
TERRI AGNEW: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the ALAC Leadership Team ALT monthly call on Wednesday, 30 April 2014 at 19:00 UTC.

On the call today, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Julie Hammer, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Alan Greenberg, Maureen Hilyard, and Dev Anand Teelucksingh. From apologies, we have Evan Leibovitch and Holly Raiche. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Ariel Liang, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Terri Agnew.

I'd like to remind all participants to please state your name before speaking for transcription purposes. Thank you very much, and back over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Terri. Just checking if we have missed anyone. Have we not mentioned someone's name? No, I don't hear any sound to that effect, so that's great. Let's go on immediately with the review of our action items from our last ALAC call on 29 April. And of course, we'll be reviewing the action items from our last At-Large Leadership Team call.

So 29 April, that was yesterday, and we have a number of action items that need to be reviewed right now. There are a number of open action items, and I don't note any newly-assigned action items on that page. I'm not quite sure whether that is an error or how that was done. I certainly imagine that we did have some new action items.

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TIJANI BEN JEMAA: We did.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: But let's go to the ones which are the open action items and then see, with staff, if we have any newly-acquired action items to add to this.

Matt to work with Dev and Olivier on the development of an overall workspace for the connection of At-Large action items. We might need to change this, now, over to Ariel Liang to work with Dev and Olivier on this, since Matt has now moved on and is working for another part of ICANN.

Heidi is to check with ICANN Legal and Constituency Travel on gathering passport information for the ATLAS II travelers to send to the relevant UK ministry. Heidi, has there been update on this?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I'm sorry, could you repeat that?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm going through the action items. Heidi is to check with ICANN Legal and Constituency Travel on gathering passport information for the ATLAS II travelers to send to the relevant UK ministry. Over to you, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Well, okay. So, yes. So we know that the letters for the invitation letter have been translated. We know they've been posted. We also know that Joseph already went through all of those participants who are getting – need visas. He contacted them several weeks ago to get that process going. Regarding the foreign office, I'd need to follow up with that, but that's been done.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you.

Next, staff is to liaise with members of the ALT on filling the ALAC Work Part II 90 minutes. I believe that's pretty much done. That was supposed to be done for Singapore. You can mark that as being done. Oops, where am I? Sorry, my screen has just jumped. Let's go back to it.

Now, next we have Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Evan Leibovitch to liaise with Rudi Vansnick in regard to the Implementation of...

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Tijani.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: ...Consumer Metrics and follow up further details.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Tijani, you have your hand up. Go ahead, Tijani. You have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier? Yes, I'm sorry, I would like to speak about the previous point, the previous action item. We spoke a long time before about doing something with the foreign office, with the UK administration, to facilitate the visa obtention or the visa delivery to the ATLAS II participants.

And what we have now, what is [still needed] are only letters, normal letters from ICANN and from the host, I think. I don't know what is London something, but I think is the host of the summit [language host].

I am not sure it was requested and for the normal cases, I think that it would be sufficient, even if the visa takes a very long time to be given. And even if it is very expensive, it usually takes 400 [inaudible], that is 200 euros. But this is another point.

But we need people who will have problems to get the visa to have [support from] the UK administration. This is what is needed, and I hope we can do that because we don't want to see anyone from ALSes miss the summit because of the visa issue. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Tijani. And, Heidi, if you could please come back to us in the next couple of days if it's possible to find out what is going on on this level. What I might do is to e-mail the UK GAC representative and find out from them if there are any special arrangements.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: If I may, Olivier, I remember very well that Steve Crocker, the Chair of the Board, committed to do something on this matter. And also, I remember very well Fadi Chehadé said that it is his commitment to make it happen. So perhaps we have to remind them of that because I don't see that there is a real official action from ICANN toward the foreign office.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you, Fadi. Thank you, Tijani. I've taken note, and we'll follow up with all three.

Let's go on with the next one, then. So the consumer metrics. So Cheryl Langdon-Orr and Evan Leibovitch to liaise with Rudi Vansnick in regard to the Implementation of Consumer Metrics and follow up further details.

There has been no follow-up on this so far. Well, I know that there has been work, of course, on the Consumer Metrics Working Group. And it looks as though things are moving in the right direction. Both Cheryl, Evan, and Rudi are on that working group. I think that we can mark this as being done because they have been liaising. The three of them have been speaking together.

Next, staff to monitor the use of additional languages over the course of a few months as ALAC, APRALO, and LACRALO calls will be offered additional language interpretation by the Language Services. Have we had any results on this so far?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Gisella, can you give an update? Otherwise, I'm happy to do so. Gisella, you're on mute, if you're speaking.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry. Sorry.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Just press unmute.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: I had sent an e-mail to – sorry, can you hear me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes.

GISELLA GRUBER: I just sent an e-mail to Christina Rodriguez to find out when we would be getting the additional languages and which languages we would have

first. And unfortunately, I haven't heard back yet so I'll send a third e-mail to her, trying to get an answer on that and keep you posted.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Then, this remains open. Let's continue.

Staff to forward the final NETmundial travelers' data (to be posted on the CCWG wiki) to ALT members who will also be traveling to Brazil by e-mail so as to preserve confidentiality. That's been done.

Alan Greenberg is to draft a statement of support on the ICANN Cross Community Working Group and Internet Governance's submission to NETmundial. That's been done, as well. We'll be speaking about this in a moment.

ALAC to create – and I'm passing over the action items which are not open anymore, of course. ALAC is to create an At-Large Ad-Hoc Taskforce or Working Group at the upcoming ALAC call to organize the selection of two ALAC reps to the Transition of NTIA's Stewardship of the IANA Functions.

And there's all of this. In fact, current PC on NTIA closing on 7 May. Creation of the steering group on NTIA. This needs a selection process of two people from At-Large. The suggestion is to have a selection committee created like the one that selected a shortlist of people for ATRT-2. And the involvement of the ALAC in SO/AC Cross Community Working Group on IANA, which is likely to be created by the GNSO and ccNSO, inviting all our SOs and ACs to become part of the CCWG.

That, I believe, is in the process. It's half-done, isn't it? Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, we're working on that right now. In fact, I think that Ariel has created some workspaces. So, yeah, that all should be – what was done on – what was asked for on the ALAC call yesterday, we are in progress on that today.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you very much. So if you all refresh your page of 29 April action items, you will find out that magically, new action items have now appeared, and so we can go through these.

The first one is for Nathalie Peregrine to follow up with Murray McKercher about the dotMOBI Liaison Report. I know that Nathalie is not on the call, so I'm not sure. I don't think anyone else. I certainly haven't heard from Murray about the dotMOBI Liaison Report, so we'll wait on this. And that's the "Liasion." It should be written differently.

Anyway, the At-Large Ad-Hoc Taskforce for the selection of two ALAC representatives for the ICANN-led IANA Stewardship Transition Steering Committee to be created within two from 29 April 2014.

Staff wish to send a call for this membership of this taskforce, set up its wiki workspace, create a mailing list. That's essentially the same part of action item as what we've seen previously. That's going on at the moment.

The new ad-hoc working group on the transition of the U.S. government stewardship on the IANA function is to be created. Staff has to send a

call for membership for this working group, set up its wiki space, and create a mailing list. And that's also ongoing.

And then the New gTLD Working Group is to analyze the input on PABs and suggest a next step by contacting At-Large staff. The comment closes on 7 May, so it's another week – exactly another week, to the day – when this will be closed.

And I will suggest, perhaps, that Gisella would start work with the New gTLD Working Group, perhaps to suggest that there will be a call of the New gTLD Working Group shortly after the 7th, for them to start work and get back in order.

And I'm not sure whether an e-mail has been sent to the New gTLD Working Group letting them know that this piece of work is coming shortly in their direction. So that could be a good thing to do. Heidi, you have raised your hand. You have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. Just really quickly. Currently, there is a call for new members of that group, the New gTLD Working Group, as well as a reconfirmation of current members. That ends on the 2nd, on Friday. So perhaps once that's done, we can then send the note out immediately after that, so we can add all the new members.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

That would be fantastic.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yep, that would be great, Heidi. Thank you. That'd be super.

Next, the formation of an Ad-Hoc At-Large Curation Working Group is to be placed under the "Items for Decision" on the next ALAC call; that's the May ALAC call. That's in progress.

The RALO leaders are to follow up on the ALSes to be decertified listed on the page that is given there.

I've already received – this is just a quick update – I've already received a response both from LACRALO leadership and from EURALO leadership that the ALSes that are listed are, indeed, the ones that they have flagged and there are no further At-Large Structures to be delisted or decertified in their region.

And at the moment, the RALO leaders are – both leaders from LACRALO and from EURALO – are following up on and providing details of the reason why there should be a delisting, a decertification of those ALSes.

Staff is to add the item of the ALS decertification to the May 2014 ALAC meeting and set up votes before the ATLAS II in June to officially decertify the ALSes concerned.

And I wanted to touch on this very quickly, this action item, and mainly just get the temperature here from those present. Do you think that we should have a vote? I mean, of course, each ALS decertification is going

to be happening by itself. Should we batch them all in one go, or should we just start the votes as things go along?

