I think it's very important that we have the draft up for a little bit of airplane reading for many of us apart from anything else as we gather together in Berkman.

I just want to ask a question and to seek the opinion of the whole of the ATRT is to how we're going to ensure while we're together and face to face time in Boston to get a unified look and feel to the styles of these slightly already very different design reports.

I mean we do have a template which is a lot of variation on the theme. And also recognizing that there's going to be an inevitable amount of wordsmithing that's going to be going on in the Boston meeting and what sort of collaboration tool or otherwise are you planning on using in the face to face so that our draft can be put in a suitable format so it just integrates straight in.

Brian Cate: Well I can offer my thoughts and I'm certainly open to suggestion to do it better. As a first matter, asking all the working groups to have draft proposed recommendations included in their next iteration by Monday would give us a little less than a week.

But a week to try to integrate the four products into one report so that's the meaning of having the extra days there next week to work on that structurally.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Brian with all due respect that's just not going to happen. The four group reports really aren't going to start to be woven together until some of the additional work is done when we interchange with the reports in Boston.

I was just going to track it into a format that integrates effectively when we are trying to weave it together and that's why I asking that particular tools or mechanisms you wanted to use.

Chris Disspain: Cheryl it's Chris, Brian can I say something?

Brian Cote: Certainly.

Chris Disspain: If we spend out three days in Boston worrying about whether the working group one report is in the same format as working group two, three or four, then we won't get anything done.

The key is to get the recommendations agreed and the principle wording of the recommendations agreed. The wording is the background, the wording is the research and all of that stuff and it will be done afterwards I think.

It's the critical point is simply to come up with a series of recommendations and specifically the words for those because let's face it, it's the words in the recommendations that matter more than anything else.

But we will agree. If we'd like to achieve that then frankly three of us or four of us spend the next two days after that trying to get the report in some semblance of order.

That will be a huge win I think.

Brian Cute: And I would agree with that Chris and one of the things that we had talked about is identifying you know maybe two at the absolute most members of the review team who will take on the drafting task when we're in Boston. So that we're working on a final document that is focused on the recommendations and getting that wording just right.

But a small team that can break off on its own on an as needed basis to finish that job while we're in Boston. In terms of managing the rest of the structure Cheryl I do think we can use and I can use some of the time next week to see if there are cleaner ways to integrate the balance of those documents.

And that's time well spent next week in advance of Boston. I also have made plans to fly out to Boston next Wednesday to spend the day with Urs and Caroline to go through the report that they'll be presenting to us.

So that we'll have a preview of it and put some thought to if that report is going to impact the report that goes out for public comments.

Understand what those impacts might be and try to have a strategy before we sit down on Monday to make sure we can do that efficiently and minimize any writing challenges while we're in Boston.

So that's the schedule as well.

Chris Disspain: Brian it's Chris again, can I ask a question just of actual reason about (unintelligible). May I - we've got a series of interviews to do which we're

going to start tomorrow morning and hopefully they'll be over within you know a week or so.

But and that makes it quite difficult I think to draft some recommendations until at least we've informed ourselves with the interviews.

What do you think is achieved by having them ready by next Monday? I mean I don't think - do you think the recommendations might come as such a surprise to the other members of the ATRT that they're going to need a week to absorb them?

Or what?

Brian Cote: The notion was just in terms of drafting efficiencies, getting a first look, seeing if there was any you know significant editing that might need to be done.

I realize the interviews are going to inform the recommendations. I haven't asked the team to draft recommendations until now because we need to do our ground work.

If a given team's interview schedule isn't completed until next Wednesday or Thursday interviews are critical to formulating the draft recommendation then by all means carry on and have the interviews that you need to have so you're in a position to draft.

And if that's the case, that's the case. I would like to think you know worst case scenario we have something circulated by Thursday at the absolute least because people will be getting on a plane by that time.

Chris Disspain: Okay.

Brian Cute: Any other comment, discussion? Can I ask if there's any working group that has difficulty or has had difficulty in scheduling their interviews or feels that they won't have their interviews completed by the time we head off to Boston?

