
ANDREA GLANDON: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the NCUC membership meeting being held on Thursday, the 2nd of February 2023 at 15:00 UTC. Attendance will be taken by the Zoom Room. I would like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for recording purposes and to please keep your phones and microphones on mute when not speaking to avoid any background noise. As a reminder, those who take part in ICANN multistakeholder process are to comply with the expected standards of behavior. With this, I will turn it over to our chair, Benjamin, you may begin.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Andrea. Thank you, everyone. Good afternoon. Good morning. Good evening, anywhere you're joining us from. My name is Benjamin Akinmoyeje, NCUC chair. It's a privilege to host this first NCUC membership meetings. Today's meeting is formal/informal. And it's just to get the members to engage on activities and to keep beyond the mailing list, to keep the membership to have conversations.

In line with that, we have lined up a series of speakers to talk on different topics, such as to elicit memberships, engaging members engagement.

So my opening remark is just to let you know that I appreciate the fact that you took out some of your time today to participate in this meeting. And also, this is one of those meetings that we're going to be having regularly so that we can discuss pending issues administratively

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and also how we can get members to participate actively in our policy discussions, and getting members to engage actively.

Some of the new developments we have had is recently there was a call to have some of our members, one or two of our members to show interest to be part of NCSG Finance Committee. Some individuals have shown interest and will be announcing very soon who we have selected to represent the NCUC in NCSG.

I will also expect that this individual will also help look towards our finance as well, what we can do, because NCUC needs to raise more funds to be able to get more members to attend ICANN meetings.

At the same time, we're also hoping that we'll find some of our members who have been participating in the pilot policy development program that's been going on for a while now. I think Melissa has been leading that project. And we're hoping that we'll begin to see engagement of our members who are participating in policy transition program to engage actively.

And if you don't know about that, I hope I'll be able to share the link or Andrea will be able to share the link concerning that program.

So we're looking forward to our members who have been participating in that program to start actively getting involved in some of our call for volunteers and start showing the things they are learning.

So the next issue I'd also like to talk to you about is around our presence online. So we have a call we just put out recently, it's about e-team, electronic team or however you want to define the E.

So we need our website to be content current, and our social media handle to also be actively engaging. So these are some of the things that we hope that we can share with you. And we hope that would encourage your engagement and we look forward to hearing from you and would love to see you participate as well.

So today we have about three speakers or four of them. Caleb and Peter, they're going to be talking about PTI leadership opportunities, why NCUC members should consider some of these opportunities. Ephraim is going to talk to you about human rights impact assessment and NCUC.

And Stephanie is going to talk about mentorship and trending issues that are worth our attention. and Amine is going to discuss finally his experience at ICANN 75, what it felt like, why many of us would also envision to either participate both remotely or physically.

And then we are hoping to have an ICANN 76 outreach, and suggestions will be welcome. And then we're also hoping that we'll have some time to have some discussion before the end of today for suggestions from members on the ways we can move NCUC forward and increase our visibility and engagement in ICANN space. Thank you.

So at this point, I don't know if Caleb is around. But Peter is already around. Peter can lead the next conversation around. He's in NomCom. And he should tell us what we need to know and what is happening in that area. Thank you.

PETER AKINREMI TAIWO: Thank you so much, Ben, thank you for the opportunity to be here. So like you said, I'm a member of NomCom. So I'll give updates [inaudible] activity going on. But before giving updates on that, let me talk about the PTI opportunity [inaudible]

[inaudible] the function of IANA. So when IANA functions, what's going on previously, so we are all part of it. PTI is responsible for the operational aspects of the IANA function, talking about these domain names, number resources, critical parameters.

So this was incorporated in 2016 as an affiliate of ICANN through contract and subcontract with ICANN to ensure that the operational aspect of the IANA functions is done and so that they will not be owned by [inaudible] operational. So the PTI Board will actually perform that oversight.

