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KATRINA SATAKI: We have this draft agenda. To make things more efficient, we have part of the agenda as a consent agenda, and if we agree, then we can adopt them all at once. There are two resolutions. Let's just go through that.

Action items are basically complete. Then we had two inter-meeting decisions since our last call in February. First, we selected Maarten Simon as ccNSO appointed liaison to the GNSO Council. Then we supported IDN ccTLD fast-track process risk mitigation guideline and sent it out.

What else do we have under consent agenda? First, we appointed Régis Masse as a member of the Tech Working Group. Then, next, we did the exercise on Sunday. Some people have signed up for their roles. Not all have done that, so let's do it the way that the secretariat summarizes everything that we have. Then we see what other roles still need to be filled in. Meanwhile, councilors can still volunteer for those roles if they fail to volunteer. Sorry to say they will be voluntold. Sorry? It's just a matter of fact. Nothing can be done about that.

So, next, during the meeting of guidelines review committee on Saturday, we had the final look at the approval action guideline. I don't know if you remember – you probably don't because it happened two years ago – we started our work on the guidelines related to all those empowered community issues. We started by working on approval action guideline, actually, because we thought that would be more … First, it was easy, and second it seemed more urgent. Then we realized that, no, we need rejection action guideline in place, so we put approval action guideline on the shelf and started working on rejection action guideline. It took us, as you may remember, some time to do that. But now rejection action is … We all know what it means, right? We had a simulation on Sunday. Now it's time to approval this approval action process that we tried to document. It is significantly easier. Nevertheless, it's also very important.

So, the Guidelines Review Committee looked back at this guideline and tried to make sure that we used more or less the same technology to make it consistent with the rejection action guideline. And yes, what the GRC decided that this guideline is ready to be sent first to the council. You'll have a week to have a look at it. Then we sent it to the community for two weeks public comment. After that, if there are any comments, then the Guidelines Review Committee will review them and update the guideline. If not, then … Well, in any case, the council will be

asked to approve the final guideline. That could happen probably in a month or so. But I think next week you will receive this approval action guideline in your mailbox. Any questions about that? No? Nothing? Okay.

Then agenda item seven, PDP part one retirement and updated overall schedule. PDP 3. We heard update, very good and extensive updates, from the working group during the meeting. I know that some had been shocked by the timeline. But nevertheless, that's a fact. There's nothing we can do at the moment.

Here is one of the proposals, that we confirm the amended schedule and timeline of the ccNSO PDP 3 as proposed by the PDP issue manager, i.e. Bart, during the meeting. It was sent, distributed to the list yesterday. Any questions? No?

Then we heard updates from CSC, RZERC, and ECA during the meeting. The working groups also gave updates. I think also chair, vice chairs, and councilors also gave updates during the meeting. Same with liaisons, written updates. And a list of the upcoming meetings. Next one is April 18th.

Clearly, there is a question about timing. The issue is that the representation on the council is very diverse and we live in different corners of the world. When sun raises in New Zealand, probably the rest of the world sleeps and when sun sets in

Guatemala, then we are ready for action but Alejandra is very sleepy. So, that's why we're trying to alternate those times, to make sure that … Well, I know that in ICANN environment, everybody must be made equally and happy but here we try to balance this unhappiness. And with Jordan as an incoming councilor, I think we should stick to the same schedule that we did. Can you remind us? It's 11:00, 12:00, and 18:00. Okay, 12:00 and 18:00 UTC. So, once it's 12:00, once it's 18:00. So, noon UTC and 6:00 PM UTC. I propose that on April 18th we start with noon UTC. Will that work? Yeah? Okay. Great. It means that in May we're going to do it at 6:00 PM. Thank you.

Any questions regarding the consent agenda? Yes, please, Alejandra.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Not on the consent agenda, but the next meetings we have two possible dates. We are going to set them at any point or next meeting?

