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**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Hello, everyone. And welcome to ICANN75 Meeting and ICANN75 Fellowship Group Meet and Greet Session. My name is Siranush Vardanyan, and I am the Fellowship Program Manager. And I think that you probably already know me because you were receiving tons of e-mails from my site during the last three or four months. Right?

I am looking forward, actually, to this meeting because of having all of you being here in person. And also, as you know, we have five Fellows joining us virtually. So this is indeed a hybrid meeting for the Fellowship group.

And I would like to give a couple of information about the statistics of our group and about the plan during the entire meeting. And then we'll go like through the [table] and introduce each other. I want to know you. We need to identify the names and the faces, so that's what we are going to do. And I will ask you to introduce yourself. Just a 30-second introduction. One thing about yourself or why you are here.

And also, we'll be having our colleagues from the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team coming in and out. So whenever

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they join us, I will try to give them the floor to introduce themselves. And we have some of them already here with us.

We also have our great mentors with us who literally mentored you to be here. And so this will be an opportunity to also meet them in person. And I'm looking forward to the interaction between you and your mentors during the week while you are here in person as well.

So the plans for today, first of all, welcome to ICANN75. This is a great, great opportunity for us to be here. And I want to applaud you, applause for yourself, that you made it and you're here, ICANN75 Fellows. So there will be 37 Fellows at ICANN75, and five of them, as I mentioned, will be joining us remotely.

But I hope that the on-site interaction also will help you to meet people. Along with that, as this is a hybrid meeting, we also provide full opportunity for our participants who are joining us remotely to be able to feel equally a part of this meeting. That's why whoever wants to ask a question or raise their hand, everything is being done through the Zoom.

So everybody, I will encourage all of you to join the Zoom links under each meeting session. And you will have all of the links there posted available for our two sessions which will be today for Consensus Playbook and the Art of Small Talk. This is a closed

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session. That's why you already received an e-mail from me with the links to both sessions. So I hope we are all set for today.

And today is an important meeting for all of us also at 17:30 which is the Fellowship Networking Hour. This is the opportunity for all of us to interact, to get to know each other, to introduce yourself to any community member who is coming there. Prepare your business cards to give out and get the new contacts.

We also will be doing some small ceremony to remember our Fellow colleague, Paul Muchene, today at 17:30. So the community will be there. All of us will be there.

Hello, welcome. So good to see you. You are right on time. A bit late for 10 minutes. Welcome, join us.

So with that, I would like to start the introduction. And I would like to start from our lovely mentors who are here with us. Chris, if we can start from you. Just introduce yourself and everybody will know you.

CHRIS DISSPAIN:

Hello, everyone. This is really hard to speak through this paper mask thing, but I'll do my best. Hello, everyone. I'm Chris Disspain. It's great to be here. I'm really delighted to be able to be a mentor to those Fellows that I'm a mentor of. I've been around

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this community for 22 years. So I've been on the Board, on the ccNSO Council, and various other things.

And I'm happy to chat to you later and answer any questions. And if you see me during the week and you want to accost me and ask me something, please feel free to do so. Thanks, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Chris. Jenifer.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Hi, everyone. I'm Jenifer Lopez from Panamá. I'm the ccTLD .pa manager and also the ccNSO mentor for this time. I'm happy to be here with you. So if you have any doubt or something you will know about me, you can reach to me.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Jenifer. Kristina.

KRISTINA HAKOBYAN: Hello, everyone. My name is Kristina. I'm from Armenia. I represent the GAC community here as a mentor appointed from GAC. And I'm happy to be here, happy to see everyone, and happy to assist. Thank you very much.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Kristina. Lilian.

LILIAN DE LUQUE BRUGES: Hello, everyone. My name is Lilian. I am from Colombia. I'm a mentor for the ALAC community. I was a Fellow like you. I work with the Columbia government, and I'm so happy to be here with you. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. As Lilian started to talk, it's reminded me that we have interpretation in French and Spanish. So please feel free to use the headsets over there. The interpretation support is all for you. And our great interpreters here will be throughout the entire day, so my huge appreciation for your work. So, yeah, if you need to use it ...

And if you need to speak in Spanish, feel free to do it. I have mine ready so those who don't know Spanish can have their headsets over there and use it. But don't feel uncomfortable if your English is not good. Here we can use your native local language, and we have all of the support for everybody else to understand.

Afifa, please.