Concerning the NomCom, NomCom is actually looking for PTI Board, so a number of [inaudible] opened these days, one opportunity for people that actually have an understanding of how IANA functions operate, they have understanding of the registry, registrar, the way it works and the operation. So we're looking for [inaudible] NomCom is looking for people that have an understanding of IANA functions or might not have all the experience of all the areas such as domain names, number resources and protocol [inaudible] understanding of that area, how that works.

So the criteria was that the NomCom is actually looking for the PTI board, understanding of budget and strategic plan because it's an oversight function, and NomCom is looking for people that have

understanding of budget and how to formulate a strategic plan [inaudible] operating plan, somebody that understand that part of the process, because as the board members, you will be part of the processes and activities.

So they will actually review the performance outcome of the IANA functions. The person also will be able to attend board meetings. So I'm sure that people on the call, we understand that IANA function is actually complex, but we're just looking for people that have integrity and objective intelligence that have the skills to be on the board.

Also, we're looking for people that have familiarity with operating of gTLDs, generic top-level domains, so people that understand that work, including country code top level domain, you work with IP address, registry, so people that understand how Internet technical standards and protocol operate as well policy implementation, people that can jump in and submit their applications to serve this.

So let me reiterate here, this is actually a volunteer position, so you need to be quite committed into it. So we're looking at people that don't have a conflict of interest or to say, that want to come on board and they want to help the functioning of the IANA operation. So that's basically the opportunity that we're looking for every year. So we, the NomCom, actually look for people based on the open [inaudible] available for leadership, select leadership to PTI board.

So this year, we have just only one slot, one application, and we're looking for people that are interested in serving in that position. And that's why we're bringing this conversation to the NCUC. So NCUC

people [inaudible] interest to actually shoot their application. March is the deadline. So I can't really confirm that date but March is the deadline.

Let me also use the opportunity to say that we're also looking for two board members to be filled this year, we're looking for three At-Large [inaudible] this year, and two GNSO, and one country code representative to join.

So please, if you have any other skills, I will refer you to the NomCom website to have a look at the criteria and also to be able to tailor your application well. So one of the things that we will encourage people to put thought into the applications that they are submitting so that they will be compared with or evaluated with all the people and be able to make a decision of who can function well in that position. We've been receiving applications, but we want NCUC members to actually put in their applications. And that's why we're having this conversation here. So if there's any questions, [inaudible] Over to you, Ben.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you very much, Peter, that was quite extensive. Now we know. I just want to encourage every member, you don't have to be a guru. Just be interested, be passionate, and be teachable. I think you'll do just fine. So please, we want to see applications so that we can actively show our presence and our contribution.

Okay, before we move to the next speaker, next panelist, I really needed to have made an announcement before. I want to welcome Claudio Lucena into our midst. He is our LAC representative, newly

volunteered. We should thank him for stepping forward and representing our region. Claudio, could you just quickly introduce yourself in a minute? Forgive me, I didn't do that when we came in. You are one of the new developments. Thank you.

CALUDIO LUCENA:

Thank you very much, Ben, I hope you all can hear me. As Ben said, I'm just stepping in back from a period of not very close interaction with ICANN, but I was very active a couple of years ago. I am now a representative at the National Privacy and Data Protection Committee in Brazil recently established, and I think it's time after all these deep changes in our life to step back and engage back with you and ICANN. I'm taking the opportunity of a meeting here in the region to reconnect with you. Happy to help everyone and to reconnect with the Latin American and Caribbean community. Thanks a lot, Ben.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Thank you. It's great to have you in our midst. And we're looking forward to active engagement with you and bringing that region back on board. Yes, thank you. All right. Now I'm going to pass it on to Ephraim and he's going to discuss human rights impact assessment and NCUC. And please feel free to put your suggestions, your questions on the chat. Thank you.

EPHRAIM KENYANITO:

Thank you so much. Yeah, so hi, everyone, happy to see all of you and good to see some faces. Some of you might know I recently got a kid in

the last two months in a couple of weeks. So some things I'm trying to catch up with my. First kid. So sorry about that. So I know there are some people [inaudible] emails, but I'll catch up with them later.

