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Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Basically, we have here our leadership team and we're going to have an easy open meeting, so we're going to talk about some of the work we've been doing and what is expected to this year. We have our Buddy Pilot program, so some people who want to be more engaged in ICANN, they can join this program at NCUC and be paired with a buddy. So, be paired with a more experienced person who can teach you the ways to be more involved in working groups and in public comments.

We also have our NCUC mentee presentation, Antonella Perini who is our NCUC mentee for ICANN 62 from Argentina. NCUC has - along with NCSG and NPOC some opportunities for our members to engage. As of (Friday), we do not have - normally the ability to self-fund ourselves to go to meetings.

So we depend on support from ICANN or support from donors. This was explained a bit in the morning on NCSG at large outreach, but we'll go through it again before our NCUC mentees' presentation.

And, we'll also discuss about NCUC members and research groups. We have some really good alternatives of members building research groups and internet policy. So, we had the group by Viviane Vinagre, which was

presented in a members call, NCUC members call. And we have Caleb who will present a group in Africa.

So, for now, I'm the NCUC Chair, Renata Aquino Ribeiro, and for this year we are still planning to participate on IGF 2018, IGF Brazil, and we have other similar projects that we would love our members to be involved in such as the Paris Peace Forum and other events that are upcoming. What we do is we take our work we do here in ICANN on DNS policy, and we showcase it in these events and we try to bring more people to be involved in.

We have one of our founders here, Kathy Kleiman, and one of the themes we deal with is trademark overreach was trademark protection in domain name space. Kathy, can you talk to us a bit about RPM working group?

Kathy Kleiman: Absolutely. I'll try not to use acronyms, if I do use them and you don't know what they are, raise your hand to stop me, okay? And, do that with everybody guys, stop them if they're using - we all use - there's lots of acronyms and I've been in this organization since 1999, and they still create new ones every day, so stop somebody if they use a word that you don't know what it means, because we need to know what things mean to be part of this.

So, my name is Kathy Kleiman and I am Co-Chair of the Rights Protection Mechanisms working group. If you're a part of the Rights Protection Mechanisms working group as a member or as an observer, could you raise your hand, please? So, you'll see there are people here who - fantastic, fantastic.

So, we are reviewing the policies that ICANN has created. If I knew I'd talk about these, I would have brought some slides, sorry. But - so, I'll try to be brief and if you want more information, we got lots more information. So, back when ICANN was created, there was a big problem called

cybersquatting. There were people who had registered domain names that were famous trademarks like americanairlines.com, and this is a problem.

But, what was also a problem was that some organizations would wake up and find that their domain names were already taken by somebody who was not cybersquatting. So mcdonalds.com didn't get McDonald's, they just didn't register it fast enough, and so they didn't have it. Pony.com was the one I worked with a long time ago.

A person had created a website for educational software for people, for parents who wanted their children to have more math puzzles, but Pony International woke up in 1997 and said, "Wait a second, we own the word 'pony'." Well, who owns the word 'pony'? Who owns the name McDonald? Who owns The name Wendy? Who owns name Fox, Fox media?

So, often if the trademark is something a made-up term like Xerox or Häagen-Dazs, it's called a very strong term, a coined or fanciful term. But, who owns basic words? So, the Noncommercial Users Constituency came in to say, "Wait a second, whatever domain name dispute policies we create, whatever rules we create for taking away a domain name from someone who will have a website, who could have a listserv, an email addresses," I mean, we use our domain names for speech, right, for free expression, for organizations, for individuals. We have important messages on our website.

So, before somebody takes away a domain name, there should be due process, there should be a good process and it should be fair and balanced, it should certainly protect trademark owners, but it should also protect the right of everyone to use words in ordinary ways, in descriptive ways. Microsoft does not own the word windows. We all use it and when we use it as a technology, we know what Windows is as a trademark. But, if I can't talk about putting windows into my house during construction, what's happening?

So, the Rights Protection Mechanisms working group is looking at protections that were created in new top-level domains for trademark owners and then we'll be going back and looking at the domain name dispute policy that we created 20 years ago and that we were very, very involved in.

So, if you're interested in any of this, please talk to me, to Louise, to Scott Austin over there from the Intellectual Property Constituency. We've all got - and who else? Who else raised their hand that they're involved in the working group? Just - so people can talk to you, if they want to.

So, if any of this is interesting, please let us know. It's a special part of the internet infrastructure. Thank you, Renata.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Kathy. And, it's very important that you understand that as a the non-commercial stakeholder group is our umbrella organization, we are here as this Non Commercial Users Constituency standing for the rights of the domain name registrants.

So, we are here fighting for your rights and, of course, the - there is a balance, there is the most stakeholder model dialogue in ICANN, so we've dialogued with IPC, we've dialogued with PC for all of that.

Kathy, you got the glitter sparkles which is part of this meeting for every speaker, and thank you so much for presenting for us the RPM working group. And, we have all of the - some - lots of other leadership team of NCUC, and NCSG here. So, I'm going to yield to my left, to Elsa who is being a temporary alternate in the GNSO council, and also (the VP) for the Pacific region. So, what are these few things? What is this GNSO council thing?

Elsa Saade: Oh, well, so - that's a big question to cover in a couple of minutes, but the GNSO which stands for Generic Names Stakeholder Organization, so supporting organization is basically - so NCSG, NCUC, and all of the big

stakeholder groups have counselors on the GNSO who make decisions leading up to working groups, and different policy development processes, and they have a very good link with the board who actually passes or doesn't pass a certain resolution, and there is a very small intricacies when it comes to the GNSO, so I'd rather not cover all of it right now.

But, I think, if you'd like to follow the GNSO sessions right now, it's covering very, very important topic which is the expedited policy development process and it relates to WHOIS and GDPR which is the data protection law that the EU has recently asked the whole world to apply and which ICANN has been putting a lot of efforts and actually complying with.

So, yes, if you're more interested in getting to know further information, I am more than willing to help you out and guide you through as much as I can being a temporary rep on the GNSO, instead of assign somebody who's also in the NCUC, I'd be more than willing to. I hope that covers in a nutshell.

Maryam Bakoshi: (Unintelligible)...

Elsa Saade: Oh, yes. So, at NCUC, I am the Executive Committee Rep for Asia Pacific and I don't know if the slide is up there or is it not time yet for the slides for the activities that we've done, Maryam or - is it not time?

Maryam Bakoshi: Yes, it's okay.

Elsa Saade: Yes. Maryam, could we put the slide on Asia-Pacific, please? Thank you so much. So, basically, just to clarify, as an Executive Committee, there's - there are five of us with the chair as well. And, every single one of us is voted into the EC as a representative of a certain region. However, as an EC, we work together on outreach, on voting for funding issues along with our also other fellow constituencies within NCSG, like with the NPOC, for instance.

