
MARYAM BAKOSHI: Hi, everyone. Welcome to the NCUC ExCom meeting on Tuesday, 3 September 2019, at 13:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Bruna Santos, Michael Karanicolas, Benjamin Akinmoyeje, Antonella Perini, David Cake. And from staff, we have myself, Maryam Bakoshi, Chantelle Doerksen, Carlos Reyes.

I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much, and over to you, Bruna.

BRUNA SANTOS: Thank you very much for starting this call, Maryam, and good morning/good afternoon, everyone. I'm just going to read the agenda really quick. This is another meeting for the NCUC.

At this meeting, we are also welcoming some incoming NCUC members. Benjamin is here, and we also invited [inaudible] and all the other NCUC incoming members.

We're also welcoming some ICANN staff, so Carlos and Chantelle are here to talk a little bit about the policy [ABR]. About the agenda, we're going to start with this short conversation with Carlos and Chantelle about the ABR. I wanted to put everybody on the same page about this subject. Then I would like for them to talk a little bit about the [inaudible] development of this ABR and our next steps.

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You guys might recall that not this but different ABRs related to this matter were once the onsite course for policy writing. Then we followed up with this with the webinars. Then we are [still] to do another webinar, and we got an ABR on this matter as well approved this year. So Carlos and Chantelle will talk a little bit about this with us.

Following that, I would like to once again talk to you guys about the policy committee and finance committee calls. These are two slots we haven't filled yet, and this was not due to the lack of calls and due to the lack of outreach to members and so on.

Third one would be the At-Large outreach in Montreal and then what I'm calling in this agenda the outreach call. It's sort of a members call but maybe with a background thing for us to maybe have more engagement from members into our affairs in the upcoming meeting.

I'm going to finish this call with a little EC transition talk, so just for us to have a little discussion on what will be the next steps, if you guys who are leaving the EC would like to set up calls with the incoming members, or if we should do a specific call for this one.

I'm not going to speak anymore. I'm going to give the floor to Chantelle and Carlos. First of all, I'd like to thank both of you for being on this call and for [being] willing to talk with us this morning. Thank you very much.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN:

Hi, Bruna. Thank you very much for inviting us today. Can everyone hear me okay? Just to confirm that my line is clear.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Yes, we can hear you, Chantelle.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Okay, thank you, Maryam. Thank you again, Bruna, for letting us join. Mary had sent her apologies for today. She's currently traveling, otherwise she would have been joining us as well.

Our aim for today was to review, as you mentioned, what has been done and what we're planning for FY20. The courses that have been done to date with the onsite training and the webinar, staff have taken that and provided a draft of what the ICANN Learn course could look like. Because we want to make sure that the course is not only beneficial to the NCUC but to the larger ICANN community as well.

So we've been working on that behind the scenes for the past six months. It's still in production phase, but we're looking to have it finalized within the next few weeks. We're just standing by, waiting to get that back from our designer.

Once we have that, we're going to be sending that over to the NCUC to test, to look over it for any final changes to make sure what you thought was important from the training is covered comprehensively in the course. So unfortunately, we don't have that to share with you today, but we hope to within the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, we're looking ahead to FY20 and the ABR request that was approved. Part of it was to look at how to build on the NCUC course that's coming. So it's a little tricky for us to start pinning down the

details, but we wanted to get a sense as to what you would like to do for the webinar and if you have any initial thoughts. We have through June 30 of next year to complete the webinar, and we left it until the June before Marrakech to complete the webinar in FY19. So we do have some time, and we thought the sooner we could at least start having initial discussions, the sooner we can start building it out and lining the speaker up and whatnot.

With that, I'd like to just stop and ask my colleague Carlos if he has anything that he'd like to add as to what we've been working on to date. Carlos, do you have any comments that you'd like to add?

CARLOS REYES:

Thank you, Chantelle. Hi, everyone. Chantelle and I and Maryam all work together with Mary Wong. One of the roles that we have is to facilitate the ABR process.

