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KIMBERLY CARLSON: Thank you. Hello and welcome to the ccNSO members meeting, Q&A with council candidates. My name is Kimberly Carlson. Claudia and I will be your remote participation managers today.

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BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you very much, Kim, and good day, everyone. Okay, we're starting the discussion on the question and answers with all the nominees for councilors for the next council elections. So I'm going to, in the order of regions, read out the names. For Africa, we have Hadji Mmadi Ali. Hadji, you're welcome.

HADJI MMADI ALI: Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Asia Pacific, we have Anim Kumar Jain. Also Asia Pacific, we have Boyoung Kim.

BOYOUNG KIM: Hello. This is Boyoung.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right, Boyoung. Asia Pacific also, we have Jiankang Yao.

JANKANG YAO: Hello. Jankang Yao.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. I hope I pronounced the name correctly.

JANKANG YAO: Yes.

BIYI OLADIPO: Excellent. Thank you. For Europe, we have Irina Danelia.

IRINA DANELIA: Hello.

BIYI OLADIPO: Hi Irina. For Latin America and Caribbean, we have Jenifer Lopez.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Hello. How are you?

BIYI OLADIPO: Fine. Thank you. And for North America, we have Sean Copeland.

SEAN COPELAND: Good morning.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay, Sean. Good morning. All right, we're already past noon here, so it's okay. All right, so we're going to go straight into the question and answers, and we know the rules, I'm going to ask some questions and then also, we're going to take questions from the people in the house. Like Kim had announced, if you have a question, please, you can put the question in the chat box, but let it follow the format that's been given, so we'd all know that it's a question that is coming up. So, what I'm going to do is I'm going to give three minutes to each of the candidates to tell us about themselves and then just generally introduce yourself and tell us your background and where you're coming from. We'll start with Hadji Mmadi Ali. Three minutes.

HADJI MMADI ALI: Thank you. Hi everyone. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. I'm Hadji from Comoros Island. I'm working for Comores Telecom, I'm a manager of—president of AfTLD, Africa Top Level Domain, and I'm active in the ccNSO activity, specifically for TLD Ops. And I'm also president for ISOC Comoros chapter and I'm active in the Africa region for AFRINIC and other activities, for example about the College International for Afnic, the registry for France, and every time I'm attending in the ICANN meeting, I participate for the ccNSO activities and so I have just to do something in the ccNSO to increase all ccTLDs from Africa or from another world just to be together to involve our Internet governance, our digital economy, our ccTLDs in our countries. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you very much, Hadji. Would have Anil Kumar Jain.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Namaste from India to all of you. I'm really thankful to ccNSO community, council, for giving this opportunity to me to interact with the forum members and have an opportunity to understand all of you.

I am a technocrat with 36 years' experience in telecom space, and especially in policy formulation, getting the policy adoption, technology adoption and implementation of the same in the world.

Because of this experience, I am able to contribute a growth in mobile users. India is number two in mobile users in the world. We are number two in the world in Internet users also, and I'm happy to

announce that India is number one in data users per customer per month.

I have 12 years' experience as board of directors on NIXI, which I'm serving as chief executive officer as on date. NIXI is a unique organization which is providing services in Internet exchange, country code domain, IDN domain, and also national Internet registry for providing the Internet protocols to the country.

With this unique position, I feel that I'm very suitable for ccNSO to serve the Internet community in the world. With the experience which we have, we have done [multi-stakeholder] policy framework and also the consensus policy making, which is the objective of ICANN in various forums.

India, with 740 million Internet uses, and also the world's largest IDN adoption with 22 languages, I feel India and representative from India represents the aspirations of the larger part of the world.

Finally, I'm really thankful to those people who have nominated me for this work. I'm thankful to [inaudible] from Philippines and I'm also thankful to my own registry for nominating me. I'm also thankful to those people who have seconded me. I'm thankful to [inaudible] from Singapore and I am also thankful to Ms. [inaudible] from Laos. Thank you very much.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you very much, Anil. Can we have Boyoung Kim, please?

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BOYOUNG KIM:
Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. My name is Boyoung Kim and I'm representative of .kr in KISA, Korea Internet and Security Agency.

First of all, I'm honored to be nominated as a candidate of the ccNSO council, and I'm happy to have a chance to introduce myself today. I joined KISA in 2012. My main role in KISA is developing domestic and international policies for domain and Internet governance.

I've been participating in ICANN as a GAC representative since 2014. Korea has quite often personnel shift, so even though I'm a staff of .kr registry, I was a [persistent] GAC member helping ICT ministry of Korea.

As a GAC representative of Korea, I follow up various ICANN issues and share these findings with the Korean community and Korean government. I've been working to improve .kr ccTLD policy and to give insight into ICANN policy in the public policy perspective. I well understand how ICANN works and how Internet ecosystem works.

Also, I've been supporting Korean Internet community, especially KIGA, Korean Internet governance Alliance, and KRIGF. I have been sharing experiences and information with the Korean community to follow up domestic and international issues and to help foster better environment for Internet governance in Korea.

I would like to say, me as a bridge between ICANN, KISA and Korean community. I don't have 20 or 30 years of experience yet. I'm a very

new and fresh compared to other council candidates here. However, since I'm fresh, I can contribute from new perspective and the experience I got from working closely with [the field.]

Also, I have been contributing for capacity building program for AP region's next generation. I have been involved in organizing APIGA, Asia Pacific Internet Governance Academy, close cooperating with ICANN APAC office since 2016. I'm very interested in capacity building for next generation and whom has not involved in community yet.

