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YESIM SAGLAM:	Hello, and welcome to the At-Large Leadership Wrap-Up. My name is Yesim Saglam, and I am the remote participation manager for this session. Please note that this session is being recorded and is governed by the ICANN expected standards of behavior.
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	With that, I will hand the floor over to Maureen Hilyard, ALAC Chair.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much, Yesim. And thank you, everyone, for being with us this morning. This is our final session for ICANN74, our first face-to-face/hybrid/all-those-sorts-of-things meeting. And I think we've actually had a really good time. I think it has been a very interesting session. There's been, yeah, a few controversial bits and pieces, but what the heck? I think that we've made our mark here anyway. But I really do want to welcome everyone here—not only the people who are in the room, of course, but those who are with us remotely. And I haven't connected to the Zoom yet, but I assumed there's quite a few people. I can't see that far. I've got my reading glasses on.

But of course I've got this group of people at the front here. Some of them you may recognize. But we've got Edmon Chung, our new Board member from the Asia-Pacific region. I'm sure we all, especially in the APRALO region, know him, too. And then of course there's this gentleman here who comes occasionally to some of our meetings and has a little bit of input. Similarly, on the right-hand side, there's the Board Chair and the Board Vice-Chair. So I think we've got a lot of people here that we've got information that we'd like to throw at, especially in regard to what has happened this week. And if there's anything on top for us that we'd like them to know about, that's something that I would really like you to take advantage of. And I know that they may have some words to say a little bit later, but I know that Göran has already mentioned that he'd really like to be able to

answer any questions or queries. He enjoys that interaction, I know.

So what I first want to do, though, is to thank those of our remote participants who have actually been with us during the week. They've taken time from their home or work activities to be with us in our sessions, and that has been very much appreciated.

But I especially wanted to thank people who not only were in attendance but who actually participated a lot as remote participants. The whole point of this meeting was that it was going to be hybrid, and with that involvement, whether it was here or remotely, we'd try to be as seamless as we could. And I think that that actually happened this week. We've had some amazing inputs from people who haven't been here on the ground, but they've certainly had an impact on our sessions during the week. And I think that that's been very, very much appreciated.

But I especially wanted to mention people who, when they were participating, weren't just in one session. And at some times, it was a couple of sessions.

And I wanted to mention, because I've been sorely missed, I must admit, Alan Greenberg, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, Andrei Kolesnikov, who I really did appreciate—heaven knows what he had to do to get connection from Russia to be part of our SSAC meeting, as well as the welcome session that he participated in—

Seun, of course—yesterday we joined into his AFRALO session—but particularly Marita Moll and Julf Helsingius, who's the Chair of ISOC Finland, who participated in Joanna's GAC session yesterday remotely. You wouldn't have known, really. I think that's what seemed so good. It sort of seemed as if they were here with us in person. And I do have to mention Justine Chew. I don't know if she actually participated, but I noticed that she was hovering in a lot of the sessions that we were in. So it was good to have her available at times.

But I think that the remote participants really did complement a lot of the work that we were actually doing here, so I think the hybrid thing worked for us. Anyway, thank you.

What I wanted to do at this particular point of time—we've allocated about 15 minutes—is just to go through the sessions that we actually engaged in during the week and, for the people who actually took those sessions, give us a one- or two-minute key takeaway— something that you think was a positive, a negative, an action item for perhaps preparing us for ICANN75, something we might need take note of, or just that it was good. Whatever. But, if I can go through those, I do want to get some feedback. And I think it's good for the team upfront here, too, to be able to hear what he feel that things went for us.

So let's start with Sébastien. Sébastien, you can talk about all the things that you're involved in, if you like. I'll give you more than two minutes.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Then I need two hours, Madam Chair. I didn't prepare anything. But allow me to switch to French.

Thank you, all. Two things. I know that sometimes it's a little bit of a burden for you when I take the floor and you have to move and listen to the interpretation, but very often, León Sanchez also uses Spanish, and I think it's absolutely necessary that we continue to offer diversity in terms of the languages that we use. I would like to also mention, because it was something that we talked about during the last session, that the integration of interpretation is a fantastic tool, especially online. And I would like to express a wish. I hope that some day this tool of integration into Zoom is possible for all of our phone teleconferences because it is so much simpler. And for people like me, who move from one language to another very commonly, I can't move from French to English to Spanish with three phones. And so it's a lot easier on Zoom.

Now, as far as the leadership meeting, we already mentioned a certain number of topics. It is very useful. But I think that we can take two things, two lessons, out of it. I think it's absolutely necessary that we meet more regularly and not just on occasion

and that we talk about how we coordinate. I think that we need to really coordinate amongst the RALOs, not so much as a Secretariat.

I think that we also need to be better organized at the level of the RALOs. It has been 20 years or more that I've been participating in the ICANN meetings, and I realize that there is something that is not quite right. There is what the community calls ALAC. There is what the RALOs do. And there is what At-Large does. And there is an issue with the terms, and we need to work on that.

Also, I gave the baton to my colleague, the Chair of the Asia-Pacific Region, because the meeting will happen in Kuala Lumpur. So I am not charge of anything at all. Satish is in charge. So if something goes wrong, please talk to him. If something goes well, you can talk to me. Thank you. It's always difficult with languages and translations. I just want to make sure you know that this was an attempt at humor.

There were several meetings, but the one that we just had … And I'm not sure I should be the one to say what he thought about it because I was very involved. It had to happen and go well. But I would like to thank all of the speakers who participated in that meeting. But I expect to hear your feedback because that's what's important to me.

But there are two last points I would like to mention. ICANN made very useful decisions, but it would be interesting to know we can

go farther. And what I mean is not just to pull out the checkbook but rather to think about what we can do in terms of coordinating the At-Large structures or maybe other things in areas or regions where we have difficulties.

And the other thing is … And that was the conclusion of the previous meeting. I just want to express my hope that, one day, peace will be there in the world. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien.

I think what we'll do is, if we can get these quick overviews, first of all, it might give these guys something that they might want to bring up.

So the next person is Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Hi. Thank you. So the aim of this session was to highlight the role of At-Large and helping users stay safe over the Internet, with a focus on the roles of the RALOs.

First, Board Vice-Chair León Sanchez talked about the challenges that the community faces, highlighting that the biggest challenge is the definition of DNS abuse, which is not yet widely agreed to. León also mentioned numerous activities that ICANN has undertaken to mitigate DNS abuse. He also highlighted the

ongoing dialogue going on between the Board and the community.