But, as Asia-Pacific rep, we - I have the responsibility to engage as much as possible with the Asia-Pacific region with the help of my colleagues on the EC as well. So, the continuous engagement that we've been doing is basically both national, regional, and internal - the three, national, regional, and international.

We go to several events and forums. The last one I was at was RightsCon where I also engaged several people from the Asia-Pacific region who are able to make it. We have a lot of member engagements with the Asia-Pacific regional IGF; Internet Governance Forum.

We have participation in regional, international internet governance schools like the NegalSIG, NSIG, and APSIG. SIG stands for School on - of Internet Governance and I think Ines who's also on the EC can cover more on Schools of Internet Governance, especially in the African region.

And then, we have - we - today we had asked NCUC Asia-Pacific edition which went really, really well with the Chair of NCSG, Non Commercial Stakeholder Group as far as anybody who's - unfortunately not with us now, but still with us in spirit, and on Adobe chat and Adobe Connect. Please check the hashtag out, because this was the third edition, and hopefully more editions are going to be coming soon.

And then, we have mentees from the Asia Pacific region who we encourage to engage in the space and hopefully soon we'll have more Asia-Pacific engagement as well. And, the last but not least, which is also very important that is coming up, it's ICANN 64 and in Kobe, Japan.

We're starting our preparations for engagement in Kobe, Japan and whoever would like to engage further building up to that event and even before, please let us know.

I'm also into policy, so specifically with the new SubPro on new gTLD's subsequent procedures. So, if you'd like to talk more about that too, please don't hesitate. I guess that's a summary. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you so much, Elsa. You'll soon get your glitter sparkles that's going around. So please, everyone, what we have here is glitter for everyone, so - at NCUC, we try to always have fun while having policy. And, I will now ask for Ines to present the opportunities in Africa.

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi, everyone. Good afternoon. My name is Ines Hfaiedh. I am the Africa Representative in NCUC's Executive Committee. And, I have slides, I don't know if you can have them, Maryam. If not, it's fine too.

Yes, can we have the slides, Maryam? Thank you very much. So, I'm very proud to say that NCUC Africa members are very active members. We have a tradition of having NCUC Africa membership webinar, every three months, approximately. So, we have where we give updates from the executive committee, from the GNSO council, from the Policy Committee, and from the Finance Committee.

So, this is really interesting, because with these webinars, we are building bridges with the membership to hear from them, and to learn from them, actually. Next slide, please.

Okay. So, at these webinars, the - usually, we start by introducing NCUC because every three months, approximately, is it by chance or not, we have new members joining us - joining NCUC in general and join in Africa in particular. So, what we do is that we introduce NCUC briefly and then we talk about the NCUC values, the freedom of speech, privacy, human rights, and we direct our membership to those working groups, PDPs, et cetera, so that they found an issue that interests them, and then little by little start joining public comments, et cetera. Next slide.

So, right before coming to this meeting, I had the webinar with the membership, Africa membership, where I introduced the NCSG capacity building program. I talked briefly about the - what you are going to do at ICANN 62.

Also, the NCUC Africa activities in 2018 where many, we had for - first, I would like to thank NCUC Africa members Farell, Yazid, (Nuriel) for during the French version of the onboarding material, which was absolutely - yes, yes, it was absolutely, absolutely amazing.

I would like really to thank them just for thinking about this actually and I do feel actually with Africa membership that I think we should be thinking about having a French translation. Yes, because in Africa, the main language is actually French, not English, so maybe if it's doable maybe we should have some time some other French translation at the - yes, yes, sure, Renata, go ahead.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: I'm sorry to interrupt you, Ines. Renata for the record, NCUC Chair. I would just say that NCUC is very welcoming to our projects, our members' projects.

So, if you have a project on Internet Governance, if there's material you want to translate, if there's a course you want to suggest, we are very welcome to receive, and to pass it on to our list to suggest it on our members call. As Ines said, the Africa call is always full of initiatives.

So, we'll try to work with language services to have even more material in other languages. You can see some already in our newcomers corner, but do bring your projects to us and our - if you have regional projects to original, we'll see they will all be very happy to receive them.

Ines Hfaiedh: Thank you very much, Renata. So, I would add in my action items. Next time, we should have some French translation in the webinars, not only Africa

webinars. Also, we were - we had Eliz Orembo who participated to the Africa Internet Summit, so it was good to have some NCUC participation and representation there.

And, we have the open public comments. I'm also proud to say that Africa membership not only active on the mailing list, but also they do seek and they do try to reach for positions. For example, in - the Chair of the Policy Committee is from Africa who is Rafik. We have also from - in the Policy Committee, we have Farrell, the Finance Committee is also from Africa, we have Thato, and the Liz also started a public comment, which is really also great. And, we have also Arsene from Africa in the GNSO Council.

So, basically, the - I try to direct the membership to - at having a roadmap for their engagement on being active, how to advance policy issue and how to join an issue they are passionate about, so I don't want to take too much time for my colleagues, and I also encourage membership to work - next slide, please. I'm sorry, Maryam.

I also encourage membership to help us on improving our internal governance and the procedures and also shaping policies in ICANN which is what we are looking for with - and this is what we are working on, all of us. So, I would like to thank you. So, next slide please, Maryam.

So, of course, this is our website, ncuc.org, Twitter; @NCUC. The hashtag, our hashtag askNCUC, and also, of course, you can join us, send an application form, and you're very welcome to join us. Thank you very much.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you so much, Ines. And, I think we should move on now to the other side of the table and to our next meeting, ICANN 63 Barcelona, so this been a Spanish speaking year and Louise, our NCUC Europe, can you talk a little about it?

Louise Marie Hurel: Hi, everyone. I'm Louise Marie Hurel and I'm the representative for Europe at the executive committee of the Non Commercial Users Constituency. So, I'm trying to make my acronyms more understandable. I'm sorry, Maryam, it's not right now, it's later on when we explain the onboarding program, but thank you.

So, right now, I'm just focusing a little bit more on what we have been doing and what are the upcoming events in the region. So, just you have a little bit of overview, we have now 129 members only from Europe, which is a huge number. NCUC has a huge pool of members and just to see that number, but I think that number also comes with a challenge, and I say that very positively, which is the challenge of how do we improve our mechanisms for engaging with these members, are they active? Are they actually engaging in policy? Are they understanding what are the ways that they can contribute to NCUC?

And, that is the whole point, right now we have a very interesting agenda ahead of us, especially, as our Chair already mentioned, the Barcelona meeting at the end of the year, which will be in the region as it is, and also we'll have the IGF being held in Paris, which has been already confirmed, so that is another thing.