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**AFIFA ABBAS:** Hello, everyone. Good morning. My name is Afifa Abbas from Bangladesh. I'm a member of RSSAC Caucus and a nominated mentor from RSSAC. So I have been interacting with all of my mentees since the last two months in a Zoom call without seeing their faces. So I would like to meet you all in person. Thank you, everyone.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you. I would like to thank and I hope all Fellows will join me in applauding our mentors for their hard work. I really appreciate all of the help you're doing. All of you know, or many of you might know, our mentors are assigned from the SOs and ACs, which is ICANN community supporting organizations and advisory committees. And they are here on a volunteer basis, but they are doing an amazing job to support all of you to entry into the ICANN world.

So I hope that you all were enjoying the two months' interaction prior to coming to ICANN75. But your interaction is not ended there. We will continue cooperation, communication, and receiving the support from our mentors during the entire week and later.

With that, I would like to start with introduction of some of my colleagues who are already here. And I would like to start from Melissa Allgood, who is a great supporter of the Fellowship

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sessions. And not only the program. The entire program itself. Melissa, the floor is yours.

MELISSA PETERS-ALLGOOD: Hello. Nice to meet all of you. I am Melissa Allgood. If you did your homework, you watched a video of me talking about consensus for about 30 minutes. I will be taking you through your Consensus Playbook Training Session this afternoon as well as ... We're going to have a discussion about the art of Small Talk right before your networking event. Hopefully, some of your wonderful mentors will join us in those sessions.

So, happy to be here. I'm on the Policy Team. You're going to be meeting more of my Policy Team colleagues throughout the course of the week. But, yeah, another resource. Happy to help in any way I can. And I look forward to our work this afternoon.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Melissa. Thank you. I see some of my colleagues from GSE already here, but we are in Asia Pacific and I want to give the floor to our host, Jia-Rong. Jia-Rong, please.

JIA-RONG LOW: Thank you. Good morning. My name is Jia-Rong. I'm the Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement looking after Asia. And

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beside me, [later Save will] introduce, he looks after the Pacific region.

And my other hat is that I'm also the managing director for the Singapore office where all of the ICANN staff who look after the APAC region are based. So if you have an opportunity, I hope to get to meet each of you individually and to put a face to a name. And if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or my team.

And welcome to Malaysia, to Kuala Lumpur. It's great to be able to see everyone again. And we tried to feel the energy in the Zoom room in the past two years, but now we can actually be together again and have that real face-to-face connection. So very excited to have everybody here. So, welcome.

Siranush, if I may, can I introduce Yien-Chyn as well? So I'll introduce Yien-Chyn as well, who is from my team.

YIEN-CHYN TAN:

Hi, everyone. I'm Yien-Chyn. I'm the Stakeholder Engagement Manager in from the Asia Pacific Regional Office. So I'm on Jia-Rong's team. I'm Malaysian, but I'm based in Singapore. And I look forward to speaking to each of you more later in the evening today.



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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Yien-Chyn. Save, if we go with you.

SAVENACA VOCEA: Yep. Good morning, everybody. Welcome to Kuala Lumpur. My name is Save Vocea. I'm the Regional Vice President for the Oceania region. Oceania consists of Australia, New Zealand, and all of the Pacific islands out there.

It's great to meet you all here in person, and I look forward to any questions and discussions that you might have for the region as well. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Save. And I want to give the floor now to our next host for ICANN76. Our Latin America and Caribbean team, Rodrigo, please.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Thank you, Siranush. Shall I speak in Spanish just to break the ice?

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Feel free. So who is ready to understand Spanish? That's your opportunity to use the headsets over there.

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RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: Exactly.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Interpretation is for you.

RODRIGO DE LA PARRA: This is Rodrigo De La Parra speaking. Good morning, everyone. Welcome to Kuala Lumpur. Congratulations on hitting this milestone on being here in your capacity as ICANN Fellows. As you know, this is a very demanding process and you all made it on the basis of your merits. So, congratulations.

And I am very happy to see that the Fellowship Program is your gateway into ICANN. This is a soft landing into ICANN which may be a complex organization. So there's no better place for you to be. I was a Fellow. I was part of the first Fellowship Program about 15 years ago when I was younger.

So with that, I really thank you for this opportunity. We look forward to having you in Cancún in our next meeting after almost three years of waiting, due to the pandemic. So let's hope we can make it this time. Thank you so much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Rodrigo. We are still young. We are still 15 years old, so we still have time to go.

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Naela, our colleague from North America. Please.