As Chantelle mentioned, I think the biggest takeaway is we would encourage you to think about what you would like to happen during the webinar so that we can get ahead of schedule, so to speak. The last few years, we've sort of rushed toward the last quarter of the fiscal year trying to put together a webinar with you, but we would like to get ahead of that. So any feedback you have, we would certainly welcome it. Thank you.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN:

Thanks, Carlos. Yes, that's one of the things that we would love for this group to provide us some input on. If there was anything that worked

really well on the webinars in the past, let us know so we can start looking at that while we work with you for FY20. Bruna, can I turn it over to you to see if you've had any initial discussions with the NCUC as to what the webinar should look like?

BRUNA SANTOS:

Sure. Thank you very much, Chantelle. Yes, I guess we're all on the same page about this. It's very good that we're starting ahead this time and not leaving it for the very last moment to plan the webinar.

As to this group, we haven't exactly discussed what were our impressions on the past webinars or even the course. I know that some of us attended the course and we did, in fact, enjoy the onsite experience. But as to the webinars, my initial thought is that they got – I mean, I know there are different [publics] and they're catering to different audiences in the end, but I think that they got a bit repetitive if you did the onsite course and if you attended one or two previous webinars to this.

So in my view it's really, really good that we're having this conversation just so we can finetune whatever else we're adding to the course and if we're considering taking something out or improving the content of it.

I don't want to throw anyone on the spotlight here, but I know Antonella and Benjamin have followed and watched some webinars. And all the others are also invited to, very welcome to bring some input on this. If any of you on this call also have any input on the webinar or comments on this, you have the floor now. If not, it's perfectly fine as well.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Thanks, Bruna. I'll wait just for a moment to see if any of your colleagues in the NCUC have comments before I continue talking.

BRUNA SANTOS: Sure. Thanks, Chantelle.

ANTONELLA PERINI: Yes, as Bruna said before, I attended one of the webinars. I actually think that it would be ideal to have some preparatory materials. I know that in the onsite course there have been some [inaudible]. I know it might be difficult to do that at a webinar, but I don't know if after the webinar there could be some little activity or something [inaudible] help in the webinar [inaudible] action.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Hello, can you hear me?

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, [Ben], go ahead.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Okay, so just in line with what Antonella said, I also believe that the experience of the webinar assumes that you are onsite. There was some limited hands-on experience or feedback mechanism. So if that is put into consideration in the updated version, it will really, really help so

that you don't have to feel that you have to be onsite. That's just what I would like to chip in because I actually participated in the online experience. Thank you.

BRUNA SANTOS: Thank you very much, Ben. Chantelle, if you want to take from this through here, you have the floor as well.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Thank you, Bruna. I want to make sure in my notes I'm accurately reflecting Antonella and [Franco's] concerns because I think they were both very valid, and I appreciate both of them sharing.

So there are differences between the webinar and onsite. One thing that we were thinking of to address it is if we gave maybe some homework in advance. Because unfortunately, there isn't funding this fiscal year to do a training onsite, but we do have the opportunity to do the webinar.

So maybe one thing the NCUC could do internally is to think about how to ensure that any new participants that will be joining are caught up. Maybe it includes watching some of the videos from Jim's training, taking the ICANN Learn course once it's available. But perhaps we can consider it some homework and prep work so that once we do initiate the webinar and we schedule it, that those that participate will either 1) have been caught up or 2) would have had a refresher for those that had actually had the opportunity to participate in the past.

One of the things we wanted to specifically see is whether or not it would be useful again to dive into public comments, if there's another aspect of policy writing that you think the NCUC could benefit from, and any sort of initial perspective that you'd like to use this opportunity to focus on. I know it's a little tricky because the course isn't developed yet, but I'm sure within your group you can already identify one or two areas that might be useful for the group.

Other than the thing about what differences between the webinar and onsite, I thought [Franco] had mentioned something – and please correct me if I'm wrong – about the newcomers being able to engage on the same level as those who had participated in the training. Did I capture that correctly?