And, throughout these next months, if you're interested in getting more engaged in organizing and helping organize the outreach over at ICANN 63 in Barcelona, please feel free to reach out to me and we can start organizing the event. And, on the other hand, I think, one of the best things as part of the EC is our capability of exchanging best practices and I think there has been something really good throughout this year.

And, one of those was the Ask NCUC, which we already had as explained now one edition for the - for Africa, and one for the Asia Pacific, and the next step would be to do an Ask NCUC for the European region. Renata has already pointed out that it would be interesting to have it in Spanish, I think

that is a borderline being a Brazilian and French at the same time, that must have been interesting. But, I think that is another point in organizing a webinar with the members.

As also part of the onboarding program, I think, it's fundamental to just have this crossing throughout our membership, and as Ines already pointed out, I just think this was a very, very amazing initiative from Farell and (Nureal), and Yazid, if I'm not mistaken. And, I think it is also paying it forward right now and taking it to other regions. It's - now, in our list, we have so many other people just coming up and saying, "Oh, I can translate to Portuguese." "I can translate to Spanish."

So, I think that is a good practice also in-house that we have been seeing. So, yes, thanks. I'll continue talking about the onboarding program later on, but just - starting now.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Louise. Well, now I think we should pass it on to the owner of the house, EC LAC, would you please tell us the initiative?

Bruna Martins dos Santos: Hi, everyone. This is Bruna for the record. Apologies for not having a presentation. I'm having some sort of technical problems at my computer. I don't know. Literally, I don't know what's going on. So, moving on to our past actions and activities in the Latin-American region, I would start highlighting our recent presence at the LACNIC 29.

So, LACNIC is for me not to start with the acronym is very soon so LACNIC is Latin American Caribbean Internet Address Registry. So, it's one of the RRRs, another acronym, I cannot pronounce, ever since like a few years ago, I still cannot, it's fine. But, then, RRR is a regional internet registry, but LACNIC is not only in our (RRR), this acronym, but also technical regional forum on infrastructure issues.

So, this meeting LACNIC 29 happened in - that happened last month. We had a CROP which is a sort of a support to ICANN organization gave to us, used to give at least to us to attend forums and meetings and do some outreach. So, the member who received the CROP for attending LACNIC 29 was Roxanne. Roxanne was - not only - she not only attended the firm but she try to follow the track of DNS, so the whole domain name system discussions that's underlined in LACNIC as well, and she also did some outreaches on behalf of us.

Moving on to another activities around. We received an invitation to the LAC road show which is an initiative by the GSE; Global Stakeholder Engagement team. This meet - this meeting happened two days before ICANN 62 and (Lea) which is a member from Panama attended the meeting and was - she had the chance to highlight not only NCUC, but only - but also her regional activities.

She works for (FUNDATECH). (FUNDATECH) is the regional organization, very well known for its works, especially, in digital rights and privacy in the region as well. And then, last but not the least, I would like to mention - we have some members here, Viviane, I guess, (Gustavo) as well, and I don't know if Renato is here. Yes.

Man: Yes, he's over there.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Some of our members, they are starting on their own some sort of a study group dedicated to ICANN in Brazil, all Portuguese speakers, members, and this came to our attention a few months ago, and we - I mean, not only - we mention this on the list already, but I would like to reemphasize that NCUC - not only NCUC but our veterans as well, as I can point out people like Kathy. We would like - we'll be very open to helping you guys and do whatever it's worth for like for fostering this archive that you guys want you to build upon.

And, just to finalize, tomorrow I am - we are doing the booth moment, so I don't know the hour yet, because I'm still like talking to other people. But, I have spoken with (Maritza) from like LACRALO, I am attending as well. The idea was to be - like to have 30 minutes in the ICANN information booth to talk to regional fellows. I know that there are a lot here, so the idea is to highlight some of the leaderships in the region, and to talk what have we been doing, what are we to do yet and, yes, I guess, this is it for now. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you very much, so that's a second opportunity to get your glitter on the NCUC fellowship booth tomorrow. Can you please pass me the stick?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Sure.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Passing on the glitter stick to Bruna. And, I guess, we ended the NCUC EC presentation. But, we have some items, some pending items that we're going to do an open meeting, so we're going to do decisions here and we're going to count on you.

But, I'm going to shuffle a little the agenda here, because I think it's still important for you to know some of our working groups, and we have here in other parts of our actions, and where our members are, and we have - we are lucky to have here Collin Kurre who will speak little about the human rights perspective in ICANN.

Collin Kurre: Hi, guys. I actually didn't really prepare anything, so I'm just going to go off the cuff. So, if anybody has any corrections or additions or any, you know, thoughts, then please feel free to jump in. This is a dialogue, more than a monologue.

So, human rights in ICANN, just a little bit of back story, human rights have been an issue here for as long as ICANN has been around. Human rights

issues, but the phrase human rights and referencing human rights frameworks really came to ahead as part of the IANA transition both the before, during, and after.

So, due to a lot of the Work Stream 2 kind of leading up to the IANA transition, a new bylaw was introduced, a new core value was introduced to ICANN's bylaws, which means that in its operations, ICANN will respect internationally recognized human rights as required by applicable law, and then there's some more text that follows, but it's mainly, you know, legalese. That's the important part.

But, what does this mean, internationally recognized human rights? What does it mean as required by applicable law? These were phrases that could be interpreted a lot of different ways, so at the same time that this core value was approved, there is also an additional bylaw that was added to the rules which said that this core value would be dormant until a framework of interpretation have been developed, which was essentially like a word by word reading of every single bit of this core value.

So, there was a new group that was formed, a subgroup that was formed as part of Work Stream 2 on enhancing ICANN's accountability, which was the human rights subgroup, not to be confused with the human rights working party, which I'll come to in a minute.

So, this subgroup was multi-stakeholder. It was quite contentious at times. There were a couple of sticking points that threatens to push consensus out of reach. But in the end, everybody came together and they made a document that I think turned out really well and really reflected the nuance debates that took place during the - about a little bit less than a year that the subgroup was really active.

So, we've got that done, everything - that work has been done and the only thing that we're waiting for now is for this parcel to be approved along with

the other, I think, eight bits from the eight different subgroups of Work Stream 2, that should happen hopefully this year. So, what is - what's going to happen after that?

Once the core value is in place, then as mandated by the framework of interpretation, each supporting organization which makes policy and advisory committee which comments on these policies will be obligated to develop mechanisms that incorporate this core value into their decision-making processes, so what does this mean? We don't know yet.

It could mean - it could - one of the most salient ideas that's come forth so far was devising something that looks a bit like a human rights impact assessment, which is already an established practice in other kind of due diligence fields. So, this is - it's different from like an environmental impact assessment or a regulatory assessment, but there are generally - there's quite a lot of scholarship on this, so it's nothing new.