Domestically, I'm working on building an archive for newbies and end users to understand ICANN Internet ecosystem and Internet governance issue easily. I vividly remember what difficulties and obstacles new members might have. So with this experience, I would like to help broader ccTLD community in AP region to be involved in ccNSO community. I want to be a bridge between ccNSO community and AP registries. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you so much, Boyoung. That's just exactly to time. You were given three minutes and you did exactly three minutes. Jankang.

JANKANG YAO: Thank you. My name is Jankang Yao. I'm from CNNIC. I got my master's degree in National University of Singapore. [inaudible]

BIYI OLADIPO: Jankang, I'm not sure if I'm the only one—

JANKANG YAO: E-mail address internationalization. Yeah.

BIYI OLADIPO: I'm not sure if I'm the only one. I'm not sure we can hear you properly. Okay, so I'm not the only one. We can't hear you properly. Maybe you can take out the video. I think it has to do with Internet access. Let's see if that works better. Okay, I think he's actually dropped off so we can take someone else and then we'll come back to him when he comes back on.

All right. So the next person we'd have who'd just quickly tell us about herself is Irina Danelia. Over to you, Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: Hello everyone. It's very nice to be here.

JANKANG YAO: It's okay?

IRINA DANELIA: Sorry?

JANKANG YAO: Hello.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Jankang is back. All right, so let's conclude with Jankang, then we'll come back to you, Irina. I'm so sorry about that.

IRINA DANELIA: Okay.-

BIYI OLADIPO: Sorry. Jankang, go on.

JANKANG YAO: [inaudible]

BIYI OLADIPO: So sorry, still don't—

JANKANG YAO: I'm from CNNIC. I joined CNNIC in 2003. [inaudible].

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Jankang, I think you're still having the connectivity issues. One advice would be to switch off the video so that you can conserve bandwidth on the link.

Okay, so Irina, let's have you.

IRINA DANELIA: My name is Irina Danelia, and I come from Russia, and I'm associated with .ru for ten years already. It was 2010 when I first attended an

ICANN meeting, and since that time, I try not to miss many of them and to follow more or less the agenda.

In my own registry, I'm mostly involved in overseeing the day-to-day operations and financial reporting and policy development. And when I first joined this wonderful community, I was mostly interested in exchange of experience and everyday matters. But later on, I started to learn more about the policy development process and the mechanisms which govern this industry, and the ccTLD and the whole organization.

Then I decided that it's probably time to try myself and to become more involved, and that was time when I first became a member of CENTR board of director where I have done two terms. My second term just ended this year.

I also became a member of strategic and operational planning committee of the ccNSO and this year, I also joined two working group for policy development process.

I'm also involved in Internet governance activities in my country and I attend IGF at the international level, and I try to deliver and share what I can, what I do with the whole community.

So I have a feeling that it's probably time to pay back my student loan because I have learned a lot from my colleagues, from all of you, and probably now I can give back some of my experience and bring back to this community.

I also want to thank all those who supported me in this move to try to become the councilor, both [inaudible] for nominating, and [Barbara and Pierre] from [inaudible] as well as my colleagues in my own team for supporting and encouraging me. Thank you so much.

BIYI OLADIPO:

Thank you so much, Irina. I can assure you that you paid more than the loan and the interest of the loan too. Can we have Jenifer Lopez? That's from the South America and Caribbean region.

JENIFER LOPEZ:

Thank you, Biyi, for this opportunity. I work as manager at the Panama Number Information Center, an active member of ISOC Panama chapter and IGF. This year, I was involved in the organization committee for the local IGF. My main reason to be involved in the ccNSO is to contribute positively to the whole Internet community and to support a process that I believe constructive. That's my main reason to be here.

My commitment is to serve the ccTLD community first and also the global community. Finally, I want to thank the trust placed in me by this nomination. It is an honor for me to be here. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:

Thank you very much, Jenifer, for making this very shot and precise. Let's go back to Jankang Yao if he's back with us and we can hear him better now.

JANKANG YAO: Hello. Now I use my telephone so maybe better. Use my computer to video, my phone for audio. It's better. Okay, so, sorry about the disconnection. My name is Jankang Yao. I'm from CNNIC. I joined CNNIC in 2003 after I got my master's degree in National University of Singapore. In CNNIC, I also got my PhD degree in Chinese Academy of Sciences.

My main research area include but not limit to e-mail address internationalization—EAI—and internationalized domain names, IDNs, Internet naming and addressing and technology-related policy. Currently, I serve as the co-secretary of the Chinese Domain Name Consortium or CDNC. I'm also the Internet Architecture Board—IAB— member and also, IETF reviewer in Internationalization Directorate.

Since 2005, I have been active in IETF and I have a lot of experience in IETF working group chair and secretary. Especially, I made a lot of contribution to IETF and IDN work and EAI work.

My first ICANN meeting was in 2003. During that meeting, I commented about IDN registration during the public forum and shared the best practice of the Chinese IDN variant registration during Tech Day organized by ccNSO.

IDN was allowed to be officially registered by ICANN in 2003, but IDN registration numbers tend to be very low, so we must do something to increase IDN deployment. So I do a lot of work for EAI because EAI is a key application of IDN.

I'm also the key author of IETF RFC 6531, so key standard for IETF EAI protocols. Moreover, to help the EAI deployment, I tried to get some funding for EAI deployment in the Asia Pacific region. I also tried to get some funding for upgrade of some open source to support EAI such as Postfix. I also joined UASG to help promote EAI and IDN.

