>> MODERATOR: This document town hall session is going to be beginning soon. If you have any comments or questions, please stay.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Hi, everyone. We will be starting in about two minutes. Waiting for people to come from the earlier sessions. Thank you, everyone. I think we will get started now. We don't want to keep you too late tonight. Just as an introduction, before we -- before we get right into it, I would like to thank those of you who actually submitted comments to the document platform. We have taken note of some of the comments that were made yesterday, and especially in relation to the format. We have already said that what is up there at the moment is -- has just got fixed in, just to give you an idea of what you might like to comment on. And we would really like to get some -- some more information from you in
the way of comments in relation to what is -- has actually sort of, like, been important information for you from the workshops that you have attended.

Yeah, it doesn't matter how you input your comments into the -- into the public comment section because, you know, like, we -- we will use all of our expertise to synthesize it into some way that will make some meaningful sense.

So we are going to -- we are going to sort of, like, just -- I'm going to mass it over to Jen, because she's sort of like right up with what is actually sort of like happening at the moment. So we will get an overview and then we'll get right into the -- -- into the document itself. Okay?

Great. I hope you are all ready to sort of like get lined up, behind those -- behind those mics. Okay?

>> JENNIFER CHUNG: Thank you very much, Maureen. My name is Jennifer Chung from the APRLGF Secretariat. I'm happy to see that about Member States stayed at the end of the day to join this synthesis document town hall session. Since the last session, we already have 19 comments. So keep them coming. As Maureen did say and I want to really stress and highlight this point is it doesn't matter how you input your comment into this platform. The drafting committee will take all input, all the comments, all the suggestions, including text, including changing of words, including you switching of Sections, anything that you think that can be make this synthesis document better, can make this synthesis document more a reflection of your experience here, all the participation that you have experienced here. It's very valuable for you to do this.

So we have on screen now our draft zero and also as Maureen did mention before, the text right now here, every single part of it can be changed. It is really up to you. It's in your hands to give us these suggestions, and in addition to giving us these suggestions, you could also join the drafting committee, which we are really happy to note that a lot of people did come up to us at the end of the town hall session yesterday to make your names in for -- you know, I will put my name in for this particular session, I'm really interested in helping to Shepherd, for example, the access section or the human rights section. So really encouraged by people wanting to do.

Without further ado, I would like to invite everyone sitting out there, everything you heard yesterday or today, and everything you heard in the sessions that you should be addressed and put into this document, please, go ahead. The two mics are there in the middle of the room. You can take the mic or if you are a little shy right now, I do encourage you to put the text into the actual document. And after you put that, maybe you could come in and expand on what
you think or perhaps we can also go back to our moderators to see if we want to go through the document or the comments we have so far and have any questions for people who put them in.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: We'll see if there's a lull in the thing. We have someone up there already. Thank you very much.

>> PARTICIPANT: Hello. So this is Cherry from mission Hong Kong. We are organizing the WGF session, in correlation with the APrIGF. We have the topic of privacy protection view. And I was very glad to see that we have very intense discussion. We had a participant would is journalism student. He played the role of Google and he expressed that he had a very hard time because what Google's interest is, it's against what he as a journalism student hopes. And that's why I really appreciate the discussion. I really appreciate the general ideas.

So I would like you all to give a round of applause to our youth fellows, please.

(Applause).

So that -- so you really have the capability to share with us their voices. They really have something to voice out, but what we are -- we all serve here is that there is many youth speakers in different sessions and there's not any time for the youth to voice out. So we would like -- we would be glad to see if there can be more sessions for youth to voice, to share their opinion others.

And the second thing is that -- in the mission ambassadors, the submitted workshop for APrIGF, though our workshop was not admitted, I was really glad to go through the application session because I really -- we really did explore into the topic. We want to bring the topic on social media. It wasn't submitted and we were very glad to have them give us guidance and support.

I heard that there are not many youth submitting workshops. It's really hard if we don't -- if we know about how to submit a workshop, how to do the formatting and making the content and I think this could encourage youth to submit workshops and voice out their concerns.

Thank you.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much.

(Applause).

