
YESIM NAZLAR: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO Monthly Call taking place on Thursday, 17th of January 2019 at 6:00 UTC.

On our call today we have Satish Babu, Maureen Hilyard, Holly Raiche, Cheryl Langon-Orr, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Ali Almeshal, Liana Galstyan, Kaili Kan, [Swadi] Hassan, [inaudible] [Hussain], [inaudible], Leon Sanchez, Tom Dale, Justine Chew, [inaudible] and [inaudible].

Currently, we don't have anyone on our Chinese channel. We have received apologies from Nadira Alaraj, Tomohiro Fujisaki, and from Heidi Ullrich from staff.

From staff side, we have Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber; and myself, Yesim Nazlar present on this call. I'll be managing today's call.

We'll have Chinese interpretation for this call and our interpreters are Ray and Sandy.

Before we start, as usual, kind reminder to please state your names before speaking, not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes as well, please.

Now, I would like to leave the floor back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, Yesim. Welcome to the first monthly call of 2019. My thanks to everyone who has taken the time off to join this call. In

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particular, we have Leon Sanchez, a board member, with us. Welcome, Leon. We also have a new volunteer, Tom Dale. Welcome, Tom, to the APRALO community. I think more of our community members will be joining us shortly, but let's get started and take up the agenda that we have for this call.

At the outset, let me wish everyone here a very productive 2019. I'm hoping that it will be as productive call, APRALO itself. Based on the agenda we have, Maureen who has prepared a summary of our work and performance from 2018, she'll be talking to us about that effort. We hope to be continuing this [inaudible] history documentation process to our newsletters. Let us get started with the agenda now.

We will not have any pipeline as far as the new applications are concerned. We have one individual member which is being processed right now, one individual member application, but no ALSes as yet. But, I'm told that there is one ALS application which is coming up.

So, we will now move on to one of the most important parts of this call which is the At-Large Review Implementation Update. For this, I call upon Maureen and/or Cheryl for this update.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Thank you very much, Satish. I hope you can hear me clearly. I'm sort of a little bit disorganized here today.

SATISH BABU:

Yes.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

A very brief update on where we're at. Of course, the implementation plan that we worked on for several months last year went from us once it was completed with some very hard work from Cheryl and Alan and the team, it went to the Organizational Effectiveness Committee and they had to do their checks and all that sort of stuff before it was to go to the board.

We understand that the board – I'm not quite sure, Leon may be able to update us on where it's at, but we were hoping that it would be able to get onto the consent agenda for the board at the end of the January meeting.

Once it's been through that process, and we're hoping that the board will say, "Fantastic work," we will be able to go through the implementation plan that we've proposed within the review document and we're just today talking about getting some templates up so that as we work through the implementation plan, we'll be able to record progress and be able to tick off the activities that we have proposed in that document.

There were 16 issues originally, but the board allowed us for this first phase to look at the items that would not take too long to perhaps achieve and also that they wouldn't cost very much. We'd be able to do them off our own [bat], basically.

So, that's where we're at. We're just waiting until the board gives its okay. That's at the end of January. So, I would say from February onwards, there's going to be working groups formed so we can carry

out the work that's going to be required to implement the plans that we [inaudible].

Leon says, "The OEC recommendation to the board is to approve the implementation plan." That's fantastic. I know that Leon will be there waving the banner for us and we'll be able to start on that work. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen, and thanks for the update. Thanks also to Leon for the update that the recommendation to the board is to approve. It is a great whole At-Large working together on this. We're now looking forward to the next phase of the very long journey which is the actual implementation.

With that, we move on to regular policy update and it is back to Maureen, Holly, Kaili, and perhaps Cheryl for the update.

HOLLY RAICHE:

I'm taking this one and if we can have to the screen, can we just have the list of policy items on the screen, please?

YESIM NAZLAR:

Holly, with the agenda work as we have posted them here or would you like me to display the 2019 policy and advice page?

HOLLY RAICHE:

Display the policy page, yeah.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay, sure. I have it right here as well.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you.

YESIM NAZLAR: Here you are.

HOLLY RAICHE: Excellent. Okay. There's a lot happening, I've got to tell you. I'm not sure about ... We had a policy working group call last night. We didn't get to all the items. I'm not sure where first consultation on [inaudible] process is up to. I'm just looking down. Amendment to the IANA name. The functions contact we did discuss very briefly. Greg talked about that and it doesn't appear that there are any issues for end users, so we won't be commenting on that.