In ICANN 65, I introduced the EAI deployment, all the work at Tech Day of ccNSO. In March 2020, I got a certificate of achievement by ICANN in recognition of understanding service to the Internet community.

Currently, I server as a member of the ccPDP4 IDN working group. If I'm lucky to be ccNSO council member, I will devote my energy to ccNSO work.

The following are my considerations. One duty the ccNSO takes is development and recommendation of global polcieis to ICANN board. Since IDN is one key area—

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Jankang. Your time is up now.

JANKANG YAO: Okay.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you so much. So, would have, from the North American region, Sean Copeland.

SEAN COPELAND: Thank you. So a little bit of background about myself. I'm from Canada, I'm the technical liaison from Virgin Islands. I was a business partner of Peter de Blanc in the 1990s and we had created a payment processing engine. He would come into the office or we would meet overseas and he would talk about ICANN or he'd be coming from an ICANN meeting, and I have to admit I found the whole entire [inaudible] quite interesting.

After Peter passed away, I did my best to support Dotty in running the registry. A few years ago, she asked if I would actively step up and become more involved, which I have done. And in that, I've taken on or participated in the guidelines review committee, the meetings program committee, the PDP retirement groups and review mechanisms, the strategic operation planning standing committee and the governance liaison committee. [inaudible] some of them very early in the morning.

Outside of that, I used to sit on a nonpartisan society here in Canada that worked with the federal government on health issues. I sit on the board of a public company and I've recently been appointed to their audit and compensation committees. So it kind of gives me a different type of experience, say, versus a lawyer, and I hope it's experience that would be a good perspective into the ccNSO, especially in light of the call earlier today about governance.

And primarily, of course, I would like to thank Pablo and Stephen for nominating me for this position.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you so much. That is short and precise but quite loaded. Okay, now, this is the way it's going to run. We would have questions both from me and also from different people in the house. We have a couple of people already queued. So if you have a question, you have two options. First option is you can put it in the chat box and then we'll read it out to the candidates. The questions could be specific to individuals. It could also be general, so also indicate which one you want it to be. So that's one way, you can put it in the chat box. You can also raise your hands and then I'll call you and we could have good interactions.

So, thank you all for giving us a sneak peek into your background and the things that you've done over the years. My first question to you would be—so now I'm going to start from Sean back to Hadji. So Sean and all the others, can you just briefly tell us what you would be bringing to the ccNSO, apart from the experiences that you've told us about?

SEAN COPELAND: Specifically, I suppose the thing that I hope to bring is a background in parliamentary rules and procedures, something that was pounded into me about 20 years ago. And I believe that that experience or knowledgebase will be useful to the ccNSO community at large.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Jenifer.

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JENIFER LOPEZ:	Hi Biyi. I strongly believe that the Internet is a powerful tool towards achievement of this and other objectives, and I want to contribute to this community with my experience and also with the things that I'm going to learn with all of you. So that's my main objective here.
BIYI OLADIPO:	Thank you so much. Would have Irina.
IRINA DANELIA:	I'm going to bring my experience with ccTLD management as well as my understanding of issues that are facing other ccTLDs and also my commitment to try to do my best listening to others, understanding the problems and the issues, and putting efforts to find the best way and the best solution.
BIYI OLADIPO:	Thank you very much, Irina. Jankang no.
JIANKANG YAO:	Hello. Because ICANN financial plan for 2021 to 2025, IDN [placation] and deployment is a key area, I have a lot of experience with that. So ccNSO already got a lot of IDN work, such as IDN fast track and IDN ccPDP work. So I will bring my experience to help the IDN and the EAI-related policy.

Also, I help through the [inaudible] policy building related to IDN, DNSSEC deployment, help the ccTLD family to become stronger, so I'll |

also try to attract more members to join ccNSO as I know [inaudible] just not a member of ccNSO maybe I can try to help [inaudible]. So that's my point.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Boyoung.

JIANKANG YAO: I can contribute from the new perspective, especially from younger generation and non-native English speakers' view. I understand what difficulties and obstacles new members might have. And I've been serving local community to get involved in the international process and I've been considering how to approach new people by providing translation of important document of ICANN and making easy platform to introduce about the ICANN topics or Internet governance topics.

Also, I have experience with the capacity building program for the AP region's next generation. With this experience with the local community and ICANN GAC and other ccTLD registry in AP regions, I would like to focus on the outreach. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Anil.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you very much. With the unprecedented COVID 19 which is spread out in the world, and also because of adoption of artificial intelligence, machine to machine communication, virtual reality, adoption of Internet has gone up, and I personally feel that at this moment when more and more people are adopting Internet, the regulation of Internet, which work ICANN is doing very effectively, require to be more standard.

I just [come out] that because of COVID 19, a new thing has emerged. That is the Internet divide. People in semiurban and rural areas are nowt able to access Internet and they are not able to do day-to-day performance like work from home or consuming digital education because of this. I personally feel that this is a very important thing which we have to reduce the Internet divide which is present today and which is clearly evident.

In India, government of India has devised a program where we are going to make villages as digital villages where the Internet will be made available, the digital education will be delivered, digital health will be delivered, and digital governance will be delivered in each village so that villages in one area are on the same page.

