

YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the At-Large Regional Leadership call, taking place on Monday, the 18th of February, 2019, at 16:30 UTC.

On the call today, on the English channel, we have Fatimata Seye Sylla, Sarah Kiden, Satish Babu, Ali AlMeshal, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, and Eduardo Diaz. I see Daniel Nanghaka is present on today's call as well.

On the Spanish channel, we have Maritza Aguero, Harold Arcos, and Sergio Salinas Porto.

I also would like to just inform that Ms. Maureen Hilyard is present on today's call as well. I'm so sorry for this.

Currently, we don't have any apologies received.

From staff side, we have Heidi Ullrich, Evin Erdogdu, and myself, Yesim Nazlar. Silvia Vivanco will be joining us shortly as well. I'll be running today's call.

Our Spanish interpreters for today's call are Marina and David.

Just before we start, just a kind reminder, please. Please don't forget to state your names not for the transcription purposes only but also for the interpretation processes.

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

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SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Yesim. Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to this call, which is the regional leadership call. The last call we had discussed some of the agenda items that we would like to follow up to until Kobe. I'm hoping that this is a short call, about 60 minutes because I have [personal commitment.] So I hope to be able to wrap-up the agenda items by then.

Like I said, we are waiting to go to Kobe. This is the traditional session of the leadership development session, where we discuss issues that are common to all the RALOs.

Now, from the last discussion, we had some of the agenda items identified. I'm also very happy to see that Maureen is getting on the call [inaudible]. Welcome, Maureen, and happy to have you here with us.

Daniel has also joined us. Daniel wanted to [cross-check] if he's welcome. Of course, you're welcome, Daniel, on this call.

So, with that, I'd like to get started with the action items from the last meeting. So can staff [tell us] of the action items?

So, we first discussed the hot topic status. The different RALOs are in different stages of combining the hot topics. AFRALO, of course, had [created] a document. Some of the other RALOs are still in different phases, so I'll go for a quick round. I will start with APRALO [inaudible].

Subsequent to the last meeting, we had a good discussion within the hot topic committee as to how we should present the hot topics that we had identified through a survey.

So, actually, there was not much a response. We do have a format that has been placed within the sub-group for comments. I'll be forwarding that the staff so that they can compile all [inaudible].

So, from the APRALO side, this is not [inaudible] complete, although it is not in the same state as AFRALO's very colorful report.

Can we go over to EURALO? Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You can. Okay. Excellent. I'm just testing because I'm in London now, and you never know. Sometimes it's very faint.

In EURALO, there's hasn't been very much a movement since last time. There's been a lot going on, as you know. So EURALO has not, for the time being, moved further than what it was before. You can see the hot topic 2018 document on your screen at the moment.

EURALO has got its annual – "annual," heh; I wish it was annual – its monthly call tomorrow, and we will be looking over these and perhaps finalizing them so we have a final document for 2019.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Olivier. Can we now go on to LACRALO, please?

Who would like to speak to it? Sergio or Harold?

YESIM NAZLAR: Sorry, Satish. This is Yesim. Our interpreter just confirmed that they cannot hear Harold. And it seems Sergio is not speaking either. So let's try—

SATISH BABU: Right.

YESIM NAZLAR: Harold will speak. Harold is just unmuted, so just checking if he's available to speak.

SATISH BABU: Right.

HAROLD ARCOS: During the year, we have developed these webinar programs, where we will show each of the topics that have been reflected by the region. So there have been some modifications. These webinars are held every two months. But there may be even changes on the issues if there is a priority interest on the issues for discussion. But they will be discussed in the monthly call that we will have today. We will be able to bring forth the issues.

These conversations started last year and ended with a webinar, [every two months] to promote larger participation from the region. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much. I note that Sergio has been dropped. I hope someone is trying to get him back into the call.