Are there any issues we need to address? Alice you've been coordinating with all the working groups, correct?

Alice Jansen: With working group one and working group four as well, three sorry. And four as well.

Brian Cute: Any potential scheduling difficulties or challenges that you're seeing?

Alice Jansen: No, at this time everything seems to be running smoothly. We've - I've prepared (unintelligible) so far and I think the - seems to be under control.

Brian Cute: Okay, while we're on interviews...

Manal Ismail: Brian sorry, this is Manal, yes. As you know Willie is stepping down and Fabio is taking over and we'll hopefully have a smooth transition but I don't think we'll be done with the interviews before Boston.

But one approach that was suggested by Willie and (unintelligible) but it was not discussed thoroughly over the list was that we start drafting as you say and try to integrate with the outputs of the case studies with Berkman in Boston.

And then continue working on the interviews afterwards and may be also getting some feedback on the recommendations themselves during the interviews.

Fabio Colasanti: Fabio here. Manal is quite right and I was going to call Willie tomorrow morning because Willie sent us a message but he doesn't say much about the interviews.

But still even if the interviews are not completed, I entirely agree with Brian that we should start working on recommendations on the basis of what we have now.

I'm sure the interviews will resolve in some adjustments here and there but they will not change fundamentally our view of the problems.

We have been discussing these issues long enough to be able to start producing some kind of draft. And I think it's important that we go to Boston with already drafts in our pockets.

And then in Boston we adjust them.

Brian Cute: Thanks Fabio.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Cheryl here, I think that sort of covers what I was trying to get to earlier, that I think we're going to have to do the significant wordsmithing on the recommendations as a larger group when each of us share the preliminary recommendations that the individual teams are coming up with.

And that's going to be more effectively done face to face.

Brian Cute: Thank you Cheryl. Any other comments? My concern is this, and the reason I push this issue in terms of asking the working groups to draft proposed recommendations for next week.

I'm hearing the concern about finishing interviews and understand that. I have looked at the affirmation and tried to see a pathway for a Plan B if you will.

That is to say if we got into Boston and the work wasn't at a stage that we felt comfortable with in putting out to public comment.

And the unfortunate news is the affirmation does not give us much wiggle room. There was a scenario I was envisioning of perhaps if we felt we needed to do more work then we could buy some time into December and perhaps you know provide a report to the board they could put out to public comment after the first of the year.

So the affirmation doesn't provide us that kind of wiggle room, so my immediate focus is on efficiencies, is on getting the drafting done, avoiding coming in to Boston where we are formulating recommendations.

I really fear that if that's how we come into Boston we are creating a risk that we won't get the job properly done. So what I will ask each of the working groups to do is to do your best efforts to draft proposed recommendations as part of your document.

Please have them circulated by Thursday at the latest next week. If there's a fundamental reason why you can't do that then you know let me know and let's discuss that.

But I think the entire team I agree Cheryl, the entire team working on the recommendations in Boston is the crux of Boston.

But the entire team also seeing the draft proposed recommendations from each of the four and seeing the substance and the format would be a big advantage before we sit down on Monday the 11th.

So I'll ask the working group teams to - as you objective to have draft proposed recommendations no later than next Thursday circulated to the list so we can take the next steps and prepare for Boston.

Chris Disspain: That sounds about right to me Brian.

Brian Cate: Okay. Any other thoughts? Okay hearing none, let's move to number two which is the agenda for the meetings with Berkman. We - I noted that I'll be in Boston next Wednesday to sit down with Urs and Caroline and go over their report in detail with an eye toward what elements of that might integrate with the existing drafts.

What might change the existing drafts and what do we have to anticipate in terms of an integration task and then also what Berkman might be footing for that might have a kind of stand alone quality that could be in addition to what the working groups have done.

And how we would integrate that into a request for public comment. Urs and Caroline do you have anything to add in terms of the report that's in the works and your view of managing the (unintelligible)?