We didn't look at the operating standards for specific reviews, haven't looked at that yet. Now, the strategic plan, I think the latest thing, Maureen, there was a presentation today that I was unable to attend. Do you want to say a couple of words? Because that presentation is the most recent thing that we've had on the strategic plan. Just what was said today.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. It was actually an excellent ... This was the APAC Hub that was on today and Cheryl and I were there. I think it was a very good presentation, very clearly explained by Theresa about the strategic plan and inviting comments on the various things. Really, it's something that we could do together. There is definitely going to be ... There will be a Wiki set up and Marita will no doubt start some initial comment.

But, I made just a comment about the governance section because I was just a little bit concerned that it was implying that the multi-stakeholder model that ICANN is currently using, like people are complaining about it not as effective and becoming too expensive.

So, it's those sorts of things where we are experiencing budget cuts and that kind of stuff. This is the sort of thing – this is going to impact on the way we are working within At-Large. This is where it's really important that we have a look at some of those things that really are going to impact on us. And [inaudible].

At-Large, the RALOs can actually make their own submission and I think this would be a good thing if you had a working group within the RALO to actually discuss the issues and we'll be definitely doing the same within the ALAC and no doubt through the CPWG.

I just wanted to mention that I think it's very important that we actually have our say in that. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

Okay. Next item, the At-Large workspace for the budget. I know that will be the subject of the Finance Committee. So, if you've got anything to

add before the next meeting of our little working committee on finance to look at the operating plan and budget ... If not, I'll just move right along.

Okay. Proposed changes to the Registrar Stakeholder Group. That was discussed previously and it was decided we will not be making a comment on that.

This next item we spent an awful lot of time on. I don't know if, Justine, you want to comment on this. But it's a fairly ... This issue has a lot of parts to it as to geo-names that are relating to cities, that are relating to capital cities, they're relating to other areas. We spent a lot of time, gosh, not that many hours ago – I would have to say Marita and Justine have come up with some good slides. They are easy to read. We got through some of the decisions which will be reflected in the ALAC minutes, I think. But, what Justine called on all of us to do is please have a look and comment. Justine, do you want to go through the many questions? Gosh, I don't think we have time.

But, geo-names raise a lot of issues in terms of what geo-names you're talking about, what kind of permission you should have, if you need permission to use the geo-names. Are we talking about capital cities? Are we talking about other cities? Are we talking about areas? And what rules should apply if somebody wants to use them? I think we can probably spend two hours discussing it now. I guess I can urge you to do a bit of reading and add to the comments that are already on the page. It's a very big item and we spent a lot of time on it at the working group. Okay. [inaudible] statement on that.

The rest of it, at the moment those are all the policy statements. Back to you, Satish, unless Justine, do you want to—

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much.

HOLLY RAICHE: Does Justine want to comment any further?

JUSTINE CHEW: Thanks, Holly, for the summary. To the extent of what she's already said, that's where we're at. Some of the key issues that we're [inaudible] with, and in fact some of the questions we have not [inaudible] is to how to move forward. Marita and I are still scratching our heads as to what to do with those.

But, to the extent of the key areas that we're looking at are things like keeping two-letter codes as ccTLDs, clearly [demarking] it from three-letter codes for [inaudible] strings, being gTLDs. Then, as Holly mentioned, look at things like what constitutes a geo-name? We already have certain provisions in the 2012 AGB that specifies what a geo-name is, but it's not exhaustive. There are things that possibly could be geo-names but are not actually covered or described as geo-names in the AGB, so we're looking at things like that.

The clear ones are things like country names, capital city names, where we do have a definitive list, so we can [inaudible] say that these are geo-names. Non-capital city names are a bit more difficult. We don't have an

extensive list. A possible list that could add to this. But, then, we have a secondary issue of city names being replicated. For example, Paris. It could be Paris, France but this is Paris, Texas. So, there are issues of names being shared by more than one city. How do we deal with those things? Issues like that.

Then, there's a question of if a name is determined to be a geo-name, how should we apply preventative protection measures, if at all, or do we just leave it to curative measures, meaning that anybody can apply, and then we put restrictions in the contract to say that we can't do this or we can't do that, or do we put up front preventative measures in terms of making the applicant contact and get letter support for non-objection from the government [inaudible]. So, things like that.