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes. Most probably we will do it at our next meeting. Meanwhile, you can think which would work best for you. Yes, please?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:	I would like to compliment Alejandra's question, because actually, in May, it's LAC TLD's event in the Dominican Republic. So, Demi, you, possibly Margarita, and myself are going to be there.
KATRINA SATAKI:	Thank you very much for pointing that out.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE:	I think it's 6, 7, and 9. So, if it's possible to coordinate and avoid those days.
KATRINA SATAKI:	I think this is actually the reason why we list them so much in advance. We actually plead every time, we ask regional organizations to please look into these dates, because for those councilors who go to regional meetings of their regional organizations, it's really difficult to join. I know it from my own experience. Yes, Alejandra?
ALEJANDRA REYNOSO:	Just to say that those dates were not set when the dates were circulated. They were set like maybe two weeks ago, maybe one week ago. So, that's why it was not considered then.

KATRINA SATAKI: Anyway, thank you very much for bringing this to our attention. We definitely need to try to avoid any conflicts like that. Anything that can impact councilors from one region needs to be taken into account. You, as councilors, are really invited to think about that and pay attention to these dates. Okay, thank you very much. Any other issues, questions about consent agenda? If not, anyone would like to move? Stephen, Alejandra seconded. Thank you. Here we can vote because we see each other. So, who is in favor? Debbie?

DEBBIE MONAHAN: Agree. In favor.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. So, everyone is in favor. Sorry, maybe somebody abstains. Against? No? Thank you.

With that, we go to the regular meeting. Here we start with the first one. Something that we started discussing on the mailing list but decided to bring up during the face-to-face meeting. It comes back to some general principle. What do we do?

Again, to remind you of the process. Whenever we receive an application to become a ccNSO member, secretariat reaches out to IANA and asks if there are any outstanding issues. We get a

response, and based on that response, the council is informed by the application manager.

This time, if I understand it correctly, there is a ccTLD operator and according to IANA database, there is a primary contact. However, according to information that IANA provided, they know that this manager does not work for the ccTLD operator anymore. Joke, please correct me if I'm wrong here.

The question is what should we do? Technically, if we look into the database, we see that the person is there. But we have received information that that person does not represent the ccTLD anymore and they are trying to get them to update the information in IANA database.

We have three options, basically. One, we can just approve the application because, clearly, the ccTLD manager is still the same even though the primary contact in the database may not be working for the registry. We could do a conditional approval. For example, three months, and say please correct the entries because we have received information that the data isn't accurate. Another one is that while it is IANA is the current operator responsibility to make sure that the database is accurate and we can put the approval of membership on hold and wait until it is done, or at least the issue has been clarified.

Now I'd like to hear from you. What do you think? We do not have formal process for cases like that. I don't know if we should deal with that case by case basis or maybe we should just create some basic principles. Stephen, please?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: Thank you, Katrina. Do we know if the IANA has confidence that the registrant is who is the registrant in the database? I understand we've got an issue with the admin contact but my question is with regards to the registrant formally sponsoring organization.

KATRINA SATAKI: The registrant is the same. There are apparently no pending requests for transfer, at least we do not have that information. But the application has been signed by primary contact who, according to IANA, is not representing this ccTLD and operator anymore or registrant. I don't know. Yes, Joke?

JOKE BRAEKEN: Katrina, I don't know if it's helpful if I read out loud the feedback that we've received from IANA.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes, of course, please do.

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JOKE BRAEKEN: Even though John Williams is still listed in the IANA root zone database, we know from discussions with dot-tc operators and the TC regulatory authority that Mr. John Williams is no longer serving in his capacity. [Mailrex], the ccTLD manager and TCI Telecommunications Commission are in discussion about operating dot-tc going forward. There are currently no pending requests for dot-tc.

KATRINA SATAKI: Alejandra, please?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Thank you, Katrina. Considering that this person no longer works there and he does not represent the ccTLD, then I think the application is not valid because unless we have a confirmation from a current representative from the ccTLD that they say, "Yes, we are okay with becoming a member," then I think it's not valid.