Urs Gasser: So this is Urs, just a brief update from our side, we are more or less in the same situation of course like the working groups, we are having lots of interviews, have a day full of interviews today.

We are incorporating our findings from the interviews as we speak, this has been a process for almost two weeks now into the case studies.

You will get all the draft case studies as work in progress tomorrow. We will then prepare and work hard towards an annotated outline of our report that we can discuss with Brian on Wednesday.

And hopefully you know can follow the approach Brian just outlined for the three day meeting.

I think the details of the three days how we want to structure it is something we need to discuss ideally with Brian during his visit.

We are - have booked several faculty members to come in over the course of the three days for specific questions that may come up within their area of expertise.

Obviously it was not possible to get all the faculty in the room for three days but we will have a chance to talk to each faculty member at some point.

So these are some of the considerations, they are very much looking forward to a productive meeting.

Brian Cate: Thank you Urs. How is - since you mentioned your interview schedule how is that proceeding? Do you see any challenges on the interviews that you have

lined up in terms of getting people on the calendar and getting them completed in time for Boston?

Caroline Nolan: Hi Brian, this is Caroline. I have at this point conducted over 40 interviews as Urs mentioned today, we did six interviews with different staff members which was extremely helpful.

We also has received comments from them on the questionnaires in our request for information all of which have been helpful to our process and certainly the case study front.

And we will later factor them into our final report. I think the process that you have all touched on in your comments is one that we face as well. We've done as Urs mentioned a number of interviews in the past two weeks.

And we have the same issue of going kind of back and forth between the baseline structure of our document and then seeking to incorporate interview comments as we go.

I think that the process that Manal and Fabio outlined are very much lines up with what we've adopted and (unintelligible). So - but we have been able to set up a number of interviews.

And we expect to continue on after we give our draft cases to the review team tomorrow.

Brian Cute: Very good. Okay then any other discussion or questions or suggestions about structuring the agenda for the meetings with Berkman on the 11th, 12th and 13th, open floor.

Any concern about the rough outline we're discussing? Okay then with that as I said I'll be in Boston next Wednesday and sit down with Urs and Caroline and our goal will be to produce our proposed agenda for the three days that comes out of that meeting to circulate to the review team.

Any other questions or discussion on agenda, item number two? Okay, hearing none, we're at three, other business. There is a specific bit of other business we have to address which is the meeting - the interactions with the board and with the public in Cartagena.

I know that the - I think that the time for Sunday with the board was firmly set Alice but public interaction on Monday was not necessarily firm, is that correct?

Alice Jansen: This is correct, that's right.

Brian Cute: Okay, what time do we have for the board on Sunday if you could remind us?

Alice Jansen: This has not been established yet. I mean (Diane) needs to talk - to discuss this with Peter if I'm not mistaken. And I believe there is a session on Sunday morning as well as on Monday morning.

Brian Cute: So there's a session with the review team itself to have a pre-meeting before we meet with the board. And that's right, (Diane) had posed a few questions about the structure of the meeting, whether it was going to be open or closed.

And whether there would be scribing, whether it was going to be remote participation. I would assume we would do it the same way as we did in Brussels.

Alice Jansen: So keep everything open and close if necessary basically?

Brian Cute: Well you know I think we also - it's also a question for the board as well. Our default is an open meeting but it's a question for the board. Does the review team have a - anyone on the review team have a strong feeling about the interaction with the board in Cartagena, open, closed? Scribed?

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Cheryl here, and Peter is on mute but I'm sure we can echo what he said any number of times which is from our very beginning the precedent is that everything is open unless there is a specific reason or request for it to go in camera.

So if the board made that request then that would be the case, but if it doesn't then I can't imagine why we would want to do other than have absolute openness and guarding and all the necessary archives as to what happens.

Brian Cute: And I agree, we just haven't heard from Peter or the board and Peter are you there on mute, or? Okay well we'll let Peter come back to us on that. But we'll take our default position.

Peter Dengate Thrush: Were you calling for me Brian?

