
ALISSA COOPER: So, let's get started. We have a small group today, a lot of apologies for us [inaudible], but Alice has, as always, is taking attendance in the meeting room. Is there anyone who is on the phone call but not in the virtual meeting room? Please say your name now.

JOSEPH ALHADEFF: It's Joe, I'm trying to connect, I just got into the meeting room, so I'm fine.

MILTON MUELLER: I'm about to get in myself, this is Milton.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Maybe Manal is in that situation. On no, she's on. Yes.

MANAL ISMAIL: Yes, I'm on. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER: Anybody else not listed in the virtual meeting room but is on the call?

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: This is Thomas.

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ALISSA COOPER: Was that Thomas Schneider?

THOMAS SCHNEIDER: Yes.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you. And that looks like we have Kuo-Wei Wu in the chat as well, at least. Okay.

So, and Alice will continue to take attendance as people join late.

So we just have one topic for today, and that is for the Secretariat, so Adiel will lead that discussion. Just a reminder, for people that, this is a public call, so we are not discussing anything about the specific identities as candidates, or information that might allow people to infer who the secretariat candidates are. And with that, I will turn it over to Adiel.

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: Yeah, hi, Alissa. Can you all hear me?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes.

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: Hello? Yes, okay, hi. Thank you for allowing me to update the group on the Secretariat selection process. Since our last meeting, we had [inaudible] as described. [Inaudible] the short list of candidates. This

has happened, the last interview took place yesterday night. We have now do an assessment on that, and we elect with two candidates at this point.

We have asked for sake of clarity, ICANN Legal team to do an enhanced conflict of interest assessment for the two last short list candidates. We have two final candidates, and we are doing this advanced conflict of interest assessment based on what they have said, and based on what they have provided us as [inaudible] measure on that.

So we hope to get feedback from ICANN this week. And based on that, have the final company [inaudible] so that the process can continue, as explained. As soon as that is done, the ICANN team will start the negotiation process with them, and at that point, we will notify the ICG of the final candidates selected. So at this point, I won't be able to share the identity of the two short listed candidates, because we have two in the process, as soon as that becomes clear, we will share on the private list for ICG.

So the process is on the way, and hopefully we'll be able to [inaudible]... So that's what I can report on at this point. I don't know if there is any further question on this. I would like to use this opportunity as well to thank all of the ICG members who send us some additional information in [inaudible] assessment process, that has been useful. Thank you for that.

So that's what I can report on at this point Alissa. Back to you for any questions, and try to [inaudible]...

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you very much Adiel. Does anybody have any questions or comment? You can use the raised hand functionality in the virtual meeting room.

Milton.

MILTON MUELLER: Yes, this is Milton. Hello Adiel, can you hear me okay?

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: Yes.

MILTON MUELLER: I'm just wondering, because I'm going to be traveling over the next two days, when you're going to send us information through the private list? You may have said that, but the sound quality was pretty bad so I didn't hear it.

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: My expectation is that we get the feedback from ICANN Legal team by the end of this week. So as soon as we have that, we will finalize the assessment. So probably by the end of this week, but I cannot guarantee because until we get this outcome from the ICANN Legal team, we cannot provide...

MILTON MUELLER: Okay. Not in your control. So, if it does come at the end of this week, how quickly, let's say if, when you get the ICANN Legal team time zero, how many days before you expect a response from us?

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: I will say, I was thinking about something around 48 hours.

MILTON MUELLER: Okay.

ALISSA COOPER: Are there other questions for Adiel? This is Alissa.

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: Maybe, Alissa to remind everybody how this is going to work, as soon as we have, within the group, [inaudible] the candidate, the final candidate, we will provide information to the ICG on the private mailing list, with the process that we have used to reach that conclusion. And expect feedback and question from the ICG members on that. And that's what we define it, what we are talking about.

ALISSA COOPER: Got it. Thank you. So I have one question, whether you expect to still complete selection on the timeline that you had shared. I think it was supposed to be completed by November 15th, or the new Secretariat will be in place by November 15th. Is that still the plan?

ADIEL AKPLOGAN: Yes, that is still our plan. That's what we really want to achieve.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay, great. Thank you. Other, okay. Jean-Jacques, go ahead please.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Thank you Alissa. Hello everyone, this is Jean-Jacques. Just to say a word about the conflicts of interest. Whilst vetting or listening to the presentations of the candidates, the last one having been this morning, my time at 1 AM, it struck me that it was rather difficult for the two of us, certainly, the three of us in this group, to really decide how reliable or how valid in legal terms, the conflict of interest statements there were.