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, legally, I'd say it shouldn't be considered valid. But I saw [Abibu] as our manager.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE:	Sorry. The feedback from IANA has some weight. And to show the trust with what they have analyzed, I think we can agree on a conditional membership, but the issue will be now is it three months or more than three months so that they can finalize the process. Otherwise, if they don't meet the condition within a specified time, then we can turn it down.
KATRINA SATAKI:	Well, I have to say, I'm not in big favor of conditional because it's not in the bylaws and I don't know. We haven't defined that. This is really up for discussion. Stephen? Sorry, I saw Demi first. Sorry.
DEMI GETSCHKO:	I think, first of all, in the formal point of view, like we do with ISOC 3166, I think we have to agree that there is something in the database. We have another information that this information is not correct. Maybe they are changing that. But as a matter of fact, we have in the database this person as official contact.
	And the commitment of the supporting organization to accept one more member is not a big thing. Maybe the next operator wants to change this and be out of the supporting organization.
	For me, it's more simple to accept because we have this in the database and keep an eye on the situation. Maybe the new

operator wants to retreat from the supporting organization [inaudible]. Thank you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much, Demi. May I propose? Now that we have this U-shaped table, may I propose that we use, just like other communities do, whenever you want to ask a question, put your plate. Then I do not lose track. Thank you. Stephen?

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: You're making us act like the GNSO. I'm not sure that's a good thing.

KATRINA SATAKI: ALAC does that, too.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: That's even worse. But back to the topic at hand. I don't see that we can do a conditional approval. I think it's either up or down. Given the location of this particular TLD, it might require a site visit before spring gets too far along.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. Alejandra?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Another option could be maybe to contact the ccTLD back just for confirmation, just to say, "Yes, we agree," instead of rejecting the whole process or the submission.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. Thank you. Margarita?

MARGARITA VALDEZ: Do we have any [term] to response?

KATRINA SATAKI: Again, as I said, we do not have any guidelines on how we're approving. Technically, no, but I think it's really a matter of being polite and responsive. We cannot put it on hold forever.

MARGARITA VALDEZ: Of course. But the idea is if there is no [term] we have the opportunity to do some research about the differences of the information that we have.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah, but it depends on the way you do the research. If you respond back to the ccTLD, the ccTLD at least knows that we are considering their application.

MARGARITA VALDEZ: [Again, me]. Other point of view. What is the risk to say yes now or to say no?

KATRINA SATAKI: I do not see any risk at the moment. In any case, if a transfer happens, then by definition, the new operator has to … Actually, I don't know what happens in case of … Is membership assigned to ccTLD or to the organization?

BART BOSWINKEL: It's one in the same.

KATRINA SATAKI: No.

BART BOSWINKEL: By definition, it depends on … If we go back to the old definition and we place sponsoring organization with ccTLD manager, because that's the new [inaudible] in the IANA database, then the ccTLD manager is the entity that is operating or manages the ccTLD. This entity could be an organization, could be an individual depending what is delegated. But in principle, it's the organization.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah, but that was not the question.

BART BOSWINKEL: That's the ccTLD manager. The organization is the ccTLD manager. That's the answer to your question.

KATRINA SATAKI: No, it's not the answer to my question. No, I'm [inaudible], sorry. My question is current entity that operates a ccTLD joins the ccNSO and then …

BART BOSWINKEL: He is represented by what is the primary contact.

KATRINA SATAKI: No, no, no, that's fine. But imagine that the transfer happens to a new organization. Does this membership status also go together with it?

BART BOSWINKEL: No.

KATRINA SATAKI: That was my question.

BART BOSWINKEL: Just to be clear, before we go off track with this particular application, the ccTLD manager was correct. It is the entity that requested the membership. The whole thing is the primary contact listed or that submitted the request is not the admin contact and that's the [check] and there is a discrepancy.

KATRINA SATAKI: Sorry, it is admin contact in the database, but according to IANA, he is not working … Technically, if you open …

BART BOSWINKEL: The other way around. The other way around.

KATRINA SATAKI: Joke, please.