However, adopting it for the ICANN community is new and a recent idea came out in the past year or two about this notion of a multi-stakeholder impact assessment.

This has never really been done before. Generally impact assessments are either company-led or community-led, so when you have a company-led impact assessment, you run the risk of it being perceived as being biased or self-serving, and when you have a community-led impact assessment there's a knowledge asymmetry, so they might lack key information about decision making processes.

So, this is actually a really cool time, because we're - we in the ICANN community have this potential to further scholarship that could be applied not only within our little, you know, our little sliver of internet governance, but also beyond in - for example, textiles or in environmental assessment, water

management, things like that. So, that's one of the reasons why this work is so exciting, another reason is that it is cross-community.

So, the people who are coming together and this is where I'll jump back to this other human rights group, which is the cross community working party on ICANN and Human Rights, this is kind of an unofficial, informal group.

It doesn't have the same teeth as the cross-community working groups, which are kind of jointly chartered. This one is just - is more of like a forum for discussion or a source for resources to be developed to assist the community in furthering human rights protections.

So, this is where we're at work trying to have the creative, and productive, and, you know, constructive work of thinking about what kind of - how these mechanisms could take shape both trying to be comprehensive and thorough but also realistic and sensitive to the time constraints, and to, you know, the volunteer nature of the ICANN community. So, this is a - this is kind of the ongoing work that's happening in regards to human rights, although the job is never done there.

As we see with GDPR, a lot of people are talking about privacy right now, WHOIS, you know, temporary specification, these words are all flying around. So, I would encourage everyone here to remember that this is just one piece of a larger conversation about end-user rights, and so - that we don't create silos even within our own, you know, our own constituency, our own stakeholder group.

And, if you are interested in learning more about our efforts to devise a human rights impact assessment or if you have a great idea about research that could be conducted, then please feel free to reach out to me. I am - my name is Collin, I'm quite tall, find me, and talk to me. Thanks.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Collin, very much. Please, Bruna, pass on the glitter stick to her and I see we have two hands, Bruna and Claudio. Claudio first and then Bruna and just keep rolling the glitter.

Claudio Lucena: Okay. Thank you very much, Renata. An acknowledgment and an apology. First, the acknowledgement to the work of - that Collin has been developing and with the help of Michael for the effort they put in devising and proposing the panel for the IGF in this very specific topic.

I don't know if the rest of the of the other fellows from the constituency feel the importance of the human rights impact assessment in which they are working.

I think, we're talking about a new tool for institutions in the coming years, and that's the - that's where the apology came from, because I'm talking to you about this for the past four months, but haven't had the time to engage actually in it.

But, I really have the feeling that we're talking about a new institutional assessment tool as we have developed the privacy or data protection impact assessment in the past years, and - for the sake of location, this is the place, this is the house of the discussion (of women) rising at ICANN.

So, it would be a real shame if we hadn't occupied a space in a larger Internet Governance Forum as is the Internet Governance Forum with a proposal that has all that is necessary to go through, and with the body of knowledge that we have built with the specialists at NCUC, it would be really a shame if we hadn't, at least, tried to occupy that space, so thanks again, Collin, for the work and the - I hope you accept the apologies. But, it's not going to be apology only, I'm going in.

Bruna Martins dos Santos: Hi, this is Bruna again for the record. Just a quick mention that the guys, Viviane, (Gustavo), and Renata who are - the three of them working

in this sort of study group on ICANN, maybe - not maybe, but Collin is definitely like a good contact for you guys to - like get in touch with. And, I know you might be focused still a little bit more in privacy, but they - like the whole part of human rights, especially within the NCUC like it's a really strong point of view and parts of the study, so it's good to get to know her.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Bruna. Viviane, would you like to talk a little bit about the work you did with (Mariana) on...

Viviane Vinagre: Hi, my name is Viviane Vinagre for the record. Well, we've been working with Daniel Fink and with Renato Leite to...

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: So, this is Renato Leite, you guys.

Viviane Vinagre: Renato is a professor for (Mackenzie). And, during his years teaching there, he's been talking too much about ICANN and showing to his students where is ICANN and this is very nice. Well, we've been trying to create this project to create regional participation from the students, basically, the young ones.

The idea is a project divide in two parts, the first part the idea is to capacitate these students, maybe we are - still are trying to - how can I say, develop the project, so we are doing the phase of developing of the project, but we have ideas on this first part - in the first phase of capacitating.

We're going to give these students classes, webinars. People from ICANN, and people from outside ICANN talk about internet governance in ICANN environment. So, that way, then we have technology in the end of the first phase.

In the second phase, the idea is to create a participation of the students. Now, they have technology and they have to apply this acknowledge. How? We want them to be in - participating in ICANN, giving comments trying to maybe engage in a constituency. We want to make the participation order or

create the own regional project, and also maybe (NextGen) or even a fellow, so that's one of the ideas.

The another idea is tend to create articles, so in the end of this - in the end of the second phase, we re-launch digital book with these articles maybe about subjects about ICANN, so it will be a nice thing to do. And of course, the idea is every semester more students go into project.

So, (they want to instead) already have to acknowledge that we have to also to teach, because it's - I think it's a good way to be always recycling and creating a circle of (UDC), so you have to give also, so that's our idea of a project.

We accept, of course, comments. We accept suggestions. We are very open to NCUC. It is a constituency that we have so much new projects, so we want your help. And, of course, you can always send me an email or text me or something, Maryam and Renato, and we'll be very, very open to you. So, I think, that's it.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Viviane. I'm going to shuffle off the agenda a little bit. We also have a research group of Caleb and he has some experience to share with you. Caleb, would you like to...

Caleb Kow: Thank you very much, Renata. Caleb for the record. So, thanks for the slides. So, basically, in my regular day job, I work with the African Academic Network. It's is a regional initiative to actually see how we can bring together African academics to do research which is based on internet governance, internet policy, things that affects the internet digital economy.

And, basically, the reason why I'd like to share with (us) - in ICANN is because our focus is not just basically on the general internet governance, but we have focus related to all of the things, and sub things or things that happen around ICANN, research that should be going on, things from human

rights, intellectual property digital rights, just anything that we can find to research on in ICANN and make sure that we have - we don't just have a research work, but something that is actionable, that has an actionable outcome that it can be a follow up with policy makers, it can also be some form of interaction with individual civil society so that they can all participate in this research activity that we - ongoing.

And I was really glad when Ines was giving some - sharing some thoughts on some of the original initiative that Africa is trying to do, and this is just one out of several things we are also trying to do from our own end as a research organization. So, I don't want to get in all, but what probably we could go to the next slide, Maryam.

