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TRACY HACKSHAW:

Thank you. Thank you very much, Dan. Welcome back to our GAC capacity development session. We are now in breakout session mode. So for those who are hearing me during the break, I ask you to think about the groups you're going to be in. If you look to the extremes of the rooms, you'll see flip chart boards and people, well, at least one person waving. At those flip chart areas are language breakouts. So there's English, Spanish. Look at me pointing for those who are looking. I believe that's Arabic. I believe, where did French, another English, and Chinese. Am I right? I did it right.

So think about the group you're most comfortable with. It doesn't have to be your native language. Which group are you most comfortable going to? And here's how it's going to work. For those who are in DC, we did a similar thing. We're doing a slight tweak to that experiment. And for those who are in the Zoom room, stay where you are. And we're going to use interpretation.

Pua will be facilitating what's going to happen. So she'll be chatting with you as we speak here. What we're going to do is attempt to discuss regional priorities and issues identification. But as you know it is going to be a bit challenging using this approach. So here's what I'm suggesting we do. In these multilingual groups, we should have multiple regions, obviously, in the group. We know. I'm going to suggest that each of the people in the group from their own regions

identify the regional priorities, share them with the other people in the group who have regional priorities, exchange ideas.

At the end of each discussion in the group, I would like the output to be that you're generating the regional priorities for your particular regions in that group. So for example, if the French group, which I think is a good example, let's say you have Europe, Africa, maybe Pacific. I think there may be some Pacific Island speaking French. We should have three regional priority areas coming out of that group.

So the European priorities in French, the African priorities in French, and the Pacific priorities in French. Is that clear? Yes, fairly clear. It's pretty straightforward. I know it's going to be a little bit challenging, but work with us. It's the best we can do for the moment until we figure out something else. So regional priorities. For the Zoom room, they're all together. You have interpretation. You're living the life. So you can discuss in your own native language with Pua the same thing, the same discussion, and generate the same information. You may even have all the regions there. You might get all the ICANN regions in the French group, which would be great.

There's going to be a list of questions that is going to go up on the screen now, as well as a piece of paper that each of the groups will have to look at, which has a list of five questions that you need to discuss. There they are. Thank you. And we'd like you to generate the regional priorities based upon this list of questions. If you also wish to discuss the HLG issues, as Annaliese kindly suggested, feel free. I think we're not forcing you into any one bucket. This is open.

Now, the instructions are, or there are only two real instructions, or three maybe. Appoint a team leader for your group. Appoint a rapporteur who will report out and report out. So in other words, appoint a team leader now in your group. Appoint a rapporteur and report out. The rapporteur could report out, the team leader could report out. It doesn't matter. You identify. The facilitators are not the rapporteurs. Keep that in mind. You have to appoint your own rapporteur in the group, which will likely be a GAC member, obviously.

Now, are there any questions? Very simple. Any questions on this? Let's get it clear. I think it's very simple. I know it's going to be a challenging discussion, but let's see if you can make it work. Not seeing any questions. Nobody is to be at their desks in this room except Pua. Everybody is to move to their groups by the flipcharts and organize themselves according to the flipcharts.

So without further ado, three, two, one, let's go to your various groups. And you will see GSC and GE folks as well there at the groups. So Rodrigo from Latin America and the Caribbean. I'm seeing Rodrigo. I'm seeing Albert. I'm seeing. So Albert is going to the English group. An English group. Rodrigo, Spanish. Who else is here from GSC? Yes, go. One, three, two, one, go.

Wave the hands. English, French, Chinese, Spanish, Arabic. No Dutch, unfortunately. There are two English groups, by the way. There are two English groups, so we know we expected this. So we have two English groups. So choose your English on either extreme of the room. Don't leave one English group. There's English on this side as well, folks. Don't all go to one. English is on that. That's English too. Don't go with

the lonely English group. No German in Germany, sorry. Albert, if there are too many English people on that side, send some to that side. There's some English. English needs some people, English two or English one, as the case may be. No one should be at their desk except Pua. French is, show me the French hand, sorry. French hand. There we are. French.

I have to shut down the mic in one minute so that Zoom can begin properly. There should be nobody by their desk, nobody except Pua. No one should be at their desks. I'm looking at people sitting by the desk still, and you should not be there. People who are by their desks, hello, should not be there. Sorry. Rwanda. Come on, guys. Let's all join in. Nobody's supposed to be still holding out on this. English two go join that English group here. So the mic is going to go off now so that the Zoom room can continue as the audio goes off. So three, two, one.

PUA HUNTER: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me? Hello.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: We can hear you.

PUA HUNTER: Hi, everyone. You're pretty quiet. Is there any volunteer for the leader? Hello again, everyone. You can see the message from Gulden. Oh, nice. Thank you so much, Dr. Shamsi. Anyone for leader? Thank you. I think you'll be a good leader, Sanae from Japan. Thank you so much. So you've got us now. If you want to take the lead. Let's just go through

the questions and get everyone's responses from their own perspectives in their regions or in their own countries. Thank you. And you can speak to, if you prefer. The mic is actually muted. The speaker is muted. And here in the GAC rooms. But I can hear you. So please go ahead.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA: Was this to get clarification? I think for some of the participants. I think we need to prepare our answer for this question and we can put those answers in the chat box that as a report here, ICANN document. We don't need to group them according to that. The language or like reasons as mentioned in the physical room. We just need to document on the answer that is given in the chat box. That's my understanding. Is it okay?