JOKE BRAEKEN: Katrina is right. So, the details of the ccTLD manager in the IANA database seem to be outdated according to information that IANA has. So, the applicant in the application form to apply for ccNSO membership corresponds exactly to what is included in the IANA database, but IANA database is apparently outdated.

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, it is official but IANA told us that, as far as they know, the person does not work for … But the record has been officially corrected. Who was the first? Sorry. Stephen.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: You've got me thoroughly confused now. The entry for ccTLD manager is [Mailrex] TC. The entry for the admin contact is a guy named John Williams. Now, which is inaccurate here, the John Williams? Okay because what I heard was a little bit different. Do we know if John Williams actually submitted this application on behalf of [Mailrex] TC? Has that been verified by the IANA perhaps?

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, that's what we received apparently.

STEPHEN DEERHAKE: I know it came from him and he's no longer associated, but the question is in IANA's investigation of this, did they verify that the application was actually submitted by the former admin contact still listed as the current admin contact on behalf of [Mailrex] TC which is … Yeah.

KATRINA SATAKI: Joke, please?

JOKE BRAEKEN: Maybe it's helpful if I read again what IANA mentioned. So, even though John Williams is still listed in the IANA root zone database, we know from discussions with dot-tc operators and the TC regulatory authority that Mr. Williams is no longer serving in his capacity. [Mailrex], the ccTLD manager and TCI Telecommunications Commission are in discussions about operating dot-tc going forward. I'm not sure if it's appropriate for me to interpret this but it sounds like an upcoming transfer request.

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, it does sound like that. But officially it hasn't been requested yet. Young Eum?

YOUNG-EUM LEE: Yes. I was really confused, but if that is the case, then I suggest that we send a response back saying that after this proper [inaudible] of the record has occurred then we can accept because I don't think it is up to us to determine with it is a proper entity or not.

KATRINA SATAKI: That's not what we're … Yeah. Thank you, Young-Eum. Demi?

DEMI GETSCHKO: I think it's much more difficult to base our work on rumors or gossip. We don't have any official information that he is not related to [inaudible] database, his name is there. The same organization is there. Then maybe to be changed or not. I think we are going too deep in this. We have just to look at the database and take the decision. If we can hear about information or gossip or rumors, I think it's a bad way.

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, this is our process. We ask officially IANA to provide information and this is what they come back with. I cannot say it's unofficial.

DEMI GETSCHKO: But it's [inaudible].

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. True.

DEMI GETSCHKO: It's not official.

KATRINA SATAKI: No, you're right.

DEMI GETSCHKO: [inaudible] remove the name of the database. Leave open.

KATRINA SATAKI: I don't know if they are supposed to do that. I'm just thinking if, for example, we approve them and their primary contact comes to our meetings, yes, he is in the database but does not represent the … I would like to propose that we defer this very heated discussion. I see that Byron hasn't said a thing yet, would like to comment, but then I think that we could think more about the way forward. Yes, Byron?

BYRON HOLLAND: Just listening to the room sort of reinforces my thinking that we have a set of rules and we have a set of rules to be followed which include reaching out to IANA for validation and they have expressed ambiguity both in the language they returned to us and the voracity of the data that we see before us. To me, we should follow our rules which includes getting confirmation from IANA and IANA has not done that. So, until we have confirmation of the data by IANA I think we should defer. As a non-member, they're welcome to come to our meetings in the meantime.

KATRINA SATAKI: Absolutely.

BYRON HOLLAND: But until we are able to follow our own rules, I think we should probably defer.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you very much. Before we defer, maybe we should ask our manager to reach out to IANA again, maybe reach out to the current operator and find out more. Last words to Abibu.

ABIBU NTAHIGIYE: I agree with Byron on deferring the case but I have a follow-up question on the same related issue with a question. When does the ccNSO member should become invalid?

KATRINA SATAKI: Well, apparently as we discovered just now, if a transfer happens, then automatically the ccTLD is … Well, previous entity is not a member and the new one needs to apply to become a member again. At least that was my understanding from our previous discussion or the interpretation of the process. Does that answer your question? Thank you. So, let's defer to next meeting. Abibu, one of the action items for you … He won't be around. Okay.