The key question that we haven't come to a direction on is the question of what constitutes a geo-name. As Cheryl has pointed out in the chat, the public comment closes next week on the 22nd of January, so we're quite late in the day now but if you still want to participate, then please do have a look at the policy page. You can find it here on the link, on the slides, or if you have any questions, then please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss something or learn about something. I'm always open to sharing thoughts. Thank you!

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Justine; and thanks, Holly, for the update. Indeed, the CPWG call yesterday was very interesting. Almost exciting. Some of these issues are so complex. Even some newcomers, they understand the

depth of the issues and even we listened to some of the experts including Holly and Justine, of course.

So, [inaudible] very nice and I would like to reiterate that those of us who find it convenient on account of the time zone, please do attend the CPW call because it's a very important source of information for all of us.

So, thanks again for the update and we will now move on. In the meantime, if there is any question or [inaudible] on new policy documents, please contact us. If you do know the individual's contact, please contact staff and put in touch with the appropriate person.

We now move on to agenda item #5. This is the APRALO update. We have a very pleasant update up front. This is from Maureen who has worked hard at compiling a handbook for last year. I'd like to invite Maureen to tell us about the APRALO yearbook of 2018.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. I think that when we started our newsletters last year – and Amrita very kindly offered to take on that role. We had actually followed on from some of the other RALOs who had already had a newsletter in place.

I think it didn't take to long to see that what we were actually producing was really informative. It covered not only what was happening in APRALO, but what was happening in the ALAC, what was happening within our grassroots, ALSes. I was really excited about it. I made a promise that if we actually had, if we were able to get a monthly

newsletter every month for the year, that it would form the APRALO Yearbook for 2018. I promised I'd put it together. It would be really good.

When we see them each month, they're always interesting. I think it worked out at about 64 pages in the e-book, if you want to connect onto the link.

What we've got is it's just the 12 monthly newsletters put together into an e-book. And because it's so big, it's probably going to take a little while to load up, but I think that it's a really great record. It shows the diversity of our region. But, not only that, it shows how busy our region is and the outreach activities that are actually happening and all the reports that people give. [inaudible] always make mention of a connection to ICANN. That's really important because you may be an ISOC chapter or a civil society group, but when the reports come in, there is that connection to ICANN and that makes it very specifically connected to the work that we're doing, that we do in At-Large.

So, I'm very pleased to be able to put this together. I must admit, I had to wait a couple of days for the December newsletter to have gone through the ICANN process before we could actually put it online. I think you can be very proud of what has been produced here and what we've done within our RALO during this past year. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. I see that Justine has a question, but before that, I'd like to thank everybody who has been [inaudible] of the newsletter, [inaudible]. But, of course, without help from staff, this would have

been perhaps impossible. The help of staff also I would like to place on record. And of course, Maureen who has done this work of combining the whole thing into one book, which is an exceptional labor of love I feel and I'd like to thank Maureen as well on behalf of the entire APRALO community. Now we have something solid that we can show off to the rest of the community, and perhaps also raise the bar on documenting the activities at the grassroots, especially vis-à-vis the other RALOs. Justine, over to you.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thanks, Satish. I echo everything that Satish has just said. I think it's a brilliant effort on the part of people who have contributed to it, especially Amrita. I had a question which is would this be something that is useful to include in ICANNLearn for at least the APRALO—

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:

Oh, good idea.

JUSTINE CHEW:

So that it's part of any new incoming person or even existing person's learning regarding ICANN? Because it has links to all sorts of ICANN resources. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Justine. That's a great idea. We have been calling this our [living] history documentation project which I think Kaili has worked on it during the Abu Dhabi meeting. At the time of this call, the history

project. We did have reviews of some of our leaders, like Cheryl, Maureen, and Holly I think recorded during that time.

So, we are still struggling to find a [inaudible] for these documents which are actually our history. ICANNLearn would be a good place. This is something we will raise in our RALO development session that's coming up. It's a great idea to host it on this.

Leon, do you want to talk to us about anything? If so, I [inaudible] leave early. Maybe he's left already. Oh, please go ahead, Leon.

LEON SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Satish. I just want to follow-up on the At-Large Review Implementation Plan. As I posted on the chat, it is contemplated to be in the consent agenda for this month's board meeting in LA. Well, I can also tell you that my appointment as chair of the [BANC] will also be discussed and hopefully approved by the board in this month's meeting later [inaudible]. If that motion is approved, then I'll have good news for the At-Large community because I will be designated as [BANC] chair which [inaudible].