We now move onto Eduardo for the North America status.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you. We don't have anything to add from last time, but we are still [moving]. I don't know if that's the right word, but we're thinking about it; how we're going to go out and do this. It's the same update as before. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Right. So I think there is still quite some difference between the way the different RALOS have approached the problem. I see that NARALO has – sorry? Eduardo, you want to continue?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yeah. I'm sorry. Glenn [inaudible]. I just wanted to say something on what is being shown in front of us. One of the things we are thinking about is we have hot topics here that we developed in 2017. We were looking it but, for example, net neutrality doesn't have anything to do

with ICANN. So that's the type of thing we're trying to look over, once you look at hot topics, if that makes sense.

Glenn ... Satish, back to you. I'm sorry.

SATISH BABU:

So over to you, Glenn, and then Heidi.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Thank you, Satish. I need to reiterate what Eduardo was saying. I do understand the value of having current – and I stress “current” – issues, whether you call them hot topic or whatever. I think we've been having our monthly calls. [Bringing] people in to speak on the current issues, such as Jonathan Zuck's presentation last Monday, is really what's needed in term of our community to comment on policy issues.

We had a net neutrality presentation out of respect that the community thought it was an important issue. Some people felt, “No,” that, “We should be doing this. This is our mandate.” They don't understand – they really don't understand – our narrow remit. I'm interested in net neutrality, and probably all of you are, but this is not the hat I'm wearing as Secretariat for – or Eduardo is wearing that hat as well.

We have to be very conscious of feature creep, of bringing in topics that are interesting and compelling but are not our mandate. So I just want to stress to the other RALOS: don't get in a situation where you're trying to conquer the world. Be conscious of your responsibility. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Glenn. I think that is a valid point. I see that we have identified a [inaudible] for each of the ICANN items [inaudible] do.

Next is Heidi, followed by Olivier. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you very much, Satish. Hello, everyone. Just two points. One is for NARALO. So a lot of the other RALOs have had that situation, where topics that were likely not within ICANN's very narrow remit were advanced to be part of the hot topics document; particularly, for example, at AFRALO.

So what they did was they worked in a smaller group or several months and they developed a much more clear hot topics document that was hot, but they were also issues that they knew would last a little bit longer, so they wouldn't need to redo this every year.

So that's my second point: you might choose carefully these issues that will have impact on end users on in years going forward. So you don't need to this every year. I can see that a lot of people have been working on their hot topics for over a year, maybe even two years.

So to me it would just be more logical if you chose topics that are a bit more evergreen. Just focus on what the impact on the end user is so that you can use that for both engagement and outreach activities, which is what the aim of this document was. Thank you so much.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Heidi. Over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, Satish. I can only support what Glenn has said regarding feature creep. We just need to repeat this again and again and again and really fight back this thing.

This is one of the main problems, I think, that we often are criticized about in that ICANN is spending money on At-Large, and At-Large is focusing on stuff that is not ICANN related. We just need to nip it in the bud whenever we see it coming out again and again and again. Unfortunately, it's something we're going to have to repeat quite often.

I think that some people may still not be aware of what the ICANN mission is. I wonder whether we could – I know it's written out somewhere and so one – have it in plain words, plain wording: what's within ICANN's remit and what is not within ICANN's remit.

I think that the simplest thing is to say that ICANN does not deal with content, does not deal with politics, does not deal with things which are totally unrelated to the Internet identifier system. That's one thing that we definitely need to ...

SATISH BABU: [inaudible] of Olivier's—

[YESIM NAZLAR]: Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes? Hello?

SATISH BABU: I think – are you back? Go ahead. Did you finish, or ...

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: I finished but spoke for a good minute.

SATISH BABU: Yeah. We lost you for the last half-a-second or so. Thanks, Olivier, and thanks, Heidi, for that intervention. Glenn, you want to—

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Satish? I just want to say that Olivier sounded really good for the last minute.

SATISH BABU: Right. Yeah. So I think the point is very clear. We have to clearly demarcate what falls within the remit of ICANN. But we also have another challenge, I think, because we, at some [inaudible], have to consolidate the hot topics on the five RALOs so that it can feed into things like the [inaudible] capacity building sessions.

So some degree of homogeneity may be required, and I think we can work on the particular issue of how we can consolidate to the five RALOs' findings into some kind of reasonably common [playbook] over the next few weeks. I think we have to [inaudible] them to achieve this.