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BART BOSWINKEL: For the time being, let the secretariat take this on because …

KATRINA SATAKI: For the time being, secretariat please [inaudible].

BART BOSWINKEL: [inaudible] for the next meeting.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes. And other councilors will continue their work on the councilor step in as new councilors, think who would like to take over the role of the application manager. Any volunteers now? No? Okay, you can think about that. Thank you. Let's move forward, then.

We have received information that the GNSO Council has adopted the CSC Effectiveness Review Report and support its findings. We have had updates from the CSC Effectiveness Review. I think we've all had time to read the actual report that had been published.

What we could do here, Debbie, would you like to say anything on this topic? Adoption of CSC Effectiveness Review Report.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: No.

KATRINA SATAKI: No? Nothing? Okay.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: No, [inaudible] adopted. I think the ccNSO Council comments were very useful. Thank you. And I think the recommendations have been slightly reworded accordingly, so I think that submission made and, yes, I encourage you to adopt but I believe with a very efficient review process.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yeah. Thank you very much. We are going to mention your group as example to other groups who are doing reviews to show that it's possible to be fast and efficient. Thank you. Anyone would like to move? Stephen, Alejandra seconded. Thank you. Are there any further comments, questions? We have a resolution in front of us, so we basically propose to adopt the report and inform GNSO Council accordingly. So, we have, Philip, GNSO liaison to the ccNSO Council has already informed us that the council has adopted it, so this part about if the GNSO Council also adopts shouldn't be there, perhaps.

Then, we can see the review process is closed. The team dissolved. In accordance with the terms, the chair of the ccNSO Council and the chair of GNSO Council are requested to

recommend report to IANA Naming Function Review Team as soon as that is established. And we request the chair to share the results of this motion with the CSC. Byron, actually.

The ccNSO Council expresses its sincere appreciation to the members of the CSC Effectiveness Review Team, the Liaison Expert Advisors and support staff who contributed to the review. Who is in favor? Thank you. Who abstains? Thank you, Byron. Anyone against? No. Thank you. Debbie? Yeah, sorry. Debbie, how are you voting?

DEBBIE MONAHAN: I agreed.

KATRINA SATAKI: You agree that we adopt the report?

DEBBIE MONAHAN: Yes.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay, good. Thank you. With that, the report is adopted. Thank you very much. Let's move forward.

Discussion and next steps roadmap of review and update of IDN [overall] policy. You saw the proposal. What can we do, basically?

Well, we sent a letter to the board, request draft terms of reference for review working party by next council meeting. And after adoption, send it out. The scope should be limited to a review of fast-track methodology and ccNSO PDP recommended overall IDN ccTLD policy. Then, we also need a call for volunteers.

In Marrakech, the idea would be to discuss initial findings, gap analysis and discuss next steps with respect to inclusion of IDN ccTLD in the ccNSO as soon as possible and need to launch PDP on IDN string selection policy. Any comments on this? Questions? No?

Next one. We need to write a letter to the board, apparently. So, here the proposal is that we ask the chair with the help of secretariat to draft a letter to the board to agree on closing further revelation of the fast-track process after implementing the risk mitigation process and agree to stop further steps with respect to ccNSO PDP 2 and assist in review of the recommendations.

We see a draft resolution in front of us and basically what it says. We also request the secretariat to draw the terms of reference for working party to review. The ccNSO recommended [inaudible] ccTLD policy as submitted to the ICANN board of directors in September 2013. And take into account the evolution of the fast track since then.

Other relevant developments. Actually, the terms of reference should be discussed for adoption by the next meeting of the council in April. Any comments? Questions? No? Anyone would like to move? Giovani. Second? Thank you, Jim.

So, if there are no other questions, then let's go to voting. Who is in favor of this resolution? Thank you. It looks like … Anyone abstains? Against? Debbie is in favor. Thank you.