So I suggested, and I immediately acted upon the suggestion that we ask staff, ICANN staff to give us a technical appraisal of whether the statements or conflicts of interest we have received were satisfactory. So that's what we're waiting for. Just to be a bit more specific. Thanks.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you Jean-Jacques. Any other comments or questions on this topic? Okay, seeing none. The one thing I did want to say, echoing people in the chat, is to give a big thanks to Adiel and the whole team who has been working on this. And I know, spending many hours in interviews and coordination amongst yourselves, so thank you very much for all the work that you put into this.

I think we are in the home stretch. So this is the only topic that we had scheduled for today. I know we scheduled a call for the last minute, and there are a lot of people who are not able to join. I don't know, Patrik, if you had other thoughts in mind about other topics that you thought we should discuss. I think this was the only one, and I know we have a few other things that we could discuss, but we didn't give anyone any notice, that we would be.

So Patrik, did you have other agenda items for this call?

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM:

No, this was the only agenda item. The only other thing that I would like to inform people about is first of all, that the Doodle for this call includes also time starts for the three calls that I also am scheduling for the, up until the end of the calendar year. And the other thing that I just want to inform for the people that are not seeing the email, is that ICANN is considering the location of the meeting in Marrakesh.

That might, of course, ability to meet adjacent to the meeting in Marrakesh. But I am, as are a few other people that are on the ICG, that are SO or AC chairs are part of the discussion within ICANN. So I feel that we in ICG are pretty well informed over how the discussions are going, which means that as soon as we have more information, we will ensure that ICG is informed, and that we can adjust our planning accordingly.

But the most important thing is that I would like to have people filling out the Doodle poll so we can do the scheduling of the next three calls a little bit more in advance than this call, it was sort of in panic. But this

call was also planned according to what's happening in the Secretariat RFP scheduling schema, so that is why it ended up being as it was. My apologies for that. So that's it.

ALISSA COOPER:

Lynn? Lynn St. Amour, go ahead if you would like to talk.

LYNN ST. AMOUR:

Hi Alissa. Sorry, I had to unmute. I also wanted to point out that Jari had issues, a note up, a hand up in the chat room as well. I was just going to mention that, I did send out an email that derives out of an action item from our last face to face meeting, that it's probably only appropriate to draw people's attention to it. I actually don't think it would be fair to have any sort of significant discussion on a given, there was no advanced notice and given the number of people that aren't able to make this call.

But I did want to point out that it was there, I don't know, it would be at your discretion if there are any kind of clarifying questions, or if people think this is widely off the mark or something like that. Some short direction might be helpful, but again, I think we need to be quite mindful the fact that there was no notice on this topic, and that a number of people aren't on this call.

So it's over to you and up to you, and the co-chair, as to what you would like to do.

ALISSA COOPER: Thanks Lynn. Since we're just having kind of an open discussion, I think people should feel free to respond. I know, I myself have not, I saw that your email came in and have not read it yet, because it's the middle of the night here. So but if people want to chat about that, they should feel free. Maybe let's try to stack the topics, so perhaps we had Jari in the queue, and I know there is some chat going on in the chat window about the situation with the Marrakesh meeting.

So, Jari, is that what you were going to talk about?

JARI ARKKO: No, I was just going to mention the fact that the IETF, yesterday, the working group that is dealing with the planning for transition, called the IANA plan working group, they have started the working group last call for the plan. So anyone that is interested, this will be a great time to comment. This is all.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you. So let's, if people have more comments on the Marrakesh situation, then let's talk about that first. I see Patrik in the queue, and if folks want to respond to Lynn after that, then we will do that. So Patrick.

PATRIK FÄLTSTRÖM: Thank you. Regarding the face to face meeting, we have chairs for the ICG, we have initiated a discussion with ICANN regarding the budget for what we would like to do during next year, and we already mentioned the interest in the face to face meeting. On the other hand, that budget

discussion has not really moved forward, just because we are waiting for some information on the cost for the secretariat. And of course, all of us was hoping that the secretariat RFP, sort of the [inaudible], would have been, should have been ready by now.

So to some degree, we were a little bit late, on the other hand, Teresa and ICANN, they had not really sort of hammered on my door yet to ask where we are. To some degree, we might be a little bit lucky that the fiscal year for ICANN is actually from mid-calendar year to mid-calendar year, and not sort of, calendar year based. So I expect that the detailed discussions regarding budget will come up when we know more about our costs.

ICANN has said repeatedly that they're supporting us in what we're doing, that said, they of course, they have a budget that they need to do. So I feel that we have the support, there are some others, they may want to chime in, but they have said repeatedly that they're supporting our work. So from my perspective, I don't see any problem to have a meeting face to face, if that's the case that we need to have that.

That said, as Keith pointed out, Keith is also part of the discussion with ICANN, just like myself and others. I think there is a, also inside ICANN, there is a big need to actually meet somewhere in the timeframe around where Marrakesh is. So there is the need to be... There is a need for spring meetings in way or another. It might not be in Marrakesh, it might be in Marrakesh, it might not be exactly that week.