NAELA SARRAS:

Thank you, Siranush. And it's a pleasure to see everyone here, just to echo what my colleagues said. It's really thrilling to be here and see all of the new faces. And I look for many, many opportunities to catch up with you.

I know I contacted some of the North American Fellows. And please, if you're here from the North America region, I want to make sure I connect with you. So I'll come this afternoon to the meet and greet that you're doing this afternoon. Siranush, make sure we connect.

So I look after the North America region. We are also, the North America region, are hosting the ICANN meeting after Rodrigo and his team are done. So next summer, June, we look forward to seeing all of you in Washington, D.C. But really happy to be here.

Congratulations, Siranush, for keeping this program going strong and coming back in person. Again, this is really great to see. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you. That was Naela Sarras, our VP, Vice President for North America region. Welcome.

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And I see Adam Peake from Europe. Please, Adam.

ADAM PEAKE:

Good morning, everybody. Great, always, to be back in the Fellowship room. I'm Adam Peake. I work for the global Stakeholder Engagement group in Europe, and I'm also responsible for ICANN's global engagement with civil society. So as Naela said, it would be great to talk to anybody from the European region this afternoon. And if anybody has questions around ICANN's engagement with civil society and academia, etc., then please get in touch. It will be great to talk to you.

And on the ICANN meeting rotation, Europe, we get the next AGM in Hamburg in the autumn of 2023. So come along to that one. And our VP for the region, Chris Mondini, is flying in at the moment. I think he will make it to the meet and greet this afternoon. So, looking forward to seeing you all then. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Adam. Thank you. So this, as I said, the introduction to the session. Oh, Pierre. Yes, of course. Go ahead, Pierre. Please go ahead, Pierre.

PIERRE DANDJINO:

Thank you. And a very good morning to everyone. Pierre Dandjinou. I'm the vice president in charge of Africa. Happy to be

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here again. And of course, hopefully with the Fellows, as far as we are concerned, of course we are interested in speaking with anyone that might be interested in our GSE engagement in Africa.

I'm based in Benin, which is West Africa. And I do have other staff members in Kenya. They are all around. You will be meeting with them. They are always around with our Director of Operations.

Also happy to have you to attend our Africa Space session, which is happening on Monday, 4:30. It is the same room as here. We'll be kind of reporting on our activities in Africa and ongoing projects. So, welcome if you are available. Thanks, Siranush.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Pierre. Thank you for being here. Am I missing someone from GSE? Yes, please, Yaovi.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Hello, I will speak English. My name is Yaovi Atohoun. Pierre already mentioned something about our team. But what I would like to add is that I was a Fellow in 2009 during ICANN36 in South Korea. So I would like to say that this program is an important program. It gives you an opportunity to learn many things in one week. It's a wonderful opportunity, Pierre said so. Our team is here. We have Fellows from Africa or from other regions.

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And if they have questions, feel free to contact us regardless of the color of my lanyard, we can shake hands and we can meet during the week. Thank you so much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. Yaovi. Sorry, I didn't see you. It's hard, with this light, to see everybody's face. So, yes, Yaovi mentioned about this lanyard. Just to make sure you all are aware, there are three lanyards when you are checking in. You can take, definitely, all three.

But the red one is when the person doesn't feel comfortable to hug you, to be closer to you. So try to say hello keeping the one footstep from the person. The yellow one, just bowing. Probably say hello with the hand, but not handshaking itself. And the green one, and I'm happy to see that many Fellows are in the green one, this is hugging, saying hello to each other.

And please, whenever you see the community members here around with different lanyards, respect their choice. And also, if you don't feel comfortable to—how to say—to hug the person which is in green as well, they should respect your choice as well. So please, whatever you wear or to whomever you speak, please pay attention to the color of this lanyard which is important for all of us to be respected and to respect.

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With that, as I know all of the Fellows by their names, for sure, I have challenges with identifying the names. That's why I thought that this is an important opportunity for us also to give the time for everyone to introduce themselves and tell us who you are and where are you from. Just a brief 30-second introduction.

But keep in mind that we have interpretation as well. So pace your speed while talking. Make sure you say your name properly at the beginning so everybody knows who you are. And this tool should be used by you during the entire meeting. So wherever you are, in whatever session you are, whenever you want to come to the mic or take the floor to say something, make sure you introduce yourself.

