
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO monthly teleconference call on Wednesday the 9th of January 2019 at 18:30 UTC.

On the call today, on the French channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, and Raihanath Gbadamassi.

On the English channel, we have Mohamed El Bashir, Barrack Otieno, Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, Omar Shuran, Sarah Kiden, Beran Dondoh, Daniel Nanghaka, Yaovi Atohoun, Isaac Maposa, Bram Fudzulani, Dave Kissoondoyal, Yazid Akanho, and Remmy Nweke.

Our interpreters for today are Camila and Claire. We have received apologies from Fatimata Seye Sylla, Baudouin Schombe. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes, and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channels, and also to please mute your lines when not speaking to prevent any background noise. And with this, I turn over to you, Mohamed. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Claudia, and good evening, everyone. Happy new year. Our best wishes for 2019. Please accept AFRALO leadership greetings and wishes for the new year, from myself, Fatimata and Sarah, and I guess as well [from] the ALAC members representing Africa. Thank

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you very much for joining the call, and without further ado, we can proceed to our agenda items.

I will just go quickly on the first items on the agenda on the current open policy comments and advices presented by ALAC. Recently, ALAC have ratified couple of reports. One of them, the initial report of the Extended Policy Development Process, the EPDP on the temporary specification for gTLD registration data.

If you recall, there were issues regarding access to the WHOIS as a result of the implementation of the new privacy regulations in Europe, the GDPR, which has put restrictions on the users' data publicly displayed on the WHOIS.

So ALAC have submitted a response to the team that's working on the temporary specifications regarding the users' data, and specifically, ALAC has proposed new additional purposes of access to that data, including specifically to something called accuracy reporting system and research and threat analysis by ICANN technical team.

So that has been submitted. Also, ALAC have submitted initial reports on the new gTLD subsequent procedures policy development process, and an application of [inaudible] regarding the application for new uniform domain name dispute resolution policy, or UDRP service providers.

There are currently few open policy comments periods, mainly three now. The work track five on geographic names at the top-level domain which has supplementary report of the new gTLD subsequent round procedure development process, and it's due on January 22nd.

There's also ICANN Draft 2020 operating plan and budget, which is also currently up for public comment, ending on February 8th, and there is also the first consultation on a two-year planning process also, ending on February 20th.

So if you're interested in any of those policy issues or open policy comments, please initiate a discussion on the mailing list so we can formulate a position for AFRALO or contribute in At-Large position.

Okay, so we can proceed to item on the agenda regarding the reports, and I would like to hand it over to our Africa representative in the ALAC, in At-Large Advisory Committee to provide us with their updates. Can we start with Tijani? Are you on the call? Tijani, if you're on the call, can you provide us with ALAC update?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Tijani is on English and French, so it may take a second for him to connect.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure. If we have Seun on the English channel or Hadia, you can –

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Seun and Hadia have not joined yet either. I'm reaching out to them, seeing if they're going to join the call. Tijani is on. Tijani, can you speak, please?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Do you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we can hear you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Claudia, do you hear me? Okay, so you want an update on the activity ALAC? That's it?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: And if you are in [inaudible] AC, maybe you can mute your laptop. It seems there's an echo coming from you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: And now is there any echo?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: This is much better. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Okay. Thank you very much. So, ALAC is mainly working on the policy issues, particularly the EPDP, and the subsequent procedure for new gTLDs. We also are working on the budget. As you know, there is the budget and operating plan which is now put for public comment, and I and Maureen will be drafting the statement of ALAC.

As for the EPDP, we have Alan and Hadia who are representing GAC in the EPDP, and also, we have one other African replacement or something like this who is Seun in this EPDP working group. So we are updated regularly on that in our Consolidated Policy Working Group, and we have almost a weekly call on policy, and we have an update each call.

As you know, the EPDP have [released an] initial report, and we commented on it. You must be aware of that, and [inaudible] the statement of ALAC has been sent to the public comment. As for the subsequent procedure, the group has initiated an initial report on [inaudible] commented, and then have issued another, supplemental initial report with lot of questions, and also, we commented on it and we sent our comments to the public comment also.