I note that there are already a couple of At-Large Structures, now, which have the proof of them needing to be decertified, so we could actually start the process before even having any discussion about them – well, discussion on a call about them – by launching the discussion on the ALAC list and, in a week’s time, starting a vote since the cases are pretty clear-cut. Or should we wait until we have a sizable number of ALSes that we can all decertify in one swipe? Any preference? Tijani Ben Jemaa?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you, Olivier. I don’t think we have to wait. I don’t know why we have to wait. I think we have to proceed as soon as we have ALSes that are confirmed to be decertified. We have to go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay. Thank you, Tijani. Maureen Hilyard?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Olivier. I was just going to mention that as we have a certification process that involves the RALO and the recommendation to ALAC about certification – because it’s actually somewhat quite a big call to be decertifying them – that perhaps the same recommendation coming from the RALO that they, an ALS being decertified, therefore, before the vote should also take place. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much, Maureen. The whole process is described on that wiki page. And indeed, it's got all the details, including the proof and the request from the RALOs. If these ALSes are listed on that page, it's because the RALOs have given their details on that page. So it's a request from the RALO to delist them. Shall I say "decertify" them, sorry. Dev Anand Teelucksingh?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thanks. I guess I support Tijani. I mean, the thing is that what's important is that the information is placed on the wiki by the RALOs, showing the evidence that there's no website, evidence of e-mails, or all of that stuff. Similar to what was done to the two previous ALSes that were decertified – I can't remember when, now, but it was sometime about five, six months ago – once you have all the information on the wiki page, so that ALAC can make its decision easily.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Dev. Yes, that was the call that was made yesterday, during the ALAC call. And that was the e-mail which I sent to the Secretariat after the ALAC call, I think, yesterday. And so we should be able to have that information very soon.

The process has already been, as you very correctly mentioned, has already been tested about six to eight months ago. And we have the details of the type of motion that needs to be drafted.

In two of the three ALSes that have been decertified so far, the reason being that the first ALS that was decertified was quite a while ago and so, we did not have the same Rules of Procedure. And now we do, so now we have a process by which we engage in this. Maureen Hilyard?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Olivier. No, I agree that all the information is there, and it has been recommended by the RALO. I think you were asking before that we did it in a batch or whether we did it with them individually.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah.

MAUREEN HILYARD: My initial reaction was that we might decertify them individually, just as we certified them individually. So therefore, the information has actually been put in place and everyone has been notified that all those procedures have actually been taking place. Then, a batch thing, I would go with that, as well. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thank you very much for that. And I note, for example, that the National Consumers' League for LACRALO decertification work space has the details of the request from the ALS itself to be decertified. So I think we can start work in having a proposal, a motion via cut-and-paste from the previous motions for the Internet Users Network –

Tokyo, for example. And then have a seconder and proceed forward with the vote.

But of course, before we do that, we will have to open the discussion on the ALAC list for any points for or against. This one is a very clear-cut scenario. It's the ALS itself that has to be decertified. Others, we might have other concerns.

Let's move on. But it's first to keep you informed that this is proceeding forward, now, quite swiftly. And I'm glad to see that we are able clean up our listings before the At-Large Summit.

Now, the next one is for staff to add the item of the ALS decertification to the May 2014 meeting. That's done.

Sorry, the last one. Nathalie Peregrine to post the New Online ALS Application info on a wiki space viewable to the public – and I think there was one thing missing in there – and for her to publicize this on the list so that we can all have a look at it and provide feedback to her. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes, Olivier, thank you. Just before she publicizes it on the list, I would like to just go to Legal. There was a question raised yesterday on the ALAC call about whether any kind of change for ALS certification needs to have bylaw changes. So I just want to clear that first. So if I could have a day or so, that would be good. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Heidi. That's a very good point that you raised. And of course, we can't just assume things. We have to make sure that this is checked.

Let's go to the next list of action items, and that's the action items from the last ALT call, 17 April 2014. Here, again, we have a number of open action items but they are being closed as we speak. The first one is the – well, they're mostly the same as what we had before.

So Matt to work with Dev and Olivier on the development of an overall work space.

Heidi to check with ICANN Legal and Constituency Travel on gathering passport information.

Staff to liaise with members of the ALT on filling the ALAC Work Part II. This one is done.

Cheryl, Evan to liaise with Rudi in regards to the Consumer Metrics.

Staff to monitor the use of additional languages over the course of the next few months. We've had updates for these, so let's pass them.

Newly assigned action items, the majority of them have been completed. I note here that staff is to forward the final NETmundial travelers' data. That's done. And Alan Greenberg to draft a statement on the ICANN Cross Community Working Group and Internet Governance's submission to NETmundial. That is done, as well.

Could I ask staff or anyone who was assigned an action item if they wanted to talk about the completion of their action items there?

Because I note that there are quite a few. And sometimes, the action item requires some feedback as to how that action item happened. Heidi, is there anything that staff would like to raise?

HEIDI ULLRICH: For the newly assigned ones that have been now completed? I'm not sure which ones. The open ones?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I'm just looking at it as a whole thing. Newly-assigned action items from 17 April 2014.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: They're all done. Is there anything you need to report back to us on any of those action items that are done? Or should just say, "Aye-aye, sir, all done, thank you."

HEIDI ULLRICH: I would think that would be, "Aye-aye, sir, all done." And thank you, Ariel. Most of them are over to her, so basically hats off to Ariel for being so efficient.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Fantastic. Thank you very much.

HEIDI ULLRICH: And I guess those needs to be moved up to recently-closed action items, now, Ariel. That's the only thing.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Everything's smooth. Fantastic. Thank you.

Alright, let's get going. Agenda item #3, Items for Discussion. And we're looking at the Policy Advice. There has been some movement since we've last spoken. And the movement has been such that if we look at the statements for endorsement currently being developed, the Policy Development Process (PDP) on Privacy & Proxy Services Accreditation Issues, the vote should be finishing today or tomorrow?

ARIEL LIANG: It will finish tomorrow at 23:59 UTC.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Alright, thanks. So, now, the next one is important: the ICANN Draft Five-Year Strategic Plan (FY16 – FY20). Dev, you were not on the call yesterday, I think, when we touched on this. Is there any progress? Have you started looking at it with Raf Fatani?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I probably have not given it as much of a detailed look as I should have. So this is going to be on my urgent to-do list and to get something done by the weekend, to really look at it. I mean, I've been looking through

the plan itself, the strategic, but nothing is jumping out at me as being something's wrong with it.

So I'm going to work hard on it and I'll involved Raf on it, as well. I'll cc him some links to some of the past comments on strategic plans and so forth and see if we can get something done. So, my apologies.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, fantastic. Thank you very much. Thank you, Dev. Now, looking at the list, the next one is the Draft Proposal of the Principles and Mechanisms and the Process to Develop a Proposal to Transition NTIA's Stewardship of the IANA Functions.

As you know, there was a first set of – a first statement that we made just to support the movement. That was one thing. But now there was a bit more required since there was an extended proposal that was made on the actual makeup of the groups, the steering group, etc.

There has been some feedback that took place yesterday. And if I recall correctly, was it Alan Greenberg that said that he was going to touch on this and have a little added bit? I cannot remember who was supposed to hold the pen on this. Does anyone remember? Do you know?

ARIEL LIANG: Olivier, which one you are – the strategy panels you are talking about?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Draft proposal based on initial community feedback –

ARIEL LIANG: Oh, oh, yes. Okay. Got it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: - of the principles and mechanism and the process to develop a proposal to transition ICANN stewardship of the IANA function. And I said it in one breath!

ARIEL LIANG: Yes, and you want the penholder, but you don't know yet.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Still unknown, thank you. That's really great. Okay. We really need to do something on that. That's something I think I can work on myself to try to see what we can do about this. There are concerns about the top-down nature of this, but at the same time, I think there's a – since we've already started our process for selecting people for this, as far as the process is concerned, it might well be that there is going to be support for that in our community.

Let's move on to the next one: the Interim Report Internationalized Registration Data Expert Working Group. The ALAC is commenting on a statement that was drafted, a first statement by Raf Fatani. So it's pretty well-written. I invite you all to have a good look at it.

It's a very short time that we have to provide our input. The call for comment closes on 5 May, so that's just week from now and we will be

submitting the statement late. And this, of course, this statement has already been reviewed by some members of the IDN Working Group. And Raf, I'm glad to announce, has also joined the IDN Working Group based on this, as well. So we suddenly have someone to take over from our great friend who's going to be going for the Board.

And let's move on: ICANN Strategy Panels. Holly Raiche is currently drafting a statement for each one of the Strategy Panels. I invite you all to have a look at them. Quite important, the discussion with [inaudible] was quite good.

Alan has actually sent a note to mention that there is an interesting set of proposals or comments sent in by the GNSO with regards to the – I think it is the Multi-stakeholder Innovation Panel, where there was some mention of crowdsourcing and mention of a whole lot of things, which didn't quite please the GNSO at all, actually. And it'd be interesting to actually read this.