So one thing I promised during the last call, [inaudible] try to do an assessment for ourselves. So I have a rough draft, but I'm just trying to refine it. Ben, if you can just allow me to share it on the list, hopefully tomorrow. But basically, we are doing well. It's something which we can just replicate and show others and then we can add other SO/ACs to just measure themselves. It's not something that it's mandatory or anything, but something that they can do, SO/ACs, to comply with Section 7 of the bylaw on human rights similar to the way SO/ACs have been urging ICANN Org and Board to comply with the bylaws and specifically the bylaw on human rights among other bylaws which affects noncommercial consistency.

So I'll share that draft. It's a very rough draft. So just caveat, it's a very rough draft. Sorry I've not shared it earlier, but I'm going to share it so that we can discuss it. It's going to be part of the session that you're going to discuss at ICANN 76 in addition to us discussing the costs on human rights, some of you—thanks so much for the feedback, some of you have given me additional feedback, I'm going to incorporate that.

So those two things are going to be key things you're going to discuss, in Cancun. But before then, I would want us to just keep the engagement online. I'm just going to keep it short. Others can add on the worksheet, the Excel sheet for the HRIA.

And then some of you might know the other bit, in December, the GNSO Council approved the report by the Council Improvement Committee, which also talks about human rights in PDP. So that's separate from human rights in SO/AC. So that's something else that we'll be following. And I'll be organizing a meeting, hopefully next week. And I'm going to write to the list to get a possible date that we can do a meeting with the members here and also the members for the cross committee working party on human rights.

Thanks so much for all of your different chats one on one. And sorry I've been slacking on some things, as I've explained. Yeah, that's the news. That's why I've been a bit slow on some things, but I'm catching up. And if there's any email that maybe or chat that I'm slow on that you think I should respond to very fast, just nudge me, feel free. And I'll bring it to the top of my inbox. So my inbox has been quite a mess the past couple of weeks. Thanks.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Thank you, Ephraim. At this point, I think Caleb is with us right now. So Caleb was supposed to also just motivate members on our opportunity to participate. And I think Peter has done justice to that. But I would just like him to talk about our collaborations and outreaches that we're planning for ICANN 76.

We did it the last time in ICANN 75. Caleb, if you're there, you have the floor briefly, like three minutes because Ephraim didn't use his time and we have not seen Stephanie yet. The stage is yours. Caleb, are you there? Okay, I don't know right now.

Okay, so let's just proceed while we wait for Caleb or Stephanie, any of the two come up. My go-to conversation right now is asking members how they can help support more engagement of NCUC at ICANN meetings. And so that's the question I'd like to put to the persons in the room, like how can you participate more actively, or which areas can we show more engagement?

We used to be very visible at ICANN meetings. But nowadays, it's almost like we don't exist. So as members, what do you think we need to do differently or what level of preparation we need to put in place before meetings or after meetings so that we can pull our weight?

The more we're not visible, the more opportunities been taken away from us, we are not being called into very mainstream conversations. And it's also showing towards the amount of resources we attract. We can barely get our members to the event.

So right now, I'm asking if you have suggestions that can move us forward or something we're not doing appropriately. So please feel free to raise up your hand or type a comment. Okay, so Pascal is asking for PTI applications, what would be the selection criteria for NCUC members?

If you're asking me as the Chair, I think at this point, I think we might just be told, I don't know, if they do ask if constituencies should maybe select a candidate? I don't think so. I think everybody can apply. Peter, please correct me.

PETER AKINREMI TAIWO: Yeah. You're right. You can apply in an individual capacity, not based on constituency. So people that have interests can apply. So we receive application even outside ICANN environment [inaudible].