FRANCO GIANDANA: Hello, everyone. I do believe I said something about newcomers, yes, engaging at the NCUC in an early stage. But I don't remember my exact words.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Okay, thank you. I just wanted to make sure I had that noted properly.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, taking from your question, Chantelle, I do agree that we can continue this approach into public comments. I do think they were very useful. From our onsite course since Puerto Rico we saw a lot of those who took the course actually engaging in public comments who, in the case of NCSG they are done with the NCSG policy committee so it's up

on the stakeholder group. But we found it very fruitful and useful to us in the end because we got more and more NCUC members feeling empowered enough to be the penholders or to actually participate in writing groups and so on. So I would agree with continuing with the public comment approach.

But, I don't know, maybe we can also think of public statements or letters because NCUC and NCSG also issue some letters to open [consultations] or letters about some [processes] that are ongoing in ICANN. This might be a little too generic and I can also look for feedback with the [broader] stakeholder group and then come back to you guys. But if we could try to have an approach to letters or public statements, policy statements in a broader sense, these wouldn't be statements that would take guidelines from a specific consultation but more general comments on processes and so on. So I don't know if I'm sounding too generic, but I would be happy if we could have a little [see through] in this sort of statements as well.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN:

Thanks, Bruna. I have to say I agree with you. I think that there are some benefits to continuing to focus on public comments, but there's also some opportunity to maybe develop some other skills related to policy writing at ICANN. I think the letters or really how to draft a letter let's say to the ICANN board or what needs to be included with a really good example.

Would it be helpful for this group just so we don't lose time like we did in the previous cycle to start drafting an outline? And then our thought

would be that if you could provide us with an outline maybe in three or four weeks if that makes sense to you, that we could once the NCUC course goes live, we can start to work to align that outline and see if any sort of changes need to be made based on what's in the NCUC course and what your vision is for the webinar. If we could maybe do those things simultaneously, that would save us some time in the preparation phase. What would be your thoughts on that?

BRUNA SANTOS:

I would say yes, but just to clear up, we're talking about an outline for future webinars, right? Just so you guys will follow up with the course and then you'll be able to present us a draft on the ICANN course. Then we are providing you guys and outline for the webinars and what we want to take out of this ABR and opportunities in the future, right?

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN:

Right. Correct. We should have that NCUC course for you within the next few weeks based on what it's looking like. We're just waiting on having it returned to us from the designers. So once that's available, we'll definitely share it with you.

BRUNA SANTOS:

Perfect. That sounds perfect. Then to the ones, to the EC members on this call, I'll be very happy if anyone else can volunteer to help me on setting this outline. But in general, we're agreeing with the outline, Chantelle, and it's going to help us because we have been spending the past year or year and a half to better trying to better fit this course

inside all of our efforts into welcoming newcomers and also engaging our members in policymaking. So with this outline, we'll be able to see things in their better and larger picture for NCUC. So, yes, thank you very much for the input brought to this call and also for the news about the course and the ABR.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Thank you, Bruna. Just to have a date on this so we can all come back together and maybe continue the discussion. While we're waiting for the ICANN Learn course, would it be possible to have a draft done maybe by early October prior to ICANN 66?

BRUNA SANTOS: Initially, I think so, yes. Yeah, by the first week of October I think it's doable, yeah.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Great. Obviously, we should have the course back from them, but at least that way we have a date in our minds when we can come back together and talk about next steps. Well, that's it on my end. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak. Carlos, did you have anything that you'd like to add? Any final comments?

CARLOS REYES: Thank you, Chantelle. The only thing I'll add is please continue to work with Chantelle and Maryam. I think they're probably your best

resources for moving this forward. And thanks again, everyone, for inviting us on the call.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Thank you, Bruna. And thank you, Maryam, for joining us to the call.

MARYAM BAKOSHI: Thank you. Thank you, Carlos. Thank you, Chantelle.