Then we had Joanna Kulesza. She talked about the role of At-Large in mitigating DNS abuse. She also pointed out that the Consolidated Policy Working Group is the place where we discuss policy issues, and this includes DNS abuse.

Then the RALOs took the floor to put forward their thoughts. And their thoughts included using technology, such as tools that test vulnerability of websites, and tools through which users can report abuse. Also, they mentioned awareness and educational sessions, making use of the dialogue that is going on between the Board and the community, and also bringing entrepreneurs to the discussion and to the table.

Finally, Graeme Bunton, the director of the DNS Abuse Institute, showed us a tool or a free website that the institute has launched a few days ago. The site can be used by any user to report DNS abuse.

So, going forward, based on the ideas put forward, we shall try to put forward a framework through which the RALOs could work together to help keep end users safe online. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thanks, Hadia.

Jonathan?

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thanks. We did just a discussion session on closed generics because the Board—I think very rightfully so—pushed that issue back to the community to find a compromise, and I think we want to be part of those discussions. And we tried to make them as open as possible.

And I guess, to echo what Sébastien said, we need to make it a non-issue for people to use their native language to participate. And I feel like we had even broader non-English participation in that meeting than typically. And so I think that's a move in the right direction.

And the next step on that is to really get a small team together and refine and perhaps add some nuance to our position on closed generics so we can be part of finding a good, compromised solution on that topic. I think it's something where there's a lot of assumptions and rhetoric, and we need to get to real practical recommendations for the Board. So I would say that's the next step. So thanks, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: All right. Actually, I was thinking that you might actually say something about the SSAC meeting. It's just that Andrei isn't here.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Oh, sorry. Well, so we had a meeting with the SSAC as well. And I skipped ahead of the agenda here. I apologize. We had a good meeting with the SSAC. And once again, as we have meeting with both the SSAC and the GAC, we find ourselves with multiple points of overlap in terms of our positions.

And another thing that we could potentially do to smooth the process of advice to the Board and things like that is some coordination on those things and, perhaps even in some instances, a consolidation of advice that doesn't require sorting out what are otherwise trivial differences but instead is a strong, common position. And I think that both the SSAC and the GAC have real strong overlap with the ALAC in terms of our core concerns and proposed solutions. And so I think, the more we can do to cooperate with the GAC and the SSAC to find that common ground and articulate it in an actionable way for the Board, I think the better it is for everyone.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Awesome. Thank you so much.

Cheryl?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Maureen. I did a little pitch, and I know a goodly number of you did in fact turn up to the plenary (because I was looking for all your faces) who sets ICANN priorities. And some people think I'm joking. Isn't that sweet? What I hope, however, is that, when you were there, you found the plenary pleasurable because it was an interaction with you as the audience. And if you had an opinion or a comment or a question, I hope that the design of that plenary was such that you felt you could have come up to the microphone even if you didn't.

Also, just a point here on the hybrid meeting: from the plenary perspective, we were deeply concerned—Jonathan was on the planning committee with me—with how this hybrid system was going to work for us as we were trying to design it. But feel free to argue if you like, Jonathan, but I thought that it was a worthy exercise and that having hands up in Zoom, and the remote participants being brought in, was a little rough around the edges but is workable. And I know Jonathan and I are diametrically opposed when it comes to the wonderful world of chat. I'm into it. He's not. But from my point of view, with those of us who do like chat, I think that also worked very well because there was a lot of really useful information being exchanged in that session and, I hope, captured, because there's a lot for Org to think about in some of those exchanges, and then contributing to the whole conversation even if it wasn't a line up—well, we couldn't line up people coming to the microphone.

So if you think it wasn't a success, get back to Jonathan and I. if you think you'd like to see more of that type of design, get back to Jonathan and I. And we'll see if we can make more of what I think was a pretty magic session happen.

And I just want to echo, while I've got the speaking stick, Maureen, that I think the consolidation of thoughts and interests and the productivity of the bilaterals with the other advisory committees were at a new level at this meeting. And compliments to all of you who put that together. Well done, team. That's it from me.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Cheryl.

Okay, who's next? Pari?

PARI ESFANDIARI: Thank you. The session was about shaping the [youth's] digital future. And there's major strategy and initiative coming from Europe. And thanks to Sébastien who introduced the topic. We thought it was very important to understand how these strategies are impacting the values of the Internet communities.

So we chose two specific initiatives which we thought were very important. It was the revision of NIS, which is the security of network and information system, and we looked at the DNS for EU—the two initiatives that we think are going to be impactful.

We had several people in this session. We had [Alana] from ICANN, who mapped out how these are going to impact ICANN and discussed issues from ICANN's position. And then we had Polina from CENTR, Lucien from AFNIC, and Chris Buckridge from RIPE-NCC. So we managed to have a very plural and comprehensive understanding of how this legislation is going to impact the Internet community, what areas are problematic, and which areas are not clear. Also, we looked at motivation for these and basically tried to provide some sort of context for any kind of communication with the regulatory authorities. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Wasn't it an interesting session [inaudible]?

Who's next? Oh, Joanna.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Maureen. Just very briefly, speaking of successful bilaterals, I'm happy to report on the ALAC-GAC bilateral we held on a Wednesday morning. In line with lengthy preparations and a series of intercessional meetings, we have selected three topics that have proven to be of mutual interest.

The first one was universal acceptance with a brilliant, very technical and focused presentation from Satish Babu, who is our Universal Acceptance Working Group liaison, complemented by that of Nigel Hickson, who also gave us a brief recap on the

dedicated EPDP on IDNs. As feedback, we have received increased interest from our GAC colleagues with regards to capacity-building in that area and hopefully as the following staff further aligning the positions of the two advisory committees.

Then, thanks to the input and cooperation and coordination from Yrjo Lansipuro, who was working intensely on behalf of this community for the NomCom, we showcased successful local cooperation between the local At-Large structures, an ALS from Finland, and the local foreign ministry. We hosted the GAC representative from the Finnish [inaudible] together with Julf Helsingius, who heads ISOC Finland, an ALS structure locally, with a succinct yet very actionable summary of the advancements on the ground in Finland and how such a successful collaboration between elements between the two advisory committees could be implemented, followed up by [Shian Tseng], who's the GAC representative of the South Korean authorities and, at the same time, who heads this collaboration on behalf of the GAC, which is deeply appreciated. And also in that regard, we've received positive feedback from different community members on both sides looking at ways to address effective support for the multi-stakeholder model within their competencies.