The new [thing] is that the chair, one of the co-chairs of the subsequent procedure working group, asked the community to comment on a proposal from Neustar about the upcoming round of new gTLDs. And this, even before there is any official agreement on anything regarding the subsequent procedure, and before the approval of the board, of course.

So we discussed this little bit among the members of ALAC, and there is a big concern about kind of conflict of interest since this co-chair used to be worker or an employee of Neustar, and also, we as end users, we don't see why we have to run like this, to rush like this, especially because nothing is already finally decided on. So you cannot propose, with dates, a way of organizing a new round before we agree on everything.

And also, in the proposal, there are also things that are, in our point of view, the ALAC point of view, not very, how to say, not very fair in our – they are not in concordance with the end users' interests. So we are discussing that, and probably, we will issue something about that. So this is about policy.

We also are working on the review, the people are working on the review. As you know, we sent to the board our plan for implementation, and now we are starting the implementation. As for the ATLAS III, there was two groups were formed. One group is for program, for content, if you want, and one other group for [– not application] but for selection of the participants. And these two groups will start shortly working.

This is what I have in my head, and if Hadia or Seun has anything to say, they are welcome. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Tijani. I'm not sure if we have Seun or Hadia on the call.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: No, Seun and Hadia are not on, Mohamed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. No worries. So let's proceed, and the next report is from hot topics implementation working group, and I think Dave is here, and Abdulkarim is here, and also Daniel. So Dave, can you provide us an update on the hot topics working group activities?

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Okay, Mohamed. Can you hear me? It's okay?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Very well, thank you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Are you able to hear me? Yeah, okay.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we're able to hear you.

DAVE KISSOONDOYAL: Okay. After the last call, we have had the end of year holidays. [inaudible] we have been in touch with Tijani, the outgoing chair of the Capacity Building Working Group. Today, we attended the Capacity Building Working Group conference call, and there were two co-chairs who were nominated, namely Alfredo and Joanna. Perhaps Tijani can confirm their full names.

Henceforth, we are going to liaise with the new co-chairs of the Capacity Building Working Group and plan for our next webinar. We have the usual challenge to get the availability of speakers for the webinars before we confirm the planning. As usual, when we will be able to organize the webinar, we are going to promote to the mailing list and on social media, and then we're going to inform all members as usual. That's all from my side. If Abdulkarim or Daniel want to add anything. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah. Thank you. Abdulkarim, and Daniel, any additions to Dave updates? Okay, if none, we can – Yeah, please, go ahead.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Yeah. I think Dave has covered everything. I have nothing to add. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. Okay. I think we can proceed to the next agenda item, on the reports, and I hope we have Ali Hussein with us to provide us with a report on the new gTLD subsequent procedures working group five.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Mohamed. Unfortunately not.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much. I think it's also we as a leadership of AFRALO, we need to look at Ali's participation. He promised to do this on the previous call. [inaudible] Dave and – prevented us really from taking action, but I think it's time now to have a more active representation for us in the group. So I can see Tijani's hand on Adobe Connect. Please go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, Mohamed. I wanted to say that we waited a lot Ali Hussein to give us some updates ,and also, the information I have is that he's not attending the work track five meetings or calls, so I think it is urgent to replace him. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. Sarah, please.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, everyone. I think we had an action item from the last meeting, and we agreed to find a replacement, so I think we should do that. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Sarah, as well to highlight that this is also an action item from the last meeting. Okay, this is a chance as well to you all now in the call, know the situation. If you are interested in this work, please, you can send us, let's say, an e-mail just expressing your interest to myself, Sarah, Fatimata, and then we can take it from there. It's good to

have interested members before we seek any replacement from our side.