Currently, I am in Toronto, as I said, attending the EPDP session. From At-Large, we have Alan Greenberg and Hadia Elminiawi as well. I think that the session today was a good session. We will continue to have two more days of sessions in hopes of trying to advance in finding consensus on those areas that [inaudible] public comments [inaudible] EPDP. So, I will certainly keep you posted.

Thanks for having me, again, Satish. I am sorry to leave the call, but as I said, I have an early start tomorrow and it's already almost 2:00 in the morning here in Toronto. Thank you very much and I really apologize for not staying until the end.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Leon. We understand it's very late for you. Thanks, again, for joining us and see you at meetings in the future. We now move on to the second item in the RALO updates, which is the outreach and engagement activities at the forthcoming Kobe meeting. For this, I request Ali to update us on the current status.

ALI ALMESHAL:

Thanks, Satish. First, there have been a lot of communications and e-mail threads on the outreach and activity that there's a plan for it in Kobe. So, I have summarized that and I have put on the Wiki page as well what are we trying to do there and what we want and where we need some volunteers and [inaudible].

Basically, there are four items that has been planned, at least from within the APRALO about the outreach and engagement working group or committee whereupon maybe there will be some connections between these activities.

As per the follow-up with Jai-Rong, [inaudible] from the region and his follow-up with Japan ISOC, there has been some discussions and the best thing that came up out of that is that we'd be arranging a closed meeting with the ISOC Japan, with the APRALO leadership team, plus

the GSE team there as well to see how fast we can coordinate and cooperate [inaudible] which best approach and strategy that we can activate the Japan ALS and with some more [inaudible]. So, this is now almost I would say as [inaudible]. I know the staff are working on some logistic things for that.

The other part, the networking events or what we call a get-together networking event, I'm looking for some funding and sponsor and I already contacted [inaudible] as well for that. I'm waiting to get some feedback because [inaudible] previous discussion with Edmon and [inaudible], he showed no objection but now it's [inaudible] to see the possibility of doing all of that there in Kobe.

So, this get-together we will be planning. Maybe I can have a call with the leadership team again just to set up the program, what we want to do through that get-together networking event, speeches, and what else that we can add to that. By the way, thanks [inaudible] follow-up with Edmon.

The [inaudible] event outreach activity with the students, I'm still waiting for Jai-Rong. He is working on it. This is going to be [inaudible] but there is no confirmation right now. The last communication I received and I was communicating with ... And I think [inaudible] wider group there a week ago that he is waiting for some confirmation. Once that is confirmed, we will set the plan for [inaudible] for the students and then during the meeting event where we will be having some mentorship from the leadership team or any of the At-Large leaders community to volunteer to take students and let them join selected sessions during the ICANN meeting in Kobe.

The last one is about the board. Here we need to send an e-mail for volunteers for the booth and we need to have a very simple and straightforward program for the booth once we are having it there. I just shared the e-mail with the staff in charge. I was expecting it because last time Jai-Rong had shared it with the staff there but [inaudible] followed up. So, I'll do that just to get to where we can do.

I think we need to have some volunteers [inaudible] so people can volunteer to be part of the group. Then, what we want to do [at the] booth, we [reset] the program, we [reset] some speakers to come to the group for 10 minutes, maximum 15 minutes. We still need to finalize it as soon as possible. Maybe this is going to be an action item for the leadership team to finalize this [inaudible].

That's a summary. If any question or query, please let me know. Thank you. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Ali, for that update and for all the effort that you've been doing on these matters. It is [inaudible] contacting, following up with [Evin]. Gisella is also helping us with some of the funding aspects of the networking program. We hope that it will bear fruit.

Before I go onto the next agenda, Yesim can you confirm that Shreedeeep is back online?

YESIM NAZLAR:

Yes, Shreedeeep is currently on the phone bridge.

SATISH BABU:

Great. Thanks, Yesim. We now move onto the next item which is the APRALO policy hot topics for 2019. We were informed by the ALAC that we should be finding out from our membership what are the [inaudible] for our community for 2019.

For this, we created a working group. I can see the working group members on the screen. The working group, of course some of them worked very hard – Nadira, Justine, and Cheryl did everything as far as the whole process was concerned from the design of the survey and testing it out and following it up with the community and then [inaudible].

So, what I would now share with you is the draft results of the survey which will be on the screen. We may not have time to discuss this in full depth, but we will quickly run through it.

