

We're getting together bi-weekly now that we kind of got people segregated, different teams and doing the work. We're going to move that to monthly's, every four Mondays, that way we don't have overlapping of any of the working groups. I believe the next occurrence is January 30<sup>th</sup>. That'll be before or after that. So that's the whole group, not the ATO focus group meeting that we're in now. And then we marching towards with some of this work?

There's an in-person conference on 23 May in Washington, D.C., and it's on multi-cloud in general. But the hope from Michaela was that we would be able to present some of the initial information from this working group at that in-person event. It doesn't necessarily have to be a paper or anything specific.

For both the content and the presentation format I'm going to follow up with her unless Ned knows via email and see if we can get a little bit more clarification of what maybe her expectations are at these things. But that's really it, and I think that's probably the most important update, because if we were to put that as like a milestone on the schedule out on 23 May, that kind of gives us about four months to work together to get something worth presenting right to a community. So, I think that was all the admin updates. Brian, I think there was one more about the template, right? Yeah, I was a little bit confused about that. Maybe that can be clarified here. But the template she sent was one that she's used in the past. But she recommended we don't actually use it because it was overly cumbersome to guide the work. The template was really for an official document that was going to be published this year. That's what the template is used for. We just need something like a presentation for the May 23rd instead of a document. Just make a presentation of all the challenges that we have. I think there's two things. One is for the May 23rd presentation, but the other one is whatever document this is going to be that this working group is going to produce with our findings and such.

I think it was more for the latter that she was offering the template, not for the conference. So, I saw that she had sent the template. I haven't actually looked at it yet, but maybe what I can do is, I can put together a skeleton document, kind of an outline, just at a high level. How we want to have our research, how we want to organize what we're doing for presentation. And then assuming this group likes that, then we can also share that outline with the ZTA Group. And maybe, follow the same basic document structure, just so the two documents don't look completely different. But at a high level, covering our goals, explaining our approach in scenarios, and then maybe a brief explanation of how the work was conducted, followed finally by the actual findings of our research and recommendations. Within that, we can certainly have whatever structure we want in the research and recommendation section.

But at a high level, I'm thinking an outline like that so I can get that on the paper and then others can weigh in whether they think a different sequencing is better or certain sections should be included or excluded. So, we've just talked through some admin items. And I think we were about to then segue into the actual checking in with the task leads. So, any questions on any of the admin things that we've discussed, I guess it's more for Tyler, Abdul, and Larisa.

I guess I just have one question. So, then I think you've answered it with in the con ops. The proposed timeline is at the beginning of next year or whatever to have the inter-agency reports and everything ready basically is the timeline seen in the con ops still accurate? We were actually trying to have an initial document done this month. Clearly, we've missed work last quarter and we didn't do something,

or you published something very early this quarter, but we had a lot of things that took longer to form than we intended.

We took longer to agree on the scenario than we intended, and I think it was all important things, I think these were all good reasons. So, at some point, we probably need to revisit the overall con ops for expectations, or I don't know if Michaela has certain required commitments she has to hit. So that would probably be an ultimately a good question. But certainly, I think this May 23rd conference, I would like to see us have a concrete set of findings and recommendations even for our small subsection in advance of that. And yes, while we only need a presentation for the conference, it would be awesome if there were at least a draft report or a report out for public comment that the presentation can point to. That would be my goal, to at least get through this first scenario. The first section, the first sprint of this first scenario and produce the document and then be able to talk about those findings in the Cloud Working Group. And certainly, I will use the generic term. We, in my view, Abdul and the rest of you too are leading the task. So, you all would get first refusal on the presentation. Meaning if either of you wanted to do that presentation on May 23rd, I think it would be your decision first. If either of you do not want to, then we would figure out who else from the working group might be willing to do that. I am always willing to be a backup. I enjoy that kind of thing, but since you all are doing the work, I really think it's best to hear from the people who've been doing the research.

Yeah, and it would great, Brian, to be able to do a presentation. I guess we just have to get to that point, right? But if at least we have a sense for whether or not you're interested and whether or not you're able again, I realize that for Larisa, that's a significant travel to come to DC. I realize that even if you wanted to, there may be some practical logistics. No, I think if we get to a good point, I definitely would be interested in your presentation. Okay, well, that's good. And also, at least if we do, if you're interested for sure. Again, the rest of the invitations open to you. I think you just have to let us know if it's practical and if you want to.

Yeah, I just heard about this conference today, myself, but I am already making plans to be available and, you know, be present at the conference regardless, just because I'm interested as one of the co-chairs. But I'm right near DC, so it's easy for me.

Is there any public link or anything on the conference I can share? Nothing yet. OK. Michaela said they're still figuring out a few of the logistics before they put out anything formal. They need to make sure they have a verbal on the meeting space, but they don't have, like all the things signed yet, that kind of thing. Also, just for everyone's awareness and I don't want to go too far into it here, but that's planned that week because there's cloud security alliance events on Monday, this event on Tuesday. There's an upscale event on Thursday. And so in between on Wednesday, there's some possibility of two working session on the multi-cloud security, maybe in the morning and also in the afternoon so that Michaela is trying to line these things up so that people who do want to travel to DC can travel once and hit multiple things also. So, there's events Monday to Thursday if you're out of the area and want to come in and cover more than one thing with your trip. And also, we won't be holding any conferences on NIST grounds probably for about a year because there's major construction going on in the building where the conferences are held. So, conferences will either being virtual, or it'll be in somebody else's facility. I think there was talk of Department of Commerce in D.C. for this one. NIST is part of the Department of Commerce, which I imagine is part of why that's an option.