PUA HUNTER: Thank you. Hi everyone. Sorry. I had to change my headphones. Can you hear me?

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Yes, we can hear you.

PUA HUNTER: Perfect.

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: And Pua, you just missed some comments from Dr. Shamsuzzoha. He just raised a couple of points while you were changing your headsets.

PUA HUNTER: I'm so sorry, Dr. Shamsuzzoha.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA: It's fine. Just to point clarification I think for myself and also for the other online participants. My understanding is that in this zoom platform we don't need to segregate in groups to document our answer. People answer to these questions and finally, we received answers from the participants. As a reporter, I would recommend them acting with the questions. We don't need to segregate them according to their [inaudible - 00:16:18] or language. Just my understanding.

PUA HUNTER: So you want to go through your answers and then presented to the group. That's fine. So now Sanae is that okay?

SANAE KATAYANAGI: I am Sanae. Hello.

PUA HUNTER: Hello, Sanae.

SANAE KATAYANAGI: This is my first time ICANN meeting. So I'm a little nervous now. So, for me, this is very difficult to be a leader. Sorry.

PUA HUNTER: You're doing well Sanae for first time leader and I'm really proud of you. So, I'm here to support and I know all our participants online are also here to support you. So all good on that front. Very brave of you to step up. So I think the suggestion from Dr. Shamsuzzoha makes sense that we just go through the questions outlined and then come back again to present. Maybe it's 10 minutes a good time to work on those questions. I think it's it is.

DR SHAMSUZZOHA: This is fine. And I think some of the participant, they can speak or they can give their replies or if someone wants, they can also write in the chat box that I can take note. We won't waste time.

PUA HUNTER: Perfect. Thank you.

DR SHAMSUZZOHA: I think we're not getting comments. So responses. I just want to start. Because I'm the rapporteur, so I just want to keep up we start the discussion about the answers. About the interaction, in the internet and DNS matters. Normally in Bangladesh, we have been actively collaborating with ICANN in the last few years. But in addition to that as a registry, we normally have the normally soft communication with

APNIC about the resource allocation matters. And also for developing our internet policies and other guidelines, for expert solutions, we normally talk to the APNIC guys. And in addition to that, the other APNIC and Asia Pacific forums like APRICOT and the [19:28 – inaudible], we normally also participate as a regulatory body to know what is going on in the internet industry.

PUA HUNTER: Hi, everyone. I will take on the leadership role. And we'll guide our session today. Hi, Arasteh. Kavouss, hello.

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: Yes, hello, Pua.

PUA HUNTER: Hello, who's speaking?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: This is Kavouss Arasteh.

PUA HUNTER: Hey, Kavouss, how are you?

KAVOUSS ARASTEH: How are you? I just wanted to say something to the chat to you. And while I appreciate very much all of the questions that you raised, most of them say that your region, if you ask me a question and ask me how

ICANN is seen in my region, it's difficult for me. I can say how ICANN is viewed in my country, but I cannot talk about the region because, for instance, the Asia Pacific region is a very vast region and different, I would say, interests and different state of development and different requirements. It would be difficult that unless you have some coordinator in the region and this coordinator collect information, if there is any reply. So just want to see whether we could, to some extent, a little bit elaborate on that. Thank you.

PUA HUNTER:

Absolutely, Kavouss thank you for the question. If you're comfortable to speak from a national context, please go ahead and I understand what you mean even in the Asia Pacific region. It's very different. It's not the same between countries. Likewise, within the Pacific itself, it's very different across the country. So, please, if you're comfortable to speak as a country, go ahead. There's nothing holding you from that because your voice as a country also can be shared across the region that you in. Thank you. Hello again, everyone. Dr. Shamsuzzoha, how are you doing in terms of the repertoire? Do you think we're ready to report? I know I'm not supposed to be part of this, but I'd like to provide some responses to the questions.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA:

I think we have not received, except my response, I have not received anything in particular. But definitely as Mr. Arasteh mentioned that it is not, here we are a common group, so participants can mention the priorities and the reference of the respective countries that I can document. I think I am also repeating the request to the online

participant, please mention your answer, either in chat box or verbally so that I can document them. Thank you.

PUA HUNTER:

Thank you so much. Is it okay if I start? So I take silence as a yes. So, from the Cook Islands. The first question outside the context of the GAC, how do government representatives in your region can translating that to my country, collaborate and interact on internet DNS matters. So from my country, the response is, we do not have any discussions, interactions. However, we have discussions and interactions about the internet and DNS matters at regional meetings. And this is because we have representation from ICANN, from its global stakeholder engagement team, a member from there that actually does presentations in regional meetings, but we haven't had that sort of interaction underground in my country.