Olivier, your hand's up again. You want to [inaudible]?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Satish. What I would suggest, when we go through the exercise of seeing common topics that are common to all the regions, is to actually make a table with the different regions in one direction and then the topics in each one of the regions so that we can see them. This is a little bit like the cross-cutting topics that the IGF. They did a table also with the different types of topics that were there. From that table, they managed to find out whether there was any common topics between the different regions.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Olivier. This is indeed an action item for us, that we need to create some type of spreadsheet where we can visually see the overlap of the commonalities between the five RALOs.

Looking at the time, we need to now continue. Can we have the agenda back on the screen, please?

Right. Thanks for that. The next is the hot topic on CROP. I don't think we need to discuss this in great detail, but Eduardo's point on the last call was that we need to figure out how the different RALOs are doing CROP and to see if whether there is any homogenization on the [regionalization] [inaudible] all the RALOs.

During the discussion the last time itself, we discovered that there was lots of difference in the way different RALOs approach the [topic]. And

there is [inaudible] very specific ways of doing thing, the [random feeling on that]. They are even [inaudible] doing this this way.

So we are open to examining [various] ways to consult the community, I think. Glenn, I see your hand up. Over to you. Please tell us what you consider and action item [inaudible].

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Hi, everybody. Okay. So what happened in NARALO, just to put it in context – not every RALO does it this way but this is the way we do it – is we selected our CROP trips and then we constantly announce it. We have a Google form for people to complete. If it ends up being only one person that wanted the CROP trip, it's pretty easy. I don't have to form a special committee of three people to evaluate the applications and then select the person and have a back-up person in case that person doesn't happen.

What we got is a bit of pushback on a few things and then a lot of suggestions to refine that process. I posted it to share with the other RALOS.

Now, what I found is that the majority of our RALOs are not keen on every single process's I's dotted and T's crossed and that the RALO leaders make that decision and it's very straightforward. Even though I try to be as extensive as possible with all the possible processes, I still don't think it would please everybody. As Alan said, making a process for the sake of the process is a bit of a pain in the you-know-where.

So where we are now is we still have this – now, all CROP trips have been allocated but we will go the next step, calling out to people saying, “Would you like to be on this special committee?” which means you can’t take a CROP trip if you’re going to be selecting people.

So we’ll continue as it is, but I’m not recommending this process. I’m just saying I took the time. I took the steps and documented what we’ve done. In fact, maybe even more steps have to be done. But it’s up to you guys because I don’t think it should be imposed across the Board, Satish and everyone. I know Olivier has a very [inaudible] on what we’ve been doing. But myself and Eduardo have discussed this. I think we tried to be fair.

The one thing is what we’ve tried to do is our RALO leaders are not doing the CROP trips, but I can’t say that has to be done for other RALOs either. So just as a whole, just to let you know, I continue to refine this process for us, and I’m not trying to suggest it for other RALOs. That’s it.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Glenn. I agree that, although may not follow a single system, it may be useful to understand the process followed by other RALOs. [inaudible]

I also on chat Maureen is saying that we are [inaudible] and we should be able to manage our own allocation in CROP and there is ample agreement on that.

So thanks, Olivier, for this point.

Now the next agenda item is actually a discussion with Maureen. Now, this is also to happen during Kobe. So, since Maureen's with us, Maureen, is there anything you'd like to discuss [inaudible], knowing well that you will, of course, be invited at the Kobe event? Please go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. I hope you can hear me clearly.

SATISH BABU: Yes.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Well, actually, I must admit the reason why I'm here is I saw on the agenda that there was going to be a discussion with me, and I thought that you might have had something familiar. That's where the curiosity got the better of me.

Now, I really do want to just impress on everybody how important it is – first of all, policy. I know that there are people who have actually been attending the CPWG meetings. It is really important that we start, especially now, where we really do need to get – the whole purpose is try to get more voices from the RALOs, so that is really important to us.

But also, in the upcoming month, we're going to be starting with the review implementation plan, so we're going to need people to volunteer to join those groups as they develop so that we can ensure

that what we have planned to implement actually does get done before the end of the year.