Speaking of which, this brings us to the third topic we discussed, broadly framed as geopolitical issues and advancing the multi-stakeholder model, both hot topics for the entire community, particularly for the two advisory committees. And you could see

different perspectives that help us advance a conversation on that very same topic. We started with Marita Moll highlighting the need to ensure effective volunteer support that the At-Large relies so strongly on. And we've heard this in the previous session from Claire as well. So we're looking for ways to ensure that the multi-stakeholder model remains relevant in times of the pandemic, in times of crisis, where the usual ways that we have operated as the multi-stakeholder community within ICANN have changed. And on the other side, addressing exactly these geopolitical challenges, Jorge Cancio addressed individual national initiatives, such as the declaration of the future of the Internet provided by the U.S. government and other U.N. processes that are unfolding to ensure that individuals are not lost in all Internet-related policies.

We are looking forward to further meetings. There will be intercessional bilaterals on DNS abuse, likely on closed generics. We are working closely in that regard as well, although that is happening intersessionally.

And in that regard, I give the floor back to Maureen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much.

And just to finish this off, Aziz—I know that you had the AFRALO meeting yesterday, too—give us just a little summary of what your group presented.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, indeed, Maureen. Yesterday, we had a meeting—our traditional meeting. This is a meeting that we have been organizing ever since 2010. It was the 29th edition. And it is being continued.

And yesterday we talked about DNS abuse mitigation. It was a very successful meeting. We had the participation of two members of the Board. And we also had our CEO, Göran. The discussion was very interesting. Many remote participants were present from the African region. And in the end, we approved a statement that we will send [it] to the ICANN Board.

And I would like to thank all of the participants and all of the speakers who always supported us.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you for that.

I think that, for our guests, it truly shows how diverse and how well we've actually integrated with other areas of the ICANN community, gathering together more collaboration.

Do you want to say a few words?

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN:	Sure. Thank you. [inaudible] I will not stress the translator with more Dutch because I don't count on Dutch ever being translated. And I'm okay with that. At the same time, I find that language support has been amazing and seems to improve every time even more, both in virtual and online participation. So, dear translators—I know you're sitting behind us—thank you so much.

I really enjoy coming back, as has grown to be a habit, at the end of the week, and look back with you on what's happened and look forward. This time has been even more of an extreme pleasure because I've been able to welcome you earlier this week to this town where I was actually born. And I hope you enjoyed the city as well as the meetings. The weather has helped, no doubt.

Since we've spoken Monday, I've really also enjoyed the opportunity for speaking to many of you in the corridors, during the receptions, or even on the street, walking by from the hotel to the other site. And the face-to-face meetings have been very good. So just a session just before here was one of the examples of that we'll be sitting upstairs as well because the ALAC room has been filled throughout the week, I think, because some of the subjects you had were really of broad interest.

So over the week, I was actually also impressed with how well things went overall in terms of adhering to health and safety, in terms of the technical facilitation of our hybrid interaction. And

over time, I'm sure we'll even get more of the tools to work even more effectively—even better tools. We have been progressing in the virtual setting all the time. I expect this now to happen for the hybrid setting, too. And no doubt, we will develop a best-of-class. And to be best-of-class, that means you need to continue to innovate because [inaudible] will get better as well.

Big thanks also to the technical team and for the meeting team for all they made possible. All the fears of the things that could go wrong that we thought of before this week started I haven't witnessed. I have found out that I need to mute my speaker if I'm online as well as in the room. But you get used to that. And, again, also the translation system on the site really helps.

So many thanks for making us feel welcome. And the last innovation that also the Board didn't know about was really the lanyards—the greens. I thought it was brilliant. It gives some indication for people to also think to themselves, "What color would I want?" as well as a signal to others on how to approach them. So little things matter in this.

Your continued contribution and innovative approach to all the seven virtual meetings and all activities between those meetings have been extremely appreciated by the Board.

Next to that, there's also the readouts—the EURALO readouts. I had the pleasure of joining Sébastien. And they were actually quite good because there were not only ALAC people but there

were people across the board in the region. And I've heard from León that it's similar in the LAC region. This is how we make things work together, right?

And also the bilaterals that have been mentioned I see really as a good step forward because, yes, the Board loves it if you come to an even more measured joint input to the Board. The Board looks like a rubberstamping body because everything it says automatically goes. In practice, we see that sometimes there are things that really need consideration or at least the consideration for implementation for which we do need to give the organization the space to find the best way forward as well.

At-Large sessions as such were interesting and insightful and highlighted local, regional, and global perspectives across the region. Again, let me just express my appreciation for the previous session on how the multistakeholder model can function and help in times of emergency. It's a kind of debate of, how do we best contribute in these times of need, both with … So what do we do in the short [term], and how do we build it in structurally, like with the initial relief we had earlier for the hurricane? We followed up with that now. So we put help in place, but we also said, in similar situations, this is what we can do. It's the same now with Ukraine.

And I know you didn't mean that, Sébastien, but you said "more than just pull the checkbook." I think we're doing that together.

And I know you think so too. So I want to have anybody who could have envisioned the understanding that it's just about, "Oh, we'll give a million and be done with it" know that's not what's the case here.

So from the Board perspective and some of the highlights and future priorities that I just want to touch upon, it's really, between now and 75, only three months, so don't expect miracles. It includes the summer in the northern hemisphere, which means that there's some downtime, not only in France but also in the rest of the northern hemisphere. But we will see the progression of SubPro. We will see the progression on SSAD. We will see the progression on also how the Board multistakeholder model can work together. We have these activities there. We have the holistic review pilot that we're working towards. And we fully understand that, wherever we are, we can always do better. And there are some things we really need to do a lot better, and there other things we can do incrementally better. We need to do that together and find a way. The only thing we should be very aware of is changing our model into a much more efficient model of top-down command-and-control structure. That's not going to happen.

Last but not least is the issue of DNS abuse. You have seen our next step on auction proceeds. Again, something from it is very important. We use it well and we do it well, step by step. And you'll find the gearing up towards the more strategic outlook as well.

So together it's a very full agenda. And we'll be moving forward. And we're moving towards ICANN75 in Kuala Lumpur and beyond, step by step and together.