Second, in ccNSO, right now we have only 172 members. There is a large scope that those country members who are not able to come to ccNSO should also be encouraged to join. For example, near India, Shri Lanka is not a member, Bhutan is not a member, Bangladesh is not a member.

What I will do as a big country, India, we will motivate them, promote them to join this particular group. We will help with the experience which India has and I will also do the capacity building in those countries so that the country code domain gets spread very smoothly. In case it is required, India is ready to do the management of the country code also.

Third thing is the DNS abuse which is happening, and we are able to understand this from various part of the country. So I personally feel that all of us have to work on stable, secure and transparent domain delivery to the people.

Lastly, India, with 1.4 billion people, more than 900 million people are not able to speak English. As I said previously also, the similar situation is there in other countries also where people don't speak English, they only want to communicate in their native language. So I personally feel India, with the largest IDN TLD adoption of 222 languages, we are in a position to lead the world and also share our experience to the world at large, how to adopt IDN and make more and more people inclusive in the Internet community.

Finally, NIXI, my company, and India in particular are associated with Neo-Brahmi generation label work for several years. We would like to continue the same and we would like to contribute in and as ccNSO and in ICANN at large from this area. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Anil. Hadji.

HADJI MMADI ALI: Thank you, Biyi. What I can do for ccNSO, I'm from Africa region and now we have maybe 38 members in the ccNSO from Africa, from ccTLD of Africa, and I think—I will take my best just to increase this number. Now we have around 58 countries, 50 independent countries, and if we have so much, I think we can give a good speech in the ICANN [world.]

One of the ccNSO [inaudible] to make some policies in the ICANN board.] If African ccTLDs become a member of ccNSO, we can increase, we can I've our best [answer] to that development of our ccNSO constitution. This is the first one.

And I think we can work together to develop some security practice because now, COVID-19 is a good experience that all ccTLDs have developed a good security to get [trust] from the users, from all services we offer. And if I'm working in the council of ccNSO, I will continue just to work in the way to develop our ccTLDs and give our best.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you so much. Byron, are you ready for your question now?

BYRON HOLLAND: Thank you. Obviously, my main question would be directed towards Sean, but first I just wanted to say thank you to all the candidates who

are willing to put themselves forward, and if they're successful, spend the time and effort to contribute to the ccNSO.

The same for Sean. Thank you for putting yourself forward. My question for Sean is that given the geographic regions of ICANN have placed North America in a somewhat unique circumstance with only eight country codes in the North American region, one being the United States and six others being U.S. territories leaving only one other distinct country, Canada, my question to you, Sean, through no fault of your own, the North American region is very specific and very unique. And how do you think you can adequately represent the unique nature of the North American region given it only has two countries and six territories of one country, and all three representatives on the council from North America would be from territories of the US?

Again, through no fault of your own, and I would ask your peers on the council the very same thing, but you're the one in the hot seat right now. So, how are you going to adequately represent that, or how can you adequately represent that, and what are you going to do to make sure that that actually happens?

SEAN COPELAND: That's a really fair and good question, Byron. At a level, obviously, I'm Canadian, I live in Canada. I can assure you, in my dealings with the VI people, Dotty and company and the [inaudible] government, I do actually bring across the Canadian perspective, or a Canadian perspective, into the conversations.

Does that represent Canada directly? No, it doesn't, in the sense that, you are correct, I am representing the VI. But I do feel that I'm able to give a balance and my world view is a Canadian perspective. And I would hope that that will be enough while we wait for a CIRA person to come to the fore. Does that answer your question?

BYRON HOLLAND: I definitely appreciate the fact that you bring a Canadian perspective, but I guess, of course, you are in the employ of the Virgin Islands ccTLD. So that's why I'm trying to understand how you specifically would try to balance the interests of your employer versus the broader community.

SEAN COPELAND: Fair enough.

BYRON HOLLAND: And like I said, I would ask the other three the same thing given they're all representatives of U.S. territories. But you're in the hot seat, so that's why I'm asking you.

SEAN COPELAND: It's a legitimate concern, Byron. It totally is. I want to state to you that I bleed Canadian blood a lot more than American blood. Hockey is my sport, not football, so on and so forth. We can go into the nuances of that.

If you were to participate in one of the calls that we have with the VI registry on a weekly basis, you would definitely see that I do represent Canada even within those conversations and issues and concerns that I'm aware about, perhaps more on the west coast versus Ontario and Quebec. But again, fair question. I'm very willing to talk with you on a regular basis and take opinions and views from CIRA. Why wouldn't I? I am a .ca domain holder as well.

BYRON HOLLAND: Okay. Thanks, Sean.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thanks, Byron, and thanks, Sean. We have another question from Atsushi Endo.

ATSUSHI ENDO: Thank you, Biyi. Thank you very much all, and all candidates—

BIYI OLADIPO: You might need to speak up a little more so that people can hear.

ATSUSHI ENDO: Sure. As a member from Asia Pacific, I'd like to have—especially from the three candidates from the Asia Pacific, but not limited to. If you have any related answers, I'm happy to hear. So my question is related to the financial contribution of the ccTLD to the ICANN. So ccNSO secretariat recently informed us about each ccTLD's financial

contribution to ICANN. I think this is a very important point for the ccNSO, so I'd like to know your way of thinking. So my question is, how do you think about ccTLDs' financial contribution to ICANN? Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:		Okay, so Atsushi, this question is to all candidates or specifically for the three candidates from Asia Pacific?

ATSUSHI ENDO:		I'd like to have first from the three of them—

BIYI OLADIPO:		You'd like to have first from the three of them and maybe if the other ones want to answer, they can go.