>> PARTICIPANT: So here's Natalie from Hong Kong. I have read the document that you uploaded. It's well organized and easy to understand. But I would like to raise that how the public notice information and how we can raise the awareness and if we don't have further promotion, introduction on that in our mat form, and even though you have let us know how no assess the platform, the documents, I would like to know the interactivity and its intimacy to reply to us. We feel like there's powerlessness if there's not direct
response and the youth won't be able to join and contribute to the IGF discussions easily.

Or else when UN or the people in power are having discussions, then the term "multistakeholders" is just an empty share. I want to raise, that Asia Pacific, I feel that it's not sufficient time to get our vote that Sherry had said because our workshops have usually overrun there. Is no time to open a discussion to the floor.

I strongly recommend that we should reserve plenty of time and for them to ask questions and give comments, such as our concerns can be noticed by different powerful stakeholders and that's the way that you really contribute and get involved.

Thank you.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Natalie. That's excellent.
Could you actually just transfer all of that to the platform so that we actually get exactly what it is that you said. And I was just wondering whether you had actually spoken -- a coworker had a word in your ear, but we do appreciate what you are saying. It's actually been raised several times about the way that workshops have actually been run, that the panels probably have just taken up more time, and not given you an opportunity to -- to share your views. And that's a point taken and we definitely have mentioned this in our MSG meeting today. Thank you.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Michael.

>> PARTICIPANT: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Michael Pippen. I represent Papua New Guinea, which is quite, compared to the Pacific, a big economy. But we have a little representation here. I think just me.

Anyway, it is my first time and I would like to thank Artie and Janis and I begged them to flag me over here. Anyway, my -- I'm just trying because everything to me -- I mean, I started going into the Internet space just last year, through one of our colleagues in academic, and I was so interested because early on I was into open and distance learning and much of these -- I mean, the principles of open and distance learning more or less borrow those principles in the Internet, and it more or less like -- I could really understand what it was, but anyway, I was just trying to get my head around a lot of these workshops because I have been really selective about the workshops that I attend.

There was a comment made yesterday by Mr. Asama, talking about the cultural rights into perspective. He was talking about -- one thing that popped up, he talked about education, which is -- he said, education is just for teaching and for curricula, while the practices changed. And around that, I'm just thinking -- you know, we have with the sustainable development goals, we are trying to increase
literacy and numeracy. What about trying to increase digital literacy in terms of, like -- it's more or less like a recommendation, could we at least try to create a curricula on digital literacy which we could, you know, put it in the mainstream of which region, the education system, probably studying from the high school upwards and then that's -- there's something, you know. I think it should find itself in the capacity building.

So, I mean, I would like to see -- I mean, I would love to have to build a digital literacy so we can just make it one of the subjects, you know, or -- which in the education curricula, so it's part of all -- all governments to actually roll it out. So that's my point. Thank you.

(Applause).

>> PARTICIPANT: Thank you. My name is Guy, and I'm from Hong Kong and I'm one of the organizers for this RGF. And I -- first of all, I really do appreciate that you have launched the Asia Pacific region international -- Internet Governance Forum. I believe this is major progress for youth and for everyone in the region to get involved in Internet Governance, but with all due respect, I have two points to make. The first one is, as long as you know, you set -- you have -- this is a region of Internet Governance Forum. You have decided on which locations or countries that you would like to hold this forum. I believe it do mean something apart from -- to let the local staff -- the local participants to get more involved in Internet Governance.

The other thing, in my imagination, should be you can -- you can -- you can put some element of the -- of the local community, that needs to be strengthened or to be -- or to be improved since Internet Governance, what you mean by governance is to govern people.

So I believe if we can apply some specific solutions or not quite specific, apart from just -- just a simple statement on what stands are you in or what positions are you in, I would like to see more of the specific actions you are going to take or suggested -- or any suggestion you would recommend for Bangkok or even for the regions for us to follow. I think it do mean something.