“My name is this. My name is Siranush Vardanyan, and I am speaking on my own capacity. Or I am representing this organization or that organization.” So people will start listening to your name and then remembering your face. And that's where everything starts—the interaction, the connection, the network. And whatever is learning, you are taking out of your participation as a Fellow.

With that, let's just start from the right side and give the floor the person who is the first one there. Please, go ahead.

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**ABDULLAH QAMAR:** Good morning. My name is Abdullah Qamar, for the record. I am from Pakistan, and this is my first ICANN meeting as a Fellow. I'm much excited and much warm for learning, for interacting, and for meeting new peoples. Thanks.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Welcome, Abdullah. Welcome. Yes, please.

**KAPIL GOYAL:** Greetings to one and all. My name is Kapil Goyal. I am working in the capacity of associate professor at DA College, Amritsar, Punjab, India. And probably for the last 15 to 20 years, I have been actively participating in the different forums in the Internet governance ecosystems to uplift the digital information, digital literacy, and Internet poverty to come up with some solutions so that we can have a more stable, more secure, and more trustworthy Internet for all. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Yes. Can I just ask, one more time, your name, please?

**KAPIL GOYAL:** My name is Kapil Goyal. I'm from India.



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**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Kapil, welcome. And please, we will start from now, slow down your speech. Because whenever you speak very quickly, our interpretation have challenges to interpret properly. And welcome to ICANN75.

**KAPIL GOYAL:** Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you. Please go ahead.

**PUTERI AMEENA:** Good morning, everyone. I am Puteri Ameena—you can call me Ameena—from Malaysia. Svāgataṁ, welcome. I'm an ICANN75 Fellow, and I've been in the Internet governance just recently. So I can still be a newcomer here. This is my first physical ICANN meeting because I started during the pandemic. And I'm excited to meet with all of you. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Puteri, thank you very much. And thank you for filling as host for the entire ICANN75. So I thank you for all of the information you were providing to all of the Fellows while they are coming to Malaysia, to your home country. Thank you for being with us, and welcome to the Fellowship family.

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PAVEL FARHAN:

Good morning, everyone. My name is Pavel Farhan. I'm originally from Bangladesh, but I grew up in Thailand, in Bangkok. Today I am representing intERLab, AIT . That's the Internet Education and Research Lab at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok.

This is actually my fourth time attending an ICANN meeting. But of course, the first one in person. My first one was ICANN68 where I was a NextGen. And I believe that was also supposed to be here in Kuala Lumpur, but better late than never. And we finally made it to the next one here. It's great to see all of you face to face, and let's get to know each other more. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Yes, Pavel. It's really great to see you in person here. Just for all of our GSE colleagues, we have only four people who have ever been in ICANN in person before ICANN75. So you can imagine, we have two times one-time Fellows from the virtual meetings, but this is their first time in-person participation. But I'm amazed by all of the Fellows who were joining virtually and were virtual Fellows and now keep their engagement and willingness to participate. And they are here now. So, Pavel, welcome.

Mouloud.

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**MOULOUD KHELIF:** Good morning, everyone. Bonjour à tous. Mouloud Khelif. And also originally from Algeria, North Africa. This is my second-time Fellowship. The first time was ICANN73 with Pavel. And it was virtual, indeed. So this is my first face-to-face meeting, and I feel like a newcomer. I'm really excited to interact with all of you over the week. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you, Mouloud. Welcome. It's really great to see you here. And you are like Pavel, our virtual Fellows who made a great impression not only on me, but also on our mentors. So please keep up the great work. Go ahead, next one.

**ABDULLAH AKCAM:** Hi. My name is Abdullah Cemil Akcam. I am from Turkey. Türkiye, it's official name for the last three months. I work at .tr ccTLD registry. For the last four years, I am an active member of the ICANN community, especially in the ccNSO and related communities.

This is my second-time Fellowship, but the first one was ICANN72. It was virtual and I think it doesn't count because it was not face to face. Because face to face is the big part of the introduction, and the virtual one, you don't have that one.

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Hope to me have some good discussions with all of you about the domain names and DNS. Thank you very much.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you, Abdullah. And welcome. Yeah, indeed, sometimes it's very hard to explain why virtual Fellowship is counted as one out of three Fellowship opportunities. But that's the way how we move forward. So you are already alumni of the program, not the first-time newcomer. But welcome again. It's your first in-person meeting. Enjoy. And I'm happy to hear that you are already part of the ccNSO community. So keep up the great work. Welcome.

Sangai.