Yes. So, there are lots of stuff over there, but basically the summary of what we are doing is that we are focused on African economy. The internet space in Africa.

And, what we want researchers basically in ICANN to do is that if they have any research that is worthy of having an actionable outcome, right, they can reach out to us, and we can see how we can collaborate on that, and there are funding opportunities. Next slide, please. The second-to-the-last. I'm trying to rush.

So, there are research - the next one, yes. So, there are opportunities for researchers specifically of African descent, right, who want to participate in this kind of research that can bring up an actionable outcome.

We have commissioned research that they can participate in that we will fund and see how they can come out with something that we can present to the world that this is what Africa is doing and this is what should be happening in Africa from the academic perspective.

So, that just bring - the last light, please. That brings me to the last slide, so if you want to reach out to us, please just send me an email or just see me after the event. Thank you very much.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you, Caleb, very much. And, one of the decisions we are going to do today, and we have our amazing onboarding team here, is to discuss continuing to involve you in policy in ICANN and bring you reports from working groups, and educational material.

So, we run through what they have already done and how can we update, how can we keep this movement going.

But, before I pass it onto them, I would like our NCUC mentee, Antonella, who was one of the members who came to this meeting supported by NCUC to learn how to engage a little bit more in ICANN to tell us how was her past. Please, Antonella.

Antonella Perini: Well, thank you. Antonella Perini for the record. Maryam, I have some presentation. So, as Renata said, I'm here as an NCUC mentee. I wanted to present during the following five minutes a little bit about the results of the diversity subgroup at the cross community working group on accountability, which is the one I've followed during last year.

And, considering that also we are an open public comments when we open that initiative. I wanted to explain a little bit about how can open data strengthen or enhance diversity.

So, this subgroup presented eight recommendations, it departed from understanding and defining what diversity with this, I'm going to read, the creation of existence of a classic environment in various aspects of stakeholders, representation, and engagement throughout all levels of staff, community, and board.

The main - the first thing that this group did was to identify seven key elements of diversity, which were regional and geographical representation, age, gender, language, physical - diversified skills and physical disability on stakeholder groups and constituency - and consistencies.

The subgroup recognized that these elements of diversity are not exhaustive that there might be others, but that constituency groups should take this as a starting point to further develop diversity considerations.

And, also, through the results of the diversity questionnaire, it showed that there are varying levels of importance of these elements of diversity within each group, constituency, and organization, and also depending on the context. And, it also showed that there's poor measurement of diversity elements within ICANN. So, part of those recommendations also led to how measure successfully diversity elements.

In doing so, they recommend that there should be an initial assessment of the diversity at each organization constituency or group, a clear path that means defining and publishing diversity criteria as well as strategies, and a clear timeline. And, of course, publishing and updating the results of that measurement.

And, finally, as it regards to ICANN staff, they recommend that they capture, analyze, and communicate the results of those diversity information at the ICANN website at a unique place where this information should be. So, going to the next slide, during this ICANN meeting, not only does the subgroup present along with the whole working group its final report, but also we are in the process of, as I've said, of an open public comment till we open that initiative.

With regards to the importance of promoting diversity and measuring diversity, I think it's worth mentioning two things on one hand holding ICANN

accountable for diversity and - as recommended by the subgroup, it requires both clear measurements, and mechanisms, and publishing the results.

This is important, so that the whole community at ICANN can monitor those results which is essential for achieving the objectives and strategies to improve the diversity at ICANN in general at all levels in ICANN.

On the other hand, a well-informed community which is able to release that information, that data, improves its skills, and its capacity to decide. And, that is essential so that more people access more formal spaces of participation within ICANN. Provided such tools also with innovation and also the identification of new discussions, new topics, new concerns, that otherwise would be unrecognizable or less recognizable.

In doing that, we make sure that there are more diverse and more (dual) readings around understanding of that data. And, with some data, it that can be irrelevant for some, it could be crucial for others, so that's one of the main reasons I'm finding it's really interesting to think about this.

So, about the ways to move forward and now talking about the NCUC level, first of all, we need to take these recommendations, of course, steps towards enhancing diversity within NCUC, diversity is in our DNA, and we understood that only a diverse community can produce legitimate internet policy.

Secondly, we need to have our eyes on how the implementation goes, how it will follow, and once it is implemented, we will have a new tool with which - to demand towards other stakeholders to engage with diversity.

And, another thing is that there are - there were some keys were left - key elements of diversity that were left out or not discussed enough such as, for instance, of great minorities, rural versus urban population representation or the fact that ICANN's approach to (general) (inaudible).

As the groups - subgroup states, these elements are only a starting point, so there is much room to keep this conversation going. So, I think we need to take advantage of this opportunity in the open public comments on - to open that initiative.

Also, on this implementation of the recommendation for diversity subgroup, and I know I have little time, but I'm sure many of you can identify many more ways to move diversity forward. So afterwards I'm more willing to hear about your opinions and your recommendations on ways we can engage on doing that.

And, on - one of the final slides, because I know there are some newcomers or people who might have not been involved in the process, tomorrow, there's going to be a session at 5:00 PM on the final recommendations as a whole, cross-community working group on accountability.

So, if you're interested that's a good session to me and also, Sunday, there was a face-to-face meeting. I couldn't attend, but maybe some of you could and maybe you can talk a little bit about that too. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you so much, Antonella, and I just want to highlight - well, we have a question from our remote participant, but I just wanted to highlight before that the diversity working group. There were translations to Portuguese, to Spanish, and captioning, so we also have our members who's very active in accessibility issues, so you can find out more about accessibility in ICANN, and what can be done to enhance access through and sharing of resources.

So, let's take a question from a remote participant. Maryam, can you read it?

Maryam Bakoshi: So, we have a question from Tomslin and it's directed to you, Caleb. So, how do researchers join the network, Caleb?

Caleb Kow: Tomslin, you could actually just reach out to me via email. You have my email and we'll talk after the...

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: So, thank you, Caleb. You can also ask of any - of these presentations on the NCUC list or to our NCUC EC who have their cards on our website, and list. And, I just want to then discuss - open the discussion here. We have a presentation from the onboarding team on their materials at - or rather comment and how should we move forward.

We have been doing some activities such as the Ask NCUC which was very successful. Twitter interview series with Kathy Kleiman who's here today who participated on our second edition. Our first edition had the vice-chair of the GNSO Council, Rafik Dammak, and just today we did (advanced the chair) for anybody.

And, we have our NCSG EC Representative here, Monika Zalnieriute. So, we can also talk about collaborating between our stakeholder groups. We already have done joint outreach and joint sessions with NPOC, our sister constituency.