You see that we had about 30 responses, which according to me, is actually quite low. This also is a signal to us that we perhaps should ... Because the survey is open not only to the ALSes but also to the ALS members. So, it is open to the entire community. We should have had a higher number of responses than this, but [inaudible] quite useful for us to see the kind of [inaudible] of responses.

Some countries have got several [inaudible] to respond. Others, not so much. But, it's also important to note that these countries that we see [inaudible] it is useful to know, but there are also so many other countries which have not [inaudible] what makes it somewhat a matter of concern.

Moving on. The finding [inaudible] actual policy topic of concern are pretty much in line with our informal perceptions. I see Justine has raised her hand. Just a minute and I'll hand it over to you, Justine.

For instance, high priority for competition, consumer trust, [inaudible] the highest than subsequent round. Now, the subsequent round I think is an issue that we will have to pick up once again, especially given the fact that there are a couple of [inaudible] region, things like application support and IDN new gTLDs. So, we might have to revisit this topic later on, but this is [inaudible] regional [inaudible] to this. So, we can go down and [inaudible] and see some of the other [inaudible] capacity building, what are the important things to be learned. So, policy development is actually quite important, that the members require support in policy development process, drafting and documenting, schools of Internet governance, etc.

So, this full document is available on the website and rather than go through it point to point, I'd rather leave it open for questions and comments. Over to you, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thanks, Satish. I had two questions regarding this. One is I may have missed it but I didn't see a report or update going up to the APRALO list or the APAC announcing the results of the survey. I may have missed it, but I don't remember seeing something. Is that going to happen or is it subject to APRALO leadership taking us back to ALAC? Because I'm not quite sure about the sequence. That's the first question.

The second question is how is the APRALO going to take the results in terms of taking up different aspects and implementation? Do we have any idea of that? Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Justine, for the question. On the first question, [inaudible] would like to share it with the entire community, but we wanted to present it in our monthly meeting first and [inaudible] that we would present it in our monthly meeting and then open it up. So, we will be sending this out to the entire APRALO community on the list. So, that is coming.

To your second question, we will be now handing it over to ALAC. We would also be discussing it in Kobe with the rest of the RALO chairs at the RALO development session. So, we would like to compare with the other RALOs and see where we have come and [inaudible] hot topic list compared to theirs. And overall, [inaudible] consolidate [inaudible] what would be the items on that list.

Also, specifically I think this new gTLD second round – next round, sorry – what are the kind of perceptions on [inaudible] kind of thing. So, these have been [inaudible]. So, the immediate next step is going to be handing over this to ALAC and to the other RALO chairs. And at Kobe, a discussion around the hot topics from all the five RALOs and to consolidate what comes out of it.

And of course, [inaudible] expect multiple [inaudible] using it. One is actually going to our ATLAS-3 planning [inaudible]. So, the ALAC will have to decide on what are the next steps as to the utilization of this

whole process. But, it's useful to us from the perspective of knowing what our community really wants.

Please go through this, the file on the Wiki and if you have any questions, please come back. Once again, I'd like to thank the working group which did their work extremely well. In particular, Marita, Justine, and Cheryl who did the big work.

So, noting that we are running out of time, I'd like to go to the last item on the agenda which is Liana has taken the initiative of a new agenda item which is the ALAC ALS of the Month where would like to showcase in a very brief 5-7 minutes of every ALS from our region. Over to you, Liana.

LIANA GALSTYAN:

Thank you, Satish. Yes, we have initiated this project calling it ALS [Space] on our monthly calls. This is nice to give [inaudible] an important opportunity for the ALSes to make a presentation about their activities [inaudible] what they plan to do. This is a good start for the beginning of the year to see and meet our ALSes. I encourage to everyone to have a look and to use this opportunity and let me know when they would like to make the first presentation and we will [inaudible] call.

I'm very happy to announce that for this time, the first presentation will be given to the Nepal [inaudible] ALS. They are very active and they update in the Wiki page as well. This is a good start for us. Shreedeeep is on the phone bridge. Over to you.

SHREDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Yes, hello. Can you hear me?

LIANA GALSTYAN: Yes.

SHREDEEP RAYAMAJHI: So, [inaudible]. This December what we did was first we [inaudible] issues of the IGF [inaudible] where we selected the [inaudible]. We are doing a survey about artificial intelligence. I think [inaudible].

YESIM NAZLAR: Shreedeep, I'm sorry for interrupting, but it seems we're losing your audio. Is it possible to keep your microphone very close to your mouth and speak as loud as possible please? Thank you.