**SANGAI MOLIWULO:** Good morning, everyone. My name is Sangai Moliwulo from Liberia. This is my second ICANN Fellow. The first one was ICANN73—sorry—ICANN74 in The Hague.

I work with the regulator in Liberia. I'm also a MAG member of the Internet Governance Forum. We have just completed our 2022 Internet Governance Forum. And I'm also the project lead on the rededication of our top-level domain in Liberia. So I'm happy to be here. Nice to meet all of you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Sangai. You don't see my smile, but I'm smiling at all of you because I'm so happy seeing all of you in person here. So, welcome.

ANNETT BANUKE ONCHANA: Good morning, everyone. My name is Annett Banuke. I'm from Kenya. This is my first ICANN meeting, and I am pleased to be here. And I hope to learn, engage, and interact. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome. Welcome to this new world. Chokri.

CHOKRI BEN ROMDHANE: Good morning, everybody. I'm really happy and sorry for being here since it will be the third and last opportunity for me to be with you in this Fellowship Program. I'm originally from Tunisia. I'm working with the Middle East community and the African region. So, very excited to be, for the last time, in this program. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Chokri. It's not the last opportunity because you are forever a Fellow now. Once a Fellow, always a Fellow, as we said.

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You are part of this great Fellowship family. So no way out. So stay with us and wherever ...

You all know, those who are alumni of the program, wherever we are doing any activities for the current cohort of the Fellowship group, all alumni should be there. So you are all default invited. Please note that. Please.

UDEEP BARAL:

Hello. Good morning, everyone. My name is Udeep Baral. I am from Nepal. I'm working at Federation of Computer Association there in Nepal, which is the non-profit organization in Nepal which is working for the community to develop the ICT work in Nepal.

So as an ICANN Fellow this year, this is my first physical meeting that I'm attending at ICANN. Previously, I've done a virtual meeting online. So thank you to be here. And thank you, mentors and Siranush, for everything to be here this year. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you and welcome. Giannina. Another bright, virtual Fellow who impressed me with her participation.

GIANNINA RAFFO:

Thank you so much.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome.

GIANNINA RAFFO: Thank you. Hi, everyone. I'm Giannina. I'm originally from Venezuela, but I live in Washington, D.C. now. I became a Fellow at ICANN70, but my first meeting was supposed to be in Cancún. And like, when Rodrigo mentioned, I was so excited. And then, you know, the world changed suddenly. I'm so excited to be here. I'm looking forward to becoming part of a group now, so I'm actually very excited to talk to a lot of the different groups that I'm interested in to see which one I will join.

And I represent Cedice Libertad. It's an organization in Venezuela that works for public, accurate data, especially in economic issues. So for us, [Internet issues] and communities are very important. So I'm looking forward to learning more and report back to my team. And thank you, Siranush. And especially to Lilian for being a great mentor. And happy to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you. And welcome, Giannina. Yes, we are indeed looking forward to your active participation. And our Latin America and North America should work for you from both sides, Venezuela

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and North America. But I think you are a great asset to the regions and to the entire community. Welcome.

Yes, please.

OSCAR GIUDICE:

Good morning. My name is Oscar Guidice. I am from Argentina. I currently live in Uruguay. I work for the Ministry of Environment in Uruguay as a manager for IT, infrastructure, and technology.

And I am currently working with the [CCATLAT], which is a Center for Technology. And I am a member of the Board for that organization. Some of my colleagues are here. And we have put together an association that's called IoT+CS LAC, and we try to address cybersecurity and the internal technology of things in Latin America.

This is my first ICANN meeting, and I hope to work with the technical groups. Thank you very much for allowing me this opportunity.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Please reach out to colleagues here and our GSE colleagues here to direct you which technical guys you need to meet and with whom to talk. Okay?



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Having this opportunity, I just want to give to a shy guy who is not sitting in front, Seun Ojedeji. I just want to give him the floor to introduce. Welcome, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you very much. I'm smiling. I wasn't expecting this. Thank you, Siranush. Hello, everyone, I'm Seun Ojedeji and a Fellow. Like Siranush said, once a Fellow, always a Fellow. So I haven't exhaust my three slots. I can't remember. But I've been a Fellow since Icann52 in Singapore. And currently, I'm chair of AFRALO. So if you are a Fellow from Africa or you're interested in the work of AFRALO, especially with Internet end users, we are happy to meet you. And, of course, some of my colleagues are also here. Raymond is here by my side. And, of course, catch us after. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:

Thank you, Seun. I just wanted you to remember your Fellowship times. And, yes, Raymond is here as well. I'm sorry. Raymond was one of our visual Fellows when we just go remote. But I'm happy that he didn't stop there. He continued his engagement and now he is a part of ALAC, which is the At-Large community.