And apart from this, because we, the organizer of the own -- our own activity, the debate inside our own community or activities, it is quite intensive, and I believe those outcomes or reward or even questions they have raised, which hasn't been answered yet, it's still worth to put inside, into this document. Eventually this is a synthesis document, that should include all the questions or answers that need to be answered. This is my opinion.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

>> JENNIFER CHUNG: And we were just in the regional IGF session, and just to your point to how it contributed to local, no,
participation. So, for example, what we heard is that in Thailand, there will be a national IGF, and it really comes from the APrIGF.

So if we have -- one of the things for the youth IGF is also for you to be involved in your national IGF and for us to say to the national IGF organizers to blaze involve the youth in their event. So I think that's one very concrete thing we can suggest in terms of just making sure that there's much more participation. So next.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: And I just wanted to add to that one of the things about the IGF, we don't actually make recommendations for you. The whole point is that we want to get the recommendations to come from you, and into this document is one way.

So if we are -- you know, like, we want to hear your voices. We don't want you to actually expect us to sort of, like, tell you things. That's a top down thing. It's definitely bottom up, okay?

>> PARTICIPANT: Hey. Yeah. Hey, good afternoon. I'm Jali. I'm from the Philippines and I already commented about my concern about the location of the spacing of the legislation and the policies governing ICTs. I wonder why it only falls under the security issues, wherein I think it actually covers all the keys discussed. Yeah, so I think I already commented that.

But another comment -- I'm having a hard time. I want to comment -- I want to improve this document but I don't know how -- how my approach should be, wherein I'm not sure if this should reflect certain positions or this should be some form of modern statements of a document that is full of Moor statements.

Like, for example, in the part of the right to be forgotten, while on the first part it actually urges us to be -- to be cautious about try to be forgotten, but in the latter part, it is advocating not to pass any regulations on right to be forgotten. I myself recognize the importance of right to be forgotten. I can see the importance, during the forum, earlier, some people are against it and some people are supporting it, but clearly the right to be forgotten if you guys are reading it right now, it actually supports not -- it actually encourages us not to support right to be forgotten. So I'm not really sure if this document should be a reflection of our position.

The term really used earlier, was to make this improved -- to improve this document. I don't know how to make this improved. So do we have to make this a series of mother statements or do we have to state there that this should be our stand and this should not be our stand.

I don't know.

You can enlighten how to approach this document. The target and audience all?

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: Can I answer that first. It's not a mother
statement. This like is general.

>> PARTICIPANT: Not a mother statement.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: General statement. I think that's better because, I mean -- yeah, just that point. Otherwise, I will call it father statements. Okay?

But to respond to your point --

>> PARTICIPANT: I think I have to say sorry to mothers out there.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: This is okay. Just to respond to your point, so, yes, there will be differences of opinion, and, in fact in the last sentence of this document, that happened. But I think the point here is that number one, it's -- it's not about what our position is. It's about the reflection of what the difference -- the differences of analysis may be or opinions are.

So you could reflect, let's say, in the -- one of the things that happened is this discussion around right to be forgotten. And the salient points that happened, and it does not have to be one position that says, you know, the APrIGF said that they are supportive of the right to be forgotten or not supportive of it, but I hope that it will be a much more nuanced position and analysis and that's what we hope to achieve in that.

One the things that we could also do is to -- when there are, let's say, five or six people, contributing, then we try to -- we coordinate. We sort of engage that process among people who have actually provided comments to get a bit more synthesis around that.

So that will, I think, unfold. But, yeah.

>> PARTICIPANT: I really had a hard time because the framing of the -- the framing of the section on right to be forgotten is really biased. Do not really support the right to be forgotten. So I think, yeah, probably, I will edit it. I will suggest hater but just to be clarified about what does -- what this document is all about. Yeah. I think it's clear right now.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. We will be guided by other comments on that particular issue as well. We've got about 25 minutes left. So we really do need to get as many comments as we can. Thank you.

>> PARTICIPANT: I'm small. Valentin. I think at the opening yesterday, when we had a panel, where it was addressed the different issue that are part of the -- of this IGF, from agenda or discriminatory or marginalized community. I don't think that's reflected here.