Brian Cute: Yes Peter, just was there any reason why the board might want the meeting with the review team in Cartagena to be a closed meeting as opposed to an open?

Peter Dengate Thrush: Well it might be, depending on what the report is. But I think the (unintelligible) from here is that everything's open unless someone's got a good reason to make it closed.

If they do we will change from there.

Brian Cute: Okay, very good, thank you. So we'd report back to (Diane) that it will be open, that it will be scribed in minutes and I think as last time we'll come meet the board, that was one of her questions.

We'll come meet the board in their room and I think 90 minutes should be sufficient. So if you can report that back to (Diane) and then as soon as she books the talks that is.

And then for Monday I think it's just simply a matter of scheduling the time and I would allot at least an hour, 90 minutes if possible. I think we had a block of time in Brussels that was taken up in part with discussion, we had the review teams.

I'd like at least an hour if we can get 90 minutes, that would be great. And I don't want it taken up by any other discussion.

But this is the opportunity for the community to respond to what we've put on the table in terms of recommendations so let's take that time for ourselves.

Any other items you need from us on Cartagena planning Alice?

Alice Jansen: Just the Sunday morning session and Monday morning session. How long - I mean what is the duration, the full term duration of these meetings, do you know? Or would you rather wait?

Brian Cute: I think for the review team I can't imagine we're going to need much more than half an hour. We - the final recommendations should be you know written and circulated.

It's really just getting ourselves together to have a brief pre-chat and pre-brief people to go with the board. Does anybody on the review team think we're going to need more than half an hour for that?

I'm not hearing anything so why don't you schedule half an hour Alice.

Alice Jansen: Okay.

Brian Cute: Any other detail for Cartagena on the meetings?

Fabio Colasanti: Here it's Fabio. Are you sure that half an hour with the board will be enough?

Brian Cute: No it's an hour and a half with the board and half an hour with the review team prior to that meeting so we can chat amongst ourselves.

Fabio Colasanti: Okay, I'm sorry.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: Thirty minutes is time enough, I agree.

Brian Cute: I think so too. Okay Alice that's it on Cartagena planning.

Alice Jansen: Yes, thanks very much.

Brian Cute: Certainly. That's it on other business from me. Anybody else on the review team have any other business items to discuss? Open floor.

Cheryl Langdon-Orr: I do have one which is a piece of preemptive advice to the ATRT. I believe based on the activities of a couple of the currently very busy either

joint GNSO and ALAC or cross community work groups on a couple of PDP processes.

That they are discussing and I expect some formal output from the next GNSO meeting on this, we certainly have got formal output from the last ALAC meeting on these matters.

But there's an expectation that both GNSO and ALAC and possible GNSO, ALAC and GAC will be writing to ATRT to just ask a couple of questions and make a couple of suggestions for our consideration.

That should be well in our hands but only just before we meet in Berkman and I wondered if at all possible Brian if we could have a small piece of time on the agenda.

Provisionally put aside to discuss any of that correspondence if it comes in, it's just that the GSNO meeting isn't until the 8th so output from that wouldn't be coming to us until while we're in Boston.

So if we could have you know 15 or 20 minutes somewhere in an agenda time I'm sure it will be used by other things if nothing comes to pass.

But I would expect at this stage there will be.

Brian Cate: Certainly Cheryl, Alice could you make a note of that, those specific inputs and make sure we have some time to address them.

Alice Jansen: I will do that, thank you.

Brian Cate: Probably Monday would be the right day to do that.

Alice Jansen: Okay.

Brian Cute: Any other business? Okay if everyone would kindly go forward and try to get those draft recommendations in by next Thursday if you're having specific problem just please notify me and Manal and we'll work through it. Otherwise thank you all for your continued hard work and focus.

And looking forward at dinner in Boston. And Urs I'll be calling you for some recommendations.

Urs Gasser: Absolutely.

Brian Cute: Thank you all.

Man: Thank you.

Man: Thank you.

Brian Cute: Bye.

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