So the criteria is actually listed on website, people will be evaluated [inaudible] application will be evaluated based on criteria listed on the NomCom website. And that's where we encourage each applicant to actually take a serious look at the criteria even there will be during the application there will be questions that will be put forward that you can [inaudible]. Your responses will be evaluated based on the need [inaudible] these criteria. So it's not based on constituency. So NCUC, let me just say, [inaudible] participant [inaudible] an applicant because [inaudible] in the pool? Okay, so I don't know if that answers that question.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Yeah, but is there a way—just because we can ask questions anyway. Thank you, Peter. Is there a way a constituency can support an applicant? Does NomCom look at that?

What I wanted to say was recently—I don't know if I got this conversation correctly, but I'm going to try anyways, where there was a conversation, like, there was a particular seat missing that should be—I don't know if it's on the Board or if it's GNSO somewhere that NomCom needs to address that. So I'm saying, are there chances like that, where we can say, okay, NCUC is backing this candidate?

PETER AKINREMI TAIWO: So it's not actually based on constituency, you get just interested individuals that have the experience [inaudible] apply. What we can do in that aspect [has been] more educational materials to be able to support people, clarify the roles, all the criteria that the NomCom is actually looking for. That's what we can do. [We won't be going into details] [inaudible] to write an application [inaudible] application. So that will be a conflict of interest, but we can clarify the roles or maybe criteria [inaudible] anybody has, that question.

And the criteria is on the website, and make sure you do more, as I said, pool your thoughts into—based on the questions that were asked. And from there, if you do that, you follow that ... Please let me just say that you there will be a lot of applicants that are applying for just a single position that we're looking for for the PTI. What we're trying to also say [inaudible] your application so that you can actually [scale it]through from the crowd. That's what I would say.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: kay, thank you, Peter. We appreciate that. I hope that settles Pascal's request. The next question that we also saw here is how do we increase engagement of NCUC in policy development process?

So NCUC has a policy committee that has been inactive for a while, or that we've not been doing as much as we should do, and this might be a good time to have members show interest in that. And the policy committee is just more like a research group to help our councilors at NCSG and GNSO level, to be able to prepare first to understand where we stand as NCUC so that they don't rely on their own personal

understanding. But every time there's an issue that they need to give views from a constituency perspective, the policy committee would have done some research on that issue and [inaudible] the conversation to the mailing list, and get members to react to it and gather thoughts or responses, and pass it over to our councilors.

And this is like a precursor to becoming a councilor. Because if you have been able to access, research all these materials, when it's time to be a councilor, you are well suited for the position and you probably at that time have had some contribution to public comments, here and there.

So why am I saying this, is to encourage members to take on policy, to consider volunteering for policy committee roles and participate and see how they can become active and then it could easily make it easier for them to start participating in policy development process. That's what I will say.

And I think another thing is—so these are me, I'm not supposed to be saying all this. I'm [turning] to the audience, is there anything we can get you to be involved in the policy development process? What can we do? Yes, okay. Stephanie is here. Okay. Beautiful. While you think about that question, please, Stephanie will take on—she may also be a good person to tell us how we can participate in policy development process. Stephanie, welcome. It is your turn now. I hope you are well seated and ready to have conversation with us. [inaudible] just discuss about mentorship and training issues. And also, if you can answer the question, how can we get NCUC members to participate in policy development process? If you can do justice to that in about seven minutes, we'll be happy. Thank you.

STEPHANIE PERRIN:

Okay. Sorry I'm late. As I said in chat, I had a contractor show up at the door. And these days, you're lucky to have a contractor show up at your door no matter when it is. They're hard to find. So anyway, in terms of mentorship, I have never had the formal mentoring role. I do think we should talk to the folks that have played that role and get their feedback and observations on this.

I think we need to attack the problem a lot more systematically than we have. And I don't mean that as criticism to anybody. It's just that every year we say, how do we get people more involved? And do we help with the burnout? And I'm talking at the GNSO council level. And there's no answers. So we've got to start finding some answers.