BRUNA SANTOS: Thank you very much, Carlos and Chantelle.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Thank you. Bye-bye.

BRUNA SANTOS: All right. So, guys, I just saw on the chat that Franco volunteered to help with this, so we shall be able to present you guys a draft on this outline/schedule on the webinars and how we are feeding this initiative into our outreach and in-reach efforts by the first week of October.

We are also welcoming any input from you guys. I guess it was really fruitful for both Chantelle and Carlos to be here because the ABR has been something that's sort of like cloudy to all of us. The information was here and there, and it was important for all of us, for all of you to understand the same things about this.

So moving on, on the agenda we have 34 more minutes on this call, and the first two points are more informative. I'm going to start with the policy committee and finance committee call. These are three slots that are still open within the policy committee and the finance committee. Sam wrote to me two weeks ago asking when we were filling these slots in the finance committee. And our slots in the policy committee have been open for, I don't know, six months now. Something like that.

So I honestly don't know what else to do with regards to this. I have sent Olga an e-mail [inaudible] asking whether she would like to volunteer for the policy committee, and I got a positive response. But we still have the other slots now because our previous representatives, [Claudio] and [inaudible], [inaudible] is now at the GNSO Council so he's no longer our representative there. He is, but not officially. And [Claudio] never actually engaged with the policy committee for a fact.

So once again, I'm opening the floor to you guys. If you have any thoughts or suggestions of names who we should be outreaching to and maybe chatting about these slots, it would be very welcome. I'm opening the floor. Go ahead, Ben. Do you wish to speak?

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Okay. I don't know how this will sound. I thought Thato [was] somebody doing something around finance committee or something in the past.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes. To clear that up, Ben, Thato was our representative there for the last year. And then during the Japan meeting, we elected a new

representative for the finance committee which was Ayden. Ayden has recently left NCUC, so he's no longer a member. Therefore, he's no longer able to represent us on the finance committee.

So since the end of July – which he left at the very end of July, the last day of July – we have this need to replace Ayden there. We opened the call, and we did not get any responses. So I guess for the moment we should be trying to in-reach to members to fill these slots.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Okay. [inaudible] probably reach out to people and ask them if they are interested. How long do we have to [inaudible]?

BRUNA SANTOS: We don't have a deadline for this, but I would like to set an internal deadline for us to for the next two weeks we should be outreaching to people. So let me check the calendar. So maybe by the 15th or 17th of September we should have some suggestions of names.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: That sound fine to me.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yeah, it's quite a good [sign]. What do you guys think about it? I just saw Franco's question on the chat about details of the tasks. I will share the details of both calls with you guys once again just so we're all on the same page and we can outreach in a proper way to people.

Once again, Olga had a positive response toward joining the policy committee, so what we would need is maybe someone else to join the policy committee and somebody to join the finance committee. This is something that I would really appreciate if you guys helped me with because I've been doing this practically alone for the past months and I wouldn't like to arrive in Montreal with these open slots once again. Go ahead, Franco.

FRANCO GIANDANA:

Thank you, Bruna. I'm very sorry. I still don't know exactly what are the roles of the people involved with these committees. But I'm here to add value to the constituency, so if I could have some more information and evaluate what are my [responsibilities] regarding these committees, then I will be happy to help.

BRUNA SANTOS:

Thank you very much, Franco. As soon as this call is over, I will share with you guys the past two calls for volunteers in both committees just so we're all on the same page about the details and the tasks and whatever is required for people.

I'm also reading Sarah Ingle. Yes, [inaudible], if she's willing to get involved, that would be great. But just a reminder that [Claudio] got into the policy committee in a similar way, so he was rather a newcomer and we reached out to him asking if he would like to join the policy committee. And he joined, and he was silent there.

So I'm not saying that Sarah is going to be the same. I like Sarah, but I guess whenever we are outreaching to these people, we can do a short conversation with them and just shortly explain what is the policy committee, what is entailed with joining the policy committee as an NCUC representative there, the amount of comments these people would have to review, and things that are required from members.