ATSUSHI ENDO:		Yes.

BIYI OLADIPO:		Okay, so who takes the bullet first? Anil, Boyoung, or Jankang? Boyoung, you go first. How do you see the financial contributions, and how are you going to assist that this is done?

BOYOUNG KIM:		I understand ccNSO discusses about the financial contribution for a long time. I know the ccNSO has a guideline for the voluntary

contribution of a ccTLD to ICANN depending on the domain under management.

I agree the principle on the guideline, and further discussion is needed. And also that after IANA transition, ccNSO's role as decisional participants in the empowered community is even more important in ICANN community. So I agree on the principle of what we have built on, and further discussion will be needed. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Jankang.

JIANKANG YAO: Thank you for Atsushi's question. It is a very good question, because ICANN is a not-for-profit organization, also financially [inaudible] contribute by the whole community, so for the community. So I think we should [match] contribution to the ICANN and to the ccNSO. So from a CNNIC [inaudible], CCNIC has a formal [inaudible] 2003. We do allow to have a contribution. [So in the last two years maybe we have some procedure,] because we have other [inaudible] some policy so about sponsors [inaudible]. It's a long procedure, strict procedure. So CNNIC would [like to] more contribution.

So this year, CNNIC board has a lot of discussion about the topic. So in future, CNNIC would like to do more contribution, and also to ccNSO. So we also try to apply some funding to support a ccNSO-related project. For example, I gathered some funding from Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation funding for help with [inaudible]. I also tried to

gather some funding to help EAI deployment, for open source projects such as Postfix, Sendmail and qmail. In future, I think CNNIC, also me, will do more contribution. I will also encourage CNNIC to do more contribution. That's all. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thanks. Anil.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you very much for the question. Financial contribution of ccTLD to ccNSO and ICANN is something which is voluntary in nature, and it is in principle decided whether to contribute or not, and also, I would like to inform that India is operating ccTLD through NIXI, which is a trust, it is not a profitmaking or no profit no loss type organization.

So we are exempted at present with the policy from ICANN and ccNSO for making any financial contribution. But in case the DAAR applicability to ccTLD is approved and we can start working on the abuse, then yes, India and my company, NIXI, is ready to have a financial contribution also. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Atsushi, does this satisfy you or do you still want a couple more answers from the other candidates?

ATSUSHI ENDO:	Thank you very much for the candidates. Yeah, I'm fine. Thank you very much for your thoughts and views regarding the financial contribution. Also, thanks, Joke, for the chat for the additional information for the participants for the session.
	So yeah, I'm fine, but if there other candidates want something to say, I'd like to hear, but I'm fine. Thanks.
BIYI OLADIPO:	Okay. I would just lend my voice to this, that, yes, the contributions are voluntary, but as councilors, we need to do the best that we can to get individual ccTLDs and also ccTLDs in our regions to also participate, knowing fully well that the ccNSO actually does enjoy quite a number of benefits from the essential services provided by ICANN, and since we enjoy those services, I think making contributions will be important and essential. Thank you so much.
	A number of things have come up from—and thanks, Byron, for that link also. You can see the contributions on the links that [was posted by] Byron in the chat room. So if you look at it, you know who contributes and exactly how much is being contributed. Thank you.
	Now, this question, I'm going to throw open for as many as would like to answer, but I might also want to call individuals. I've had this said severally. Yes, the ccNSO has 172 members. 172 members doesn't mean 172 people. There are a number of people who participate, there are a number of organizations that have some ccTLDs that have

more people participating in the ccNSO and some have very few participating.

So we have 172 members, but we are always short of people to do the work. So coming on as a member of the council, how would you attract more people to do the work and participate in the process of the ccNSO? Who wants to take a shot first? Yes, Anil. Go on.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you very much for giving this particular question. It is interesting that we have to attract more and more member countries to work for ccNSO. Basically, I personally feel that communication from ccNSO to member countries is required to be more transparent and equitable. So the existing ccNSO members can understand what contribution ccNSO is doing to ICANN and the Internet community at large.

Similarly, we should also educate them through capacity building about the various advisory committees which are working on ICANN. Together the advisory committees and [SOs, how they framed the policies, do the multi-stakeholder] consultation and do the consultations to bring equity in Internet business. So this is first aspect about the existing members.

The second aspect is about the members who have not joined. That is what I said in my initial comments, that I think it is important that we should reach out to those countries who are not on the board of ccNSO at present. We must inform them how important it is to spread

Internet, quality Internet, stable Internet, secure Internet, to their countries' citizens. And they have to actively participate in the ICANN activities and ccNSO activities.

So, as a member of ccNSO, I would like to reach out to all 270, 280 countries personally, discuss with them, mitigate, remove all the doubts which they have, and also bring them onboard with us, and in case there is any change in the policies or the framework of ccNSO or ICANN is required, I think with the concentration of all members, we should do that to bring more and more members on the board. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Yes, Hadji, I saw your hand.

HADJI MMADI ALI: Thank you. For me, first one, I'm coming, just, do you have, for example, a meeting with you or from Africa, you and [Suleiman and Abdala] just to understand what is the issue in Africa. Because I'm from Africa, this is the first action I will do.