Oh. And this is the part where apparently we will ask Debbie. Debbie, are you still there?

DEBBIE MONAHAN: I am still here, Katrina. Yes.

BART BOSWINKEL: First of all, before we go into … There is a lot of text. This is around the procedure of the chair and vice chair election. There is no text or we do not have, or the ccNSO does not have, anything in the guidelines, so I thought it would be a good thing first and that could be under your leadership, Katrina, under your chairmanship, that the council first adopts the process, the procedure, how they want to conduct this election to avoid any discussion if it comes to it.

So, the first step is to adopt the procedure, so Debbie knows this and everybody knows this, this is how we're going to conduct the election of the chair and vice chairs.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. Should I go through the process then?

BART BOSWINKEL: Yes.

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. So, first, you all have materials in front of you but we'll go through them together. According to the bylaws, the council shall elect from among its members the ccNSO Council chair and such vice chair or chairs as it deems appropriate. Additionally … I'll go to that later. Selection of the ccNSO Council chair and vice chairs shall be by written ballot or by acting at a meeting. Any such selection must have affirmative vote for majority of all the members of the ccNSO Council then in office.

The term of office of the ccNSO Council chair any vice chairs shall be as specified by the ccNSO Council at or before the time the selection is made. The ccNSO Council chair and any vice chairs may be recalled from office by the same procedure as used for selection.

Traditionally, we elect two vice chairs. One chair. Our approach has usually been that they all are from different geographic regions to ensure that we have this balance.

The proposed way forward that first we elect the chair and then – the procedure for chair election. If there are two or more candidates, then we do it by secret ballot. If only one candidate, then by a show of hands.

Assuming that I can be reelected, I will have to hand over the chairmanship of this meeting to councilor or vice chair. In this case, to make sure that whoever chairs the meeting has no conflict of interest. We propose that it's done by Debbie remotely as her last effort to make sure that she leaves everything in good order. So, Debbie, are you ready?

DEBBIE MONAHAN: Yes, Katrina, I'm ready.

KATRINA SATAKI: I'll hand the chairwomanship of this meeting to you. Then you will call for a nomination or [inaudible] for the position of the chair. The nominees are technically asked to express acceptance of the nomination and may make additional comments. Then, if there's one candidate, then you call for a vote by show of hands which you won't see unfortunately but we will tell you. You can see us?

Oh, that's excellent. Then, if there are two or more candidates, then we do it by secret ballot. Secretariat will count them in [inaudible] and then you will tell us the outcome.

In any case, it will be handed over back to me. I mean, the chairing this meeting. The newly elected chair will take the seat after the closure of the ccNSO Council meeting. Is the procedure clear to everyone? Any questions? Well, if we have several nominations, then there will be questions, I'm sure. But at this point, are there any questions? No.

Do all agree with the process? Yes. Okay, thank you. Then, Debbie, I'm handing it over to you.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: Well, thank you, Katrina. So, my role now is to call for nominations to the role of chair of the ccNSO Council. Who would like to nominate? Okay, none was not an option.

BART BOSWINKEL: Debbie, Margarita was first.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: Margarita?

MARGARITA VALDES:	Yes. I would like to nominate Katrina Sataki for the chair of the ccNSO.
BART BOSWINKEL:	Thank you. Any seconds?
DEBBIE MONAHAN:	Thank you, Margarita.
BART BOSWINKEL:	Alejandra was first, let's [inaudible]. Debbie, Alejandra seconded. Back to you.
DEBBIE MONAHAN:	Are there any other nominations for chair?
BART BOSWINKEL:	I don't see any other nominations.
DEBBIE MONAHAN:	Well, then, I'd like to go back to Katrina and ask her if she would accept that nomination and if she has any further comments she would like to make.