And of course, I really appreciated that contributions that the members of the various working groups in the ATLAS 3 programs that we've got running at the moment. There's been some excellent work coming from the grassroots into those discussions areas. So that's really positive.

I think that, if you can exhort your RALO members to participate. Even for the CPWG, it may mean just being there and listening in because they would learn so much from just hearing those things, hearing what's happening in the CPWG. And if they have questions, these are the sorts of things that can come up in the RALO meetings.

So, again, if you're looking at hot topics and what is hot actually at the grassroots level, it's good for us to actually get that feedback and to be working on what is important for our members and stuff.

But from my perspective, those are the things that are important for me. But if there are any questions from the team, I'm happy to answer anything if I can.

SATISH BABU:

[Great]. Thanks, Maureen. Do we have any questions for Maureen? I have two comments for Maureen. The first is that we have not put down the review documentation has an agenda item in this agenda [inaudible] because it is, I think, well-covered in other sessions during the Kobe meeting. But if there's anything special that you would like us

to focus on as the RALO leadership, we can actually put that down as well on the agenda.

So the second comment that I had was that we would be asking ourselves if there's anything that we want to bring up to you during this session at Kobe from the side of the RALOs.

As of now, there is nothing that I can think of as very obvious to be brought up to you, but over the next two or three weeks, we would be doing one more round. Then, if there's anything that comes up, of course we will give you advance notice. So this is a [good occasion] for us to bring it up.

Also, the summary taken from the hot topics we hope to consolidate and show to you during this session that you are with us. So that is [inaudible].

I see Daniel has his hand up. Please go ahead, Daniel.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: I hope I can be hear loud and clear.

SATISH BABU: Yup.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can you hear me? Okay. Thank you very much for the floor. I would like to thank Maureen for giving those respective highlights [pertaining] to the hot topics. I assume that will be happening in Kobe.

One thing that I would like to reiterate – actually there are two things, not one. The first thing is regarding the hot topics. I’m very happy that the discussion is happening at the regional leaders meeting. It is good because it will be feeding directly to the capacity building program.

As all of you could be aware, we are getting a revamp of the capacity building strategy, which will be fitting together with this. So all different perspectives will be [nice] or different engagement tools or different capacity building tools will be discussed and implemented respectively at different RALOs.

SATISH BABU: Daniel?

YESIM NAZLAR: Satish? This is Yesim. I think Daniel dropped. He was speaking to the [CNI]. I cannot see him anymore.

SATISH BABU: Right. So let’s then give him an opportunity when he gets back. So in the meantime, [are there any] questions or comments for Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry, Satish. I just missed that question.

SATISH BABU: Maureen? Yes. Please go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sorry, Satish. I was unmuting myself. But I just missed that question. Could you just ask it again please?

SATISH BABU: We were waiting for Daniel to complete his question but he dropped out. So nothing else. So no questions for you, actually.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can I proceed?

SATISH BABU: Yeah. Please go ahead and then [inaudible]

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much. Sorry. This is a technology issue coming from a third-world [inaudible] in a rural area.

But I'll say that this [inaudible] so much collaboration and documentation on how we can be able to bridge our collaboration with the RIRs and GSE.

Previously, we had a slight challenge from some regions, whereby they've taken quite long to come up with their strategies getting implemented or approved by the respective leadership.

We are also looking at coming up with effective outreach strategies or outreach and engagement strategies across the [inaudible].

So we are going to see the members break up in different groups of their respective regions, whereby they will be able to discuss it. So the [inaudible] outcome of this workshop is that probably [inaudible] specific timeframe whereby we shall have these strategies approved by the GSE to [inaudible] FY20 year with appropriate implementation of outreach plans for respective engagements.

I think that's what I'd like to mention. Thank you very much. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Daniel. Thanks for the [outreach]. Is there anything specific you wanted to do since [inaudible] ? We will include that as an action item. Over to you, Glenn.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Great. Thank you. I typed it in the box. Heidi could chime in on this as well. We just set up a very informal breakfast meeting a few ICANN meetings ago. God knows, I can't remember which one it was. But I thought it was a very good breakfast meeting that we talked about issues facing each of our RALOs.