And number two, how is ICANN viewed by governments in your region, again in my country, and what can be done to enhance the perception of ICANN in my country or developing countries. Again, leading on from question one in my country, ICANN is not well known. Not many people know about ICANN except me and my colleague, who was the chair for ALAC at last advisory committee. Otherwise, it's not well known even at the leadership level. So I think to enhance the perception of ICANN, there needs to be more presence of ICANN in the region.

And also not just to present on technical issues, but also to speak about ICANN's role and also the policy processes that we do both in the GAC and also how the GAC contributes to ICANN. Because in my region, in the Pacific, I think this most of us have a GAC representative. But the

focus that ICANN brings into the region is mainly technical. And question number three, how are you going with the note taking? Dr. Shamsuzzoha.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA: Yes, I'm taking note of your note.

PUA HUNTER: So number three, from your delegation perspective and considering the ICANN78 key topics for discussion this week, which issues in your region do you believe merit attention and why? I think DNS abuse is high on the agenda. And within the DNS abuse is cybersecurity. And again, for question number four, that is still a priority for my country and also in our region. In the Pacific region, cybersecurity is high on the agenda and a priority for our region. And question number five, how can regional participation be improved? I've already responded to that, is to more presence of ICANN in the region and also to take the GAC capacity development workshop to countries in my region. Thank you.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA: That's great. May mention my responses from Bangladesh. Though I'm a rapporteur, but I think we need some more responses as a participant. May I go on?

PUA HUNTER: Yes, please go ahead.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA:

Thank you. In terms of engagement, actually our active engagement with ICANN was mainly through the IDN program. We are working on the LGR, Label Generation Rules for the [28:04 – inaudible] script where Bangla language is involved. So that was the real true engagement with ICANN from Bangladesh. And after we get elevated of our IDN ccTLD or local language. And also, I've been acting in GAC in the last couple of years, just before from the pandemic time.

So this is one of the issues that now we are planning to engage more in the ccNSO. We do not have the membership team now. So we are working in different aspects to improve our collaboration with ICANN. Apart from that, we normally engage with the APNIC for technical suggestion and for IP resource allocation. Because normally they allocate the resources to our licenses. So sometimes they communicate with us and sometimes also communicate with them for technical solution.

And we also normally participate in the regional internet events, including the IEGF events to know how the industry is evolving and how the industry is thinking and their priority. So it's important for us to know as a regulator to set our policy accordingly. Definitely, the awareness about the ICANN's role is not vivid so far, except BTRC. It means the telecom regulator. But we are trying to enhance it and considering the IDN program, I think it is going to be very important for different countries.

And also, it is my perception that the New gTLD program is coming. So it also should be a priority for the developing regions and developing countries to at least have some capacity to have some registry or some

allocation to develop that capacity to have a gTLD for that particular country and region. So keeping that in mind, I think it's very important to have more presence and awareness about the ICANN capacity and engagement with the ICANN in the developing countries.

For number three, question number three, with the key topics, I think one of the key topics definitely will be how the board responds to the GAC advisors. Especially for security issues and also for the request for the registration data. That is one of the hot topic that we have been discussing. And with the new gTLD and the expansion of the gTLD, it will be more important.

I think from my perspective, these are the key topics that we should put more attention because it will definitely affect the role of the government. With the expansion of the gTLD, the role of the government, it will define that how we can get the information, how it is related to the national security, especially under emergency conditions. So definitely also should give flexibility to the registry as well to keep the openness of the Internet as well. So to make a balance, it will be one of the key topics, I think, in the coming week.

Number four is the same, definitely from the government perspective, though we support open and multi-stakeholder model that ICANN is supporting. But in addition to that, keeping the public interest in view, we should engage more with the ICANN and also with the board that how we engage with the registry.

PUA HUNTER: I think it's good you're posting it in the chat. I will type out mine to just for ease of presentation on your part. Thank you.

DR. SHAMSUZZOHA: You're welcome.

PUA HUNTER: Hello again, everyone. I think we're coming up to time now, but it doesn't mean you don't have the opportunity to contribute. So please feel free to still put up your hand to speak or to add your responses in the chat. Thank you.

TRACY HACKSHAW: Hello, everyone. Hello, everyone. I think we're just about ready to wrap up. Just about ready to wrap up. The last minute. If you are in reporting mode, please wrap up. If you're in reporting mode, please wrap up. One minute to wrap up. And for those who are on site, we will take a short break at the top of the hour, local time. Can I just see the rapporteurs? The reporters for each group. The reporters for each group, can you just check with me, Tracy? Reporters, all reporters. People reporting out for the groups, can you please check with me? Those who are reporting out, please check with me. Waving my hand. All reporters for the group. People are going to speak about this output. Can you just check with me? Waving my hand. All rapporteurs or those who are reporting out. It doesn't have to be the rapporteur. Can you check with me?

Somebody who is going to be reporting out on their group. Please check with me. I have some very important information to share with you. Very important information. You're reporting. The important information. I think now we're taking a break for 30 minutes. Can we all come back here for 30 minutes past the hour, local time, and wherever you are, 30 minutes from now. The Zoom room as well. And by the way, those in the Zoom room, you'll be first up for reporting. So whoever is reporting from the Zoom room, you'll be first to report.

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