KATRINA SATAKI:	Well, I will be honored to accept it. Thank you very much for your trust.
DEBBIE MONAHAN:	So now I'd like to ask does everyone agree by a vote of hands. So, all those in favor of Katrina becoming chair. [inaudible] Katrina. So, Bart, tell me [inaudible] hands raised.
BART BOSWINKEL:	Can you please put up your hands so the camera can follow all by who is in favor of the election of Katrina. Please raise your hands. All raised with the exception of Katrina. And how do you vote yourself?
KATRINA SATAKI:	Sorry, I forgot I had to. Yes. I am abstaining. I do believe in myself but I just think it's abstaining. Yes.
BART BOSWINKEL:	Debbie?
DEBBIE MONAHAN:	Well, thank God for [inaudible] Katrina. All I can say is you thoroughly agree [inaudible]. Thank you, all, and thank you, Katrina.

BART BOSWINKEL: Thank you, Debbie.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much, Debbie. Thank you very much.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: And back to you.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Did you say something? No? Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you, Debbie. Now we are moving forward to vice chair elections. Again, I will go through the procedure.

First, traditionally we elect to vice chairs, A and B. We will elect them one after another. A or B, we do not have any difference between vice chairs, not that A is different. Just to make it easier to distinguish. First election of the vice chair position, A. There will be a call for nominations and second for vice chair position A. The candidate will be asked to express acceptance of candidacy for vice chair and may make any additional statement.

Then, we call for a vote for vice chair A. If there is only one candidate, the election will take place by show of hands. If there are three or more candidates for the position, then we will have to look into geographic representation. Then council will first

select a candidate from among vice chair from the same region by secret ballot and this preferred candidate will be one of the candidates for the vice chair A position and stand against the other candidates from the other geographic region positions.

It sounds very complicated, but we've done it once so we kind of have experience. Yeah. If we have several candidates to the position of vice chair from the same region, then we will have to first run elections between these two or three. There can be more than three, anyway.

Is the procedure clear? Yes. Thank you. Any questions? Yes, please, Abibu. Microphone, please.

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Use your microphone, please.

ABIBU NTAHIGIYE: The procedure is not very, very clear but is a bit confusing. Process B under 3B, it should be if there are two or more candidates because basically it will be the same process for the second vice chair. We want to be appointing all at once.

BART BOSWINKEL: That's why, thinking about it, you can improve it. That's very obvious. But, say, to avoid that you have say to councilors for one

geographic region, this was one way. Effectively, after everything [inaudible] thinking about it and effectively should change it again. So, I hope you do not elect [inaudible].

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay. Yes, Peter, please?

PETER VERGOTE: Either I'm becoming too old for this but I still think that Abibu is right. Point 3, there is a procedure for the election of one vice chair while point 3.B, according to me, seems to refer to the procedure for the election of two vice chairs.

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes. To recall it, to go back to the way we did it, first we ask for nominations for vice chairs and we see how many they get. If we get two nominations, two or more … Maybe let's not waste time. Let's ask for nominations and if we are in trouble, then we think about the process. If we have more than two people, then it will be clearer, it will be easier for us to explain the procedure. Abibu?

ABIBU NTAHIGIYE: Nomination, right?

KATRINA SATAKI: Yes. Sure. Please.

ABIBU NTAHIGIYE: Byron should continue, please.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you very much. Giovanni seconded. Thank you. Any other? Margarita? Nomination.

MARGARITA VALDES: Yes. I would like to nominate Alejandra Reynoso as a vice chair.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Seconded by Young-Eum. Anymore nominations? Oh, you see? Good that we didn't waste time. So, Byron, do you accept the nomination?

BYRON HOLLAND: Yes, I accept.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Alejandra, do you accept the nomination?

ALEJANDRA REYNOSO: Yes, I accept.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Any other further comment or statement you'd like to give? No? Okay, good. As we have two candidates for two vice chair seats and both are from different regions, it means that we can vote for both of them at the same time. Or maybe let's do it one by one. What's the procedure? One by one. Let's do it one by one.

So, who is in favor of electing Byron Holland for vice chair of the ccNSO? Show of hands.

BART BOSWINKEL: Debbie in favor as well.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Maybe he's against, I don't know. Byron is abstaining. And Debbie is in favor. Thank you very much. Thank you. Now, a second vote. Who is in favor of Alejandra?