So, León, you're on. And we were also very willing to answer any questions in the room, but right now, I'd like, Göran, if you can complement this. I really appreciate it.

GÖRAN MARBY: I have no idea what to say after this. You sort of covered my speech. What can I say?

First of all, I think that for the first 24 hours of this meeting I just went around on high adrenaline to actually meet people again. We've been locked in for 30 months. I had my first executive team. We had our first Board meeting with most of the Board. And I just was walking around seeing people and realizing that I don't know who they are because they had a mask.

And you said before that it worked according to plans. It worked according to one of the plans. My team had, like, five different plans with different scenarios for this meeting. And we did it. I think we did it good. I'm really proud. It sounds condescending when I say I'm proud of the community, but the community has … We said from the beginning, first of all, that this meeting is an experiment, and everybody has to walk into it as an experiment. Don't expect everything to work flawlessly. And the other thing

we said is that we're not going to police. You should do that for yourself. And I've been to other meetings where people stop wearing masks the second day or are trying to utilize them. "Oh, I'm drinking." Yeah, you've been sitting with a glass of wine for 2.5 hours. But you have been grownups, [inaudible]

And we were a little bit afraid it's going to create tensions between the different colors, that people didn't respect them, but it has been very respectful. So we talked about this when we had a small tete-a-tete with the executive team yesterday, and I'm not surprised about it, to be honest because, in this group, we are used to treating each other with respect regardless because—and I'm just getting the numbers here—we have done 105 sessions with 878 on-site participants from 101 countries. We are respectful because it's built into our DNA. And I think that's what was shown during this meeting.

COVID is here. COVID will not go away for our next meetings. We will have different measurements in that meeting as well. We have had cases, both in the community and staff, but nothing that has been dramatic. One of the good things that people that got infected actually tested themselves at home and didn't come into the meetings afterwards. You've seen presenters and other ones. Of course, there's been some people that complained that we asked for verification of vaccination and made that public. But I think it's been very, very good. So thank you so much for this meeting.

Because Maarten said everything else.

Any questions? I always enjoy coming to you guys and when you ask me questions about anything.

Oh, JZ, you want to speak about DNS abuse? You want to speak about the WHOIS disclosure system? What do you want to talk about?

JONATHAN ZUCK: I am not a one-note band, Göran.

GÖRAN MARBY: It's one of my favorite records. I'm not saying it's wrong.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Yeah. I think it has been a great meeting, and I think your staff has to be commended for having pulled this off, no question. And there's always refinements to be made and things to look at. In my session, I just told everybody outright I was going to ignore the chat. So it's not like I needed there to not be a chat. I just said I wasn't going to read it. So you find a way to accommodate the situation.

But if I might bring up one uncomfortable topic—that I can be counted on to do, right?—it would probably be the topic of a waiver. We have some prominent members of the At-Large

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community who are not here and are not here because of that waiver and having to sign it. And I know that you went through a lot to try and explain in it in the FAQ and to try and reinterpret it. And I just wanted to get your thoughts on what that might look like as a result of those conversations now that you have a fresh start, even though it's a short timeframe, for ICANN75.

GÖRAN MARBY: I think I've been open and said I think … I mean, yes, we did. We sort of did an intentional mistake and another mistake. And the first [thing,] we went public with that we're doing a waiver. You all sign waivers all the time for everything, and often as an afterthought. You buy tickets for something. Some of you might use social media. As you know, I'm not allowed to use my own Twitter account— I just want to put that on the record—if my Comms doesn't think that's a good idea for some reason. But you always sign them. So we were open and were very public that we're going to have one.

The second thing is we didn't do a good job with the Q&A when we realized there was a lot of questions, and we tried to correct that. But we were also a little saddened about some of the things because it was implied that we don't care about people coming to the ICANN meeting. It's not about the money. I can say now we spent a lot of resources, but we have over the last four or five years increased heavily the amount of things we do. We have

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nurses on staff. We have medical people. And some of you know that we have gone many times over any border when it comes to taking care of people of the community. And did someone imply that we would stop doing that for some reason?

I'll give you story and then I'm going to answer your question. Some of you were in India, weren't you? You remember when the Indian government … And I'm not criticizing them. We woke up one day and they canceled currency. You remember that? So we ended up with a lot of community members and other ones who didn't have any money. My staff, without any organization or anything else, just went together and went around and put all the cash we had as staff because, being staff, you always have access to company credit cards. We always fix it. They took their own money and gave it out to community members that didn't have one.

So when the accusations came that we stopped caring, we got sad. So I just want to put that on the table because I'm blessed with a staff that really do care a lot. And you meet them every day. And you sit them around here. And that's important.

So back to the waiver. So there was reasons for the waiver, and one of them is actually to get people to think. And one of them is because, if you … So many people come to this ICANN meeting, and they do it because there are security measures and precautions. And there come people here who don't think it's a

problem. And we need to create an environment for both of them. Also, one part of the waiver is to make sure that people actually think before they come in here. And we think this made a difference to create this environment.

So it's all about ICANN Org being [inaudible]. We are ICANN. Most of the money we have is actually to support the community's work or make sure … It's not like we have a profit thing, that I make more money. "Oh, I have more money now." As a not-for-profit, we actually do have to spend our money. And I'd rather put that money into the use of the community than put it into lawsuits. We spend a lot of money on lawsuits anyway. I mean, .africa costed us—what was it?—$12 million to protect that one. We do a lot of things for that. You can see it all. But I'd rather use that money for the benefit of the community and the Internet users of the world than having frivolous lawsuits against us.

So are many things about this that I think are lost in the communication. I'm really sorry about it. I think we have the trust between each other for an open and frank conversation. Sometimes we don't agree, but I think you all think that we actually are trying to do the right thing for the right reason and having good discussions about it.

So, yes, the answer is we're going to have a different waiver next time. One is very simple because you can't compare waivers. The waivers are different in different legal jurisdictions. And as you

know, most of the conferences that anyone attends contains a waiver, even the ones in our ecosystem.

The second thing is that we are looking into the language of the waiver to see if we can communicate the waiver in a better way. But we're very close to the next meeting. It's only—what is it?— two months away. Two? Is it two months?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: [inaudible]

GÖRAN MARBY: I used to say sometimes that my life feels like one long Board workshop interrupted by ICANN meetings.