These calls are nice, but I don't think we get to the heart of things. So I think – and I invite Heidi to chime in on it as well. It was sort of an informal thing. It's not meant to be a big session but I think it's a nice way for us to – and I think breakfast is not a bad time for most of us, so if we all met at, say, 7:00 A.M., we've been doing that with John Laprise on the Social Media Group as well in the last while.

So I'm just chiming in – and I see Heidi says it's a good idea, too. So, open invitation to the chairs and secretariats. We just have to assign the date and time. And I'll pay for breakfast, okay?

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Glenn. Over to you, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Glenn. Good idea. I'm not sure why those ended. We had those in the past. This time, we are all in the Portopia, so we're in the same hotel, which is actually where the meeting rooms are. So you would have some time..

So I'm going to go ahead and have an action item down, that breakfast is on Glenn. I'm joking, Glenn. Don't worry about that. Then we'll just meet informally. Hopefully, perhaps Maureen and Silvia and I could join you as well. [inaudible]

GLENN MKNIGHT: [I'll take it.]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. That's a good idea. Thanks for reminding us.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Heidi. Thanks, Glenn. I think Maureen also had mentioned it some time back. So if you could send around a Doodle or something, then we can [inaudible].

Moving on, Item #6 is data collaboration and communication with the GSE. So we had a [fair] discussion on this in the last meeting but I see there's a green tick from Sergio. I think his hand's up – no. Yeah, Sergio. Would you like to speak? Please go ahead.

Um—

YESIM NAZLAR: Satish? Sorry. This is Yesim. [It turns out] our interpreters cannot hear Sergio. It's just confirmed that his line is unmuted.

SATISH BABU: I thought I saw a hand up but maybe I was mistaken so we can go ahead. Yeah, so any RALO that wants to report on any other development vis-à-vis the [inaudible] collaboration and communication?

I'm not seeing any hands. I think, for Kobe, we will still need to discuss this because we may be having participation from GSE members. So maybe it's a good idea to summarize what we have [inaudible] at that meeting.

I see Olivier's hand's up. Please go ahead, Olivier, and then Heidi.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Satish. I just wanted to comment quickly on the idea of the breakfast. I thought that would be an excellent thing. It's a nice informal way. I know that we have some new regional leaders, so it's good to discuss things and not in a meeting room.

The other thing was, just to remind you, during the last [sheriff's] call with Goran Marby, we asked for a [feeka] with him, which is sort of a coffee discussion around the coffee with him – or tea or any kind of other refreshments. He did say that we needed to ask for it, but he wasn't against. So it looks like we might also be able to have a meeting with him – 15 or 20 minutes or something – to just catch up with Goran Marby, the ICANN CEO. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Olivier. So, Heidi, please note that we have a request for the [feeka] with Goran.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. Just on that point if I may – Satish, do I have the floor?

SATISH BABU: Yeah, please go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you very much. So just a point on that one, and just some other points about the [culture] collaboration with GSE. Last time. the questions seemed to be somewhat unorganized, if I may, and that

would be where it might be more useful if you hold a breakfast – Before the [feeka] or even beforehand, you could coordinate the questions to move your strategy forward. So you can all ask questions that lead on from one another and talking points, like Jonathan will be developing. That might help with some of the requests that you're making.

[inaudible] the GSE-ALAC collaboration, given Maureen and Sally have spoken several times now on moving these two groups closer together, some of the points would be having, for example, a liaison to the Sub Committee on Outreach and Engagement. That's Adam Peake from GSE. He will likely also be the liaison to the capacity building working group. The reason for that is, again, GSE is not just the regional vice-president. Sally also works with the public responsibility support, and that is ICANN Learn, that is the Academy, Fellowship, etc. So all of this.

If we could just work together and they could understand more of what [inaudible] are for that kind of support, that would be useful. I think that's what this is.