I note that in Holly's text, she mentions our concern is that some of the suggestions such crowdsourcing for obtaining broad-based input may be seen as alternatives to existing methods of reaching consensus on issues. Suddenly, the GNSO on this is scathing in its criticism of the suggestion of crowdsourcing.

So what I suggest is we review this and perhaps beef up a little bit a couple of the points that we make in there. We have just a couple more days. Ariel, have we had any answer from Alice Jansen as to how much time we have to reply?

ARIEL LIANG: Yes. Alice said the hard stop is today. So I sent her a e-mail again and telling her we haven't received much input through the mailing list, and she hasn't got back to me yet from the follow-up e-mail. That's the response so far.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. So the hard stop is today. Because the official comments closing date was today, indeed, but what we did ask is if we could have a few more days. So let's hope that we are able to have a few more days as to observe our process of review.

That makes this topically important. Since you are the ALT, could you please have a quick look at that and voice your concerns or your input or even say that you agree with it. And then we can proceed forward.

Next, the IDN Variant TLDs – Label Generating Rule Procedure Implementation – Maximal Starting Repertoire Version 1. The ALAC is voting on the statement, and I think that vote closes tomorrow, as well, or shortly.

And then the ICANN Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance's Submission to NETmundial. Alan Greenberg has submitted a statement, and I thought we might wish to have a quick look at it, because it is very short and it's as follows:

“The ALAC would like to go on record as supporting the process that the CCWG followed in drafting this statement and supports the CCWG statement submitted to NETmundial.”

That's how short it is. In addition to this, Leon Sanchez is suggesting that the ALAC might be interested in producing another statement with points from the ALAC about the NETmundial overall outcome document. And I don't know if there any taste for this in group. So I open the floor if you think this is a good idea.⁵

Heidi mentions that the URL is longer than the statement. I was going to say the title is probably longer than the statement itself. Tijani Ben Jemaa, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay, thank you, Olivier. I find the idea not bad, but I think that there was a lot of reaction, a lot of comments on the outcome from a lot of people from our community. And to whom will we send this statement? It will be useful for what? This is my question. But it is always good to have the point of view from the At-Large about the outcome of the NETmundial. But what will be the use of this statement? This is my question.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Tijani, for this. I wonder, actually, if there is a process at NETmundial that will now be a follow-up and to collect the feedback from the different parties that took part in the discussions. That, of course, is just pure speculation.

Let's keep this off to the side for the time being. But certainly, your point is very valid indeed. Drafting statements is one thing but to whom

do we send them – at least on this topic – and sending such a statement to the Board is not going to be of help or of any use to anyone.

Has there been – now, Dev asks in the chat. Oh, Dev, you have put your hand up. Go ahead, Dev.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. It was just to ask the same question. Were there any comments by any of the other AC/SOs in the Cross Community Working Group regarding the statement? Have there been any statements on those from them? That’s what I wanted to find out. Because then, if there were, then maybe then to consider a statement as also. But it’s the same – but I will then agree with Tijani as to the usefulness of sending a comment to the Board, so that was my question.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Dev. So the statement itself that Alan drafted, the short statement that Alan drafted was meant to go over to the public comment period system. And I’m just looking at it, as we speak, at the moment, and there is absolutely nothing on there. So no one has commented on it, just to give you an idea.

The suggestion that the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance would be submitting this as a public – opening up a public comment period was made by some Board members who said, “Well, if you’d like to see more input into your process, then why don’t you just have a public comment process and find out if you get any more

information and more input from people?” And it looks as if there’s been nothing on there.

So it is true that the ALAC would be the only one of the SOs and ACs to send a message of support for the Cross Community Working Group, perhaps because everyone else’s head was elsewhere. I don’t know whether there will be any reply period. In general, if there’s no statement in the initial comment period, the reply period is dropped.

Now, with regards to the second statement, the one that Leon has suggested, that would, of course, not go to the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance because it is not part of the public comment process. And so there is indeed a question as to where we would send that. And the working group itself is not currently abilitated to be a link to the NETmundial in any way because it hasn’t got the mandate to do so at the moment. So nothing’s submitted so far.

Let’s move on. We’re wasting a bit of time on something that I guess is only peripheral to our work at the moment and to the issues that are at stake. I’ll take it from your silence that we’ll just proceed forward with Alan’s statement and with minimal amount of time taken on this.

Next, the Draft Implementation Plan for the WHOIS Online Accuracy and Reporting System. And the ALAC has submitted a statement and is voting on it at the moment.

Now, I think that we have gone through the whole list of items for policy development. Are there any comments or questions regarding any of these?

Seeing no one put their hand up – this is rather swift today – we’re going to have a look in the review of the ALAC Meeting on 29 April. There are two links, one to the agenda and one to the motions. And with regards to the adopted motions, there were none, so I just invite you to have a look at the agenda itself and open the floor for comments regarding any of the items on the agenda.

So that’s the consensus call on the creation of the taskforces, for the IANA stewardship, the public comment on the Policy Advisory Boards, the review of the NETmundial activities, the social media strategy, the ATLAS II update, the ALS decertification, and the new online ALS application process. And of course, any of the reports that we had earlier on. Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: So just regarding the various working groups for looking at the NTIA stewardship of the IANA functions. I think there was three, possibly four, when I jumped back into the call. So just to say any calls that go out, you have to really be clear as to what each of these groups are doing. Otherwise, I think you’ll have the At-Large and [inaudible] quite confused as to what each group is doing. So that’s all.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Dev. Are we all clear about this? Because I did realize I might have made a dog’s breakfast of the explanation yesterday. And so, if you do need some clarification, now is the time to ask. And I think that we’re all clear on it. Okay, that’s fine.

Any other thoughts at the moment? I don't see anyone.

Okay, so the couple of things that I wanted to touch on. First, with regards to the consensus calls, I think we're moving quite well on this. With regards to the NETmundial activities, there has been a follow-up today on the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance. No one has had any further input or feedback so far from NETmundial.

We will have in At-Large on the topic of NETmundial – in two weeks' time – we will have Nigel Hickson, who will be able to provide us and provide our At-Large Structures with some feedback as to what happened, what the topic issues were, etc., etc. And it's something which I think is important for many of our At-Large Structures, because they're quite active in Internet governance. So in this respect, we will probably see some increased participation from our At-Large Structures.

Now next, as far as the social media strategy is concerned, Dev, I must say, there was an overall, I wouldn't call it standing ovation since it's all virtual, but we all were very impressed by the work that you did with Ariel. So well done, both of you, for this. And so far, I note there's been some good feedback on it, it appears. So I'm really hoping that this can push forward. Dev, you followed the process closely. Has there been any pushback on this so far, or has it all been quite smooth sailing?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: There's only been one comment from the Capacity Building Working Group just raising some queries as to whatever we can do – we can actually be able to do the proposed volume of our tweets or posts during a live event – you know, the two or three posts. And I've set up

with Ariel and so forth. So we will respond to that comment. But the other comments have been, “Thanks. We’ll look at it. I don’t think there’s been anything negative about it as such. So that’s it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, that’s fantastic. Thank you very much. That went very well and the format of it was very good as well, so I must say thanks very much to that. And I look forward to see some progress on this, very much so.

Looking further down on the list of the things that we touched on, the ATLAS II update, we had to rush through this a little bit. And I’d like to get a bit of feedback from staff, because they also have a good view. But I think that this is going according to plan quite well, at the moment. It’s improving. There certainly is an increased amount of activity and more people that are getting involved with things.

And perhaps first I should ask Tijani, since you are one of the main drivers of this with regards to the events agenda and so on, you did mention yesterday you had some concerns and maybe we could discuss these right now.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you, Olivier. One of the main concern is about the room for the Fayre of Opportunity. If we will have it in the ALAC room with the set in U-shape, it will be – I don’t know, I would like to be positive – but it will not be really a successful event because people cannot separate, because it would make the area very tight. And because perhaps people

when they come see that it is not convenient to network because of this obstacles, perhaps people will not stay with us and they will go.

So this is something that we have to sort out. I know that Heidi committed to see with Nancy if it is possible to remove the tables just during this event. I remind that, from the beginning, that I do prefer that we make it perhaps outside the venue. Better area, better space to make everyone able to separate and to make it more convenient for everyone. Perhaps it will be better, because inside the venue we will have, perhaps, more people coming. But we perhaps we not have them stay with us if we set the room in this manner. These were my biggest concerns.

There is another concern regarding the formation of the thematic. I do realize that we are really late in this task. Because we decided that we will not ask people to choose their group before giving them a short statement or short paragraph about the theme of the group. And we decided that the Subject Matter Experts will write those paragraphs. Wolf said that he circulated this information for those people, and perhaps we have some of them who wrote it but the other didn't.

We need them as soon as possible because we need to know, we need to form the groups and we will form them according to the capacity of the rooms. Because we don't have equal rooms for each group and will be obliged, perhaps, to ask people to change their choice because this group is really overloaded and the room will not be able to accommodate this number. This is the problem.