Now, I totally understand why new members might be intimidated by having a look at ICANN. I myself had spent my whole career in government in the Internet area before the Internet was a thing, I worked on many of the issues that we see here. And I still found it very overwhelming the depth of the knowledge that you need to participate actively, when your counterparts in the other communities that we're dealing with in this multi stakeholder community have been there forever and are right down into the weeds on their day to day work.

So it is intimidating, I get it. And if you're coming in just from school, or an academic background, or a totally unrelated NGO background, gosh, it's intimidating. So we need to find a way to form groups of people that can share knowledge or share questions or share a lack of knowledge, share issues they want to be briefed on, because one thing is for sure,

we cannot overload the folks that are doing the work with preparing slides or summaries or teaching materials for the newcomers. It's too much. We can barely cope with the work that we've taken. On speaking for myself, but I've been here quite a while now. It's about my 10th anniversary this year. And like you can barely cope with the work.

So how do we do this? I have offered many times my basic area of expertise is privacy and we've done a lot of work on WHOIS and privacy, they SSAD, the EPDP. I'm happy to answer any questions anybody has. But people tend not to call me and ask me questions.

So if you guys have ideas, my door is open on that topic. On other topics, if I don't know, I am pretty quick to say sorry, not my area of expertise. We should have some kind of repository of who are the experts in different areas so that newcomers can at least tap on their door and say, hi, I'm a newcomer, can you tell me about this? And by newcomer, I don't mean just newcomers, I mean, people who have not participated in working groups.

So I think even folks who have not participated in working groups could help us come up with a website that has references, directories, biogs of folks that what they've worked on. I don't even think we have an up to date list of people that have worked on different committees. Like my own is not up to date, for instance.

So I don't know whether I've blown through seven minutes or not. But those are my kind of opening remarks. I think that we should try to get a formal mentorship program going, where we can train mentors, and we just had an exercise for being the mentor for the fellow program.

While I was going through that, I was asking myself, well, what exactly do we want a mentor to be able to do here? What do they need to know? What kinds of questions do people who are going through the fellowship program have? What kinds of mentors would they like? I don't think we know that. And that's maybe a job that we could put on staff to actually do some feedback follow through.

My gosh, I don't know what you guys are like in your various countries, but I can't go to the hardware store and buy a screwdriver without that hardware store immediately sending me an email and saying, how was your experience? How can we improve? Are we doing that with a fellowship program? And does that feedback make it beyond the fellowship program and out to the stakeholder community so that we know what we can do to help fellows graduate from being fellows and actually become participants in ICANN?

Because my criticism of the fellowship program would be people seem to keep coming back to the fellowship program year after year. They become mentors in the fellowship program. They become whatever. They can go on for years in the fellowship program, but we never see them in the community and we could sure use young fresh ideas coming through the fellows program.

I have tried in vain to persuade old retired geezers like myself who have experience in these areas to come back and volunteer at ICANN. There's little to attract them, I'm afraid to say that. So I think it'd be very useful to have some people, elders with some experience, but the odd one applies for a board seat and if they don't get it, they disappear. Well, not everybody gets a board seat, you know, this is not a paying gig here.

It's a community effort. And I think it's really a really important one, because God knows our global organizations aren't exactly working well. And this one, at least, is getting the job done, however much everybody complains about ICANN. And I'm first in the line there to complain about it. But I think it's better than the alternative, as Winston Churchill said about democracy.

So on that cheery note, I'll shut up now I'm let you guys tell me I'm wrong.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Stephanie, thank you. I mean, that was a warm monologue that you have just given to us. And you brought up a lot of ideas right now, I totally agree with you that we need to have a directory of subject matter experts.

And talking of that, tomorrow, we're supposed to submit a name or names for subject matter experts for applicant support GGP to the GNSO team, working group that is dealing with applicant support, and we need subject matter experts. I've put out the call, nobody has responded yet.

So we maybe should put out a form to gather information about areas where individuals are willing to be subject matter experts. And then when we are talking about particular policy development process, we can always ask them to just give feedback or people can easily go back to them and ask questions.