I think I have Dave hand or someone, not sure if you want to speak or that was an old hand. Okay, so if there's no request on Adobe Connect, we can proceed. So we are in the agenda item for the AFRALO activities, and we have two items here. first, we have the report of the participation in AFRINIC 29 in Tunisia. Abdulkarim was representing AFRALO there, took a CROP travel funding, and he has already prepared a report regarding the trip. Abdulkarim, please, you can update us.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE:

Okay. Thank you very much, Mohamed. I prepared a report from the AFRINIC 29 in which I represented AFRALO. I would just like to present this report. I think I don't have to read the report again because I sent it, and it has also been attached to the agenda of this meeting. I just want to thank Mohamed and the entire AFRALO team for the confidence they have in me and for sending me to Tunisia to represent AFRALO. Thank you so much, and you can read through the report. If there is any comment or anything – and I also want to thank Tijani, because Tijani made me feel welcome in Tunisia, and he did everything possible. and also, he supported by getting people actually help in manning the AFRALO desk, which made me to be able to attend a lot of the AFRINIC sessions. Thank you a lot, thank you so much, Tijani. Thank you, everyone, for the confidence you guys have in me. Thank you so much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Abdulkarim, and [also thank you] for sending a report with this, it's part of the agenda. I think there is a link for it on our agenda item, so I advise you to review it, and if you have any follow-up with Abdulkarim, you can directly communicate with him.

So now, this is the agenda item for the ALS activities update. So please, update us about your local events, any Internet-related issues you have locally you wanted to raise or update other members. Feel free to provide us with your updates, please. I have Tijani hand raised first. Please go ahead, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Mohamed. I also attended the AFRINIC meeting in Tunis, and I'd like to thank Abdulkarim for his participation. He was always there, and I think it was a good choice to decide to do a CROP slot for this meeting. But Abdulkarim should [fill in] the assessment part of the CROP, so this is something compulsory and there is a deadline for that. I hope it is done now.

Coming back to the ALS activities, my ALS organized an IPv6 day in Tunis on 1st of December. I organized it back to back with AFRINIC meeting because I wanted to make use of the [experts from] AFRINIC, and I had [inaudible] as a speaker, and also, I had a Spanish gentleman who is a friend, Jordie, who also is a real expert in IPv6 also from Tunis. I had all people who are really experts and involved in the IPv6 issue in Tunisia.

So it was a real successful event. I hope that in the future, [duplicate] this kind of event in Tunisia, my ALS hopes to duplicate that. You know that the main barrier is funding. This is the main thing that made our

ALS make less activities than it should make, but we are trying, and this time, we managed to have support from some local associations to make this event. So thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. Before I give the floor to Bram, I have Aziz who have an update regarding NomCom. Please, Aziz, and then followed by Bram. So I'm not sure if Aziz is in the French channel.

AZIZ HILALI: I was waiting for my presentation on Adobe Connect. We can go to the second space. I wanted to show you the position for NomCom 2019. Please go to the second slide, please. Next slide, please. Okay, thank you. This is the NomCom team, as you can see. One slide before, please. Just one slide before. Okay. Thank you.

This is our team. as you know, there are five persons representing different regions elected by ALAC. We have AFRALO, EURALO, etc. So we are 15 persons this year. The people representing ALAC here are also – there is Christine and myself, Christine from Europe and myself. Next slide, please.

So we have open positions. Here you can see them. Next slide, please. Next slide, please. One slide before. One slide back, please. Slide number four. Okay, thank you. Okay. There are ten leadership positions that are open, so you can apply from next week on, and you will have the possibility to apply from next week on.

So there are three positions for the board for a three-year period, and we also have two seats for the GNSO, and three seats for ALAC, At-Large Advisory Committee, and one position for Asia, one for Latin America and one for Africa. And for the ccNSO council, we have one seat for three-year term, and this is the first time that NomCom will look through candidates for PTI board of directions. There, we have one seat for the PTI board of directors for the three-year term. As you will see in next slide – please next slide.

In next slide, there is a small problem, or big problem for the Latin America region, for African region and for Asian region also. In North America, we have six persons in leadership post in the board. I'm speaking about the board. So you need to know that if we take into account the geographic diversity, North America is very well-represented, and in Africa, we have three position with two position with leaders in Africa, but they are going to leave, so we will have a lot of position.