So, we're really open up to idea of projects or education that we can provide you, and resources we can provide you to interact more with NCUC. So, Louise, if you'd like or (Nina) or Kathy should like to talk a bit, how was the onboarding program work, and how can we move forward from it?

Louise Marie Hurel: Perfect. Yes, Maryam, please. Hi, everyone. Louise, again. So, if you can go to the next slide. I'm just going to go really fast through what the onboarding program was, because this was - is because it will continue, but was because this was the last meeting of the community onboarding pilot program.

It is a program that it incorporates other constituencies and other stakeholder groups, and we work together to understand, and try to answer how to better

engage our members, and how to actually retain them. And, every meeting, we have been getting together to see what is best for our constituencies, and elaborating documents, and just finding ways to communicate better with our members. So, you can - if you can pass to the next slide. Thank you.

So, it started between ICANN 49 and 51. And as I've already said, it's a cross constituency effort and as I've already said also it's how do we get people to engage, because we can see, and we saw today over at the - at large meeting that the biggest question is once you get to ICANN, it can sound like a big maze full of acronyms. So, the biggest challenge here, even for people who have been for a couple of years attending ICANN meetings, it is not an easy task.

So, it is not only about talking to newcomers, but how do we effectively look at this large pool of members that we have over NCUC that we would just - we're just stating that, and how do we actually find new ways of communicating with them, and thinking through with them alongside what is the best way that these people can engage in policy development. Can you pass the next slide, please? Okay.

So, this is just an overview. It may be really small, but this is the actual - the now like the composition between the other constituencies of members, the mentor and mentee, while Kathy insists that over NCUC there's no division between mentor and mentee. We're all mentees together and we learn together, even though I continue to - I've learned a lot throughout this past year and a half being engaged in that.

And, just so you see, there are the members that already participated in the onboarding program previously. Now, the group is me, Kathy, and Dina over here at my left. But, we had (Ayden), we had Sana Ali, Padmini Baruah in the previous years.

So, it's important to see how do we beat - build leadership, how we build people that feel ever more confident in engaging with ICANN because, I think, confidence is a very important aspect to it in the end of the day. Maryam, can you please pass the slide? Okay.

So, just briefly going through it, over at NCUC, the language that we adopted, the way we thought that would be best to communicate with our members was through the bite-sized pieces, which is an eight-week overview of different parts of ICANN.

So, instead of just (gone) here and understand what ICANN is, we've decided to divide it in very small pieces and very - in a good language, so people could understand, but with the focus on NCUC at the end of the day, right, what are our principles, what do we hold dearly when we're talking about policy development? What are the policy development processes? What do you mean when we talk about executive committee?

So, we also look at structures inside of NCSG. We look at the structures inside NCUC and then we just fuel down to explain in a very straightforward way what it is. Do you want to comment on that, Kathy, because you're the big brain behind the eight-week bite size pieces?

Kathy Kleiman: I think (Ayden) and I did a lot of work in Louise's first job when she became our newest mentee was to read everything and see if we got it right. And, so, this isn't really eight weeks of full-time work. This is eight weeks of, you know, just - you know, a few paragraphs, just kind of introducing - because ICANN is overwhelming. And then, at the end, one of the reasons we broke it up is to see if you have questions.

So - and this is one of the things we'll be talking about, is how we continue this process even if ICANN doesn't have funding for it. But, what were your question, so when we get to the - finish the description of what is NCUC, you know, do you have questions, because there's a million things you could be

asking. If we talk about NCUC's history and views, again, many questions, and part of this is about finding out what you're interested in, what you're passionate about, how we can help you find what you want to do in ICANN. Because a million things may be - really boring, and a million things may be really interesting, how do we help you find what you want to work on?

Louise Marie Hurel: Yes, definitely. Maryam, can you pass to the next slide? Yes, this is a quote from our former NCUC chair (president of NCUC). She's just saying that that is the way to go forward, that we need to understand what are the expertise that we have within our membership base, and how can we couple that with - what we do at NCUC and the values that we hold so dear of NCUC such as accountability, transparency, privacy, and so many other things that we just uncover as we go through the policy processes. Can you go to the next slide, please?

Okay. I think we already covered that, so you can also go to the next slide. Okay. So, I think that is the most exciting part of the onboarding program, which is - as I've said, it is - this was the last meeting that we meet at - between different constituencies, but on the other hand, it doesn't stop there. We have the documents accessible and available at our webpage, but the idea of a next step is to actually transform that into the ICANN learn platform so that can be, of course, where people can really access the documents, and go through them in their pace, and be able to engage with that.

But, obviously, the idea of the onboarding program doesn't end as a course. It is still about connecting people to other people within our constituency. So, if you're interested in privacy, even though we might not be the experts in privacy, we can put you in touch with people who are doing that in our policy processes that are engaging, that are on the ground doing that. So, that is the idea of the onboarding program, serving as this middle ground between different initiatives that we have over NCUC.

And, just to complement that, it is only a fraction of what we have been doing. It is important, but it's only a fraction over at the NCUC as our Chair already said, we have the Buddy Mentor Program. We have been engaging with new members and there's also the NCUC policy course that we had last ICANN meeting, which was great, because it's not only about identifying who wants to engage in what, and how to facilitate that, but it's not about building skills at the end of the day, because ICANN can be very challenging in this sense.

So, just giving this perspective, that the onboarding program comes inside NCUC within this larger perspective, this larger horizon of building capacities, and connecting people with similar interests. Want to complement on something or you, Kathy?

Dina Solveig: Yes, sure. Dina Solveig for the record and I want to thank the onboarding program mentor and the mentees. And, the only thing I can add is one of our biggest challenges is capacity building, and skill building, and we do live in interesting times now, and having noncommercial voice heard in different working groups, and then being followed (device or an) understanding policy and moving forward.

So, whatever is your interest to connect with us and - we will help you build your skills forward. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Renata. We have a question from our remote participant. Maryam, would you like to read it or should I?

Maryam Bakoshi: So we have a question from Benjamin Akinmoyeje and it's, "Where do we have access to the onboarding materials if one is interested?"

Louise Marie Hurel: Hi, thank you so much. It's - thank you so much, Shahul. Thank you for being such an active participant here at the Adobe, and also in Twitter. Thanks for engaging. So, the documents, they are now available in our NCUC website. So you can go there, but I can copy the link. Oh, it's already

there? Great. Yes. So, we already have the link I think that's been answered.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Just to correct the question for Ben. Thanks, Ben, and Shahul said, "Amazing work. I hope to see this transformed into a course into ICANN language," it will, yey, "Which would make it pass to - onto the interested people in a sustainable manner." And, also, we had volunteers from NCUC translating this course into French and our Ask NCUC series.