The second I know, why we didn't have many ccTLDs and continue to work in the ccNSO process? I think this is why, because many ccTLDs not developing. They have many issues, and this is why, because I'm incoming chairman of AfTLD, we have developed the approach just to get closer to the member. If the ccTLDs are developing, he will interesting automatically for the ccNSO process, and if we have increased the members in the ccNSO, they'll automatically, the

ccTLDs, can have a good [point,] will be activity in the ccNSO process. Just the two things I will do in the first time I will be in the council.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you very much, Hadji. Irina, any thoughts?

IRINA DANELIA: I personally am actually in favor of personalized engagement. Though we as organization do promote ICANN and ccNSO at our local regional fora, always providing the platform and chance to speak, I strongly believe that each of us has a lot of connections around them, and this is the way [where we can just approach a person] and say, hey, I know you are the right person to do that. Why don't you try? And that's [quite how it works.]

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you so much. I asked that question because we've had several discussions on the council and also on general ccNSO meetings about how do we develop the next round of people who do the work, and we count numbers every day, we count new people joining, but we don't see that translating into work. Yes, Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: I just remembered how Hiro Hotta promised that he is [inaudible] bring two new candidates, and he fulfilled his promise. This actually supports my thesis on personal engagement. This is how it works.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. We have a question from Svitlana Tkachenko. "From your point of view, which aspects of ccNSO's activity should be improved, and what can you suggest for that?" I'll take Boyoung and Jenifer. 30 seconds each.

BOYOUNG KIM: First of all, I'd like to talk about the ccNSO in ICANN community. CcNSO is a very important community in ICANN, especially after the IANA transition, ccNSO is even more important and the global cooperative governance is very important.

I know that ccNSO went through the ccNSO independent review assessment last year, and I think that has some important recommendations which can help ccNSO [inaudible] more efficiently. I think ccNSO needs to try to implement those recommendations.

And second, I would like to talk about outreach. It's related to the previous question. Since I joined the ICANN community, I learned a new word: volunteer fatigue. So I understand everything in ICANN is a voluntary basis and everybody [feel] very difficult because we don't have much workers here. But it's so natural that you need to feel necessity to get involved in this community to get what you want for your organization. And from a new and non-native English speaker's perspective, I think ccNSO needs to work to lower the barrier to participate in ccNSO community and ICANN process.

ICANN is very kind organization and community, and there are so many papers to refer, but new members don't know where and what to look at. I got a lot of help in GAC from real-time scribing and colleagues. As the ccNSO review assessment recommended, providing real-time scribing, translating ICANN Learn portal into various languages and mentorship program will be helpful to ccNSO community. I think ccNSO council members can be a good mentor to the members in that [reason.] Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Jenifer, your thoughts?

JENIFER LOPEZ: Okay, Biyi. I think the mission of the ccNSO and the importance of being involved in developing and recommending global policies to the ICANN board for some issues relating to ccTLDs working together with other communities within ICANN is a skill building process, and I think that it's [nothing to] develop more than the need of more participation and to be more involved on this matter. Also, as Boyoung says, to keep the good things of participating here, like the programs like the new people working in these programs as fellows and those kind of things is the thing that I think is to keep here, and to develop more programs like that.

BIYI OLADIPO: Anil, go on.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you very much. In addition to what may friends have said on this particular question, I think one thing very important that ccNSO has to tackle, capacity building in various countries and ccTLDs, and even those countries which are not on the board to bring the benefits of ICANN to those countries, a systematic program is required for capacity building. This is one.

Second, the COVID-19 has brought a [beating] on the trust. Initially, we used to learn that Internet is nothing but the trust. I think this has taken a beating in COVID-19. As I said also, we have Internet divide and some people have and some people have not. So that has gone.

So I personally feel that in ccNSO, we have to rebuild the trust of Internet from the community to the users and from the various countries. And we have to build up a trust index which has to be updated on regular basis to see how the ccNSO is working on this particular thing. And to build up this trust, I personally feel that we have to provide a secure, safe and transparent Internet. And I think all of us as members of ccNSO should work together to reach this particular goal and to make this objective [a fruitful and tactical.] Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Jankang.

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JIANKANG YAO:
Yes. Thank you. I think raise awareness about ccNSO culture is very important, because ccNSO has more than 150 members. ccNSO is a truly multi-stakeholder group. We promote the culture of open dialog. So bottom-up process. So we let everybody know so we practice this culture.

So this is the first one. The second one, because ccNSO is a policymaking body, we should try to make a better policy, try to make ccNSO [a powerful] body in ICANN, so promote ccNSO status and mission as a decisional participant in the empowered community. So we have a better policy. CcNSO community will benefit from this policy. So for example, IDN ccTLD, we'll make this from our policy. So we'll get—our community get a benefit from it. So community will likely to join our ccNSO activity.

Thirdly, we should contribute capacity building for make our ccTLD member stronger, so we also need a lot of outreach. That means we should serve our community. Our community will actively join ccNSO activities. That means we should have [inaudible] ccNSO we, and our member we, and so we'll make our ccNSO stronger. So that means together, we can achieve more so we can benefit the Internet. So ccNSO will also be stronger. That's my point. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO:
Thank you, Jankang. Now, this is for all of us. I don't know whether for the guys from the AP region, only one person is going to get elected, but for all the other people, whether we are on the ccNSO council or not, it's the responsibility of everybody to try as much as possible to

get people to participate in the process and then get the ccNSO to advance in the works that we do.

the ccNSO has an information session. Joke, please correct me if I'm wrong, I think it's been made into a webinar which is available that talks about what the ccNSO is about and how you can participate. So people can look at that and then we can get people to get to study that and then participate.

