

## **Report of ICANN55**

*Marrakech, 5th March 2016 - 10th March 2016*

### **Date: 05.03.2016, Saturday**

1. NCUC Community Outreach Programme - 17.00-18.30, Room Ametyste, <https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/sat-ncuc-outreach/transcript-ncuc-outreach-05mar16-en.pdf>
  - a. Padmini: Presented research on Reconsideration Requests and raised a point as to its relevance
  - b. Vidushi: Presented statistics to show that ICANN's processes were not truly representative or multistakeholder, and suggested proactive outreach as a possible solution.

### **Date: 06.03.2106, Sunday**

1. gNSO Working Session - 9.00 - 12.00, Room Diamante  
Padmini and Vidushi attended.
2. GAC Human Rights and International Law WG Meeting - 12.30-13.30, Room Cristal.  
Vidushi attended this session.
3. Thick Whois Policy Implementation - Meeting with the IRT - 12.00-13.00, Room Orangerai. Padmini attended.
4. Meeting with the ICANN Ombudsman, 15.30-17.30, Room - Menara 10  
Padmini meeting with the Ombudsman to file sexual harassment case as well as deal with policy level reforms for the same.
5. High Tea with the Indian stakeholders, Chief Guest Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communication and Information Technology - 17.00-18.00, Jardin Andalou  
Padmini and Vidushi attended. Vidushi urged the Minister to take a strong stance on enhanced decisional role for the GAC in the PTI and explained CIS' submission for the same. Also discussed CIS' work in respect of network neutrality.
6. NCSG Policy Committee Meeting - 17.00-18.30, Room Oliveraie  
Padmini and Vidushi attended.

### **Date: 07.03.2016, Monday**

1. DNS Women's Breakfast, 7.00-08.15, Jardin Andalou  
Padmini and Vidushi attended.
2. Welcome and President's Opening Session, 08.30-09.45, Room Toubkal  
Vidushi and Padmini attended.
3. IANA Stewardship Transition Implementation, 10.30-11.45, Room Toubkal
  - a. Padmini: Raised concerns on jurisdictional resilience and the need for separation of IANA functions, as well as decentralisation. Response was that the question was too legal and the team would be getting back.
  - b. Vidushi: Raised the question of non-contractual IANA functions post transition.
4. CCWG-Accountability Engagement Session, 13.30-15.00, Room Atlas, <https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/mon-ccwg-accountability/transcript-ccwg-accountability-07mar16-en.pdf>  
Padmini presented DIDP updated statistics as well as Reconsideration Request Analysis. Was acknowledged as an important issue for WS2 by the Co-Chairs.

5. Exploring the “Public Interest” within ICANN’s Remit, 15.15-16.30, Room Atlas  
Padmini sought clarification on Public Interest as a condition for overriding DIDP exclusion clauses. (transcript awaited). Vidushi attended this session.
6. NCSG-ICANN and Human Rights, 13.45-15.00, Room Ametyste. Vidushi presented the work of Sub Group 2 of the Cross Community Working Party on Human Rights.

**Date: 08.03.2016, Tuesday**

1. Non Commercial Users Constituency, 9.30-13.00, Room Palmeraie,  
<https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/tue-ncuc/transcript-ncuc-08mar16-en.pdf>
  - a. Padmini: Made a short presentation on the DIDP system. Engaged with George Sadowsky, member of the ICANN Board in this respect and requested him to provide staff liason who would be able to provide me with an update on the DIDP statistics. Inputs and positive feedback from Marilia Marcel, Edward Morris, Stephanie Perrin, and William Drake
2. GAC WG on Human Rights and International Law and the Cross-Community Working Party on ICANN's Corporate and Social Responsibility to Respect Human Rights, Cristal.
3. Padmini met with the ombudsman at about 13.30 at Menara 10 to discuss updates on the complaint.
4. Non Commercial Stakeholder Group Open Meeting, 14.00-16.30, Room Palmeraie,  
<https://meetings.icann.org/en/marrakech55/schedule/tue-ncsg/transcript-ncsg-08mar16-en.pdf>
  - a. Padmini made a small interjection on DIDP exception clauses. Presented concerns with reconsideration process.
  - b. Vidushi spoke about the importance of an enhanced role for the GAC as it is the platform which many countries use as the sole means of participation
5. Joint Meeting of the ICANN Board & the Non-Commercial Stakeholders, 17.00-18.00, Room Atlas  
Padmini raised concerns on the lack of a sexual harassment policy at ICANN in response to the Board’s question on how they could contribute towards enhancing diversity at ICANN
6. GAC HRIL and CCWP on ICANN's Corporate and Social Responsibility to Respect HR, 18.00-19.00, Room Cristal. Vidushi attended this session.

**Date: 09.03.2016, Wednesday**

1. Universal Acceptance of all TLDs, 09.00-10.15, Room Toukbal  
Padmini attended, asked about how the UA Steering Group was carrying out effective outreach. Response was to check mailing list archives.
2. NCSG Privacy and Human Rights at ICANN, 09.00-10.30, Room Diamant  
Vidushi attended this session and sought clarifications on PDPs and also the competing interests of relevant information and privacy.
3. The Role of the Ombudsman Post Transition, 15.45-17.00, Room Opale  
Padmini attended, raised queries on flaws in the ombudsman process, and suggested reforms with respect to diversity and independence
4. NCSG-CCWP ICANN's Corporate & Social Responsibility to Respect Human Rights Working Session, 17:00 - 18:00, Room Opale

Vidushi attended and suggested a reorganisation of the group to make work faster and independent of external delays. This was accepted, and CIS will now head the Research group under CCWP HR.

5. NCPH Reception and Informal Meeting: CSG with the NCSG, 18.30-19.30, Jardin Andalou  
Vidushi and Padmini attended.

**Date: 10.03.2016, Thursday**

1. CCWG-Accountability Work Stream 2 Working Session, 09.00-12.00, Room Oliveraie  
Vidushi and Padmini attended, both reiterated the need for there to be greater diversity in the comment processes, participation, etc. for the multistakeholder model to be truly effective.
2. Implementing Civil Society Engagement Strategy Working Session, 12.00-13.30, Room Ametyste  
Vidushi and Padmini both attended and raised points on how to effectively reach out to different communities as well as facilitate participation for newcomers.
3. Public Forum 2, 13.30-16.00, Room Atlas  
Padmini raised concerns about the lack of a sexual harassment policy at ICANN, which the Board committed towards the development of.  
Vidushi presented research on diversity within ICANN and repeatedly urged for process to be more proactively participatory. We were referred to the legal team for a more concrete explanation of steps.