If you look on the specific paragraph on gender, it's last one and it's just discussing human rights. I think we discussed women and other excluded rural communities to be the ones that can be the driven forces for the digital economy. So I think this should be respected, or in a preamble or in the nine parts, not to just be -- you know, consider be in the bottom and just the human rights, it can
more of a burden, than empower them, and be really entrenched into the strategy and the kind of inclusion and society we are looking for. Thank you.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

>> PARTICIPANT: Okay. So can you hear me? Can you hear the interpreters?

Okay. For people are saying about cybersecurity. Because I think that the public are not quite aware of the issue of cybersecurity, but actually, it's very close to our daily lives and now the Internet of Things are there and everybody uses the SmartPhones. So I think we need to do more awareness raising in that issue.

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: For both of you who do not have this I'm translate -- there's also the -- good. That's fine. Go ahead. Continue.

>> PARTICIPANT: And also besides that, the use of social media. If you want to actually monitor, it I think the control needs to also be considered. It should not be over controlled, and it needs to focus more awareness raising or education for children that needs to be with the parents and they also have to be careful of the content that they access online. The children also need to be warned and then also another topic is about cyberbullying which you need to teach both the children and also the parents as well.

Well, mainly, I think those are the two points, first it's to be careful of the cybersecurity, and secondly is the topic of children and social media. So if you want -- you cannot censor them. I don't think that is positive in the long term, but I think providing education, and we might conduct a public document of some sort.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much. And also, I think it's really great that we are getting some local language in here. Good!

>> PARTICIPANT: Hello. Hi, I'm Mika from engaged from the Philippines. Just to share that the purpose of the document is actually in the document. So if you can look at it, it's not really a binding document. It doesn't really -- it doesn't -- the document doesn't want to represent all the views of all the people here. And the process will not really stop here, right? So we
have -- there's -- there's -- I mean, there will be -- this is -- so the synthesis document -- I mean, even after the APrIGF, you can still comment on the APrIGF. I mean, the APrIGF synthesis document. As a matter of July 31st, we are organizing a feminist event here in Bangkok. You can actually sit there and one of -- one of the objectives is actually to talk about the recommendations of, you know -- of the -- I mean, the recommendations on gender, on the APrIGF synthesis document. So maybe just to ask the -- the lovely people in front to share the timeline so people also know that this is not -- this is not a process that will stop here.

>> PARTICIPANT: Good evening. This is cadence from Hong Kong. I appreciate that you included the part about access in the synthesis document. I would like to add that I see you have mentioned that the countries would sometimes like block the Internet access and cut off the network to assess the Internet but I think there are some new methods to censorship in terms of, like, sometimes a government deliberately creates some traffic jams for some minority people who express opinions that is unfavorable for the government. I think apart from cutting off -- cutting off the network access, maybe we could include some protection or assistance to the minority website who got their traffic jams and people couldn't access this website. So I think could you -- maybe this could be abolished in the synthesis document. I think any interruption to the network should be made according to strict national legislation, but I think that any access to the Internet, it's a basic human right for all of us to access the Internet.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Please put that comment into the platform.

>> PARTICIPANT: Good evening, I'm Gilbert. First, we want to thank the presence of our youth and we want to -- we hail their presence because we want to have an intergenerational approach, multistakeholder approach to Internet Governance. Secondly, the right to be forgotten. The paragraph on the right to be forgotten is very cautious. It's very academic. It balances the different issues. If I was a CSO advocate, I would be very strong for the right to be forgotten. Their when it comes to CSOs, there's some mere seeming dominance by CSOs. Actually, we are want to engage with the government. And why is it that they are not here? You want to have a dialogue with government. We want to understand their view and we want them also to understand our view. So I hope that the government can also -- the government agencies can also be present in the APrIGF.

Thank you.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

>> PARTICIPANT: And I'm from Pakistan. I have a little comment about the -- the platform of the synthesis document. This platform
is like relevant and yesterday we also discussed some improvements and something I just heard more interactive and so tough improvements in it, but I think as we have local -- every country has, like its own IGF and maybe we could also consider having this synthesis document like each IGF. Like each country has its own IGF page, so that -- because every country has different issues and maybe we cannot comment about specific countries issues in the generic sentences of the document. So there should be a separate per country document which the local IGF of that particular country should be more written and that would be helpful in like more specifically talking about the issues in a vertical of country.