Raymond, please.

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RAYMOND MAMATTAH: Thank you. Good morning. It's still morning? Yes. I'm glad to be here. And I didn't have the opportunity to engage the face-to-face Fellowship when I was elected. Our time, we were selected and our ticket, everything was ready and—boom—COVID came in. So we did not have the opportunity. I have it now. I will urge you to use make the maximum part of the opportunity you have. Network because it is very important. I'm glad to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Raymond. And if you have any questions related to ALAC (At-Large Advisory Committee), Raymond is always there. And as Seun said, please [inaudible].

Yes, we have a hand up in the Zoom and please ...

Moustapha, can you hear us? You have the floor. Please go ahead.

ABAKAR MOUSTAPHA: My name is Moustapha. Hello to everybody. This is my first meeting. I have taken part in different ICANN meetings. I'm in Africa. I am also working on the intergovernance of the Internet. I was not able to be with you face to face, and I hope to be at the next meeting. Thank you.

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**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Moustapha, I was just coming to give the floor to our remote participants, the Fellows who joined us virtually. Moustapha, you are a great asset and part of the Fellowship family. So please, please, please, I know we would love having you here in person, but the virtual participation also, as I mentioned, gives equal opportunities. Don't feel isolated. And if you need any support, just raise your hand. We have someone here who'll always remind us that there is someone to ask a question. Thank you.

Sávyo, we will continue with you.

**SÁVYO VINÍCIUS DE MORAIS:** Hello. My name is Sávyo Morais. I'm from Brazil. This is my third ICANN in-person meeting. I was a NextGen Ambassador, and now this is my second Fellowship meeting. But the first in Cancún was also virtual. I'm a member of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group. I've made some technical researches for this steering group and also some capacity building and other activities.

And I'm also, as Oscar mentioned it, a member of the IoT Cybersecurity LAC, an organization that is now researching about IoT security, the problems of how the cybersecurity for the Internet and for the end users. And, well, I have both interests on Universal Acceptance and also in IoT cybersecurity.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Great to see you, Sávyo. And welcome. Yes, please go ahead.

EUNICE COELLO: Hi, everyone. My name is Eunice. I'm from Mexico. I am academic, Universidad Tecnológica de México. And I participate, too, in a commission to try to create a community to approach the Internet ecosystem to all of the universities and try to, their universities now, all of the groups who participate with them.

Sorry. I am a little nervous. Like I said, my partners we create in Latin America a group to Internet of Things. My interest, like academic, is trying to approach all of these groups to the ecosystem of Internet to the [students]. I think, I believe that these generations need to know, need to learn, and we need to represent and know, do they know to participate in Latin America. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Eunice. I really appreciate your efforts to speak in English and try to make your best. If you feel uncomfortable any time, you know you have always support here. But thank you, and I appreciate your efforts.

Liubomir.

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LIUBOMIR NIKIFOROV: Hello. I prefer to speak without a mask because those with glasses will understand why. And it's easier to recognize after that.

I'm Liubomir Nikiforov. I'm from the European region. I'm doing a PhD focusing on data protection and privacy at the University of Barcelona. And this is my second overall time here in ICANN participating in the ICANN meetings. First as a NextGener. First time as a Fellow.

I would like, really, to contribute with all of my background—law, political science, economics. I see your technical guys. I believe we have some ... We'll find some common points. And I'm really impressed by everything that I've heard, but I would really like to invite you together to go for a drink and then to engage in a more unofficial way. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, [Nicholas]. We have only 10 minutes to go, but I want every Fellow to have the opportunity to say hello and introduce. Please continue.

I-PING PAN: Hi, everyone. I'm I-Ping Pan from Taiwan and work in the Chinese ICANN accredited registrar and [inaudible], a consulting firm. This is my first physical meeting at ICANN. It's so exciting. And thank you, all of you. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

PETER MMBANDO: Hello, everyone. My name is Peter Mmbando from Tanzania. I'm a co-founder and executive director of Digital Agenda for Tanzania Initiative. I'm glad to be with you here. and I'm looking forward to learning more, engage, as well as to look forward to cooperating in the near future. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Peter. Thank you.