So we have two big rooms and three small rooms. We have to accommodate the formation of the groups according to this constant. And with this constant, it is more urgent to have the group [call] now. We need to prepare the work of the thematic groups by teleconferences, by deciding on whether by choosing definitely or electing the Chair and the rapporteur. Decide that we will try to drive this operation, we try to make people volunteer for those functions. We'll try to ask some people to volunteer for these functions. So that will be the moderator or the rapporteur.

But we need to do that before the summit, because one will be in the summit to go directly to the work. We have only four sessions. Four sessions. Four session for each group. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Tijani. So there are two points that you've made. First regarding the ALAC room and then regarding the thematic session. Let's go over to Heidi regarding the ALAC room. Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, thank you, Olivier. You're reading my mind what my point is going to be. So, I was in touch with Nancy over the last few days. So the latest is that the U-shaped table cannot be removed. What can happen is that the chairs on the outside of the U can be removed, and that will open up quite a bit of space. [Because as she] mentioned in Singapore, because of all the wires and the speakers, etc., all the technical

equipment within the U, that can't be touched. And no one can go behind that, into that U.

The latest that I've asked her is can maybe one or two tables or a few more within that U be pushed inward so that the people who are maybe hosting the RALO tables stand in that space as a way to promote and to bring people up to their RALO tables. And I have not had a response back from that. That's the latest on the Fayre on that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Heidi. And I understand that Gisella is going to go to the hotel sometime this week. Is she? Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER: I'm going tomorrow morning.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, tomorrow morning, okay. So here's the thing. I have real concerns, as well, that the room will be very tight if we have 160 At-Large Structures plus invitees and other people in there. And I really don't know what to do about this.

If the tables cannot be moved, then it might be an actual risk of people falling over the tables, as well, and I really am concerned about that. And Heidi, you've mentioned there is no other location in the hotel that would be freed at that time? Does it mean we're absolutely stuck to be in this room?

HEIDI ULLRICH: So that's what I've heard from Nancy. I mean, I can go back to her again and see if there's a secondary ballroom. But I think, again, the issue is that the formatting in those rooms cannot be changed. So the secondary ballrooms, those larger ballrooms, have all those chairs right there. So that would be basically classroom-style. And that would not facilitate the kind of format that you're looking for, either.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's understood, as well. Thank you, Heidi. We still have some time to work on this, but it's becoming quite critical that we find a solution.

And I'll tell you why. I think that with – and I will speak to the ATLAS II Organizing Committee – but we definitely need to have a high-quality keynote speaker to speak to our delegates. Just having a Fayre of Opportunities where people just talk to each other with their hands in their pockets with some background music playing is not going to be very stimulating. You do need to have something to bring people in.

And so, you know, if we just count 160 people – that's actually more than 160 that will have to go in there – the capacity of that room is going to be quite tight. I know there is an anteroom just before the main room, but even that is quite small. And to top the lot, the ceilings aren't that high, either, so it feels quite claustrophobic.

But I'll wait for Gisella to visit tomorrow. I hope, Gisella, that you will be able to visit that room and then to get a better second sense of whether

that room is suitable or whether we need to really try and find something a bit bigger or maybe divide it in two or do something with it.

Tijani Ben Jemaa, your hand is up, and then we've got Dev Anand Teelucksingh. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you. Thank you, Olivier. Gisella says you are going tomorrow to the hotel. I know you are very innovative and you are a very open spirit. Please try to find any open space, even if it is outside because in Tunisia in June we can do it outside. So if there is a terrace, a swimming pool, something like this, where we can go and do it there, please try to find something like this. Because really, really, and with the tables in U-shape, it is not doable for me. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you, Tijani.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Tijani, [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Go ahead, Gisella. Go ahead.

GISELLA GRUBER:

I'm sorry. I was muted. I will look at all the space. I'll look at the meeting rooms. And bearing in mind, we are in London, so if there's any outdoor

space, unfortunately, it's not like Tunisia where you can guarantee that the weather is going to be good.

I'll try and take photos if I can of the space. I know that Olivier has already kindly uploaded all the photos of the meeting room. My feedback will be more whether I think that we can really fit in there or not. And I know that Olivier has already done a recce a few weeks ago, so I'll just hope to be able to complement it.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you very much, Gisella. Now, onto the second point that Tijani brought forward. Oh, no. First, Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and then we will go to Tijani's second point. So, Dev, please. You have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: So my question is, okay, for the ALAC room where the Fayre of Opportunities, is it possible to have the protection for all the cable so that persons can walk behind the table, so to speak? Because maybe that can protection can be built in at the very beginning of the meeting and it can just stay there.

So maybe that's one of [the things] to look at. So you won't have to come in at the last minute to try to and dismantle everything and so forth. Have it done at the very beginning. Have the tables protected [inaudible] or whatever at the very beginning [inaudible] London.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Dev. I only caught some of what you said. I don't know, there seems to be an echo or something. Your voice gets dropped out every few words. But what I understood is we might have to look at keeping the cables in place and seeing if there could be protection for the cabling.

I will say health and safety in the UK is very tough on these things. And they might totally object to having cables that are covered by gaffer tape or whatever other equipment it is. And that's going to be an issue as well, by the way, if we have people walking between the screen and the table and the cables on the floor.

Frankly, I don't know yet. I was suggesting in the chat, but maybe we could ask for a plan of the room including, now, the table locations and the IT tables and these sort of things. Are you okay with this, Dev? Was that gist of your suggestion, as well?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: That was the gist of it. Have the protection installed before the meeting starts, so you don't have to go back in just before the Fayre of Opportunities event.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: And it could be left there.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, it could be left there, yeah. But, I mean, this is going to be for the Meetings Team to find out and find if it's possible or not.

Heidi Ullrich, and then I was going to call on Maureen Hilyard. So, Heidi, you have the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Yeah, actually, my first comment was regarding Dev's comment and then the second one's regarding the comment that Maureen stated in the AC chat.

The first, regarding the request to get a map of the IT tables, I think that we have a great IT staff. And we now have a specialist team that does just ICANN meetings, and they are very, very knowledgeable. So I would think it's best that we just communicate the needs of this group to them and let them do their jobs, rather than maybe telling them how to do their job.

And then the second point, Olivier, do you want me to answer Maureen or do you want Maureen to state her question first?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: If you wish to read Maureen's note or, Maureen, do you wish to expand on your contribution?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Olivier. I'd just like to – I know that – I mean, I understand and appreciate the difficulties of having to move furniture, especially, as you say, with all the complicated electronics and connections and things that are around.

So I guess I'm thinking the Fayre, of course, and how we might just be a little more flexible about how we arrange things so that we've got people who are – if we've got our ALSes who are presenting things and they've got activities set up on the tables and that we had people who are like the – the area that needs – where people are going to be moving around a lot, if that could be available, if it's, say, the internal [inaudible] something like that.

We just look at what's available, and we structure it a little bit more flexibly. But I mean, I haven't seen the setup and, Heidi, you might be able to make some comment on that suggestion.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Olivier, may I respond to that?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Heidi?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you. So Maureen, yeah, we're trying to be very flexible on this. So as Nancy stated in Singapore and again in a recent e-mail to me,

no one can stand behind – within that U-shape or behind the tables – because of all those wires going on for the microphones, etc.

So the latest thought that I had to her was could some of those tables, maybe every other table, be pushed in towards the inner part. So that would open up a little bit of a space between each and every other table so those people could stand there. So not directly within the U but next to the U in the little concave area, if I'm making myself clear.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, thank you very much, Heidi. I can certainly visualize this. So you have them recessed by moving some tables back and people can stand within the recess. That will keep it [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, thank you. Recess is the word, yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So recess between every other table. Yeah, that's the word I was looking for. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You're basically saying that it is impossible or it is not recommend or it is not allowed to stand within, inside the U, basically?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Yeah, Nancy was very clear on that in Singapore and again in an e-mail. You can't stand behind there because of all the equipment, the wires, etc.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Olivier. I do think it's not being to actually use the inside of the U is really – I mean, that does create a difficulty because it's a big space. So I think if there is a way you can try to amend that by, as you say, trying to create whatever a little spaces you can. It's going to be very – we're going to need that space. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Maureen. So that was the one point to discuss. And I think we'll just have to wait and think of an alternative. Let's see if there is a possibility for an alternative rooms in there.

Now, with regards to the thematic sessions which Tijani alluded to, I also have much concern that there doesn't appear to have been much movement from the Subject Matter Experts. The location for these at the moment is at this wiki page that I've just put on the Adobe Connect chat.

And what we have is five topics, five thematic groups. The first one, the Future of Multi-stakeholderism, has a Subject Matter Expert named Adam Peake.

The next one, the Globalization of ICANN has Rinalia Abdul Rahim and Roberto Gaetano jointly Subject Matter Experts.

The third one is the Global Internet: The User Perspective, has Jean-Jacques Subrenat and Fatima Cambronerero.

The fourth one, ICANN Transparency and Accountability, Avri Doria and Hong Xue.

And the fifth one, has – oh, we have three people, now! At-Large Community Engagement in ICANN, Olivier and Murray and Stéphane Van Gelder added to this, as well.