SHREDEEP RAYAMAJHI: Okay. So, [inaudible] artificial intelligence. If any of you are interested, you can participate [inaudible]. I think it's a great opportunity for ALSes and communities. Even without a national event [inaudible] various outreach methods [inaudible] in ALSes and we shared our [inaudible]. So, the ALSes [inaudible] to step up. [inaudible] big gap. I think the community page that we have, update those and it should be a priority of all ALSes. That's how we [inaudible]. Thank you, all.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, Shreedeeep. Are there any questions for Shreedeeep? I don't see any hands up. Does anybody want to speak? So, suggestion to Liana for the next month's presentation on the ALSes, it may be good if you have a framework that every ALS can use to present themselves. Now, some of us know – for instance, Maureen has said that Shreedeeep works with the Internet [inaudible] Nepal. That information would be good to bring out. For this, we may need some kind of a blank template that each presenting ALS can fill in so they don't miss anything else with this [inaudible] information that we would like to get from them. Typically, there would be no [inaudible] what he is doing, but some of the others may not know too much and that would be one way to learn about them. Just a suggestion.

LIANA GALSTYAN: Thank you for that. We will take note and continue [inaudible] framework [inaudible] and give the opportunity for the other ALSes to fill that in and have a complete. Also, I would like to ask all the ALSes to update their Wiki page, that we have updated information. Staff has circulated that e-mail to keep it updated. Contact information as well. But, don't forget to do that for your ALS activities as well. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Liana, and thanks for all the nice comments on the chat. Now we have five minutes for any other business. Are there any questions or comments that anyone would like to make? Any suggestions? I don't see any hands, but I have a request from Gunela who I see has joined the call, so I open it up here right now. Gunela,

you're going to be Kobe as a fellow. She has requested – this can be a [inaudible] report for a discussion on accessibility. Gunela, do you want to speak for a minute on this? I'm not sure if you can speak, but if you can, please go ahead.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Hello. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes. Please go ahead.

GUNELA ASTBRINK: Thanks very much, Satish. I apologize. My apologies for coming in late. I'm traveling at the moment. I wasn't sure if I was connecting or not. I'm pleased to say I am a fellow for the Kobe meeting so I'll be seeing many of you there. I was looking at the possibility of some presentations about accessibility for people with disabilities. As you know, it's something I have worked on for many years. It's a matter of how it might fit in at an APRALO meeting and what particular aspects could be covered, might be about ICANN staff informing us of some activities to do with the ICANN website or it could be about particular accessibility activities in the region and some of us would have heard from [inaudible] in Bangladesh about a great initiative at the university there with accessibility for people with vision impairment in the computer lab.

I leave it to the meeting and Satish to [consider] this and I'll be happy to continue the discussion. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Gunela. We have noted your request and we can certainly do an update from you during one of our monthly meetings which should be now February. That's something that I will get back to you shortly on.

In Kobe, APRALO is not going to have a meeting in Kobe for the APRALO, but we will see either during the monthly meeting in February or [inaudible] in Kobe. We will see how we can work this out. We will get back to you on this matter. Thanks for your internet in presenting to the community. Are there any other ... I see Cheryl's hand up. So, Cheryl, please go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you, Satish. Very briefly. And I support your response to Gunela's generous offer. I think it's a highly appropriate thing for a monthly meeting, even if we went further than that and did a little mini-webinar or single-purpose short call. I think that could be quite useful. It could even be something that some others in the APAC Hub might be interested in if the APAC Hub is indeed interested in this topic, but I don't think there's anything more for me to say. You covered the concerns about trying to wedge such an important topic, I admit, but a topic into a face-to-face meeting that's highly pressured for agenda time.

The only other thing I would say is that the ALAC expects from time to time to get updates on various accessibility initiatives and it might be a

good idea if Maureen always passes any of those on back through to this meeting when they occur that will also assist as well. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Cheryl. We can also point out to APAC Space whether they would like to also consider this for an update. With that, we come to the ... Cheryl, a new hand?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: No. I do apologize, when I type on my keyboard, for some reason it must be fragile and the keyboard occasionally puts my hand up without my knowledge. Total error. I apologize.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl, for that intervention. Now I don't see any other hands, so I'd like to close this call. I'd like to thank everybody who has joined in and I'd like to request Yesim to formally close the call.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you, all, for joining today's call. This meeting is now ended. Please don't forget to disconnect your lines and have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye!

SATISH BABU: Bye!

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