All right. Now, this question goes to everybody, and I'd like to hear from everyone. I'm going to start from the way it looks on my screen so I'm not giving anybody any preference. So I'm going to ask the question to everyone.

Now, I know that this is a volunteer position and we all have the jobs that we do. So, when things begin to conflict, how would you handle the conflict between the council time requirement and your primary job? So I'm going to start with Anil.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you very much. I think this is a very interesting question. I'm aware about the commitment which, as a ccNSO member, you have to make for contribution of the time.

Of course, it is recognized to us per week, but I'm committed for four hours per week to work for ccNSO. Let me tell you that in the area in which we operate, Asia Pacific, people are really putting a good number of hours per week. So there is no conflict as far as my office work and my responsibility as ccNSO council is concerned.

[inaudible] this, I was doing previously also, and I will continue to do multiple works at the same time. Now, let me inform you that I have joined in a working group with ccPDP also, and I have been nominated as vice chair by the working group to ccNSO. And I'm committed there also, that I will contribute and give my experience and the knowledge which I have to the Internet community under ccNSO.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Boyoung.

BOYOUNG KIM: [Simply,] my daily job is very well linked with ICANN ccNSO job. My main job is get to know about the informational policy in ICANN or other informational organizations and then have my colleague in KRNIC to improve that KR domain policy and then introduce those issues to the Korean community.

So to do my daily job, I need to get involved in the ccNSO community work. And if I am elected as councilor, I have a responsibility to serve the ICANN community, so I will have more power to do so. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Sean.

SEAN COPELAND: For me, in my paid position, because I kind of set my own hours, I'm able to devote a fair amount of time to this. My biggest handicap is

actually the time change or time shift where meetings are not rotated on the time spectrum. I do try to get up for them. I'm not always successful. Between 3:00 and 4:00 AM can be brutal.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: First of all, I had a discussion with my organization and I got their support from the management in this [move,] so I hope I will get some help to solve potential conflicts within the organization.

But secondly, we're lucky to be still working remotely, and that saves me two hours per day which otherwise I would spend on traveling. So I have some extra time kept in my secret pocket.

And there is always space to improve the efficiency, actually. There are so many new tools coming every day that you can [inaudible] a way to manage to do more in the same time.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Hadji.

HADJI MMADI ALI: Thank you. This is a good question, because this is a voluntary position, how I can do for this. The important, if I'm [nice, I'm in this community,] all things is working together, [working group.] The community is good, and [good thing] is doing together. I think I will

give my best because I have experience in the community. I was a fellow and I'm president of AfTLD. And I will manage just to have my time to give for the ccNSO, because it's not easy, but it's not … Because I have this, I [want] this community and I'm still working for the community—I will get my [inaudible] adjusted for this, because my sound is not good and I didn't hear the question good. Thanks.

BIYI OLADIPO: If you didn't hear the question and you answered like that, then it means you heard very well. Thank you. Jaikang.

JIANKANG YAO: Okay, so if time is conflict, I will favor ccNSO council [inaudible] or meeting, because my daily job is research, technology research, policy research, so my daytime is very flexible. So I also [join IETF to work. So this is work related to] ICANN, so we do a lot of teleconference. So I also join a lot of ICANN-related conferences. So ccNSO council [inaudible] if I'm lucky I'm one of the members, I will do my best to deal with this. So, it's sure it is my top priority of my work. Actually, it can be regarded as my daily work or [night] work.

Also, my manager and my board member also very supportive of this work for policy or technology. So actually, IETF and ICANN's work is my main job. So CNNIC pay me to do IETF work and ICANN work. So, happily. So my work and ICANN work is same to me. This is actually my daily job. So it is no trouble for me. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. So Jakang, you don't have a problem, it's the same for you, you get paid for doing ICANN work. That's good. I wish I could say the same. Jenifer, you're the last on this question.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Thanks, Biyi. I have the support of my organization, and as a mom of three kids under five years old, a pair of twins among them, I also have the support of my family. That said, I think that it perfectly proves my capacity to organize my agenda and participate [inaudible] with no problems.

BIYI OLADIPO: Excellent. Thank you so much. Now, I'm going to do something since I can't see any questions, I can't see any hands up and there are no questions in the chat room. We have, for Africa, North America, and the Latin America and Caribbean, we don't have any issues. We have only one person each. And also for Europe, so we don't have them contesting in those areas.

The elections are mainly going to be for Asia Pacific. So what I'm going to do is, each one of you, that's Anil, Boyoung and Jakang, I'm going to give you two minutes each to talk to the members in the Asia Pacific region on why you should be the ones that should be elected for the ccNSO position. Remember, we have only one space on the council for one more person from the Asia Pacific region. So, why should it be you?

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ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Do I start, from India?

BIYI OLADIPO: Yes, please start from India.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you very much for [inaudible]. First of all, as I said that with a large experience of 36 years as telecom technocrat and 20 years in this organization, NIXI, I personally feel that I have sufficient experience and knowledge to serve this community.

Let me tell you that if you talk about the numbers which we have in India and also the areas in which we are working, for example, Internet exchange, gTLD, IDN TLD, and also Internet registry, I think I can term myself as mini ICANN, working in this particular region. And I've committed, during my previous talk, also to bring all the neighbor countries in the fold of ccNSO and bring them as part of this particular community. So this is one, sharing experience, building the people and doing all those things.