So at the moment, we're looking for one, Peter, but I will respond [inaudible] maybe they will want more than one. Having said that, we are fast running out of time. Thank you so much, Stephanie, for that intervention. Please don't go, we'll still probably ask you a few more questions, because we're thinking you were going to tell us about issues we need to pay attention to. I know that Kathy was—maybe subsequent meeting, but we have things like Work Stream 2 happening. We have closed generic conversation being serious. Another serious conversation going on. We need to dive into those conversations and make sure our voices are heard.

With that said, this is a good time to call on Amine, if he can quickly share his experience at ICANN 76 and tell us what it takes, how his experience was and how we can get more persons to have similar experience. Amine, are you there?

AMINE HACHA:

Good day, everyone. It's my great pleasure to speak to you today about my experience and participation in ICANN 75.

I would like to start by—thanks again, NCUC committee for this opportunity. Today, I would like to share with you some of the highlights from the event and insight I gained from my participation.

At ICANN 75, I had the opportunity to meet and interact with a diverse group of participants from various countries and backgrounds. The attendees ranged from technical, committee leaders, entrepreneurship, academic, governmental official, and also nonprofit organization.

And the exchange of the idea and [inaudible] among this diverse group was incredible valuable and provided me with more understanding of the challenge and opportunity facing our global community and internet.

I participate [inaudible] before I joined the meeting physically, I participated virtually in the pre-meeting week and I had also the opportunity to attend several informative sessions and I started with what to expect of ICANN 75, a Guide for newcomers, which provides a comprehensive overview of what to expect, even for those who have previously attended ICANN meeting, very important to attend this session.

And also, in preparation for the face to face meeting in Kuala Lumpur, I utilized the e-learning resource available at ICANN website to review relevant subjects and gain a deeper understanding.

And during the week of the meeting of Kuala Lumpur, there was a wealth of subjects to choose from. It's not easy to attend all the sessions, but I found it especially valuable to build a strong network of participants, which allowed me to learn about, to understand topics and discussion during the breaks over a coffee.

And this network [was participant] is very important. I see in my regular participation every [inaudible] why it's not possible to summarize every session of the week I attended over the course of the week, and my speech today, I will try to brief—I was able to attend the following session starting by the GNSO registration data accuracy scoping team and also the Transfer Policy Review PDP working group and the council DNS abuse small team meeting and the GNSO EPDP phase two and also

this subject interests me [inaudible] I had attended at-large RALO coordination meeting, I attended the first part, I didn't have the chance to attend the second part, and also, I attended ... I attended plenty of things.

And sometimes there are some session I missed—I go back to the record online to attend the subject of—there are something I like, the technical day, it was four parts, I attended two parts of them.

It is very important, this small subject or talk about a lot of technical things, which has given me more [inaudible] from them. The welcoming ceremony is very important to see how the ICANN is welcomed by the community and we see how the leaders of ICANN are taking [inaudible] efforts.

Also, the meeting with the board of director of ICANN is valuable because you see how they are listening to us, to the community and to the participants. And I also experienced this universal acceptance [inaudible] local challenge for universal acceptance.

Again, anything about At-Large capacity buildings [inaudible] leadership and because I belong to the area of Middle East, and I attended a middle space session where we talk about universal acceptance roadmap for registry and registrar system and plenty of universal acceptance subject.

And additionally, I found it was valuable, a formal get together meeting organized by NCUC. We had a small number of attendees but the quality of those in attendance demonstrates their commitment to supporting the NCUC goal and mission and it was important to listen to

the Asia Pacific attendee about what they have in mind or what they can do.

One of the most [inaudible] aspects of the ICANN meeting was the commitment of the participant to find solution to the world's most pressing problem. It was that it was through innovation, collaboration, or the sharing of the best practice is important. Everyone was focused on making a positive impact and driving process.

It was really an honor to be a part of such a dynamic and motivated event. And I am grateful for the connection and the relation I formed with many of the NCUC remember. Their insight and perspective will continue to be a valuable resource as I continue my work in my field and the NCUC committee.