So, thank you very much Farell Folly, Yazid Akanho, who is here on the Adobe Connect and Muriel Alapini who did a lot of translation of our discussions voluntarily. And, again, we will support you always and we will try to work with other ICANN support services to continue that. We have a hand, Claire.

Claire Craig: Hi. Claire Craig. I just wanted to find out a little bit more about the Buddy Mentor Program. I know that there has been a lot about it in the chat, but I - you know, our chat can be so busy sometimes, you miss certain things, and I really thought that the whole Buddy Mentor Program was for ICANN 61 in Puerto Rico, so I didn't know that it was something that was ongoing. So, I'm just really trying to figure out what is happening with it, how long - you know, how does it work, and how do you participate in that.

Louise Marie Hurel: Okay. So, I'm going to take that, Renata. The NCUC Buddy Pilot Program, which is now its name, it will continue every time we have newcomers. We're going to have these newcomers paired with buddies which are members who have more than six months in NCUC.

So, if you are just arriving in NCUC, you will get paired with a member with more than six months in NCUC. And, the members will have more time in NCUC and who have participated, who have been a buddy before, they can graduate to mentors, and they can mentor buddies or they can mentor newcomers if they choose.

So, the idea is to have a really decentralized and fluid learning network. So, we will have this program ongoing. There are some materials also drafted and our newcomers corner on NCUC website is the best place to see all of the materials that have already happened, the transcripts, and the recordings of the program. And, also, do reach out either to Chair to Regional EC to find out how you can learn more, how you can be paired.

The pairing is completely optional. You can start or stop at any time, experience change to another buddy, it's completely informal. So, it's really - they're out for you, this program. I want then to start our decisions now. We had also and I would thank Adam Peake for - I'm sorry.

Maryam Bakoshi: Renata, I'm just signaling that Kathy wanted to say something before we proceed.

Kathy Kleiman: So, as we wrap up this program, I wanted to first thank Non Commercial Users Constituency and I wanted to thank all of the mentees, because it was an experiment to see how quickly people could get involved in the policy development process in our working groups. And, it's not as hard as we thought and it doesn't have to take as long as we thought.

So, I was wondering here who wants to be more involved in policy development processes, in the substantive work, the rulemaking work of ICANN? Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Kathy Kleiman: Fantastic. And, so if you haven't read ICANN - NCUC in bite-size pieces, please do. If you have questions, please ask any of us. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: We have a question here by Ines.

Ines Hfaiedh: Hi, Ines Hfaiedh for the record. Thank you, Kathy and Louise for the presentation on the onboarding materials. I would like to ask actually, because right now let's be very clear that we are assessing also the Buddy Mentor Program. We must assess it and improve it, so that it's more effective. How can we bridge the onboarding program or onboarding material with our Buddy Mentor Program, what are your recommendations, they are very welcome. Thank you.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay. We have a question for Kathy and then we have a hand by Bruna. Kathy, would you like to take that or Bruna, do you want to do a follow...

Bruna Martins dos Santos: I'm sorry, guys. It's Bruna for the record. Just as a follow-up - following up on Ines' question, how can - how - not only the improvement of the Buddy Program, but also how can we move onto like bridging the onboarding Buddy program, and bridging our members into the policy development like workgroups? I mean, Stephanie Perrin mentioned that at the NCSG policy course we had this week, previous to this meeting, and this is in fact something that we should be working more on.

Louise Marie Hurel: Thank you so much for the questions Ines and Bruna. I think the onboarding program is kind of like the first step as I see it before the Buddy Mentor Program, it kind of builds the base because if you see it goes throughout all of the little pieces of NCUC and how it is within ICANN, how it fits within ICANN.

So the Buddy Mentor Program as I see would come as a second step as the action that comes after you do or after you look at the onboarding documents. But, obviously, the documents, they are all there for you to get back to them and refresh your mind, so I think there's this double purpose.

I think - do we have a record, Collin Kurre? Anyway, I think that it's also - it can - we all know that it can be really overwhelming to kind of dive in even if

you have someone who's telling you what things mean. So, I'll - I think that it's a great approach. If you are at work on something and can find a way to parcel out like a little bite-sized bit of work that has a beginning, middle, and an end, that way somebody can feel like right off the bat they've, you know, contributed to something whether it be - even just like a public comment or, you know, with the EPDP, Stephanie just message in and was like, "We should do an HRA?"

So, that's a great, you know, like these little things like if a little parcel of work comes up maybe every time that you take on a parcel of work you can bring a new person with you, and it doesn't necessarily matter if they get the whole ecosystem.

As long as they can understand the task at hand, then - and kind of jump in, then you can learn by doing, but keeping your eyes on one little bit of work. That way people can feel like they've made a difference and they've accomplished something early on, because otherwise it's just hard to stay involved if you don't have that feeling of success, you know, within your first year or so.

Bruna Martins dos Santos: Brunna, again, yes, that was totally the point of calling (Maiden). When Stephanie mentioned how we should be bridging all of these initiatives was in the sense of - that we should be archiving better our participation in working groups and PDPs. So, not only putting out a statement, but developing more works towards like how are we putting this forward, and how are we talking to our members with regards to all of our participation.

We have outstanding members in every single one of the working groups, but sometimes we should be doing a better - we definitely should be doing a better bridging between the new ones and the outstanding already, voluntary and experienced ones, so...

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Speaking of our outstanding members, Renata, I want to acknowledge and thank our members who have helped others participate. The fellows like (Sarata), (Paula Perez) who - in LACNIC, we have Roxanne also helped bridge different policy processes, and how they occur to learn how to interact in ICANN. And, (Sada), also who is a Creative Commons activist, and I hope you can help us a lot in distributing this material, and keeping it live, and free. And everyone who has helped a little bit, it was fantastic to see this growing organically.

And, so we have to take a (field) decisions, are we ready to go to a second round of the Buddy Pilot Program? Should we do it the same way? I would - I want to do a suggestion, I think we should do cohorts instead of bearings, so we should do groups, small groups just like Collin said, you can take one person, but you can take more. We had - we have also to acknowledge here the contributions that Claudio did, for example, in RightsCon, in Internet Freedom Festival, going an outreach for NCUC.

Adam, who has always been our - very supportive GSE policy note that NCUC has been present in so many events that I can't count. He probably can count better than me.

Maryam Bakoshi: Adam, can you wait so people know who you are?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Yes. And, also if you have any suggestions on this, it would be great. And, our sister constituency NPOC, we hope to exchange some techniques too and we've seen that...

James Njoroge Gitau: This is James from the line from Nairobi, Kenya.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: You probably don't know, I'm going to put on the spot here, which is our A team with Dina and Tapani. We need...