We don't have a precise number for regions, but NomCom take into account the geographic diversity and the people. [inaudible] Africa, so I really advise my colleagues in Africa to propose candidates [inaudible] the NomCom. And let me tell you, we didn't have great African applications, which [I worry about,] and I already said it when we met in Barcelona. I would like to reiterate that. We need to find good African applicants. The next slide, if you will. There we are. Okay.

We have the description of the positions. I would like to invite you to access the slides to have – we have a side conversation on the French channel. I'm sorry, there's someone speaking at the same time as I am,

so I would like to suggest that you read the description of the positions, and that would be the end of our presentation. Thank you, Mohamed. That is the end of my intervention.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah. Thank you very much, Aziz. Sorry for the confusion regarding – this was agenda item for the ALS report, but I missed Aziz on the earlier reports agenda item. So back to the ALS activity reports.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'd like to stay in the queue.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure, Seun. So I have on the queue now Bram, followed by – by the way, we can discuss [on call] Aziz's presentation as well, because it raises important points. So I have Seun in the queue followed by Tijani. Please go ahead, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah, we can hear you, Seun. Please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you, Aziz, for the update. Just two things. The first one, the NomCom review – is there any impact that it's having on the current work of NomCom? That is the first question, either negative or positive.

The second question is in relation to the region, the representation on the board. Are you saying that the two people who are from the Africa region [inaudible] Africa region on the board, are you saying that they are leaving and they are not eligible for the application? [inaudible] term limit, or that they may still be able to apply? Those are the two questions I wanted to ask. Sorry, I'm audio only, so I didn't see what the slides look like, so this may be already answered by the slides. Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Mohamed, sorry, Aziz is asking whether Seun can repeat the first question because it wasn't clear enough for him.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, yeah. The first question was, what impact, if any at all, is the NomCom review having on the work of the NomCom at the moment?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you, Seun. I just repeated it and I'm waiting for Aziz to answer. I'm not hearing anything from Aziz.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Is Aziz still online, connected, or we lost him?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Mohamed, one moment, I'm asking the operator.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sure. Okay, while we're waiting for Aziz's confirmation, Tijani, you can go ahead, please.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Mohamed. As for ALS activities, Aziz perhaps forgot to give you an update on an activity that his ALS organized on 8th December, [about] the data protection. I was invited and I gave a presentation there. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you, Tijani. I hope we can have Aziz online so he can respond.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Mohamed, the operator says Aziz is on, but she's pulling him aside and checking his audio. If necessary, she's going to redial to him.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Sure. No worries, So I think I'll give the floor now to Bram. He has an update for us regarding the ALS activities. Please go ahead, Bram.

BRAM FUDZULANI: Thank you, Mohamed. So I haven't been able to give the feedback or the report about the activity that we had last year, so I wanted to take this opportunity to give an update of number of activities that we had. In September last year, we organized the DNS [strategy] for law enforcement officers, which pretty much saw us engaging with people from different organizations, especially from the Malay police, the military, Malay army and ministry of defense, and the registrar as well as the [inaudible].

We had a two-day conference, and the global – regional stakeholder engagement [inaudible] was very kind to us that they sent us the [team] Yaovi and Bob were on the ground for two days, and we had a very successive training. It was the first of its kind for ALS to actually invite the government or work with government officials on matters of national security. For us, it was a success. So I just wanted to report that we had a few lessons, and this year, we're planning to actually have a few other activities, sort of a continuation from where we're building from last year's experience. Thank you so much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Bram. That was very useful. So any other update regarding your ALS activities, local ALS activities?

BRAM FUDZULANI: Thank you, Mohamed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, Bram.

BRAM FUDZULANI: Yeah. So, this year, we're trying to align ourselves with AFRALO hot topic topics. We'd like to [grow] more on some of the topics that have been shortlisted and try and engage more with the local, because the issue of the GDPR is also one of the hottest issues locally, so we're trying to organize sort of a conference where we can bring all the players and talk about these hot issues within ICANN. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. I have Remmy on next speaker slot to update us about his ALS. Please go ahead. Remmy, can you hear us, or are you able to provide an update? Or I can see you have lowered your hand on Adobe Connect. Okay. Aziz is back now online, so Aziz, I'm not sure if you're able to respond to Seun questions. One of the questions was about the impact of the review on the NomCom, and are you able to provide feedback to Seun? Please go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. I have a very quick answer for Seun. We have not yet discussed the matter. For the time being, we're discussing the agenda that we will follow during the Kobe meeting. And we will likewise hold another meeting in Los Angeles on the agenda [of our] selection process. But we have yet to discuss the NomCom review.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you very much, Aziz, and thank you, everyone, for the updates. And I hope next time, we can have more ALSes coming forward