For example, I just recently saw Siranush, and we agreed that we're going to be meeting with Maureen on how we're exactly – and Amrita, who's the mentor for the Fellows – going to incorporate the Fellows more into ALAC, into the At-Large community, through onboarding, through selection, etc.

So these are the types of things that I think that this [culture] collaboration communication will benefit everyone. And I know that Sally is very committed to this. So I think this is a good ...

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Heidi, for that. That's a good point. Yes. Will you let us know the time of [feeka]? And maybe we should also take some time before that to prepare for the discussion.

For the GSE collaboration, I think all the points you mentioned were quite useful. I wonder if you have them in some place, like a wiki page or something, so we can refer to the list. We could otherwise – I'm not sure if I had written it down. So actually there are a number of things we cannot – for example, the Fellowship Program. So this is actually quite a big one. So please let us know if you have this [inaudible] so that we can [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sure. Satish, just one point. I can either write that down or that could be perhaps the agenda for when we get together over breakfast. Because maybe can hold it before the [feeka] and before that Tuesday meeting with the regional – I think it's Tuesday morning, mid-morning – when you're going to meet with the GSE team and then RIRs.

So maybe you can just prep for that on that Tuesday morning and we can discuss that then.

SATISH BABU: Great. And as Maureen points out, we also need topics of discussion [inaudible] so the meeting somehow [inaudible] the ALAC and the community feedback. So we probably have to work on that a little bit.

Right. So moving on, the next agenda item is #7, ATLAS 3, enhancing participation from RALOs and [inaudible] other matters. So either Olivier or Eduardo want to keep us updated on the statements of this matter and what we can help out with?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Sorry, Satish. I didn't quite hear what you wanted.

SATISH BABU: This is the ATLAS 3 agenda item. So last time we discussed this, you said that – I don't recall if it was you or Eduardo. It was very [inaudible] and you said there's a forthcoming meeting of ATLAS 3, after which we'd be clear with how the RALO chairs can help out. So do you have any updates on that?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Yeah. Thanks very much for this, Satish. Just a quick rundown of what's been happening. The ATLAS 3 working group, which consists of a lot of people, was divided into two sub groups. One of them was the Program Sub Group and one of them was the Leadership Sub Group. The Leadership Sub Group is the one that will be working on a number of – sorry, Leadership Development Sub Group. The Leadership Development Sub Group is the one that has also divided itself into further sub groups, each one to work on a specific aspect of how it's going to develop a set of demonstrable criteria to select the 60 or so At-Large invitees to ATLAS 3.

They'll also be supporting the preparatory program, so they have to basically work hand-in-hand with all the capacity building groups that are working on the other side. And they need to identify and encourage the development of the policy focus for each one of the invitees [respectively].

They also have to look at the mentorship program because that's something which I think a lot of regions have asked for. A lot of people have said we're the right mentors. Somebody can really be accompanied [inaudible] fully [inaudible]. It's very helpful to have someone that is able to watch over your shoulder and help you out when you need help.

So that's one of the groups. That's the leadership development group.

The Program Sub Group has also divided itself into three sub-sub groups. One of them is the capacity building for the At-Large Summit. That's the one that's been working really, really [fast] to try and, first, find out all these potential webinars but also on the ICANN Learn courses that are currently available and the ones that need to be developed.

Part of the ICANN Learn courses will need to be used for the selection of the people that will travel to ATLAS 3. So they've been trying to get this all ready by the first or March. AT the same time, I guess there's been some cross-pollination with the selection process, where the people designing the selection process will need to know what courses are needed to be able to then evaluate candidates afterwards.

Finally, the other two component parts of the program sub group are the programming team – so, because program and programming is confusing, we decided to call the Program Sub Group the PSG. So the PSG capacity building on one side. The PSG Programming are the people that are currently looking at the overall ICANN schedule at the At-Large Summit and fitting all of the different component parts, like the workshops and the plenaries. So they'll build the program.

Then there's a third one, third sub group, the PSG Outcomes Group, that will be designing what outcomes we're going to need and the kind of follow-up that will happen after ATLAS 3.