James Njoroge Gitau: Okay, thank you, (I'll wait)...

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: ...to build ways to have this like an intranet or something like that to build those - the second round of the Buddy Pilot Program. So, I'm receiving comments and votes from the - yes.

Maryam Bakoshi: Just - we have a remote participation comments, yes.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Great. We have a remote participant, go on. I'm sorry it's a longer - I'm going to read it here. Joana who has - for the record speaking of increasing member involvement, comments report - I lost that a bit. Yes, can you read it?

Louise Marie Hurel: Hi. Louise for the record. So, Joanna Kulesza - I'm sorry if I don't pronounce the name correctly. But, she says, "Thanks to NCUC support. I had the opportunity to represent the constituency during this year's with this in Geneva. The NCUC hosted a panel, a multi-stakeholder decision-making, and global internet governance, which was originally proposed by Renata Ribeiro and co-organized together with William Drake who also acted as the moderator for the discussion. And, included statements from Markus Kummer, Lawrence Strickling, and myself.

We've discussed the consequences of the rapid growth of multi-stakeholder decision-making and the ways in which the levels of multi stakeholder input and engagement can be altered to provide a more substantial outcome. Adding to the WHOIS' policymaking agenda, NCUC and ICANN had a strong present throughout the meeting. I am leaving the links here with the full report from that event in the chat box."

Thanks, Joana.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thanks, Joana. Now, we have a remote participant who joined us by mic, James. We're not hearing you, James. I will wait a little bit more to

see if you connect your mic, and in case you do just jump in. And, so as we've had...

James Njoroge Gitau: This is James from the line from Nairobi, Kenya.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Okay. Now, we can hear you. Go on.

James Njoroge Gitau: Okay. Thank you, (I'll wait).

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Thank you. So you can tell us your message, we are hearing you otherwise just write on the chat we'll also read it out, okay? So, I want to get us back on track while we try to hear James. Who here participated in the Buddy Pilot Program? How many? Okay, quite a lot of people.

So, are we good launching a second round and doing this more of a cohort scheme type with ICANN onboarding materials? That would be very nice. Can account? With the A team, you'll help us think innovative solutions for distributing this material. So, we'll continue this conversation. We have NCUC members call every month, so on our next members call we can see the progress we've made in this conversation and move forward with it.

James, we still can't hear you. We have five minutes to go and I would like to ask our sister constituency NPOC to talk about projects we did in 2017 - in this year, actually. Yes, this year, 2018, in Puerto Rico, and moving forward our projects and collaborations we can do.

Joan Kerr: It's Joan Kerr for the record. I usually think of the future and not the past. So, first of all I want to say thank you for allowing me to be here. I think that you guys are doing a really great job and, of course, we're hoping to be - really in there with our policy statements and...

((Crosstalk))

James Njoroge Gitau: This is James from the line from Nairobi, Kenya.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Hi, James.

James Njoroge Gitau: Okay. And so just for your information, yesterday we created a policy committee.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Go ahead, James.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: James, we can hear, do you want to speak now? I don't think you can hear us, right? Can you speak now? Okay. So, maybe let's just go on and - Maryam, can you please ask him to speak on the chat, because apparently he can't hear us.

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Yes, so can we mute him?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Yes. Can we mute him and Joan can you please...

Joan Kerr: That's okay. So, it had to be in a moment, so I just want to say that thank you for the invitation and secondly that we will be very involved in policy. We have eight people on our policy team that was created since yesterday and I believe three possibly to five on our marketing team for outreach. So, it's a - I think, going forward, in terms of outreach, we can create some amazing outreach sessions as long as they're dramatic.

But, I think that when we did our joint session, it went very smoothly. We talked about it. In Puerto Rico, we talked about it and we tried to sort of enable each other, and I think that's probably was the most important thing. And if anything I could suggest as we go forward that we discuss it more and plan it more, especially, with the language issue that we will have for Barcelona, and certainly for Japan, that they're more intense in terms of what we're going to do, and how we're going to do it, and how we're going to work, and should it be separate - I really like the idea of the joint sessions, because

I think that for NCSG that's a stronger position, but that's up to us to discuss what we do as well.

Does that sound like a go forward plan?

Renata Aquino Ribeiro: Yes.

Joan Kerr: Great. And I'm going to put on the spot on that our NCSG EC rep. So, when you want to join, because some of - I know some of you are not members of NCUC, so - or NPOC or NCSG, when you join, you join via NCSG. So you fill up a form and you choose the constituencies you want to join. And, the NCSG EC processes the application (by a lot of) stakeholder organization.

So, we just had a joint outreach NCSG at large. We'll have another one in Barcelona and Monika will tell us a bit more about the NCSG and she is our representative, NCUC representative in the NCSG, and you can count on her for any questions as well.

Monika Zalnieriute: Hello. Monika Zalnieriute. I want to thank Renata for this. So, I am the NCUC rep for the NCSG Executive Committee. We are, perhaps, like - we're not a policymaking committee. We don't develop policy positions for the NCUC or NCSG. We simply sort of, you know, exercise the role - supervisory role on the NCSG Chair that is Farzi.

So, we sort of overlook her decisions that they would not be arbitrary and at the same time we evaluate the new applications by the individual members for NCUC as well as organizational members, and their representatives for the NPOC.

So, perhaps, this all is self-explanatory, all you have to do is go online, and sort of look at the application form. But, the main message that I have from our Chair is that please specify your interest in the DNS as opposed to Internet Governance more generally, because we sort of been frustrated a

little bit in our - (Miriam Becochi) has been sending a lot of emails, and letters, and requests to further information, and I think that's very basic, and we could avoid all of that.

If people simply said why they're interested in ICANN as such and not, for example, just the - you know, the better life of the humanity and the internet, because we get a lot of applications like that, so that would help. Apart from that, we also sort of dropped the rules of how the new members will be accepted, how they will be expelled or what about if they want to, you know, leave NCSG and so on.

We overlooked the database and at the moment we've been drafting several different procedural rules. So, one is initiated by Robin Gross and she's working - she's been working for a long time, but now perhaps we're moving there to finalize the membership removal or ending procedures, and we're also drafting the NCSG data protection and privacy policy. And, to this exercise, I invite anyone interested to contribute too. There's been - this has been very exciting. Thank you. Thank you.

Joan Kerr: Thank you, Monika. And, one question here in Espanol de Carina Birarda, "If the materials of the onboarding program are available in Spanish or other training materials, on our newcomers corner at NCUC website, we do have material in several languages, but that is something we want to do more.

So, we'll work more to have the onboarding materials translated to Spanish as well." And, I guess, we are now out of time so we'll have to adjourn this meeting. Thank you very much everyone and congrats.

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