All I can say is, with regards to – because I think that Stéphane joined today – but Murray and I have already been e-mailing each other, and so we have the sub-topic list already drafted. And Murray is putting together a little summary of what the thematic group will be working on. So that will be ready, on our side.

I have no idea of the other thematic groups, so far. And it really is down to Wolf to follow up with those thematic groups. I wonder whether any of us can ask or put pressure or send questions to those people who have been selected as Subject Matter Experts for the other thematic groups. Tijani Ben Jemaa?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Olivier, do you hear me? Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: There's a bit of delay there. We can hear you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. I am a little bit concerned about three Subject Matter Experts in one group. The role of the Subject Matter Experts is to give information, help the group because he's expert in the subject and because he knows perhaps more than the others because he knows what happened, etc., so he can give the right information so that people can discuss the theme with the right information.

If we have three persons on this task, that means that perhaps they need only one who speak during the groups. So I don't see why we have more than one per group, really. Perhaps if we have more than one, they can discuss between themselves and only one can be, if you want, helping the group. Otherwise, it will be a mess. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Tijani. And I don't know why there are more – well, why there are or three or – I think that there two because of the fact that there were some people who wanted to work – several people that wanted to work on a topic and maybe more than one facet to a specific topic.

So for example, the Global Internet: the User Perspective has a more hands-off facet to it than Jean-Jacques Subrenat would be pursuing and one which is more directly involved with the IGF, where Fatima Cambronerio – who is a member of the MAG – would have more hands-on knowledge on this.

But on the rest of it, this is really something for Wolf and Evan to talk to us about. And I do note that there is an ATLAS II Working Group call later on this week, so we'll probably have to raise this question then.

I don't know if anyone else has more information on these things and these topics. None so far? Okay.

So that's the point of the moment. Tijani, I will say let's raise this, and I fully support your question, by the way. Let's raise this during the ATLAS II Organizing Committee and the development section of the ATLAS II Working Group.

Going back to the monthly call that we had yesterday, the ALAC monthly call, so the agenda, thematic group coordination, sponsorship update. Some of you might have just seen an e-mail that I've sent over to the Sponsorship Working Group to provide an update on the sponsors. So things are proceeding forward.

We have only 51 days to go. It's not very much time. But we will continue pushing with sponsors and hopefully we have enough to be able to have those extra activities that will make all the difference for our At-Large Structures and for the well-being of our At-Large Structures. Heidi Ullrich?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Olivier. I'm sorry, if I could just go back to the thematic group expert, SME?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, go ahead, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, sorry. I didn't react quickly enough. I believe – and again, please do confirm this with Wolf; I don't think Evan's going to be on the call this Friday – but if you note that the current selected Subject Matter Experts do represent a globally-diverse group. I mean, I think that was a large point in having those people there, that they do represent all of At-Large regions. It's a good gender diversity, as well. We have some newer people as well as some more-experienced people.

So I think a lot of it was to make sure that they bring their global views, perspective, their experiences outside and within At-Large to the table and to make it more inclusive. Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Heidi. Tijani Ben Jemaa?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. For this specific function, Subject Matter Experts, I don't think that we have to look for any balance – any gender balance, any regional balance, any cultural balance. We need people who are experts in this field. And we need them to help the group so that when the group will make the statement, it will make it according to right knowledge and right understanding of some things that the expert knows, the others don't know.

That's all. It is not a honor that we will give them to be experts. It is only to help the group. They will not be speakers. They will not be panelists. There is no panelists. It is only a discussion among the group, and the group will come up with a statement.

And we need the group to be well-informed, well-advised if there is an advice to give the group from the experts, so that the group will give the right statement for At-Large.

So this is my understanding of the experts. And if it not like this, I [inaudible] accept to have experts at all. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani. So just a small concern, though. You know, you mentioned there didn't need to be any geographical diversity. And I think that's not entirely correct. There needs to be some geographic diversity. If you end up with just a bunch of white Anglo-Saxon males or even European males, that's not going to be particularly helpful.

And I do realize, in fact, that a lot of people do seem to be coming from the same region. But at least here we have some males and females and also people from different parts of the world that are Subject Matter Experts. It's as much part of the optics, Tijani, as the actual work that we're going to do.

And I have to remind you all that we are being watched. This whole organization, all of ICANN but also At-Large and all the summit, will be watched very closely, and it's important that we do have this sense of worldwide connection and worldwide knowledge, as well. So our experts are not only from one part of the world. But, yes, they have to be experts [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: May I...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: [inaudible] with having people who have no knowledge of the processes. Back to you, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. As you know, for the first summit, there wasn't this function. There wasn't this function at all. There was a Chair, a vice Chair, and a rapporteur. Now, Wolf proposed that we have Subject Matter Experts for each group. This is very good.

And Olivier, when you look for an expert, you look to his color or his religion or his gender? You look to his expertise only. And this is the

[point]. And we will have normally one expert per group. So how you will do the diversity when you have only one in the group?

For me, this is – if it turns to something that is more, how to say, controversial because of balance, etc., I think we will lose the main value of the Subject Matter Experts. And we obliged to take someone who hasn't the right expertise, who has small expertise, perhaps a little bit expertise, because he is from this region or because he is a female and not a male, we have to take it.

And this for me not acceptable. We need a quality of statement that will lead us to a quality of the final document, which will be the metrics of the success of the summit. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani. Are you saying you have concerns at the moment with the currently-selected Subject Matter Experts?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am concerned about the requests, about the mail I received, and about the discussion we have now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Understood. Well, look, this is going to be something, I think, that needs to be raised with the ATLAS Working Group. I personally – and this is just my point of view – think that it is good to have Subject Matter Experts. And when we have two rather than one, that's fine, too.

The only concern I have at the moment is about the lack of movement from the Subject Matter Experts. And no matter if we have one, two, three, or more, if neither of them actually come back and proceed forward with getting the work done and start telling us they're busy and things, I would ask for their removal and a replacement to be found, even if it's just one Subject Matter Expert, because the first thing is they're delaying us if there's no movement on that. I'm not too concerned, myself, on how many there are at the moment.

Okay, let's move on, then. So we went through the sponsorship update. Communications update, I understand that's moving quite well as well. Heidi, would you be able to provide us with some feedback on this, please?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. So, two aspects. Well, three, and I'm going to let Ariel talk a little bit about the social media one in just a moment.

The first is with the ATLASS II website. That did go on hold for just a little bit, but we're moving forward. The latest on that is that a message went out to the ATLAS Communications Working Group to ask for some more information about their needs. So far, we've had one comment back. The deadline for comments from that group is the 2nd.

And early next week, then, we'll have a call hopefully with a small section of that working group, some of the key developers of that website are our Web Admin Team, including a native Spanish speaker, which I think may help things along, and then, Olivier and Eduardo and

staff on that, to move that forward. So we have the full commitment from the Web Admin Team, so that's a good step, as well.

In terms of the newsletter, Dev, any advance on that? That's beginning to worry me a little bit.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Are you hearing me?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, we are. Go ahead, please.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: So, yes. There's some delay there. So, yes, I'm going to be posting something today to the Communications Group. I'm looking to actually transmit more letters by this weekend. The initial feedback from my draft newsletter has been more or less positive, so I'm going to now share it. It was posted privately to the various Chairs and so forth of the various groups.

Now I'm going to post it formally to the Communication Group mailing list and then look to actually put stuff on the wiki, because I think this is the problem. A lot of information's being circulated independently on a Word document sent to one person sent to another. So I'm going to try to collate all of that stuff on the wiki first and then, from there, pull the information to make one newsletter happen by this weekend.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much, Dev. That's a good point. And I'm happy to see things slowly, finally moving forward. I wanted to ask staff, is there someone that is specifically in charge of shepherding this process? Because I understand this is one which needs a lot of communication between ICANN staff and the Communication Working Group and Dev and the people on the Communication Working Group that deal with the web design. Is anyone specifically allocated to make sure the whole process is oiled up and doesn't come to a standstill and we don't lose time?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Well, again, the issue of communication within the Communications Working Group and staff and others, I hope, has been solved and it's moving forward. So I think that that was a cause for the delay. And I think now, things are moving ahead.

In terms of Dev, we've been in contact. Ariel's been in contact with Dev, I've been in contact with Dev. So as soon as we have the okay on that newsletter, we can move forward on that, including translation, etc. We just need clearance of the final version so we can move forward on that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Heidi, but that wasn't the question I was asking. I asked if there was any staff member specifically. You mentioned Ariel. Is Ariel going to be keeping a close watch on this?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, it's Ariel and – basically, it's Ariel and myself that are doing that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks. Now, I just need to make sure that – the stage that we’re at now, we’ve got two months, really – 51 days until – it’s even less than two months – until we reach the At-Large summit. And we’re going to have to start making sure we shepherd the whole process with volunteers very closely indeed, with some micromanagement sometimes needed in order to make sure we don’t hit a stumbling block that then makes us lose four or five days. Time passes so quickly.