BART BOSWINKEL: And Debbie is in favor as well.

KATRINA SATAKI: Thank you. Who is against? Who is abstaining? Alejandra is abstaining. Thank you very much. Thank you very, very much.

BART BOSWINKEL: Debbie is applauding as well.

KATRINA SATAKI: Of course Debbie is applauding as well. So, thank you very much. We will clarify the election procedure for the next year. Rest assured this is one of the action items. It needs to be clarified and it will be clarified, I promise. Thank you. Any other business? Yes, please, Giovanni.

GIOVANNI SEPPIA: I'd like to thank you. I'd like to go back to Sunday when we had this very important workshop on what was discussed in the very first part and there was this agreement. So, for me, just a reminder to you and the vice chairs and the council that we should follow-up on what we shared in the very first part, especially because there were some statements that there is a need for more engagement for some councilors that would like to be more involved, so it should be something like a briefing workshop [inaudible] but I think we should be as inclusive as possible and follow-up closely on some considerations.

KATRINA SATAKI:	Yes. Thank you very much. It's noted as an action item. So, any other … Yes, please?
UNIDENTIFIED MALE:	Thank you. I would like to thank Abibu because this is his last meeting.
KATRINA SATAKI:	We will get there.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE:	It's AOB.
KATRINA SATAKI:	But the next agenda is thank you and welcome.
UNIDENTIFIED MALE:	Okay. I hope I answered the question not like yesterday.
KATRINA SATAKI:	Absolutely. This is going to follow. If there are no other any other businesses, then let's move forward to the next agenda item. With that, let me first officially thank all the presenters, all the participants and attendees for all the work done during this week and thank them for all our accomplishments.

It was an exhaustive week, but we achieved a lot and showed progress on al of work streams and listened to very important and lively presentations and work sessions.

On behalf of the ccNSO Council and the whole community, I also wholeheartedly thank Debbie Monahan, dot-nz. Abibu Ntahigiye, dot-tz. And Peter Vergote, dot-be for their service to the community and the council and their contribution and participation in the different working groups, council, committees, review teams, and as liaison. We hope that in whatever capacity they will remain involved in the ccNSO and will look back on their time at the council with satisfaction and joy. To make it even more joyful … [off mic]

Debbie, you'll get [inaudible]. I hope you see me. And some more stuff, we'll give it to [Jordan] and if he doesn't send it to you, you know where to look for it.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: [inaudible]. Thank you, all. [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We'll bring it to you [inaudible], Debbie.

DEBBIE MONAHAN: You want another barbeque, don't you, [Jordan]?

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Are we all invited?

DEBBIE MONAHAN: Absolutely!

KATRINA SATAKI: Okay, good. We also want to make [inaudible] dot-tn and [inaudible] dot-ng as the ccNSO appointed liaison to ALAC and GNSO Council for their service as our liaisons.

The ccNSO Council also welcomes Nick Wenban-Smith, dot-UK; Jordan Carter, dot-NZ; and [inaudible] dot-NG as newly appointed councilors from European, Asia-Pacific, and African regions accordingly.

And we would like to welcome back Demi Getschko and Pablo Rodriguez from Latin America and Caribbean and North American regions, respectively. Welcome back. And welcome to the council. I hope we did not scare you after this week.

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The ccNSO Council is also pleased to announce the appointment of Segun Akano from dot-NG and Maarten Simon from dot-NL as our new liaisons to ALAC and the GNSO Council.

Finally, on behalf of the ccTLDs present at this meeting, I would like to wholeheartedly thank JPRS, and in particular, our council colleague, Hiro Hotta, for the assistance. And of course we would like to thank you as the sole sponsor of the fabulous ccNSO cocktail event. Thank you very much. Anyone would like to say something?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: As I said on Facebook, Hiro is our hero.

KATRINA SATAKI: Absolutely, yes. That's exactly true. And with that, let me announce the ccNSO Council meeting closed. Thank you. Goodbye. Have a safe trip back home.

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