and presenting your local activities, because it's important really to hear from you about what's happening in your communities. Let's proceed, and next on the agenda item, we have few updates from our side. I will start with AFRALO discretionary ALS activities funding, and I will share the link now on Adobe Connect.

First of all, thank you very much for everyone who applied for the funding, and I think now we have about three to four requests, and we almost provided or will be finishing our budget. I think we have current requests that will cover about almost 3500 U.S. dollars, and we have a remaining, I think, 500 dollars in the balance. So thank you for everyone who applied to get funding for a local ALS activity. So that's very useful, and I think it's good to show that AFRALO's already spending allocated budget for the local activities. So thank you very much for that.

Next is –

HEIDI ULLRICH: Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, Heidi, please go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, I see Aziz has his hand raised, and I also am in the queue.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. So please go ahead, Heidi, and we can give Aziz a chance after you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thank you very much. Just very quickly, I wanted to let everyone know that staff have just approved one more request from AFRALO that is from DigitalSENSE. Remmy, I've just sent a note to your director on that. That is for 500 dollars for printing of the AFRALO flyer in English and the local Nigerian language for an upcoming event in June. That brings the remaining total to 1000 dollars for AFRALO. That funding needs to be used by June 30th, and one of the requirements is that those who have been accepted, please do send staff a report on your events. That is one of the requirements, and we will be posting these reports on the page, the workspace.

And also, that is important as we're going into the additional budget request for fiscal year 20. The staff who will be looking at the new request that is going to be made for another 30,000, for a total of 30,000 for this next fiscal year, will be looking at that page on the current year. So it's important that all the reports are noted there so they can see what an effective program this has been. Thank you so much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Heidi, and thank you for the reminder that our applicants need to submit reports regarding the funded events. That's very critical and important. And I'll give it now to Aziz, please.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Mohamed. Very briefly, I'd like to say that we have [teased] the opportunity of the forum that we organized to gather everyone in Marrakech, the capital of the country. The event was a hit, and we dedicated two half days to the DNS [inaudible] and the impact of the system of Morocco and African countries. We were asked many questions regarding ICANN and the work that we do. The event was therefore very important and enabled us to discuss the subject on the media, because it attracted quite a lot of the attention of the participants and the media. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you, Aziz, for providing this update on your local ALS activities. Back to the issue or the topic of the AFRALO ALS funding, Silvia has just updated us on the Adobe Connect that we still have 1000 U.S. dollars remaining in our ALS activities budget, so again, if you have plans to organize a local event and would like to get support for materials, printing, for organizing the event, local hosting, any logistic support, you can go to the link posted on the Adobe Connect and there you can have the application form, you can see other funded requests also available to you so you can understand the process. So we still have some amount to spend, and I hope that this will be useful for your local events.

Okay. So, the next agenda item is Sarah, and she will be providing updates regarding the new ALS and individual membership applications. Please go ahead, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, everyone. [inaudible].

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Can we mute that line?

SARAH KIDEN: We have two individual member applications. We don't have any ALS applications for now. So the first application is [inaudible]. He is from Morocco. And the second application is [inaudible] from Nigeria but is currently based in [inaudible].

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sarah, I'm sorry to interrupt you, but we're not able to hear you, and it seems we have another line that is creating noise. Can we –

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes. Apologies. We're trying to locate it right now. One moment. Sorry.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: No worries.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. I think it's clear now. So this is Sarah again for the record. I was saying that we have two individual member applications, and we don't have any ALS applications. The first application is from [inaudible] who

is from Morocco, and the second application is from [inaudible] who is a student from Nigeria but is currently studying in Rwanda. If anyone has comments or questions about these two applications, we will [inaudible]. Thank you.