So I wanted to make sure that we have you and your team as the people that are able to see pretty much everything that’s going on and that are able to coordinate with each other to make sure that we don’t hit stumbling blocks and we don’t end up losing a week because two people – one person that sent an e-mail to someone else and the other person had that lost in their flood of e-mails and everyone is now upset because nobody talks to each other. It’s a concern.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Olivier, if I could? What we just need to stress is that everyone uses e-mails into the groups, not the individual people. Otherwise, people are outside of the loop. So that’s something we really need to do. So use the wiki. We need to stress that. And perhaps we need to have weekly [ALT] calls now coming up, since we’re [only] at the two-month mark. Maybe weekly [inaudible] calls where everyone’s coordinating, all of the Chairs of the groups are coordinating, that would be useful perhaps, as well.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. I say stress it, monitor it, follow it up. Dev Anand Teelucksingh, and then I note that Evan is asking whether there are any immediate questions for him before he goes. And I will think about this and have a good look. We're reviewing the agenda at the moment, Evan. Dev Anand Teelucksingh.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: I mean, I'll defer to Evan if you want to deal with Evan first. I just wanted to raise a question regarding the website.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, go ahead, go ahead. That's fine. That gives me time to think if there's anything we need to ask Evan. So go ahead, Dev. You have the floor.

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay, thank you. So Heidi, if I understand correctly, when do you think that the Web Team – sorry, ICANN – will be able to have a website, a web space, available for the Communications Team to use? I mean, what's the [inaudible]?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Absolutely. Yeah, absolutely. So basically, yeah, the delay on IT, on the Web Admins Team, was the launch of the new ICANN. So now that that's been launched, they're waiting for the response. So they have a team put together running this, which actually is going to be a three-person team as far as I know, one of which is a native Spanish speaker,

which I think is going to be key. And so they're waiting. We've had a meeting internally on this, and now we're waiting for the input.

Again, the input we've received so far is relatively general and perhaps was already noted by everyone. So what we're going to be doing early next week is have a call with some of the people working on this very closely from staff, Olivier, Eduardo, and the people leading this [inaudible] from the Comms Team to get down into the details so they can start moving ahead with this. So I hope that [inaudible].

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Okay. Yes, okay. Thanks.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thanks very much, Dev. Quick, now, follow-up from Ariel on the social media strategy and just a few more words on this, please. And that's all related to ATLAS II.

ARIEL LIANG: Okay. Thank you, Olivier. For tomorrow, I will have a call with Sergio, Eduardo, and Sylvia about an ATLAS II social media strategy. And Sergio already produced the document about what he envisioned what we should do for ATLAS II, so I'm waiting for that strategy to come to my mailbox tonight and I'll read it. And I'll just hand him the overall strategy, and he will comment on that. And then we will discuss what will be the tactics for ATLAS II in terms of social media.

And I'll also have a call with Nathalie who is handling corporate accounts for ICANN. And she was teaching me all the tricks, how she plans and organizes content on Twitter and Facebook. And I will have a call with her tomorrow, so that will help with ATLAS II social media.

And on Friday, for the [OC] a call, I will give a update or Sergio will give a update about social media. So that's all the updates we have for now.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thank you very much, Ariel, for this. And so we can close this chapter, I think, with the At-Large summit. We've gone through most of these. The follow-up promotional items you can see on the wiki page. There are quite a few promotional items: lanyards, etc., and banners and things. And communications, I'm happy to see we're moving forward.

Evan, you've put a note in the Adobe Connect that you might need to go soon. Thank you for passing by, first, and we've heard of your circumstances, so it's appreciated that you're able to spend a few minutes with us at this very moment.

Just asking with regards to the Policy Advisory Board, you missed that little part earlier during the call. The follow-up that we will have is to wait until the end of the comment period, this is the 7th. But of course, the New gTLD Working Group looks to be the one that will then follow up on this.

And so I have asked staff to work with you to start doing some scheduling of maybe a conference call. But first, I understand there's

been a follow-up e-mail that has been sent to the working group asking for a refreshing of the membership. And more people are joining.

Once that process has been done, then the follow-up will take place with regards to the PAB and the e-mail will be sent out. So please work with staff. Next week and the week after I think are the times when things will start moving in this.

And that's pretty much it for you, Evan. I haven't seen anything else that requires your immediate involvement.

Okay, now ALS decertification on the agenda. We've spoken about it a little bit earlier. I have not heard back from some of the RALOs, and I hope that they have followed up. As ALAC members and as members of regional At-Large Organizations, it would be good if you could ask your RALO leadership if they are okay with the details that are on the wiki page for the decertification and to provide the input as soon as possible to be able to proceed forward with all the information that's needed.

And then the new ALS application document we've already looked at earlier.

Any other thought on the agenda? At the moment, we're still going through ALAC call agenda from the last time. Alan Greenberg, welcome. I know that you were on a GNSO call but monitoring this channel at the same time. You now have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. I was on a GNSO call; it got hijacked on something different from what we were supposed to be talking about. A very frustrating meeting.

What I raised my hand for is on the decertification, we need to make sure that when we are referring to the rules, we point to the adjunct document, which is the formal version of the rules. It's just a matter of housekeeping. We should be pointing to that document, because according to the ICANN bylaws, that document which is attached to the Rules of Procedure is the definitive version. It doesn't change the substance, just the matter of pointing people to the authoritative document.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Aha. Thank you for this, Alan. And I was concerned about that. Did you review the decertification page? Is that not pointing to the right location at the moment?

ALAN GREENBERG: It's pointing to a Web page, I think a Web page which we just created, which has – I'm presuming the contents are the same. I have not looked at it word-for-word to verify that.

There was an original Web page on which we based the adjunct document. And I'm assuming that what is on the wiki page that we've been pointing to is the same information perhaps reformatted again. I haven't looked at it in that level of detail, though. I certainly could, but

before I do that, I'd like to know from staff where they got the data so I'm not wasting my time.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you for this, Alan. Could I ask that Ariel follows up on this, please? Forgive me if I'm wrong, but is it Ariel who's in charge of this page? Or who is in charge, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It is Ariel?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Ariel is now in charge just as of, I believe, yesterday. So I think she's done great. But yeah, I mean, we're happy to change things as needed.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, but what I'm asking right now is whoever created that page, where did you get the contents?

HEIDI ULLRICH: [inaudible]

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: You're asking people who are not here anymore, so I don't think it's...

ALAN GREENBERG: Ah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: ...[inaudible] such a question. Just make sure that Ariel fixes it.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will take the time to review it, then.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. And thanks Ariel, in advance, for tightening this process. It's a critical process that we're dealing with.

So, Alan, you've also asked what happened regarding the ALAC statement on the CCWG NETmundial submission. There was a discussion that took place earlier. I know that there was a suggestion made by Leon that there would be a second statement drafted.

And some have voiced concerns here, including I think it was Tijani and Dev, have included concerns as to saying, yes, but if we write a statement, who would we send the statement to if we were to draft a statement commenting on the NETmundial statement itself? Not the statement from the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance.

With regards to the very short statement that you drafted on the Cross Community Working Group on Internet Governance, I think that pretty is decided we can just proceed forward with it as a message of support. We have noted that there have been absolutely no input in that public comment period in the public forum at the moment.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Yeah, if I can note as of last night, certainly there was nothing. On re-reading the CCWG statement, it focused largely on ICANN issues, which – ultimately – NETmundial did not.

So most of the substance in that statement, although we support the content, ended up not being relevant to the discussions. The NETmundial organizers essentially finessed the issue that NETmundial was not an attack on ICANN, which is a lot of what the CCWG statement was trying to defend against.

And therefore, we were not prescient enough to know how the discussion would unfold at NETmundial and, therefore, a large part of that statement was not particularly relevant to the two days of discussion in Brazil.

And therefore, my feeling was just let sleeping dogs lie. And no one else has commented; we don't need to. But I can go with it either way.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Okay, thank you very much for this, Alan. So the suggestion that I made was to make a comment as to show the ALAC, what is it, support of the Cross Community Working Group itself.

Now, a counterargument – let me just play with all of your minds, here – a counterargument could be that we don't need to have such a thing because when the charter will come to our attention, the ALAC will have to choose on whether it wants to adopt the charter or not. And that will be a good enough support for the working group itself if it decides to proceed forward with ratifying the charter.

ALAN GREENBERG: I would tend to agree that we should be looking forward not backward, at this point.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much, Alan. So, since we do have – well, we had Evan earlier. We've got Dev and Tijani on the call and myself, that's three out of five ALAC Leadership Team members. Do any of you think that we should send a statement out? Or should we just drop this and follow Alan's suggestion just now?

I see so much life on this call! Fantastic. I'm so pleased. So, well, I take it that, then, it's left to me. Okay, no. Tijani Ben Jemaa, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. I agree with Alan. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Tijani. Dev?

DEV ANAND TEELUCKSINGH: Thanks. I agree with Alan.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Well, Alan, you've made a very good deal, haven't you. You've done very well in drafting a one-line statement and then shooting it down so that it doesn't – you know, all that work, all that work for nothing. So it looks like the ALAC will not be submitting a statement on this.