Third, in Asia, we are aware that there are several [types of malicious] activities which are going on under these domain activities. India is working very strongly to mitigate those types of malicious activities, and I personally feel that the entire world community will be benefited out of this.

And last but not least, the experience which India has and I have through my country with the IDN domain, which I think is not

progressing much, which is required to be much spread to bring more and more [communities with us.]

With 15 scripts on board and 22 languages on IDN, I personally feel that India should lead, share the learnings, learn from other countries and make Internet as an equitable to all of us. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Okay, Boyoung.

BOYOUNG KIM: I think I am the most [close] candidate who is closer to the field the most. I talk with registrar or I talk with Korean community, or I talk with Korean next generation leaders all the time to improve their knowledge and share information with them. So I have lots of experience with the community and other registry for the cooperation work, and then other, like organizations in AP region to get involved in various projects such as APIGA and other cooperation work. So I am good at cooperation with others.

AP region has various number of ccTLD registries, and we have various background culture. We are a very diverse region. So I think the outreach is very important in our region, and I think [I can do] that work. I may not have enough experience in ccNSO yet. However, I've been involved in other ways to share my knowledge with others and to participate in the ICANN policy development process.

In addition to my experience with the local community and ICANN, GAC and other organizations, I support and contribute to the ccTLD community in AP region and the broader ICANN community. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Boyoung. Jankang.

JIANKANG YAO: Okay. Thank you. [I've seen] ICANN's financial plan for next five years. The top priority is IDN. I have a lot of IDN experience. So I will help ccNSO make better policy relating to IDN and EAI. So IDN and EAI and the UA [inaudible] Asia Pacific region's ccTLD, because a lot of them are interested in this project.

Secondly, I joined ICANN in 2007. I have learned a lot from the community. The time has come to give back to the community. So I like to contribute to return, to pay back to the community so that I have enough ability and skill for this job. For example, I have IETF working group chair, secretary, working [inaudible] also, CDNC, Chinese Domain Name Consortiums co-secretary job. I also join many local meetings, APIGF or APTLD, [ITU] or many meeting, IGF meeting, or promote [inaudible] related things. I will be an ambassador to bring ccNSO value to the whole Internet community.

Because I know a lot of technology, I can do better capacity building. Also, ccNSO has a strong technology background with a lot of policy experience. So I can provide the view from the technology standpoint

when dealing with policy issues so to help the ccNSO make better decisions.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you, Jankang. Your time is up.

JIANKANG YAO: Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Now, this is the final question to all candidates. This is 30 seconds. You're just going to answer this in 30 seconds and that'll be it. So, I'm going to start this time with Jakang. This is a question from Hiro Hotta. Hiro is a veteran of the ccNSO council. I think he's the only one who has been there for 16 terms.

Okay, so the question goes like this. The ICANN 69 meeting series began last week and we already have had multiple meetings by now. Apart from this Q&A session, which session have you attended, and which one do you think is most important? So I'll start with the guys from the AP region and then we'll take every other person. But you have 30 seconds. Jakang, you go first.

JIANKANG YAO: I will most focus on [DoH]-related meeting, and also, technology-related meeting. Also ICANN ccNSO Tech Day and ccNSO members

meeting. I also, when I have enough time, I will join GNSO-related meeting. Also, of course, I will probably—

BIYI OLADIPO: Your time is up. Boyoung.

BOYOUNG KIM: I attended IDN update session as a KGP member, and then I read pre-ICANN paper and GNSO policy briefing paper. My interest is WHOIS policy and new gTLD policy. Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you, Boyoung. Anil.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you. I have attended IDN program update on 6th of October, and since we are interested, it is related to India and representation form the nearby countries. The second one I attended on 7th of October, that is SSR2 progress update on SSR2. And what I plan now that I will be attending most of the programs starting from 19th October 2020 onwards.

BIYI OLADIPO: Time up.

ANIL KUMAR JAIN: Thank you.

BIYI OLADIPO: Thank you. Hadji. Not sure he can hear. Sean.

SEAN COPELAND: Sure. I attended the policy update last week, the governance meeting that happened this morning, which actually [inaudible] by a meeting about two weeks ago by the GRC, because that's my interest [as I expressed earlier on the] parliamentary stuff. There's a number of meetings that are going on throughout this week and next week dealing on governance that I do intend to participate and partake in.

Luckily, living in COVID times and home quarantine, or however you want to call it, [I caught a lot—

BIYI OLADIPO: Okay. Thank you. Time up. Irina.

IRINA DANELIA: Hi. I attended both ccTLD [abuse] sessions a couple weeks ago, and thanks to Zoom technology, I was able to listen to the recording of pre-ICANN policy webinar and ICANN planning session last week. And the session which ccNSO just had an hour and a half ago on the governance.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Jenifer.

JENIFER LOPEZ: Thank you, Biyi. I have attended ccNSO members meeting, DNS abuse matters, the ICANN public forum, GNSO meetings, and ALAC meetings too.

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you. Hadji, can we hear you now? What meetings have you attended?

HADJI MMADI ALI: Yes. I have attended in pre-ICANN 69 policy webinar, and this morning, I attended the ccNSO member meeting, governance, and the best one was for this morning, ccNSO member meeting [inaudible].

BIYI OLADIPO: All right. Thank you so much. Our time is up. Thank you, everyone, and I wish the candidates from the AP region all the best, and for the ones who don't need any contest or any elections, I would be looking out to welcome you to the council in March. Thank you so much, everyone. This meeting [is adjourned.] I'm signing out. Thank you all.

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