JONATHAN ZUCK: We're happy to provide a distraction.

GÖRAN MARBY: Thank you. Thank you for bringing it up. And I said it from day one: we didn't do a good job with communication. Sorry for that.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Sure. And I think that the community as a whole does recognize the value of a waiver and recognizes that this is a special time because of this global pandemic. I think there's universal recognition of the overall motivations. And I also believe there's

universal recognition of the care with which the ICANN organization takes of the community. And I think that there were just some very small specific elements of the waiver that seemed in ways to contradict what people knew about the organization. And so I imagine in some ways the community probably miscommunicated as well when this came up because it was just a surprise. And I think you did a very good job of clarifying things in the FAQ. And I think, if those two become blended for the next meeting, this won't be the issue that it was this time around. So thank you.

GÖRAN MARBY: We tried to do our best. We're trying to do it together with you guys. And when it comes to legal stuff, JJ, please don't come on me. You should know that our outside external lawyers' recommendation for a waiver was half-a-meter longer. And JJ and his team went through and actually made it smaller to really be purposeful. If you want to look at real waivers, go in to one of the social media sites you're all using and read the 90 pages of waivers that are in there. They own everything you do. So JJ and his team did a really good job of finding what I think is a minimum set of obligations for making sure that, if we get sued, we get sued for the right reasons. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

GÖRAN MARBY: Don't tell JJ I actually gave him that compliment. It's complicated.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

Hadia, you had your hand up first, if it's a question for Göran.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: It's an old hand. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: Just a suggestion that came out of two of the meeting that we had. One was DNS abuse and a briefing by Graeme Bunton, followed by a meeting with SSAC. But what came out of Graeme's presentation was just a one-pager that said, "Look, there's a lot that people can do to keep themselves safe." It was really short and precise. I raised that with Rod Rasmussen and said, "What does this look like?" and he said, "Well, we've already done this at SSAC [40 and 41]." I said, "How many people have read that, really?"

Why can't you two get together and have an ICANN document that says, "This is how you help yourself," translated into however any languages—a message that says, "We take DNS abuse seriously, but you need to recognize the role you play. And as a global body for DNS, this is the message"? I just think it could be really powerful. Thank you.

GÖRAN MARBY:

So we talked about the grant-giving program. So you heard my new theory: we should call things for what they are. I've gone from Strawberry, Calzone, to SFICR, to let's call things what they are, like the WHOIS disclosure system, etc. And now we are going from auction proceeds to grant-giving program. I mean, hey, I see a lot of credit from you guys in this room and enthusiasm.

One of my dreams in that is actually to … During the Ukrainian war, when it started, I was in a meeting with the government, and one of my staff members said something that really hit. And she said, in a way, Internet governance is like peace in that sense. To be able to maintain peace, you have to work for peace every day when it's not war. Otherwise, you end up in war. And one of the things with what we're doing is that many people are taking what we do for granted. The Internet, the technology, is like a natural resource. It just works. Internet governance is just working. Someone else is taking care of it because I can surf the web. But

that's not true. What the work you're doing is to maintain the peace of the Internet together.

One of the things I'm missing—and this is when I came back to you—is actually knowledge about how the system works. It's funny because, when I'm talking about it—and I talk about not the closed generics discussion but actually what ICANN actually does … Every time you go online, you hear about something that originated technically from ICANN. The only definition of Internet is the IP protocol, the domain names, and the IP addresses. We have different policies who make decisions about the technology, but we're all bound with ICANN. ICANN is, on the Internet, the most trusted place on the Internet. How do I know that? Because your computer, mobile phone, always goes and asks a question there. We had the biggest Internet day ever in October/November last year when we had 8.3 trillion requests into the system. It's worked flawlessly for 35 years. It's not a splinternet. Everybody uses the same thing. We often don't talk about that technology part.

So coming back to what you said, I think, in the grant-giving program, I would love … I have nothing to do with it. I'm not going to make any decisions about it. It's not my thing. You know how it's going to be set up. But maybe take a small portion of the money and create tutorials for teachers that actually talk about how the Internet works because it's a fundamental piece. And some people would say, oh, no, it's boring. I've been in meetings

with ministers where we're writing on the wall and people get fascinated. "Oh, is that a root server?" Cheek in tongue, I wish we could have given that to the European Commission before they came up with this this Net4 resolver thing. Sorry. I shouldn't have said that apparently because one of my staff members went *clears throat*

But I agree with you. A not-for-profit such as ICANN could do a lot of things with educating, teaching teachers in many different languages so kids actually can understand, what is the Internet? A platform. Social media. It's not an Internet. You walk out of the Internet into someone else's computer. There is no cloud. There's probably a computer in your neighbor's garage. [Cyber is not existing, it's a voice in someone's computer in someone's jurisdiction.] Am I preaching now?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Yeah, you are.

GÖRAN MARBY: Sorry. I'll shut up now. She wants me to shut up.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

I've got Claire Craig next in the list.

CLAIRE CRAIG: Hi, Maureen. Thank you very much for being able to speak at this forum. I want to make a couple of comments. First, I wish to thank ICANN for everything that you have put in place to keep us safe and for giving us the opportunity to have choice in terms of how we wish to interact. I also want to thank you for truthfulness of the communication that came out with respect to the positive cases because that also gave us an opportunity to make certain personal decisions, which I, for one, was able to do with respect to the social events. And I even thought about it with respect to attending the sessions. But I took into consideration that there were a number of things that were put in place to keep us safe and therefore I felt that, in coming to the meetings in person, since ICANN did fund me to be here, I can be here and be safe. But going to the cocktail, I made a choice not to attend because there is no way I can eat and drink without wearing my mask, and that was important to me. So that's the first comment.

The second comment I would like to make is concerning the issue of volunteers in ICANN. Again, ICANN has done quite a lot with respect to the fellowships and the Next-Gen programs, as well as the ICANN Learn, to keep persons and to help them understand what ICANN stands for. However, once you are in and connected, how do we stay connected? For me, as I actually retired from my full-time job last year, it was a lot easier—oh, first let me also say that I am speaking on my behalf and not as Secretary of the

LACRALO—for me to engage, particularly during the pandemic, because we were all at home and different issues to deal with.