Thank you.

>> JENNIFER CHUNG: Hi, this is Jennifer from the Secretariat. Just a very quick response on your intervention. This is precisely what we are hoping to get people to think about. And, in fact, since this document, even though we are going through a town hall session right now, we have been accepted at the global IGF for a session at the global IGF in Geneva, talking specifically about that, whether or not the synthesis document process is something valuable and can be taken to other national and regional initiatives and it can be valuable for them too. This is precisely what we think about as well. Thank you very much for that.

>> PARTICIPANT: Thank you.

>> PARTICIPANT: Hi, I'm Arti. (Cheers).

>> PARTICIPANT: I actually would like to have -- thanks. I would like to have this town hall meeting for actually every day of our IGF as well. I know tomorrow we don't have it, but if it's possible we should have it at the end of the day, every day.

The second thing I thought when we are talking about newcomers, many times we are like -- youth is very important and when we start, we follow with the word "but," right?

So in Thailand, there's a lot of problems of fraud, violations, actually the victims, a lot of times also actually -- like, all the peoples using them as well. So I think in the languages that you are talking really harmful or content, fraud, things like that. These newcomers to the Internet, right, which are not necessarily youth or should be, like, keep in mind. Have in mind as West Nile Virus, like all the users should be, I don't know, more protection because they have lesser experience than the Internet.

My last comment I added paragraph 11 and 12, concerning privacy, and security and the Internet, anyway, the comment is waiting for the moderation and I put a URL and maybe the system thinks it's a Spam.

So basically, it's about like any measures, technology measures, laws, policies, thinking about the future.
It should be futureproof. In my comment, it's talk about those -- like, the data masking or data encryption or measures that we used to afford. It may work but ten years from now, it may not work. It's faster and more sophisticator. But the owner of the personal data is still alive. That means the protection is no longer this. I think when we talk about a law or a policy, where it will work in the future and we would like to add that in that section as well.

Thanks.

>> PARTICIPANT: I heard some interesting things in this session, and one of them is that youth is important. I quite agree. I wish I had more of it.

(Laughter).

Some advantages in being an older guy. And one of them is that I was around when the world summit on the Information Society was held and when the world Internet Governance group got going and I remember some of the debates. And I would like to think that the regional Internet Governance Forum would somehow take the acquired knowledge and experience of all of the people who have gone before, and push that into the future.

Now, to some extent, you are doing that, you are doing that very well and merely organizing this session, this meeting this conference, so well is a sign that you are succeeding. But it also requires that all of the participants have a basic knowledge of the concepts and the terminology, and the arguments that have gone before.

And you need to study before you come to this conference. There are some things which you cannot understand, by coming to the conference and hearing about them. And one of those is obviously legal debates that go on in South America and so on. The right to be forgotten is one of them. This is an area that is very difficult and it takes a lot of study, nobody has answers. It's moving all the time.

We need preparation before we dive into those comments, those arguments, those debates. And it -- the preparation is necessary to take part in the conference in many of these -- to comment on many of these governance -- the Internet governance questions.

What I would like to suggest is maybe the Internet Governance Forum could recommend to the big IGF to prepare some training packs, the information packs, in many languages, not just the UN languages but the vernacular language of the regions which hold these meetings.

So if you could have training packs on the basic concepts, that are discussed at an IGF meeting in the region so that the people could come having studied these things and thought about them and discussed them in their own country, I realize that training packs
would take time and they would cost money to prepare, and then money to translate them. But could you not recommend this to the global IGF as a productive activity that would help us get a few steps forward instead of rediscussing the same ideas from a fairly low level?

Okay?

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Winston. One of the things we acknowledge what you just said and one of the things that we actually -- (Garbled audio) the programs underwent the IGF program which is offered by the Internet Society. So that cost before coming.

So that at least our fellows -- now -- and so we could extend that, perhaps to our youth or DYGF section as well. Now we have to close the queue as it is at the moment. So Shradeep you are the last one and we will be able to get you in before the end of the session.

Thank you.