ALAN GREENBERG: The work did entail reading carefully the whole CCWG statement. So I do get to charge on a half-an-hour worth of that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks, Alan. Ariel, it seems to be a bit embarrassing because we've actually just notified the staff member in charge of – I think, yes – we have notified the staff member in charge of that public comment but that we will be providing a statement in the reply period.

But perhaps at that point, we can then do an update. So Ariel, I'll ask you to please send a follow-up e-mail and say that after further careful consideration, the ALAC has decided not to submit a statement and thanks the group for its patience.

Okay, well, that's it, I think, for today's call. Except if we are now into any other business.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yes, Heidi. Go ahead; I didn't see your hand up.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, sorry. Sorry, I'm running to my computer. Did you want to talk about the ATLAS and the Thursday schedule and the GAC questions, or did you want to do that by e-mail? Or I can [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's a very good point. Yes, thank you very much. That's a very good point that you bring. So first, let's have Alan Greenberg, and then we'll discuss this other issue. And I hope we can make this a quick one because we are past the official end of our call. Alan Greenberg?

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah, it's a very quick issue. I was just going to ask if anyone heard from BCD Travel or Joseph recently. I obviously didn't have much opportunity to do my London travel request last week. I got in two days ago, and I haven't even received an acknowledgement that it's been received or anything from either. So I'm just wondering, are they still alive or should I worry?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: The same here.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you, Tijani. Heidi?

ALAN GREENBERG: Heidi made her comment on the chat.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, again, I will follow up on that. And I've just had a Skype from Seth Reiss that, for some reason, his ticket's been canceled. So I don't know what's going on. I will call Joseph today.

ALAN GREENBERG: I put in bold red at the top of my message, "Please acknowledge receipt." All I want is make sure the e-mail system hasn't failed, but I've gotten nothing.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, so, [inaudible]. Evan, if you're – is Evan still on the call?

ALAN GREENBERG: Probably not.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: No. Evan has left.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, so I'll follow up on all of it. I did forward Evan's note. He had some concerns about that. So I'll call Joseph today and [inaudible].

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And if you could also add, yeah, there has also been some concern with regard to some At-Large summit travelers. But I think [inaudible] has followed up on that, thankfully, so that's no big deal or not such a big deal.

Because as you know, there's also this coordination with ISOC to have the ISOC chapters arrive one day earlier so as to be able to meet on-location. And that introduces a few more complexities to the whole travel issue.

Maureen has not had responses, either. So [inaudible] has responded but not the travel staff.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah. Related to that, is there going to be an ALT Meeting dinner this time and, if so, on which day?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. I believe there will not be an ALT dinner. Oh, no, sorry. ALT dinner is usually on the Saturday night, isn't it? No?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Saturday night, yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It looks unlikely that there will be one because I'm very likely to be busy on the Friday night due to the dinner with Fadi Chehadé and the Chairs of the SOs and ACs.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And then Saturday night, we have a dinner that's organized that will take place in a pub. That will be sponsored by [inaudible]. And then Sunday night, there is an event taking place, as well, which I believe will be sponsored by London and country. That will be an ICANN-wide event. So, no such dinners so far. Tijani Ben Jemaa?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. I am asking about the ISOC event. Is it only for the chapters or for the ISOC members? Because I am ISOC member, and I don't know if there will be an arrangement for me also to attend this meeting. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much, Tijani. So ISOC is basically taking the cost of one night of hotel for any of the At-Large Structure representatives that are representing an ISOC chapter. They are also picking up the differential in cost between arrival on Friday and arrival on Thursday as

far as flights are concerned, although it's quite likely that flights are cheaper on Thursday than on Friday. But they are not doing this with all of the ISOC members.

Now, on the other hand, though, the meeting which ISOC is going to have on the Friday is a half-day meeting. And so far, I have not heard any information saying that the meeting would be closed. In other words, anyone – if they arrive early – would be able to attend that meeting. This is yet to be confirmed, though, but this is my understanding at the moment, because they have a room that is large enough on the Friday in another venue to be able to have people for this ISOC meeting to take place.

But they're not going to fund ISOC members as such. They will just fund the ALS reps that are reps of the ISOC ALSes. And I think that they're also not funding any – well, I don't really know whether they are funding any other chapters that are not ALSes, either. That's another question.

Okay. So in the any other business department, there is another thing to touch on. And that's to do with – and I've totally forgotten what it is to do with, now.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier. It's actually on the agenda.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thursday?

HEIDI ULLRICH: It's actually on the agenda: the Board questions.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, it's on the agenda. Okay, yes. I have to go back to my agenda. Where are we? Meeting with the Board and with the GAC, here we are. So we've got the ATLAS II update. We've done that. And then agenda items for meeting with the Board and with the GAC.

We are going to definitely meet with the Board. It's not sure whether we will be meeting with the GAC or not. And we need to come up with agenda items as soon as possible because our meeting with the GAC depends on the agenda items that we would like to bring forward.

Just as a reminder: the main point that we made with the Board and with the GAC was to do with the Public Interest Commitments (the PICs) and the Policy Advisory Board (the PAB). And we have much movement on this.

I don't know, at the moment, whether there's been any follow-up or any feedback on this so far and what the follow-up was. So I don't really know what the current topics would be for the Board and for the GAC. The hot topics I would suggest could be, now, the IANA issue. And they're driving forward the point that we need to have user involvement.

And I think that perhaps one of the things we will need to do is to make sure that when we say we need end-user involvement, you're quite

clear about what kind of involvement we would like from the end-user and in what context.

Every time I say we need end-user involvement, I receive pushback from people saying, "Oh, but hang on, what does an end-user have to do with a contract between ICANN and the regional Internet registry that will allocate addresses? What? Do you want users in operations? You want" a whole number of stupid allegations, basically, that are thrown back at us to discredit our interest in the end-user involvement.

And I think that we need to be quite clear about what type of end-user involvement we want. And certainly, my suggestion would be that we want the end-user to be involved in any kind of accountability mechanisms that will need to be put in place to replace the U.S. government operation.

And, again, I'm keeping this quite wooly, because we're still very early on in the discussions. But certainly, there needs to be a direct user involvement in the accountability mechanisms themselves. Perhaps not in the operations, although this might need to be debated first, but certainly in accountability. Alan Greenberg, you have the floor.

ALAN GREENBERG:

I guess I'm going to differ with you in wording but not the intent. We do not want – I do not want end-user involvement in any of these issues. I want involvement of those organizations and entities that have a responsibility for considering end-user issues.

So we don't want five end-users from around the world who barely know how to use a web browser and Excel to be involved in these discussions. We want involvement of At-Large, for instance. Of ALAC. Of entities that have a responsibility for making sure that user issues are addressed.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, so you would like to have end-user entities involved?

ALAN GREENBERG: We probably need to come up with the right wording, but it's not "end-user involvement." It's making sure that all of these actions, all of these processes factor in the needs of end-users.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Alan. I think that's the point, specifically. We need to get our language correct on this.

ALAN GREENBERG: That's correct.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: And then we need to move forward on that. So, really, the question here is whether you think this would be our next big step forward, to speak to the Board about this and speaking to the GAC about this? Or do you think that there's anything else that we need to be pursuing strongly? Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: I don't think it's a GAC issue; I do think it's a Board issue. It's the same issue as At-Large does not represent 2 billion users. At-Large represents the interests of 2 billion users. And it's the same type of language that we need to be consistent of because we will get shot down saying we want end-user involvement. That's not what we need. We need to make sure end-users are considered in the decision process. And if there are few end-user issues, then we will not have a lot to say.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thank you for this, Alan. Heidi, when do we need that input for that GAC topics and the Board topics?

HEIDI ULLRICH: For the GAC, I would say mid next week, because the meeting forms are going to be out shortly. For the Board, I would think that you have at least a month or so to do that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you. So, please, is it possible for you to share this question – I'm sorry?

JULIE HAMMER: Excuse me, Olivier. Julie speaking.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Oh, hello, Julie.

JULIE HAMMER: Is there a wish to meet with the SSAC this time?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: That's a very good point. Let's park this for a moment. I just wanted to finish on the GAC and Board thing.

Just to finish my train of thought on this one, let's send out a call for this question on topics to be sent to the ALAC, please. ALAC topics for the meeting with the Board and ALAC topics for the meeting with the GAC. And if we could already have those wiki pages set up and ready for London, the same Wiki pages as we usually have for every At-Large meeting, then we could already launch the process on this.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Actually, Olivier, on that point, if I might?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Go ahead, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, sorry to interrupt. But on that point, we had another draft wiki page, I believe, that is more for an ATLAS rather than the for the London meeting. And that is parked as well, just because of some sensitivity. But we need to post that ASAP.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Please, yes. Go ahead. That needs to move forward.

Okay, so that's one thing. Now, over to Julie Hammer. The question as to whether the ALAC would like to meet with the SSAC. Quick question: Do we have enough time for this? And if we do, then let's do it.