However, I don't know that I would have been able to do that had I been still working full-time because what I do in CANN does not relate directly to my full-time job. And there are a lot of people who we are trying to engage in ICANN to volunteer, particularly the younger people whom it is very difficult to get connected and engaged. And I don't know what can be done for us to continue to engage volunteers and keep the connected and keep them to do the work that is so valuably needed. And we heard that this morning in the session when we spoke about the issues of handling emergencies. We need to have people on the ground who we can turn to, who we can come to. And I don't know what ICANN can do, and I'm just throwing this out there for us to really consider and put things in place to try to help us engage some of the younger volunteers—not that I have anything against older persons because I myself am in that category right now. But as I said, I may not have been able to do this if I was still working in a full-time job that is not directly related to ICANN.

So I just wanted to bring that to the table and ask ICANN to really look more seriously at engaging and keeping all volunteers connected. Thank you very much.

GÖRAN MARBY: So I think there are 175 members of the At-Large here physically at the ICANN meeting. I might have that number wrong, but I actually checked that with David Olive a couple days ago. So that's quite amazing. So it's not contradicting anything. David Olive's team, during the last year, supported four and half thousand calls with the community. So there is activity. I also think [that] changed slightly.

But to answer your question, I don't have an answer. But I think one of the things we've been trying to do over the last couple years that really went from theory to practice during COVID comes of this notion that we all have to come to agreement that the Internet is global and local at the same time. We all talk about the big interconnected 5.3 billion users we have. It's the biggest global community in history. That's what you represent. That's what we all represent.

On the other hand, many of the challenges are local and regional. So the bigger things work, but how do we actually regionalize this and make sure that the Internet works for people who don't read, for instance, English, from Latin script, from left to right, and know what a dot is? And I think that some of the engagement we're seeing right now … So I set up, together with [inaudible] and other ones … Some of you remember we had hubs before, which was a little bit undefined. You have regional offices with regional plans, regional engagement. And I know all of you who are regional representatives and are meeting on a regional level.

And an interesting thing is that what I see is that we actually get people into the regions because there you can also, together with, for instance, our friends at the ISOC chapters, talk about thing that are from a region's perspective as well.

And I had the pleasure of having a dinner with some of the members of the civil society a couple of nights ago. And they were all young people. And I was just sitting there. I was so impressed with them and I was so amazed with their spirits and their knowledge and their academia. "I'm doing my second master's degree now." "Oh, you are? I'm doing my thesis." It was impressive. So I think there are people coming into the community in different places as well.

But I agree with you. We need to have younger, whatever the definition of "young" is. Is that below 50? I don't know. But you're right. If it's ongoing work, you know I always engage in them. But I'm starting to believe that actually understanding that the Internet is global and local at the same time is something that will attract people because, within our mission and what we're supposed to do, we have to make sure that we have an ability to talk about also local issues.

Yesterday, we talked about the new regional programs we're doing in Africa, where we're actually putting investments in Africa, building an IMRS cluster. We're doing work together with country-code operators. We're doing a joint thing with ISOC to

build exchange points, etc. And that problem doesn't exist in Europe, for instance, where we have 10,000 resolvers or plus. We don't know how many.

It's a lengthy answer as well, but you ask so good questions. I think it's to continue to work on a regional basis together. That way, we can attract newcomers. We can attract people coming in—younger people—who can be part of this because I'm getting old, even if you don't.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you. Just commenting on what Holly Raiche just said, Graeme Bunton, during the discussion mentioned that most users are victims to compromised websites rather than maliciously registered websites. And for that, protections like teaching them how to form strong passwords and how to protect their passwords … And this does not seem definitely within ICANN's remit, for sure, but [inaudible] did say that they, ten years ago, did develop a document specific to users telling them how to protect themselves online. And again, this does not seem within ICANN's remit. However, producing such new documents are in ICANN's interest because they enhance users' trust in the Internet. And they do not, as Göran said, understand how the Internet works.

And then, commenting on what Craig just said, I was just thinking we have a model U.N., like M.U.N. We could have a model ICANN

to school students. I don't know if it's a far-fetched idea, but maybe it could happen. Thank you.

GÖRAN MARBY: I promise to be very short in my answer. I agree with everything you say. But one of the things on the DNS abuse discussion that Graeme has done very well … First of all, it's not like ICANN doesn't fight DNS abuse. We have things in our contracts. We provide the DAAR system, which you've seen, sort of. Some people got angry when we came up with the four-year report about it because it shows it goes down. We do the DNS TICR. By the way, we're changing the name for DAAR and TICR now to something that actually describes what they do. But [it's] also to understand the problem is because … Even in our space, we have different kinds of abuse. First of all, we have what we define as DNS abuse here, but then you have what we call content on the websites. We have no technical capabilities, we don't have knowledge, and we don't have systems to follow that. But then you have what is now referred to as social media abuse because of course a lot of the things that politicians are talking about is not on the Internet itself. It's on platforms where you have fraud. If you look at the legistation coming out, there is a new one coming out from the EU now and it's discussed in the US as well. A lot of what people call the Internet actually happens in someone else's computer, called a social media company.

So it's hard. I've been thinking, how do we describe those different sides of it? Because some people come to the ICANN community and say, "Oh, we have so many problems with fake news." We know that many of that is actually on the social media platform. And by the way, ICANN shouldn't [inaudible] anyway because we're really bad at judging what is fake news.

So I agree with everything, and I'm starting to believe that, in the next meeting we have, you can actually not only talk about the DNS abuse, which is important stuff, but if you want to talk about a consumer perspective, then we actually have to talk about a whole range of things, which include moderation by social media platforms, which I happened to say to one of them: "You're quite small. I've got 5.3 billion users. How many do you have?" But that's me in the morning.

Good. Now I'm going to shut up.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: This was a short intervention from our CEO. But the passion also shows, and that's the passion that we have because participation is at the core of our model and we're very much aware of that. And we talk about it in some way, shape, or form in any meeting.

And León has been very much involved in that, too. Can you tell a little bit about what we've actually done as a result of this realization?

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Maarten. I'm going to speak in Spanish if you allow me. As you know, it is my task to coordinate the operational priorities at the Board. I am in charge of coordinating that effort. But aside from that, I am in charge of coordinating the operational priority associated precisely to coming back to in-person meetings, to hybrid meetings.

And in this sense, together with the Org, we have designed a tool that will allow the Board to make the right decisions with respect to how to conduct future meetings, whether it is in a hybrid fashion, as we have done now and as we have always done in the history ICANN, or if extraordinary situations and adverse situations make it necessary to perhaps migrate again to a virtual meeting.