NAMRA NASEER: Hello, everyone. I'm Namra Nasser. I am from Pakistan. By profession I'm a policy researcher. So basically, currently I'm working with an organization, Stimson Center, Washington D.C. Most of my engagements are with the policy community of Pakistan and the U.S., and also their government institutions. I'm part of the Internet governance community for more than three years now. And at ICANN, I'm attending in person my first meeting. I'm looking forward to our conversations throughout the meeting. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Namra. And please note—

NAMRA NASEER: Speak slowly, yeah.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: —speak slowly for the future. It’s hard to catch up your speed. But, welcome.

NAMRA NASEER: Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Please go ahead.

LAVISH MENSAH: Thank you. My name is Lavish Mawuena Mensah from Accra, Ghana. This is my first ICANN meeting. I got into this space in 2020 through GhanaSIG, the Ghana School on Internet Governance, where I was a pioneer Fellow. From there I had the opportunity to volunteer with the convening group—that is EGIGFA—as finance and then social media manager. And through that activity, I'm here today as an ICANN Fellow. And I look forward to more engagement in the space to help every other person for one world and one Internet. Thank you.

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SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Lavish. And congratulations. Lavish just married last Saturday. Right? Last Friday. So, congratulations. And he is here with us. Welcome.

Please go.

GABRIEL KARSAN: [inaudible] greetings. My name is Karsan, Gabriel. I'm from Tanzania. I represent the youth from everywhere. I've been active in the Internet governance space for over five years. And need I say I represent a generation that has matured through the Internet governance ecosystem. And I'm really happy to be here and engaging with you all. I work now, especially in Internet policy and at the civil society spectrum as well. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Welcome, Karsan, welcome. Olévié.

OLÉVIÉ KOUAMI: Hello, I am going to speak French. My name is Olévié Kouami, and I am from Togo but I live in Senegal. It's been five years now. And I came to ICANN in January 2013. I participated with the NPOC. That was the last constituency created within the GNSO in 2011. I had participated, I had earned a Fellowship in Johannesburg, but



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I missed my plane so I was not able to go. But I engaged myself in the working group. And under the leadership of Mr. Chuck Gomes who had received the first Ethos award, we have managed a working group on the politics and the implementation of the new politics—policy—sorry.

I was the vice president. I got so engaged that I got an honorary Fellowship to participate at the ICANN53 in Buenos Aires. But in all of this, I always had the feeling to learn in the field. So I always said one day I will have to go and participate officially in the Fellowship Program to learn more, to learn in a more classical way. I have also been an executive member of the NPOC.

So I participated in the ICANN in Abu Dhabi. And in 2017, I joined ALAC through AFRALO, and I participated to the icann59 in Johannesburg. And here we go. I'm here in my first real, official meeting as a Fellow. This is a complex environment, and I'm still finding myself and looking for things. Today I hope to be able to participate at the caucus of the RSSAC. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Please go ahead.

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**ERNEST MAFUTA:** Hello, everyone. My name is Ernest Mafuta, and I'm the current chair of Affordable Internet Access, which is the Internet Society's special interest group. I'm happy to see all of you here. Thank you.

**AMINA RAMALLAN:** Good morning, all. My name is Amina Ramallan. I'm from Nigeria. I work for the Nigerian Communications Commission, which is the independent regulatory body for telecommunications in Nigeria. This is actually my second physical ICANN meeting. I joined ICANN in ICANN62 which was in Panama. I look forward to contributing and learning from everyone. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you. Welcome.

**MOHAMED ABDELHAFEZ:** Hello everyone. My name is Mohamed Elnour Abdelhafez. I'm from Sudan Internet Society, which is the .sd registry, as well as .sudan—or not Sudan—the IDN.

I'm involved in the local community since 2012. I'm happy to meet you all here. This is my first ICANN in person. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you and welcome. Please go ahead.

**KHALED SAIFULLAH:** Hello, everyone. I am Khaled Saifullah from Bangladesh. I am working on my organization which name is Digital Development Foundation. I am secretary general. This is my first meeting at ICANN. I am attending to know everyone and to know Internet policy. Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you. Nabeel.

**NABEEL YASIN:** Hi, everyone. This is Nabeel Yasin from Yemen. I'm so excited to be here with you all. I'm an IT operation team leader. And also. I started my own civil society organization regarding reducing the digital gap in my community. I'm so excited. This is my first face-to-face meeting. The second, actually, because the first one was ICANN73, virtually. Thank you, Siranush. Thank you, everyone, for this opportunity.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Thank you, Nabeel. Nabeel is another great person who impressed me with his virtual participation. And I'm happy having you here in person. Welcome, Nabeel.