Because you know, again, I think that what we might wish to discuss with the SSAC on this occasion is slightly different to what we usually have. And one of the questions we might wish to ask from the SSAC is the point of view, as far as the SSAC is concerned, regarding the NTIA issue. I know that there are several points of stability and security which revolve around this, and it certainly is of importance to end-users and to us to gain a clarity on that.

JULIE HAMMER: The SSAC has a work party working on that, as I'm sure all groups do, and they certainly intend to have something out by London. And so I think that would certainly form part of any briefing that the SSAC would be doing.

So I guess, noting that our normal meeting time is on a Sunday, that that's not going to be possible with the ATLAS agenda. If there was a wish to have a meeting between ALAC and SSAC, then perhaps Heidi could talk to Julie Hedlund about a time slot sometime Tuesday morning, working around the Board and the GAC, or the possible Board and GAC meetings, perhaps.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah, thank you very much, Julie. What I actually have on the screen at the moment, Heidi has mentioned possible plans to meet with the SSAC could be on Monday during the ALAC meeting from 14:30 to 17:30, Monday afternoon. Is the SSAC busy around that time?

JULIE HAMMER: I don't believe so. I wasn't sure whether that time would be available, but I think that that would probably be possible for SSAC. Certainly, Julie Hedlund would know.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, thank you very much for this, Julie. And what I would suggest, then, is to just follow up after the call and through the usual channels with staff following up with Julie.

Are there any objections to the SSAC meeting with the ALAC on this call? I don't see anyone saying or cautioning against it, so let's proceed forward with it, please, as well.

JULIE HAMMER: Thank you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you for bringing this up.

Now, Maureen Hilyard mentioned the ALAC At-Large cocktail with the ccNSO on Tuesday night. Again, if I could ask you, Maureen, to just

follow up afterwards via the usual channels and staff channels for this to all be coordinated and so on.

I do realize we will have a very, very busy schedule. And on top of this, just to compound to the schedule, there is likely to be some change – and I think we have time to discuss this now, quickly – there is likely to be some change with regards to the Friday scheduling. Steve Crocker has sent an e-mail to the SO and AC Chairs list suggesting that the Friday would be completely taken up, from 10:00 onwards, I think, with some topical-based public discussion.

So, effectively, one would have the day being set up in a similar fashion to the NETmundial meeting, which means having a large number of people – so you'd have basically a few people on stage and a large number of people in the room. Four microphones: one for governments, one for private sector, one for academia and technical community, and one for civil society. And then the cycle to go between those four microphones and the discussion would take place about the NTIA topic.

And so that would eat up part of our morning, where we have our wrap-up. So far, the response on the SO/AC Chairs list has been lukewarm, but not cold. So that's already one thing forward, and we need to also be producing a response.

I've spoken to Heidi as to the ability for us to move any of our things from Friday forward into the week. And although it's not easy and it will introduce certainly some stress, there might be some ways to do so. Alan Greenberg, you've put your hand up.

ALAN GREENBERG: Indeed. We've been instructed...

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: It's Thursday and not Friday. Sorry. It is Thursday and not Friday.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Did I say Friday?

ALAN GREENBERG: You said Friday.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: I apologize. Sorry, I'm not [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, you said Friday, yeah.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thursday, Thursday. I mean on the Thursday. Alan Greenberg

ALAN GREENBERG: Well, that's what I was going to ask, also. Because we'd been instructed to leave on Friday. If there's now a formal meeting on Friday with Constituency Travel, I was going to ask does Constituency Travel know about this or not? But if it's...

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So, rewind and start from scratch again. And I'm not going to repeat everything but take the text that you've got in your mind, replace Friday with Thursday. We're looking at having all of Thursday taken up by topical discussion.

ALAN GREENBERG: Or significant [inaudible] except for that, the early morning wrap-up.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So that would mean the wrap-up could take place. Yeah, so the plenary – because we have a plenary session with all of the ALSes, and we've also got a wrap-up.

Heidi suggests that the plenary session, the final plenary session, would take place on Thursday morning from 7:00 until 10:00 a.m. And then we all go to the main hall for the big discussion from 10:00 to 12:00. And then the wrap-up takes place in one hour, from 12:00 to 13:00 during the lunchtime. And our room will be available; our room with interpretation will be available. And then at 13:00, we go back to the main room for the rest of the big discussion.

ALAN GREENBERG: Olivier, I've got to leave in a moment. So I'm going to simply step in right now and say I am exceedingly frustrated, having been told there's not enough work to do to have a meeting on Friday. And now we are continually having everything else juggled to somehow fit into this four-

day official week. I'm getting more and more pissed, excuse the language.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Alan. Any other comments or thoughts? I sense that everyone is probably muting their mic at the very moment and several expletives coming around.

Yes, Alan, I have seen others on the SO and AC Chairs list emit the same concerns, perhaps with the expletive at the end, but certainly saying that they are also concerned about the fact that we have been asked to shorten the week and yet are juggling things around. I have no answer for you, unfortunately, Alan.

ALAN GREENBERG: Let's point out that was as very mild expletive.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It was mild, yeah. Tijani Ben Jemaa?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Olivier. I cannot agree more with Alan Greenberg. I will give you another experience I had very recently. I was invited by the ICANN vice Chair for Africa to go to Cotonou for an event there and to speak there.

And I accepted. Constituency Travel told me, “You have to pay the extra night.” The extra night is the night between the last working day and departing. So I said, “I apologize, I will not go under those conditions.”

And until now, I don’t have – they said they would try to find another flight in after the event. I don’t want to develop more, but this is the recurring problem. And also for London, they ask us to leave on Friday. Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND:

Thank you very much, Tijani. And so, Heidi, please take note of this. You have asked me earlier of concerns in the At-Large community with such treatment, and that’s one example.

Any other comments or questions? And I think we’re going to have to wrap this one up. I don’t see any consensus so far as to what we can do on that day.

Certainly, on the Thursday, starting at 7:00, finishing at 10:00, then moving to the main hall and then afterwards, doing a wrap-up between 12:00 and 13:00 does bring concerns to me with regards to breakfast and with regards to lunch.

And I do not know, at the moment, whether we would be able to be supplied with breakfast at 07:00 hours, or whether there would be some ability to have some kind of a packed lunch from 12:00 to 13:00, and whether ICANN would be able to extend the pittance of a packed lunch for us.

The reason being that the venue being so small, it will be practically impossible for our community to both take part in the wrap-up and also take part in the afternoon discussions in the main hall. And so we will end up with some real concerns of being under-represented in that main hall when the optics seem to be that we are very well-represented since everyone is able to go to the mic. And that's one thing I would object to, making it look like we are there but then we're not. Tijani, your hand is still up.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Yes, it's a new hand. Thank you. Olivier, I am really concerned about that because our wrap-up session will be the session where we will agree on the final document of the summit. It will be one of the most important moment of the summit. And we have to do it very early in the morning because people will be still sleepy, with the time shift, also. So you understand that it will not be very convenient. And during lunchtime, I don't know. We will not have enough time to do it. It will be fragmented, in this case.

So I am really concerned and perhaps if, I don't know if Heidi can see if it is possible to move it to another day, perhaps to Wednesday if it's possible for us. But Thursday we have the general assemblies, so it will not be possible. It is a real problem for us. It will be a real problem for us, and I don't see any good solution for it. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Olivier, if I may?

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Tijani. Heidi, please? Yes, I was going to call upon you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, very quickly, yeah, very quickly. So I know that this is absolutely last-minute, so I'm hoping that there will be some accommodation and flexibility on the meetings time.

So we had originally scheduled a four-hour final plenary for the adoption of the final declaration, and that would also have included the ALAC wrap-up session. So this new proposal of having the three-hour plenary to finalize that declaration and having a one-hour wrap-up session, which would essentially be the adoption by the ALAC of that declaration, is a new plan.

In terms of the food, yeah, we can definitely look into that to see if there would be something available for the morning and for the ALAC for the afternoon, the lunchtime working session on that.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Heidi. Is there any chance of shuffling some of the earlier days before that? And I'm not asking for an immediate answer. Could you perhaps with Gisella or whoever is a genius in those things provide the ATLAS Organizing Committee on Friday with any potential solutions? I see what you've just explained to us just now is one solution. Could there be other solutions, potential solutions for us? Maybe shifting things earlier forward?

HEIDI ULLRICH: So, Olivier, you're thinking of having the plenary on Wednesday or something like that? But that would require some meetings unless it's [inaudible] the general assembly it could be taking place on Thursday, so their input would not be in any kind of final declaration. And I'm not sure if that's acceptable.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: So the whole pipeline would have to move earlier? The whole train would have to start earlier than expected. Let's put this on the side.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Exactly.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: It's been, now, two hours into our call. And I realize we're getting a bit tired and probably a bit less productive than in the beginning of this call.

So I think we put this on the side and continue this discussion in the Organizing Committee call later on this week. And we will, either Tijani or myself, I can certainly volunteer to bring this item up forward. And staff, please remind me if I forget.

Thanks, everyone. I think we've gone through all of the points. Any other other business? Seeing no one put their hand, I thank you all for this very long call, once again, that has been very productive. And therefore, I declare this call adjourned. Thank you.

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