So we established a number of criteria that allow us to make as assessment of the circumstances governing the place where the meeting is set to take place. And based on the evaluation of the different criteria, the Board may make the decision and of course plan in consequence.

So we have done significant work in this regard, and this meeting is precisely the fruit of this work and the considerations that have been made at the level of the Board and the organization. And so obviously this is not something we take lightly. We will definitely

continue working to be able to provide the best conditions possible for any person attending our meetings.

And of course, since I am in charge personally of this, you can have a guarantee that we will make our best efforts to make these a very high-quality product that will allow the Board to make decisions beyond COVID. This goes beyond the pandemic that has been a tragedy for many people. That's considering circumstances like wars, natural disasters, political conditions, electoral conditions, etc. We are seeing range of possibilities or circumstances that we need to assess. And this is how we will allow the meetings taking place to be held in the best conditions possible.

I now give the floor to Maarten or Maureen. I don't really know.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. I'm really sorry for the people who have actually had their hands up for ages, but I was actually wanting to follow on from what Claire had actually mentioned about the volunteer support and the participation of our fellowship members. How are we going to engage them?

Now, we have this young chappie over here who is a new member to the Board, but he's been very much involved in gathering this together and involving them in the sorts of things that we're actually doing within ICANN. And I know that, within the Board

itself, he's going to have a role in getting these answers. And so I just wondered, Edmon, if you might want to tell us what your version is for engaging more youth into ICANN.

EDMON CHUNG: Certainly. Thank you, Maureen. Very good to see every one of you in person. I'm really excited that we are having a face-to-face physical meeting. Of course, the hybrid part of it is important as well. One thing I always like to mention is that the At-Large really is, I feel, my home at ICANN, and every time I come back and speak here is exciting to me.

So I guess, in response, actually, to Hadia's suggestion, in fact— and as Maureen mentioned, I've been involved in youth engagement and getting young participants into ICANN for many years now—we have actually been running model ICANN activities at NetMission, for over twelve years now, and also at APIGA, which is the Asia-Pacific Internet Governance Academy, which is a joint work between ICANN and Korea (KISA) and .asia and APNIC as well. And I think that's a really good idea—to have a model ICANN concept. And in fact, the first Next-Gen, which we, as in .asia and ICANN, worked together way back in Singapore on actually did feature a model ICANN meeting. So I think that's probably something that we can further touch on.

But that one aside, I guess, on the Board, I'm really trying to listen from the community.

And Jonathan, you raised the waiver issue. Yes, I guess the Board has heard very clearly some of the concerns. And we also hear from staff and from other legal opinions some of their considerations as well.

But there are a couple of things that I did want to highlight as in going forward, working especially with the At-Large and ALAC. One, already highlighted by Maarten and Göran, is the auction proceeds work that is now transitioning into the grant-giving program. I think that's a big work that this community should definitely follow and make use of. I personally have been pushing this for many years, and I think seeing it go through to this stage is quite exciting, as well as the Board being able to push this forward and in fact pushed it forward faster than what might have been. So I'm excited about that.

The other thing that I want to highlight is we talked about the closed generic work that the SubPro [does] and the new gTLD process. Upcoming is also further work on the Applicant Support Program that I think this community really created. In fact, it was not in the original GNSO policies, and ALAC was the one that actually took on the job and created it. And so in the next round, this is going to be important. So I think it's something that, of course, this community should really look forward to.

And then, last but not least, my favorite topic: IDN and UA. It's very good to see the continued work, and I'm still looking forward to—

I think there's a survey being worked out—the results from that. I think we can really build from that.

And one last item is I think we've heard loud and clear from the community that ICANN the organization must start using IDNs and new gTLDs ourselves in order to push this forward. So this is definitely something that I'll be pushing very hard on from the Board.

MAARTEN BOTTERMAN: So a lot of things are under discussion, things we care about, as you will understand, where we tried to find the way forward.

One thought or pulse has been about prioritization. I'm very much aware of that. And the thing with prioritization is that that is one of the elements where we want to avoid the trap of becoming a top-down organization and at the same time getting things done. I think we get closer to that. And the pilot as such has involved some very good people from the community. And I think that has helped and is very promising, and we hope that we will lead to a more effective way of coming together, coming to the right decisions, and moving faster, just like, now for two years, SO and AC leaders are also coming together, which has a dual impact. I think one is that we talk there on a cross-silo level about issues that aren't only deeply of interest for this specific SO or AC but also listen to the others. And the other one is that that leads

to feedback and ultimately to processes like, "Maybe we should talk together rather than bounce it via the Board," or whatever.

So we steps were taking, and we're getting there. Let's avoid the trap of becoming top-down and find this way forward with all the good input we got from you guys. Whenever you think, well, the Board or the Org isn't listening, that's a different thing—what we did. And that's also why we're here.

So thanks to Edmon for sharing some of the conversations we're currently having in the Board to see where we can move best. And León has not only mentioned that we took it seriously after the individual decisions on meetings also. So how do we go ahead structurally? Basically like we do with the emergency relief [inaudible] as well. We act on the occasion and then we can look how we can integrate that in better ways forward. But, yeah, let's not let the Next-Gen program, unmentioned also from this side of the table … It's really good to have seen it forward to now 15 years of existence—and not only having been there but also having delivered. People like León. People like Maureen. You two. But many in the room. So in our contemplation—so this is not a Board action or anything—between people …

Also, during this week, what we talked a lot about is also, to all of us here that are in the room and that have a lot of experience, to find someone who is at least 20 years younger than you and is interested and try to mentor them personally. Adopt your own

champions. Adopt talent and mentor. And if that leads to a mentoring program, that can be on Next-Gen and fellows. Let's see how we can facilitate it. But everything on the Internet starts with ourselves.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much. And I really do appreciate that you have stayed a lot longer than you had proposed. And I see there's a half-a-dozen hands up, and I know we're not going to get through them, especially as we've only got 15 minutes left. And I've actually got some other things that we actually got to do. So thank you so much if you have to leave.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you, Maureen. Time just flew, and I was supposed to say a couple of words to you guys. So I just want to be very brief if you allow me.