And then I just would like to take this opportunity [mention to our] ALSes that if you have any activities, you can upload your report to the Wiki so that you have active Wiki pages. If you have any [inaudible] So that's our Wiki pages for ALSes [inaudible] have information when someone goes to [access them.] Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Sarah, and [inaudible].

SEUN OJEDEJI: I'd like to stay in the queue.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Seun?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah, please go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, yeah. Thank you. Thank you, Sarah, for the update. I just wanted to ask, I think we had the discussion in the past about whether to update members when there is an application for individual membership, just like we normally give the update when it happens in the case of ALSes. I don't know what the [purpose] of that discussion is. Is it that the notification is not being sent? [Has there been] a way forward regarding to how to notify members of individual applications? Thank you. [inaudible] to the chair or to the secretariat.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Sarah, can you please provide us an update?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. I remember that discussion. I remember we just discussed to see what our rules of procedure say about that, and the rules of procedure were silent about that [requirement.] So I'm not sure what we can do about it, but I think as a group, we can agree if we want to post the names of the new members to the list or if we don't want to. Thank you very much.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah, go ahead, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

May I? Okay. Thank you. Yeah, I would suggest that if there is a place where all the applicants are updated on the Wiki, I think once we get new applicants, you should then endeavor to notify the AFRALO leads that [inaudible] Africa applicant and anybody that is interested in knowing about them can actually go to the Wiki page where it is actually indicated. If there's a Wiki page. If there is no Wiki page, then I suggest that we send the notification with the details on the mailing list. That is my suggestion. It's up to the members to accept it or not. But I would suggest that we do. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR:

Thank you very much, Seun. I agree with you that we need to have a way to display the applications, either in a Wiki and maybe also send it before the conference call so at least the people can review it. But if we have it, let's say, on a Wiki, there could be links to the Wiki from the agenda items and within Adobe so anyone interested could review it. And the agenda is also shared in the mailing list, so I think we're missing the last part which is updating the Wiki page with the applications which could be shared. So I think maybe I'll work with Sarah so we can have that updated. That could be an action item on our side.

Okay, so if there is no further – checking. I think Aziz was an old hand on Adobe Connect. So back to the agenda items. In Any Other Business, we have three items, but if you have any item you'd like to add it, please raise your hand, or you'd like to speak.

The first one I have is there is requests – okay, there's an At-Large budget for 2020, and we need to submit requests from AFRALO to be

considered, so we submitted a request for funding an AFRALO workshop in the IGF. So that request has been submitted to be considered in the budget of 2020.

The other item I have is that the staff have finalized the hot topics report. Last version, which has been updated, redesigned, and it's very nice now, and we can share it soon. We managed to get an AFRALO dot-africa domain name, so to be used by AFRALO, which is afralo.africa, and we are in the final process of registering that domain name. Hopefully tomorrow or the day after tomorrow, that domain name could be active. It will be added to the report and to be used by AFRALO so we can have our own domain name that is linked to dot-africa, which would be afralo.africa.

And finally, I would like to congratulate Daniel for his membership on the accountability review transparency review team, the third round of accountability and transparency review in ICANN. That's really a great update.

Finally, we have León Sanchez, and I would like to thank him for taking the time to join our monthly conference call. León has been actively joining our conference call in a listening mode, and I would like to give him a chance really to speak to [inaudible] provide us an update about the board or if there's any message he would like to convey as At-Large board member. So, León, if you're able to provide us an update, that would be great. Thank you.

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Mohamed.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we can hear you. Please.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Sorry, I was interrupted here. First of all, thank you again for having me here and giving me the opportunity to speak to you. Happy new year for everyone. I wish you all the best in this starting year, and I would like to update you on a couple of activities that I will be performing during this month in my role as board member. The first is that I will be attending the EPDP face-to-face meeting in Toronto. That will be happening next week, from January the 16th to January 18. We will be meeting in Toronto face-to-face in the EPDP working group, so to continue analyzing the public comments that were received on the initial report of this EPDP.