I'm proud to share my participating today with you and the valuable experience I gained. I extend a warm invitation to all those who work toward achieving the goals of the NCUC. And let's continue to stay connected and work together toward a common work. I look forward to collaborate with all of you, I am here and ready to contribute. I hope I make a good briefing of my experience. And I hope I didn't bother you with what I talk. And thank you for listening to me.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE:

Thank you so much, Amine. I feel like clapping for you right now. You said you didn't have so much to say. So what I want to say to you, first of all, NCUC feels so amazed that we could make this happen. And this is why we need to get more funding to get people like you who really

value this experience. So with that said, I just need you to do one thing for me because you can't just let this go to the wind.

If you can turn this to a blog, that was the statement you gave, please, we need to publish it on our website and we need to show it to those who used to sponsor us who have stopped to see the reason why they need to keep encouraging us to bring individuals like you so they can make contribution to the space. Please help us.

With that said—

AMINE HACHA:

I am ready, Benjamin, and one of the very thing I like in NCUC—before we—when we are online is different when we meet face to face. I like [in you] that you keep everything easy. I remember first day I meet you in arrival, you tell me, do what's comfortable to you, don't see something very complicated. Relax, do what's important. Maybe what you say is very simple, or nothing new. But really give more like ICANN meeting is, for all of us, something very huge, very big. A lot of experienced people in front of us [inaudible].

And so you give a very easy [inaudible] for me I see by the first input I take from you, and also from other, the board of NCUC, I get more in contact in person when face to face, we get more warm of friendship with them. And I'd like this to continue like this and more. And I am open for anything [inaudible]. And I will try to brief this in my blog and sharing with you in the coming days [inaudible] to share. And sharing is caring. I see. Okay, thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you. So I'm looking forward to that. Caleb, can you please quickly take the stage? Then I can quickly make some observations—okay, let me quickly do one. Stephanie, I don't know if you know about the PTI program. What we need to do right now is to try and get individuals from that program who are NCUC members to actively—because at this moment, they are learning more about the core of most of these issues.

And so we need to get that—that's just something I wanted to mention, that that is going on, by the way, and that started with our community, our constituency, so we should see what that brings out. As long as we have you, we pray that others will join too.

Caleb, can you quickly jump in? Three minutes. I'm sorry. We're running out of time because members will still need some time to—even if it's five minutes—to catch up. Caleb.

CALEB OGUNDELE: Great. So a quick one. So I just wanted to jump in on some of my thoughts on—to add to some of the things Stephanie said on mentorship. And thanks to Stephanie. I think I'm one of the proteges that she's been mentoring. And I've had a lot to learn from her. Even though NCUC is not primarily—I'm no t[inaudible] Sorry, one second, please.

Yes. So despite the fact that NCUC is one primary consultancy I'm concerned with, but not so active. Now, what I wanted to mention about the mentorship stuff is basically that we need to go back to the

basics. I will probably share my own experience with you on how I've been able to understand some of the things, the policies and things that are going on in the community.

One, first of all, I do feel that yes, ICANN has just started the new beginners stuff, ICANN for beginners now. What I feel that it can go a long way. There are so many people probably from my own region, Africa, that I understand that some of them don't even—they just give them the peripherals at schools of Internet governance. Right? But they don't really understand what ICANN is.

So I do strongly feel that one of the things ICANN can do is to start investing more on schools on Internet governance, perhaps dedicated specifically, because I think schools on Internet governance is usually a weeklong, dedicated specifically, that is dedicated all to ICANN issues.

And I feel that that's one of the ways to pique interest of ICANN, even in our local community before we bring it to any ICANN meeting. So it's easy for a subject matter not to speak at a high level, right, that we confuse any newcomer or a fellow whenever they come to the space to come and engage with some of us.