So I've been stopped by literally tens of you in the corridors to thank me for coming back to face-to-face meetings. I just wanted to say that it's not us who you have to thank. We have to thank you. We have to thank you for being here. We have to thank you for the work you've done during this pandemic, during the endless virtual meetings. So it is you who we need to thank. So thank you for that. And my recognition to you all.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, León and Maarten and Edmon. We'll see you guys.

Has anyone got a burning question here that wasn't related to these guys? If you have got a question and you want to put it in the chat, I'll make sure that they get it, if you'd like.

We've got a few announcements. Heidi, do you want to come up?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I can say it from here.

MAUREEN HILYARD: All right. Okay, Heidi has got an announcement.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi, everyone. Just a quick staff announcement. As you know, Evin, our policy analyst, continued her professional development earlier this year with a move to another department. And since then until now, Claudia and myself have been working very hard on keeping that level of support to the policy advice development, working with Jonathan and Olivier on the Consolidated Policy Working Group and making sure all the elections and the votes and all that went very well. So great job to Claudia.

But we are now very happy to announce that Chantelle, who has been a long-term member of the policy department, will be joining At-Largen for part of her responsibilities on looking at policy advice. And she's actually going to taking the position of Policy Specialist. And we have her online. I believe it's 3:00 or 4:00 A.M. in Los Angeles, but she has agreed to come online, on video, to just introduce herself to those who might not know her and just to say a few words.

And so while we'll getting that set up, just to let you also know, she will be starting her transition on the first of July. So we will, I'm sure, very quickly see her positive impact.

So, Chantelle, are we able to get you? I know it's very late for you, very early in the morning for you.

CHANTELLE DOERKSEN: Hi, Heidi. Thank you. Thanks for the kind introduction. I'm really excited to be joining At-Large and working with you in support particularly of the advice statements. And I've been in your sessions this week taking notes.

Very briefly, I know some of you know me already, and I'll just highlight some of my background that I think might be relevant to At-Large. I've been with David Olive's team for about seven years now. My background has included projects on community support and policy communications. I'm part of the small team

that facilitates the public comment feature. I am based on Los Angeles, but like most of us, as you can tell, we don't necessarily keep L.A. office hours, just like as many of you have joined 3:00 A.M. calls in the spirit of the work.

Outside of ICANN, I recently passed the CAPPE certification, which is the baseline knowledge for GDPR and data privacy in Europe. And my background outside of ICANN has been in international relations and community development. With these experiences, I worked and/or studied in Australia, Fiji, Paraguay, and Canada with organizations such as Rotary International, the UNDP's regional office for the Pacific, which covers about ten countries, and the U.S. Peace Corps.

I'll stop there just because I know there's only about five minutes left. And I'll just reiterate how excited I am to be working with you and looking forward to hearing what works well and what you're looking to improve on in the upcoming months.

So thank you, Heidi. Back to you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Chantelle. Thanks, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Chantelle. We're really looking forward to having Chantelle's involvement in the CPWG, basically making up for

what we considered was a loss when Evin got promoted. I call it "promoted." And we did make a big stink about it. So something was actually done. Thank you. We've got someone of Chantelle's caliber to help out, so I think that's going to be fantastic.

The other message I was actually going to make, of course— Vanda is probably somewhere else, having a celebration somewhere … Is she? She's not in the room, is she? No?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. But just to remind you all, of course, if you we're available at the drinkies yesterday, Vanda was

UNIDENTIFED SPEAKERS: Vanda is here.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, she is. Hello! Thank you for telling me. I can't see that far. I've got my reading glasses on. She was hiding. But I did want people to recognize this wonderful woman who won the Excellence Award yesterday. It was a thoroughly deserved award. So we just wanted to make sure that everyone in the room knew that that happened and that someone from At-Large …

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS: Whoo!

VANDA SCARTEZINI: I actually appreciate all the support I have been receiving for, I believe, 20 years here—so for all those that have been working together and giving some time and late hours' time, like you, Cheryl, and others most of the time. So it was a pleasure. And with this opportunity, I was very happy to have this together with the fellowship in the 15 years that was, for me, the most important thing that I will leave when I go. I'll leave the fellowship as my accomplishment that I most proud of. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Congratulations, Vanda.

Finally—well, not finally—we do have a message from ICANN75; some lead region.

SATISH BABU: Thank you, Maureen. As we come to the end of ICANN74, it's my pleasure to invite—my pleasure and that of my colleagues in the region—everyone to ICANN75 at Kuala Lumpur in September. Welcome.

MAUREEN HILYARD: And I will be welcoming not lots of you, of course, in the planning committee for ICANN75, which will start probably as soon as we hit the ground once you get home. And there'll be notices going out. And I think it's only about ten weeks. Why? I've meant to ask them, why are they so close together? We used to hold those meetings at the end of October. Now they're at the beginning of September? Anyway, it is what it is. So that's what we'll be doing. And we managed to do it for this time in the ten weeks. So I guess it's possible. But it is the biggie: the AGM.

Another announcement, too is, just to give you a heads up, that we'll be putting out a call to the ALAC members for the election of a new chair of the ALAC. So that will be coming up, I think. Put your thinking caps on. I think we all know who might be a possible, a probable, an inevitable candidate. But the message will go out virtually. Okay, cool.

Any other—oh, yes. Here we go.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It would have been better to do that before Satish because I wanted to thank you for your participation in the European meeting of ICANN. And on the questions of ten weeks, yes, but we were used to, a long time ago, having four meetings a year. You can imagine how it was. As a suggestion—now that it's over for Europe, I can say it—[inaudible] I think it will be good to have a team of the chair of ALAC and the chair of the RALO from the

region where we are going to organize the meeting and not just the chair of ALAC. I think it's important to take into account what is happening in the region. As a matter of fact, for the next time, you are coming from the same region, but never mind. I think a team of two will be better. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien.

Any other comments?

Joanna?

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you. There is a hand up for Justine. I just wanted to point it out. She's been waiting in the chat. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Justine?

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, Joanna. Thank you, Maureen. Very quickly—I don't want to keep anyone—I just have two things to say. One is, because of the recognition that ALAC is doing great work, we have now managed to insert ourselves in the dialogue between GAC and GNSO on closed generics. So hooray for us. There's also going

to be an upcoming opportunity for ALAC participation in the additional work for applicant support.

And my second message is I look forward to welcoming all of you to Kuala Lumpur, which is my hometown. See you then. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Well, there we go. That's encouragement enough. I hope to see you all in Kuala Lumpur. The meeting has ended.

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