>> PARTICIPANT: Okay. I'm Shirley from Hong Kong. I'm a high school student and also a representative of HKYGF, a local YGF holding in Hong Kong. I do agree with the previous speaker that we can translate this document into different kinds of languages, and I do think that based on the synthesis document, we could ask some more guidelines on capacity building especially for youth.

Because I do think that the roles of the youth, they are not only the leaders of society, but they will help to sustain the development of Internet Governance.

As one of the organizing committee of why YGF this year in Bangkok, I think having more youth included in the IGF discussion is better, but it's far not enough. I could see that most of the participants are from university, but we are likely participants from, like, maybe primary school or high school. So I would like to include more youth into our discussion.

I do think that IG becomes the topic of youth is one of the key steps. So I would like to introduce local YGF in the document or given more guidelines about YGF in the synthesis document.

It would be a great method to raise awareness in local district, because, like, for example, in Hong Kong, before holding HKYGF, our teens or our peers would know nothing about YGF and Internet governance issue. Afterwards, when we have holding -- we are going to hold a second HKYGF in Hong Kong, there are some people who know more about it and more eager to join in the discussion.

So I do think that we will -- I would hope that, for, like, having those -- maybe some region will not have local YIGF. I think they could include the YGF and include documents and guide lines to them and let them introduce YGF in the region and hold YGF like Hong Kong. We will try to expand our people to more regions and help other regions to do better.

Thank you.
MAUREEN HILYARD: Two minutes.

PARTICIPANT: Okay. My name is Shridabrama. Looking at the young energy out here, it's quite phenomenal how they are processing the information. And one thing I would like to highlight is, you know, there's a bigger economy. Like, it has loads of integration. So, you know, I think there needs some kind of intervention. Intervention in terms of can we -- you know, highlight, Internet penetration, Asia Pacific or even give the youth the leaflet containing the information so they would have an idea because ultimately, Asia Pacific lacks information details. So we need to integrate those information in them.

Right? These are the new leaders. We are the new leaders and we need to, you know, start this, that, you know, data and information are more important. And let -- let them -- let's do an effort to, you know, start this initiative that, you know, they have these information and they could analyze and see the larger picture of the Asia Pacific and how it's going about, which could impact in a more conclusive decision. And then they could talk about it.

Yeah thank you.

JENNIFER CHUNG: Hi, this is Jennifer from the Secretariat. So we had some comments on the need for more participation from other stakeholder groups. The good news is we do have this data. We do have this data when you -- you know when you register with us, we ask you to identify your stakeholder group but at this point, unless Arti, if he would like to let us know, we do have this breakdown so we can give this to you probably at the closing plenary.

I would like also to respond to some comments I heard from the youth that they think the format may be a little intimidating and may not be as inclusive a dialogue as you would like. I would like to point out that you improve the format. If you think we could improve the format is more inclusive or more equal, on an equal footing, please do feel free to reflect this in document and lastly, I would like to say, you coming up to the mic an expressing your comments please do the same on the document itself. I have been refreshing the page diligently. And a lot of people have been doing -- putting in comments as we are going through this town hall session.

So when we started, I think we are at 19, and now we are at almost 30. So at least there were ten comments within this, you know, brief hour. Please don't stop putting your comments in. If you have things that you heard this -- today, yesterday, that you wanted to dwell on a little bit more before you frame it into some text, please go ahead and do that.

If you have any questions on how to do -- how to comment, if you have any problems with commenting, please feel free to email the
Secretariat and we would be more than happy to let you know how to do that.

>> MAUREEN HILYARD: And also reminding you, this is the final town hall session because tomorrow is going to be the closing plenary, but it doesn't -- we will be leaving the platforms open. I mean, we are going to put that timeline on -- or the timeline is up.

So even though, you know, the conference will finish tomorrow, we will still be taking comments so that if something comes to mind, even after you have left, please put it on to the -- on to the platform. It's going to be really, really valuable for us. Okay?

So it's time to go. And so I hope you all have a really nice, relaxing time tonight and we'll see you tomorrow. Thank you.

(Applause).

>> CHAT GARCIA RAMILO: That's a really tired clap. We can do better than that.

(Applause).