So maybe a better – I don't know if we've been doing this wrong or if it's just a lack of interest from these members – but maybe doing a better disclaimer in the future would work for us, I guess.

Any other comments on this?

FRANCO GIANDANA: Sorry.

BRUNA SANTOS: No. Go ahead.

FRANCO GIANDANA: Oh, okay. Just to make clear, my intention would be to join the policy committee. I just need a little bit of information in order to don't go over the same silences again, I would say. [inaudible] you have an active [inaudible].

BRUNA SANTOS: Franco, I think your audio cut in a moment, so I don't think I listened to everything you said. But starting to answer, I am not sure if we as EC

members could necessarily be members of the policy committee because there would be some conflicts in us occupying more than one leadership position within the NCUC/NCSG. I can check with the policy committee chair if there is the interest from you. If not, we can also ask him if you could be an observer on the list or something like that. But I can check this information. Anyone else?

Okay, perfect. Moving on, we're also organizing or trying to organize yet another outreach with At-Large in Montreal. As of now, we're trying to find a date for the outreach. At-Large asked about the morning Monday, but Monday seems a little bit too busy for everyone. Monday right now has a forum – a very strange named forum – that I should know what it is about. Ben, are you trying to say anything?

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: No, sorry. Sorry.

BRUNA SANTOS: No, no. Don't worry. I was just worried that you were saying something. But moving on, Monday morning seems like not an ideal slot, but we have the lunch slot maybe open. That's what I answered the At-Large right now. So once again, if we are to move on with this outreach and if this outreach is supposed to happen, I would like some of you – Louise is already on the thread with me – so probably adding the [funded] travelers to Montreal.

So, Franco, you're probably being added to this thread in the outreach as well. And, Mike, you as well. I shall add you to this list since you are

the North American EC [inaudible], just so we can maybe in the future there will be a need for helping us outreach to people. And then I think you would have a better perspective on the region than any of us, okay? Any other thoughts on the outreach? No? Okay, moving on.

What I'm calling the next agenda item is an outreach call, and it's necessarily the members call. NCUC has not done any member calls in a while now, and I do think that we are emptied out. There are no more discussions in our mailing list. There is no more interest from members in representing us at the policy committee or the finance committee. For this CROP call that we had open, we only had one application.

So I do happen to think that we are being emptied out. I've been almost obsessing about this. I've been chatting with Louise in the past few weeks, and we discussed the idea of maybe having an outreach/members call that would have a theme. I think that we [have not] – this would have to be something that would be very connected with the discussions in Montreal. And then we could invite some other civil society organizations and members from NCUC to speak at this call about this subject just so we can 1) connect our members with the upcoming meeting, 2) have more activity on the mailing list and engage more people with us. Because this has been kind of irritating. And have the members call that we haven't had for a while.

So, Ines, about the format, it would be sort of a webinar/members call. It would be a line. What I have discussed with Louise so far is that prior to ICANN 66, we will have NASIG happening. So if we could manage to have a webinar with NASIG – like a joint initiative, I still have to talk with them – that would bring attention to some of the subjects that will be

discussed in both situations. It will be a good thing for us to outreach to new members, to in-reach to our members, and set forth the conversation before ICANN 66.

I was still discussing with Louise about whether or not we will do this about one subject or two subjects, who else we were going to invite. But this could be a good opportunity for us to bring the attention back to NCUC and show people that we are still here and alive. Thoughts on this? I'm going to open the floor to you guys.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Yeah, I think this is a great idea. NCUC used to be more active. Can you guys hear me?

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, we can, Ben.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: The mailing list used to be very active. Now I don't know what has happened. So the call for members I think is something good we should do. I don't know if we are still going to have AOB, but also I know that there's some activity in terms of the African region of getting more people engaged and all of that, and that has to do also with [reviewing our own] unique realities. And there we'll be discussing a document that we ought to bring to you.