So personally speaking, just purely personally, just like Keith, I absolutely think that there will be some kind of meeting that we try to

coordinate there. So once again, I have not heard anything else then, that ICANN, that could support us if we need a separate face to face meeting.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you Patrik. I see Joe in the queue. Joe were you going to respond to this topic? Or do you have a different topic?

JOSEPH ALHADEFF: No, I was going to talk to Lynn's topic, so I'm happy to wait if there is anyone else who wants to continue with Marrakesh.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. Yeah. Is there anyone else who has more to say on this? Or shall we move on?

Okay. Go ahead Joe.

JOSEPH ALHADEFF: Thanks. I was wondering, Lynn, were you thinking of this as kind of a standalone piece, because I can also see it being linked to the proposal finalization process as part of the considerations that go into that. You're extending it from beyond, you know, the nuts and bolts of that process, to some of the decision making criteria, but I was just wondering how you saw the document evolving, or how you saw those concepts evolving, and whether you saw them evolving in a separate framework, or to add to something that's already in process?

LYNN ST. AMOUR: Alissa?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes, go ahead Lynn.

LYNN ST. AMOUR: Honestly, as far as I'd thought about it, I think it makes sense to have it be part of the proposal finalization process, and it seems that there was a little bit of confusion on what the action item was from a few side discussions I've had. My recollection was that this action item came up as the discussion we were having based on the fact that some of the ICG members had wanted to discuss the ICANN Board resolution, which is related to the cross-community working group on ICANN accountability and governance.

So I started, at that point basically, as those of you that had a chance to [inaudible] fairly late last night US East Coast time. So I appreciate that most people probably haven't had a chance to see it. I basically set out, sort of, our operating assumptions, I kind of collected them as it related to specifically, from ICANN, the organization, and ICANN Board's role in the final submission process. But I think it does make sense to have it actually be a part of, hopefully, the more detailed finalization process.

I think we have too many separate documents addressing the same thing. It just gets to be too piece mail for anybody to follow. But again, as I said at the beginning, as far as I thought about it, so I think it

depends on what we thing best works honestly for the community as well as for ICG.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you Lynn. Jean-Jacques?

Okay, I think Jean-Jacques put his hand down. Manal?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Hello? Hello.

ALISSA COOPER: Oh, are you there Jean-Jacques. Yeah, we can hear you now. Go ahead.

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT: Oh, okay. Sorry. This is Jean-Jacques. Yes I was saying, with regards to what Lynn just brought up, I may have missed just a little piece of what she had said, because of your gap, but I think she was referring to an email she just sent out, which I saw this morning, and I think it's interesting. However, I do wonder whether we have to have a complete list of the communities, or the parts of communities from which we expect some sort of interaction, because it mentioned three IANA function communities, ICG, ICANN, ICANN Board, etc.

Can't we leave that more to the appraisal of the concerned parties? Especially the ICANN Board. If they want to say something before we

finalize our transition plan, surely they can, [inaudible] to do that. What's your thoughts on that then?

LYNN ST. AMOUR:

I think that would actually be very useful. I actually struggled, and Manal knows, that in her note this morning, that I did say inter [inaudible]. I mean, the GAC is obviously another, maybe it's even something broader with respect some inter-governmental institutions. And I struggled with that because I know that's a complex area for all of us, in terms of wanting to drive people to participate in the community processes, wanting to give the message that everyone is equal in this process and should participate in those processes, and we've tried to stay away from specific outreach, where I'm recalling, here are the ALAC GAC discussions we had around this call.

I also said that I think it is imperative upon us that we do whatever we think we need to ensure there is broad awareness of where we're heading, what's the proposal ultimately says, so that we ensure that frankly everybody is paying attention. We've got their support and we can call consensus. So I think we're going to walk some fairly sensitive ground there.

So I do think that needs more scoping and [inaudible].

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you Lynn. Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL:

Thank you Alissa, and thank you Lynn very much for the draft. Actually, I had the time this morning to go through the draft. I already provided some comments over the email, on the mailing list. And I also support what Jean-Jacques has already said and it's within my remarks also, but I think it's an excellent starting point. I also believe that it fits within the proposal finalization process.

And I think that if things stick together, it's better to consolidate them in one draft rather than have so many fragmented information that people might miss one part or another. Other comments are already submitted over email. So thank you. I leave it to you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you Manal. Jean-Jacques?

JEAN-JACQUES SUBRENAT:

Thank you Alissa, this is Jean-Jacques. Yes, two things. I would like to support what Manal has just said, that it's much better to have it consolidated in one place rather than several separate references. The second point is directly in relation to what Lynn mentioned a couple of minutes ago. I see her point, and what I suggest is that we avoid any names or acronyms, meaning specific organizations or entities, but rather speak in terms of, in generic terms.