So, Larisa and Abdul, if I recall correctly, I think you were leading the charge on trying to enumerate all of the places where the cloud, the cloud connectivity may come into play in a multi-cloud scenario. And I know you've done some work on that between our second to last and last working group session before the holidays, but I've kind of lost the bead on where that stands at this point. Can you first let us know if that's correct, then let us know where things stand?

In our last meeting we basically went on the various implementation strategies that we came up for that use case, one that we have enumerated various implementation strategies and facts that might come into play for that use case. The takeaway was that there was some feedback. And I guess Brian also asked for Austin, also asked for whether we can put some descriptions. And so unfortunately, like I wasn't able to as I wasn't able to connect over the Christmas break. So, where we stand is basically what we last presented. I think we'll have to start with action items that we had on our plate, and we work independently but couldn't connect. Two or three exchanged views in a centralized information. So, we work separately, but then managed to discuss in order to put things together. So that would be the status. Is any of the information that you have put together is that out in the Google Drive right now? No, I didn't upload that because I went to check with board first. What we last uploaded Brian were those implementation details and diagrams that we worked on. Those were uploaded to Google, but I think there was feedback on whether we can put some descriptions for each one of those implementation details that we had for that use case.

I guess, you know what the next steps look like. I think I heard some pieces of next steps, but it sounds like work has partially died. I don't know what percentage would you say is done on enumerating the different connection types. I know it looks like let me just share my screen one moment. Let's see if this is going. For instance, I think the descriptions for the use cases that we discussed previously. For the ones that are uploaded in the Google Drive I included some links with some examples. Yes, Brian, to answer your question, perhaps like 60 to 70 percent, I think we are already there, we already have the diagrams. And then we'll be combining this with a description and then we can share that with the team. To see if there are any other use cases that we didn't notice or two or three has the description is all right. And that's good, too. I like that you're clarifying what kind of feedback is going to be helpful.

I guess what kind of timing can we look at? You know, I want to be respectful. I appreciate that you all are leading this. I want to be respectful, and I'm used to consultant mode where the I have people working for me and I'm usually pushing for deadlines. So here I'm really just asking, what's comfortable for you all to finish for sharing with the group, I should say, or feedback? But I'd say for the before the next meeting, like perhaps we can aim by not this Friday, but next Friday. I maybe try to encourage Thursday, at least Thursday instead of Friday. So at least there's a business day for people to review before the Monday working group. What we as the chairs can do is to set that expectation with the focus group so that people know that they can. You know, we hope to have the draft list published by that Thursday with the hope of getting feedback from the focus group as part of that next Monday focus group conversation. And then hopefully anybody who's interested will at least know that they should try to allow a little time for Friday to do that review. I'd like them to not see it for the first time Friday or to not come into Monday's meeting without having had time to look at it. And as much as I know some people love working over the weekend, I don't ever expect it, that gives us two business days really to actually have people look and comment. That way, we can have a focused discussion in two weeks. Now we mentioned Friday, which Friday we talking about or which Thursday, are we talking about? The next focus group meeting is in two weeks. I think we're two months from now. I think we're talking about the

Thursday before that, whatever date that is the nineteenth. The idea of having it in people's hands by close of business on the 19th with the hope that they will review it Friday or Monday morning coming into the Monday afternoon focus group will encourage them to put comments in the document ahead of the focus group meeting. But, you know, certainly will plan to discuss it in the focus group meeting and I think is a ground rule that we'll ask for comments and not for edits.

I think that if you all are the authors of this draft, then are you comfortable? You know, I guess I should ask how you prefer to work? I know if I'm in your shoes, I'd rather have comments that I'd make the edits, but you may want people to leave that out. I don't know. So, any thoughts on that either way? Yeah, I think it would be great to open this for comments. And then I can basically make edits because that can be a bit more organized. If we have even just a basic template and everybody submitted comments that way, then we also have a record of what everybody's saying and what was made and everything. And it just it leaves a nice paper trail. Look at what all changes were done, if you are off track, if track changes are wrong. Was the comment accepted, was it not accepted, and what did the contribution look like? We can also share the document but then all of this is tracked as part of comments. So, draft publication on Thursday comments solicited. Plan to discuss in Monday's focus group meeting and clarify that we're looking for comments, any feedback should be in the form of comments within the document.

Any other business we need to cover right now? Is there anything on the work you've already done that you want us to look at or that have any questions on anything you wanted to bring up today?

One question that I have is that we just have one use case at this point in time, like the chance to be working on additional use cases as well. And what does that look like in terms of timing? I think again, we've got the one, the one scenario, and this is only piece of that scenario right now. I suppose we can start to tee up what the next piece of the scenario should be. Again, my preference is to get the group to agree on that piece, at least be able to live with that decision and not have any strong dissenting opinions.

We're doing co-chair meetings. I think every two weeks right now. And reminder, while you may have gotten the email update, maybe not, but the big group meetings, we're going to hold them on a monthly basis. Austin covered that at the beginning. For the next co-chair meeting, what will the next sub topic on the scenario? I think if we get enough participation, we could start working things in parallel, maybe between two different groups, right? As we keep breaking down the use case further and further.