Ines is supposed to bring it to the attention of the EC, but her mic is not working. So I think it's important you know that might also draw some

level of attention from the African participants to engage more actively and know the conversations to bring to the mailing list. So I think it would be something good if the EC can also look at the document that we have been drafting for quite a bit.

BRUNA SANTOS: Thanks, Ben. If I'm taking your comment right, you're suggesting maybe a document for us to share these initiatives and [fine line] the ideas, right?

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: No, no, no. I'm saying that the call for membership is totally correct, the right step to take. That however, in our own – the African region have also been thinking that participation has been kind of dwindling or reducing. So one of the ways we tried to address that and some of the things I promised during my campaign was we're going to get more persons to engage more on NCUC mailing list from the African region. One of the steps that has been taken is that there was a document that was drafted to try and address the reasons why people have not been participating actively. So I think it would be good if we can share that document with the EC as well so that it can also support the call for membership. Does that make sense?

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, it does.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Okay.

BRUNA SANTOS: This idea, yeah, I guess we're talking about different things in this.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Yes.

BRUNA SANTOS: [inaudible] on the comments. Yes, I guess the idea is for us to work together. From now on, Ben, we're working together in every single [initiative]. So whatever are the ideas that come up from engagement regarding the African region and so on, feel free to share this with us and feel free to throw things at the EC list, and we will be [able] to discuss this with you and help you or guide you through these ideas and so on.

What I would not like to happen then – and if I'm making the wrong comment right now, feel free to correct me – is that due to past things that happened in the NCUC list I felt some sort of separation from the rest. So I have seen the African list very active. You guys still have the calls and so on, and I congratulate Ines for doing these calls because this is something that should be happening for every single other region and this is simply not happening.

But also, I'm sort of feeling some separation from the rest. So I guess that if we are to agree with this, the main idea or the main mission would be to reintegrate both lists. Obviously, it's great to have the

African mailing list running with discussions and activities and opinions and so on, but NCUC is not profiting from its diversity if the discussions about Africa only happen in the African mailing list.

So what I'm saying is you guys try to bring these discussions to the mailing list, or they have always been welcome there. We can only, the constituency in general can only profit from this diversity and to learn about different issues and to learn about different discussions and what are the problems through the African region that might be problems to the other regions as well. So maybe as an idea, as an initial thought, we can bridge this sort of separation.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Exactly. That is the word. Bruna, you are totally on the right path. What you're saying is totally on course. All I'm saying is in line with what you're saying that we should bridge it and those conversations are what we have summarized and we are bringing onboard. I'm just sharing that as – I mean, maybe I should have waited before sharing that, but it's totally in line with that there's a need for more participation on the NCUC list. From that group of people, these are some of the suggestions we are making so that we can see that kind of engagement. Does that make sense?

BRUNA SANTOS:

Yes, it does.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Okay, so we are bridging. We are not cutting out. We are bringing everybody onboard.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yeah, that's the idea because also the African strategy document was rather [delicate] strategy for you guys to take because it was not shared with us, the chairs of constituency and stakeholder group and so on. But, Ines, I'm seeing your comments but I'm not sure I'm understanding them. So if you want to take the floor, feel free to do it.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Ines' mic is not working. That's the problem.

BRUNA SANTOS: Okay, so just to read Ines' comments here is: "If I understood well, Ben would like to [bridge] the African strategy doc to the outreach call. The document would be shared on the NCSG list as [edited by Rafik] in addition to NCUC and NPOC EC. And then maybe if we have something written down with 1) goal, 2) MO, 3) participants, 4) partners, and 5) timeline concerning the outreach call."

Yes, Ines, so moving back to the outreach call, as I said, this is something that was an idea, like a brief idea that I discussed with Louise. We agree with this like having a goal and what else we would do on this call, who we would be inviting to join it, and partners, and timeline and so on. So, yeah, I agree with this, to have an object for the call.