For instance, institutions or entities directly involved, or contracted with IANA, but no names, you see no proper names. And when we mentioned this or that we can say, business communities or user

communities. The generic words rather than specific proper names.
Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you Jean-Jacques. Other comments on this? Kuo-Wei.

KUO-WEI WU: Can you hear me?

ALISSA COOPER: Yes, go ahead.

KUO-WEI WU: Can you hear me? Okay. Just as I promised you in the Los Angeles meeting, actually I just report to the ICANN Board. For those issues that you raised in the ICG meeting, I think sooner or later, sometime before the end of November, I think the ICANN Board will [inaudible] ICG member you raise of [inaudible] of the question. And we will be held for discussions, and I wish that somebody have performed at the next ICANN meeting, we can come out to communicate with the ICG, and basically there will be open to the public.

I think everything that we are dealing with in the ICG will be in a transparent, and at this moment, I cannot tell you what is [inaudible] because it just, the first time the ICANN Board begin to discuss those issues, just all the members in the Los Angeles meeting, so I just like to

inform you, we will have a meeting to particularly focus on the ICG, the issue you raised in the Los Angeles. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER: Thank you Kuo-Wei. Can you tell us the date of that meeting?

KUO-WEI WU: It's not yet, because I'm still working... As you know, the first issue we did [inaudible] is the Marrakesh meeting, and then of course, [inaudible] we would find a separate time [inaudible] together situation and to setup what our role will be [inaudible], and then I think the Board will be officially to commit itself to ICG, and in that kind of form.

I don't know yet, because I would then have one more meeting. We just setup the time, we are going to setup the time to discuss internally first.

ALISSA COOPER: Okay. Thank you. Yes, I was just thinking, that since Lynn has sent the email...

KUO-WEI WU: Yeah, I just [inaudible]...

[CROSSTALK]

KUO-WEI WU: ...to the ICANN Board.

ALISSA COOPER: Yes, yes. Thank you. So, I think we should maybe, try to put a little bit of focus on it, in a couple of weeks and get some text agreed on based on what Lynn sent. I don't think... I agree with those who have said that this should form part of the proposal finalization process. I don't think that entire document necessarily needs to be completed before we maybe, send a consensus version of this that are relevant to the Board, over to the Board, but I do think it would be good to get some text back to the Board in November, that they're going to be meeting and talking about this.

So hopefully we can do that. Manal.

MANAL ISMAIL: Thank you Alissa. Since we're still discussing the draft, I thought maybe I should also flag two other remarks that I made over email. One of which was, whether we should also mention that we would appreciate, or we would be interested in NTIA's early feedback as well, which is along the lines that we already mentioned in the timeline. I frankly think that the early feedback that we received regarding the necessity that the proposal should be submitted through the ICANN, was very timely and very useful.

So maybe we should also address this here. And finally, I think, of course, in addition to reviewing the FAQ in light of what you will agree, I think we also may need to review the language in the timeline also. As

it explicitly mentioned that the ICG will submit the proposal directly to NTIA, without any reference to ICANN submitting the proposal.

So I mean, whatever the final agreed language is, I think this needs to be reflected in other parts of our document, learning the timeline and the FAQ. Thank you.

ALISSA COOPER:

Thank you Manal. Yes, indeed, it was the timeline language that kicked off this entire discussion to begin with. So agreed on both points there. Other comments on this topic or any other topic?

LYNN ST. AMOUR:

Alissa, it's Lynn. We should probably send a note out to the ICG and just explain that, you know, given the main agenda item finished quite quickly, there was a short discussion basically an introduction to working, that people do pay attention to the thread so that they don't find behind. I think that we got ahead of them without appropriate notice.

ALISSA COOPER:

Yes, good idea. We'll definitely alert everyone to the archives of this meeting.

Okay, so I'm not seeing any other folks in the queue. So we will complete early today, which is great, because we have gone overtime on all of our other calls. So, I think we should focus on this language that Lynn has sent. Joe and I are also, Joe really, has been working on

updating the proposal finalization process, but the other bits that we discussed in the Los Angeles, so that's another item that will be coming your way for review shortly.

And hopefully, we can get to a stable place with that document and incorporating this discussion of just adding some text from Lynn via some form. And proceed from there, within the next couple of weeks. And I know that, as Patrik said, please fill out the Doodle poll for calls this fall and winter, if you haven't done it already, we'll get another call on the schedule much more in advance, with more advanced warning than this one, and hopefully after people are done travelling for the [inaudible] and so forth, so we can get a little higher participation.

And try to wrap some of these items, either on the list or on that next call. With that, I think we can complete the meeting. Thanks everyone.

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