So it's just my general thoughts. I feel that maybe NCUC can maybe approach staff to work with the GSEs that we have, global stakeholders engagement teams that we have, to see how we can improve some of this and dedicate more resources even at our local level in our various countries. And I'm sure that that's one of the ways we can have like the next generation of NCUC policy makers and penholders that we can have. Perhaps even include an exercise on being a penholder at schools

on Internet governance. That is some of the exercises we can all include and add to it. Thank you.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Caleb. That's so appropriate. And I can tell you that NCUC, with help of our support team, working assiduously to try and get hold of the GSEs at least to engage NCUC at the various regionals so that we can bring some of this capacity to our members who turn up in large numbers.

Having said that, I think at this point, it's totally open, we have just five minutes left. But one of the things we want to do is to make this a regular meeting every month, at least if not anything, discuss the regular ICANN briefs to try and find out issues going on. And then we can dig in, become more aware, more active wherever ICANN is mentioned.

So does anyone have anything? I'm not seeing hands, but if you want to say something, please raise up your hands and contribute. We just have five more minutes. this is a membership meeting. We'll do better next time to give more room for members to contribute, make suggestions. And so if there's anyone who wants to pick up the mic, or who has any particular idea or recommendation, this is a good time to say that. Please, I'm expecting—I'm not comfortable with silence, that's why I'm still talking, but please react, respond. David it is great to see you here.

CLAUDIO LUCENA: Ben, may I? Just a 30-second quick intervention.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Go ahead, please.

CLAUDIO LUCENA: Just to mention that I'm very glad to hear Caleb—we were mentors together back in the day, in the beginning of the fellowship program. We saw a couple of changes going on in the fellowship and the process of mentoring. Many of them are pretty much listed in what Stephanie and Caleb have been discussing here.

And I won't take much of your time, just saying that I'm pretty much into working with that, taking the time on the CROP funding that we got for this meeting and deepening it a little bit with Caleb and Steph so that we can rethink, maybe redesign, improve a little bit this mentoring. I do believe the problem of visibility of NCUC is directly connected to the way we structure this mentorship program. We've seen how hard it is to board. And this is one of the things I believe I'm in a position to help. Thanks so much.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you, Claudio. That's something gladdening to hear, knowing that we have something ongoing. And I hope this strategy works for us. Thank you so much. I'm looking forward to the outcome of that.

So, if you're raising your hand and I'm not calling you, please just take the mic and speak. Another thing we'll be doing—please interject if you have anything before the time is over. We're also going to have a combined outreach, we're going to be working closely with Claudio,

because this meeting is occurring in his region, it's going to be a joint outreach with NPOC, we'll try to reach as many members as possible.

We're also hoping to revamp our website. Please, if you're good in WordPress, if you know anyone who is good at it, please come talk to us. And if you can't volunteer, if you also have a business venture, also send in your proposal, we don't know what's going to fly. Whatever flies at the end of the day is what we're going to do. We need a functional website. And we also need a team of moderators that we're calling the E-team. We've always had the E-team. But it has been dormant for a while. We want to reactivate that. This also means you can engage with NCUC, and this can count for you or for other opportunities you're hoping to get in ICANN.

Thank you for coming today. And [inaudible] It's been good having you for your time. We're looking forward to your future engagement as well.

CLAUDIO LUCENA: Thanks, everyone. Thanks, Ben.

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE: Thank you for everyone that came. Pascal, thank you for all the questions. It's very appreciative. Thank you for the support team. Andrea, Dan, thank you. BRENDA, we're very grateful for your support. This team has been marvelous. They've been very supportive. And all the good things we're doing is because we have their support.

So thank you, everyone. It is top of the hour. And I think this is a good time to say bye. I'll see you next month. We're going to keep these meetings going on. Please invite others as well.

So enjoy the rest of your day. Thank you, all of our speakers, definitely thank you, please feel free to suggest topics to discuss, subsequent meeting. So Andrea, at this point, I think this is a good place to stop. Yeah, thank you.

ANDREA GLANDON:

Thank you, everyone. Have a wonderful rest of your day.

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