And also answering to Antonella, Antonella asked about whether this would be a call with current members or current and potential members. I guess it's the second, Antonella. In previous situations, NCUC has done open calls in previous times. So I would like for us to go back to doing this and have open calls for anyone who would be willing to join NCUC or willing to listen to the discussions. This would be a good thing for us to happen.

With regards to the next steps, yeah, we do have a members call by the end of this month. What I meant to ask you guys is, do we still wish to keep the members call and do this separate call? I'm calling this a thematic call or an outreach call. Do we want to keep things separate? Do we think we have things to present enough at the members call by the end of this month? And lastly, who would be volunteering to help me with the members call by the end of September? You guys have the floor.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Chair, Ines is saying we could share some of the things. She has listed some of the things we could share. We could share, for instance, the document I've been talking about during the call. She's also saying let's share to members during the call end of September. So that's what Ines is saying. [inaudible] share a draft about the outreach during the call as well. Did you hear that, Bruna?

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes. I just wanted to hear from other EC members as well if we are agreeing with this members call in September and possibly this webinar

in October, like closer to ICANN 66. Also, a volunteer to help me organize both calls. I'm already volunteering Louise with this as the vice chair, but anyone else would like to help me do these calls? Whoever opened the mic has the floor.

FRANCO GIANDANA:

I'm happy to help you, Bruna. In regards to whether having the outreach calls first or later after the membership call, I guess going back to the latest modus operandi would be fine, but let's discuss it later on. But I'm here to help.

BRUNA SANTOS:

Thanks. So I'm seeing Franco and Antonella as volunteers. Yes, Ines, that's what I was asking, if we were to separate both calls. So we are going to do two calls in the end. That's what I'm understanding from this conversation. We're doing the members call by the end of September, and then in October – I would say in the middle of October or by the third week of it – we are doing this webinar, what I'm calling maybe webinar. So that's what I'm thinking.

I will probably nudge Antonella, Franco, and Louise to help me write a draft or a proposal of this call to share with you guys on the EC list just so we can start talking with [inaudible] and so on. Okay? Any other thoughts on this? No? Perfect.

The last item on our agenda was the EC transition. It was mostly for us to have a brief discussion about deadlines and conversations between us. I recall that back in Marrakech we agreed on doing a shared

transition document that I haven't seen so far, and no initiatives on this so far. But we agreed on this, so this is a good thing.

I think we also need to set some sort of schedule as to the calls for the ones who are transitioning out of [inaudible] and also to help welcome the incoming members. So I'm thinking about Dave, Antonella, and Ines. I think the three of you, we should have, if you guys want to take this to the mailing list, we can do this. You can send me an e-mail and we can discuss ideas for transitions to you guys. But also, I guess it's a good reminder that your terms only end by Montreal. So I would expect the same amount of engagement from you guys up until November and also to help me with this transition.

So I was thinking it's good that this is the first call that we are having incoming EC members. This would be a good thing for the future if on the next one we continue to invite them, but we need more concrete actions on this. So are we doing the collective, like the shared transition document? If so, who is doing it? And I would like to see more activity about this on the mailing list and from you guys.

Any other thoughts or ideas about transition? I'm opening the floor once again to you.

ANTONELLA PERINI:

[inaudible] question because [inaudible] meeting in Marrakech some people said that there was already a transition document or some draft from previous years. I don't know if any one of you know of it or can [inaudible] so that we can start the [current] draft to [inaudible] the previous one.

BRUNA SANTOS: Anto, I guess we mentioned it more as an example because what we did before I guess it was by the time that both me and Louise joined the EC. What we did at the time was a joint document, Google docs, with the actions that we needed to do and things that the previous EC did not finish doing and things were necessary for the continuation. I can try to find the document myself and share this with you guys, but it would be great if we could at least open a new Google doc and start listing actions there. So if any of you can start this and share with the broader EC, it would be good as well while I locate the past document.

FRANCO GIANDANA: Sorry, Bruna. I just wanted to let you all know that Anto reached out to me, and we are planning to have a transition call next week. I think that's also a very good idea for the people having a transition period.