As you might remember, this is something that needs to be concluded before May this year, because otherwise, the temporary specification will become invalid and, well, the contracted parties will not be subject to it anymore. So the hope is that the EPDP will be able to finish its work before May and the board will be able to issue a specification that will replace this temporary specification for good.

Then the other activity that I will be performing is to attend the board workshop that will take place in Los Angeles from Friday, January 25th to Sunday, January 27th. And I would like to draw your attention to the public board meeting that will be happening on Sunday 27. That is at 11:15 L.A. time, so that would be something like 19:15 UTC. So it will be an open meeting of the board, and – I'm sorry, this is not as I said, it's

18:00 UTC. That is 10:00 AM L.A. time, and the important issue that we will be addressing in this meeting is in our consent agenda we expect to approve by the board the At-Large implementation review implementation plan.

It has been recommended by the OEC to the board that they approve, so the whole board approves the implementation plan. So hopefully, we will be able to have the board approval to this At-Large implementation review implementation plan. And of course, I will keep you posted and I will update you accordingly, but it would be great if any one of you could join us on this meeting. I am aware that it is on a Sunday and that it might be an unpleasant time for many, but however, I would like to invite you to join us. So that will be all, Mohamed. Thank you very much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, León. That's really appreciated, and thanks for the time to join us. Now I have Yaovi if you are available online and you can briefly just update us about ICANN Africa activities, that will be great.

YAOVI ATOHOUN. Thank you, Mohamed, for this opportunity.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I'm not sure, did we lose Yaovi, or he's still online?

YAOVI ATOHOUN. Can you

CLAUDIA RUIZ: There he is.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, we can hear you. Proceed, please.

YAOVI ATOHOUN. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, now we can hear you. Please proceed.

YAOVI ATOHOUN. [So I said we were] in the last workshop organized by FMAI, Tijani in Tunis just after the [AFRINIC meeting] in Tunisia. So we did a presentation, and also, we spoke about IPv6 by ICANN. Also, we were able to share some flyers for information on IPv6 [inaudible] globally about our activities, what we are planning to do [inaudible] and for law enforcement agencies in Africa. So we will do one in Uganda on January 28th [inaudible]

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yaovi, there's a background noise. We can't hear you, there's a background noise.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, I still have problem of calls that [inaudible].

YAOVI ATOHOUN. [inaudible] so we are hoping that we have two work tracks for law enforcement agencies in Africa, in Uganda and in [inaudible] Nairobi. And these are the two main activities for this month. And also, ICANN were presenting the [ALAC] regional Internet governance forum, the one in the southern part of Africa, and a second one in the central part of Africa. So ICANN was also represented by our team.

And one also important activity in December, our team was in Uganda in the meeting organized by [inaudible]. So it was also an opportunity for ICANN to talk to these participants to see how ICANN is involved in DNS abuse. So these are the main activities for ICANN in Africa, and from [the next meeting, on your request,] I'm sure that we'll provide more updates on the work [inaudible] ICANN is doing to support the community in Africa. Thank you so much.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Yaovi. That's really appreciated. Tijani, you have your hand raised. Please go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. Thank you very much, Mohamed. I'd like to say that I apologize that I didn't mention the name of Yaovi in presenting the activity [inaudible] in Tunisia. I would like to thank [very much GSE] and particularly Yaovi

for his support and for coming and speaking in this activity. In fact, Yaovi is very helpful to all we are doing in AFRALO and as an ALS, so I would like to thank him very much.

Also, this activity was possible because of some local institutions who contributed in funding the activity, and thanks to the discretionary fund. So, thank you all, thank you Yaovi, and thank you [inaudible].

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Tijani. Okay, if there is no any further hand or any further point under Any Other Business, I would like to call the meeting off, and thank you very much for participating in the meeting. We always try to have the meeting within one hour. We're just now past 11 minutes. That's fine. Thank you very much, and have a good night. Thank you very much. Bye.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you all. Bye. Good night.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you. Bye.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Thank you, everyone.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Good night, everyone.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Thank you all for joining the call. This meeting has now been adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines and enjoy the rest of your day or evening. Thank you.

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