Please.

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[ABD AL-ALIM]: Hi, everyone. Good morning. My name is [Abd Al-Alim] from Iraq, CMC member board. We are here, first time, with my team. Thank you very much.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you and welcome.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Good morning, everyone. Glad to be here. I'm from ccTLD, Iraq. We are a team from ccTLD. This is my second ICANN meeting, as I remember the first ICANN meeting was ICANN63 in Barcelona. I'm glad to be here. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Good morning. My name is [inaudible] from Communication and Media Commission. It's my first time, and I hope to learn [inaudible] and more experience. Thank you.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello, everyone. My name is [inaudible]. I'm from Iraq country. I'm working with my team, CMC Iraq. I'm excited to be here. Thank you for everyone.

[MOHAMMAD IBRAHIM]: Good morning, everyone. My name is [Mohammad Ibrahim], from Communication and Media Commission of Iraq. I am working in the [inaudible] department. And this is the first meeting. I hope to benefit from the experience available here.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you and welcome. And I'm happy to see the delegation from Iraq joining our Fellowship Meet and Greet session. It's happy having you here. Though we don't have the Fellow from Iraq this time, but I'm looking forward for the future participation. Thanks for being with us here.

Anyone else who would like to introduce? I think I would like to give the floor to my colleague, Nicolás, who just came here. And he is the guy who we're talking that, probably from the tech perspective, this is the guy to talk to.

Nicolás, please.

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NICOLÁS ANTONIELLO: Hello, everybody. My name is Nicolás Antonello. I'm the Regional Technical Engagement Manager from the LAC region. And I have to confess that this is also my first ICANN meeting ever. Which is funny because, yeah, I've been involved with the community for years but really never came to an ICANN meeting. So this is my first time also.

And, well, just to tell everybody that I'm here for you to talk, to discuss anything you want to discuss—any topic, any technical-related topic. We have a whole week ahead and a lot of stuff to discuss and to exchange. Thanks.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you, Nicolás. Thank you. Is there any Fellow who didn't introduce? Please.

GRACE INGABIRE: My name is Grace Ingabire. I'm coming from Rwanda. I present the ccTLD of .rw. This is my first ICANN meeting, so I'm very excited to be here and to learn more. I would like to hear more about the Fellowship that ICANN provides. So thank you, everyone.

SIRANUSH VARDANYAN: Thank you and welcome. And I see the great friend of mine who is always a Fellow. My colleague from the Middle East, Fahd.

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**FAHD BATAYNEH:** Good morning, everybody. So let me come here. So my name is Fahd Batayneh. I work for ICANN. I'm part of the Global Stakeholder Engagement Team. I cover the Middle East, so if you're from the Middle East I'd be more than happy to talk to you. And, of course, I am a Fellow. I came through the Fellowship Program. And I'm sure you've heard the slogan “once a Fellow, always a Fellow.” Thank you.

**SIRANUSH VARDANYAN:** Welcome, Fahd. It's not usual for you. Come on. I used to ... Thank you. Thank you for joining. And thanks, everyone, for joining. I think this is a great opportunity for us at least to know the names and faces. I might forget some names and faces because of these masks. But please wear your badges all of the time. Have these bracelets all of the time to avoid the checking processes every time you enter into the venue.

We have a very booked and full schedule for today. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our second and third sessions planned for today—the Consensus Playbook and the art of Small Talk. Both sessions are closed. Only limited to Fellows. And the art of a Small Talk is also ... We will invite, also, NextGeners for that session.

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But please be on time whenever you are coming to any session. That says, simply, the respect towards the presenters. Make your time available in a way. You have your coffee. You have your networking options. But if you want to go to the session, please be on time.

And we have, at 5:30, the Fellowship Networking Event. Please be there and get the opportunity to know not only the ICANN community, but also each other.

My huge gain from the Fellowship was ... And you know, all, that I also came through the Fellowship Program at ICANN30. At that time coming there knowing nobody and knowing nothing about ICANN. But that's how we start our engagement, by meeting people, introducing ourselves, talking, and asking questions. Please ask questions. If we don't know what you need, we will not be able to help you. So I am here. Our mentors are here. Our GSE colleagues are here. And the ICANN community is here to welcome Fellows.

Welcome to ICANN75, and I'm looking forward to our next one-week interaction with you. With that, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

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