BRUNA SANTOS: Great. Thanks, Franco and Anto. Yes, I guess if we are to consider the transition, I guess the transition period starts in October. So for the outgoing EC members, your term ends/expires/I don't know the term, but it ends by the last day of Montreal. So that means 7 November. So starting on 7 October, I guess, we can consider this month as the transition period.

So I guess it would be great for us to have this document by 7 October and some action points that will be necessary for transition. And if there aren't any action points, some thoughts or maybe like, Ines for an

example, you are leaving the African EC slot, so it would be great if you could maybe describe a little bit of your strategy with the meetings that you have attended, the members that you spoke with, the African calls, and the African mailing list. Because as a general example, you guys are the ones who are active on this.

So this is something that would make me at least more calm with this transition than if we could take from Ines' experience or somebody else's experience and outreach into members and have this in our transition document, this would be good for incoming EC and for all of us that are staying here to understand what we are supposed to do in this upcoming term.

So can I ask anyone to kickstart this document for the transition? If not, I will volunteer anyone.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Just to start a document, I could start a Google doc.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, Ben, you can start the Google doc. As soon as I find the document that I did with Louise two years ago, I will try to reproduce some of the ideas there. So if you can start the transition document to all of us and just divide it by region – so EC Africa, EC North America, and so on – it would be great. And then we can all start bringing ideas there.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Okay.

BRUNA SANTOS: And just once again, your guys transition, what we're calling the transition period, will be from 7 October until 7 November. So you guys all have this month. You can start doing things now as Antonella and Franco, but we'll all have this month to work on transition ideas. Any other comments on this?

Okay, if not, we're at the top of the hour. So I guess do we have any other business or ideas you guys would like to share on this call? Okay, so anyone? I heard an open microphone.

DAVID CAKE: [inaudible] opened my microphone briefly, but I don't have any particular ideas about the transition. But I think it's a good idea that we actually think about it for once rather than just kind of wait for it to happen. We'll discuss it, but I don't have anything that springs to mind.

BRUNA SANTOS: Great. Thank you very much, David. Yes, it's better for us to start planning this instead of just by the end of somebody else's term the new one comes in and then it just happens. Then sometimes it's rough, it's complicated, and it only makes the job of the ones staying a little bit harder because sometimes we're sharing the work that we already have with guiding new members. And then I guess it's a smoother process for us to do.

DAVID CAKE: Yes, actually by just having the members elect on calls, I think that's a great thing that we have never done before. Or I don't remember us doing it before.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, I hope it works, and I hope the ones who are still within their terms don't feel annoyed or disrespected by this. So this is just a good way of bringing the incoming members of the EC into the actual work. But if you guys feel somehow upset with this, feel free to talk to me and then it's going to be fine. I can chat with everybody else. I guess it's a [cool] transition for everybody.

But if anyone else – if nobody else has any other thoughts, I'm going to adjourn this call. We are at two minutes past the deadline for this call to end. So I would like to thank you all for attending this call.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Bruna?

BRUNA SANTOS: Yes, Ben, go ahead.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Sorry. You saw Ines' conversations. So we're going to share. Is it totally okay to share that document with you? With the EC group?

BRUNA SANTOS: You can share on the EC list. I think you don't have permission to post on the EC list, but Ines does. So feel free to share if you can ask Ines if you can share on the list. Ben, [inaudible] and [inaudible] are not yet on the list, but I can figure out with Maryam what to do. Because what we have been doing before is to only add the incoming members when their term starts. So what we can do for now is start cc-ing them in whatever communications we find necessary to cc them. If not, the EC mailing list is also open, so you guys can look at the records. And if you guys don't have the address of the list, I can share with you guys. So we can figure out a way [inaudible] okay.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you.

BRUNA SANTOS: Yeah. So thanks very much, everyone. Thanks for attending this call. I hope we get to do our plans for the upcoming two months until Montreal. I'm going to share some notes of this call with you guys, and have a nice day, everyone.

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