Currently, the teams are all made up, so at this very moment, I guess the only really very much involved-at-RALO team is the one whose RALO is directly concerned, and that's NARALO, obviously, and that's also because they also have At-Large Structures that are based in Montreal. People responsible from those At-Large Structures based in Montreal are a part of those sub groups.

When it comes down to both the Program Sub Group and the Leadership Development Sub Group, I think that both of them have members of the RALOs, including some of the leaders that we have on the call today.

So, I don't know how much more we can do to have the input from the RALOs. I'm happy to receive any suggestions at this point in time. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Olivier. Yeah, it sounds very exciting, and I think a lot of things have happened. I hope we will have an [appearance] at Kobe to listen to this information in detail, after which we can decide how the RALO chairs can chip in and support the initiative. I think what we've presented is very comprehensive.

So will there be a session at Kobe on ATLAS 3 that will be part of our working sessions?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Satish, this is Heidi. There will be an update. There'll be a brief update, not necessarily a session of that ATLAS 3 Working Group. But there'll be an update on that. thank you.

SATISH BABU: All right. Thanks for that, Heidi. Olivier, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks very much, Satish. I just want to emphasize: the two things, or the overall timeline that one has. Everything works out working backwards, so effectively you start with the data of ATLAS 3 and then you work backwards the number of months where you need to have a complete list of the participants to ATLAS 3 to given to Constituency Travel for them to be able to book them, etc., etc.

So then you have to roll back and find out, well, how much time is required to select those people, and then you have to roll back and say, "Well, how much time do you have to get those people to prepare

themselves to be selected so they can send in a statement of interest, but at the same time, they also take the ICANN Learn courses that are needed for them to be able to qualify for ATLAS 3?”

With all of that working backwards, I mentioned a moment ago we’re looking at opening the ICANN Learn courses on the first of March, which is actually before Kobe takes place. That’s in about two weeks, before Kobe takes place. The application process for the application window will also be open, I think, quite early on. I’m not sure if it was in mid-March or April. It’s still not entirely defined, but it’s also going to be quite early as well.

A lot of the work that is involved in there is actually hardcore work, things like designing the selection criteria. I’ve seen dozens of e-mails that have gone through, the various debates as to who should go, who should not go, what weighing there would be for people to get a score or something to be able to assessed in a fair way, bearing in mind that we’re also dealing with five regions. We’re dealing with languages. We’re dealing with a whole number of things. I think there’s also been a whole discussion as to whether there’s going to be some balance between the regions or not, and what is fair if you’re going to have a discussion process.

All of that discussion is taking place at the moment on the mailing list and on calls.

On the programming side, all the discussions are going on at the moment about preparing the webinars. So there are more than a dozen people that have registered for ICANN Learn that are reviewing the

current courses that are out there that discussed between themselves what other courses need to be done. Then there are even some people that are putting together some listings at the moment as to what courses still need to be created.

They're even starting to do a guideline or a wireframe of what a future course might look like that might to be taken, not as part of the selection process but as a way to get the ATLAS 3 participants to have a much better experience and a much cooler experience when they come to Montreal.

So we're not taking here a bunch of beginners and sending them to ATLAS 3. We're looking at concerned participants that are going to go from the status of being someone who's already involved and already doing things, and there's going to be a super-charged boost for them to be able to learn not only more about ICANN but certainly how to write policy and how to lead meetings, how to be At-Large's next leaders. That's super important.

So the meeting face-to-face Kobe is probably not a good use of their time – there'll just be a quick update – because, at the end of the day, the work is the hardcore work that goes on behind the scenes at the moment. I'm very thankful for those people that are really, fully into this at the moment.

There's even going to be a number of webinars, and we've seen over the years – over the three or four last years – there's going to be a selection of them. Some of them might be edited down so there's only specific sections of the webinar. All of that is hard work, but none of

that requires an hour or an hour-and-a-half face-to-face meeting in Kobe.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Eduardo and I or Maureen – Maureen is in charge of the whole – and we'll be every so happy to answer. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Olivier. I think we could appreciate that session in Kobe. One of the recurring issues when we look at the community side has to do with the visa. Getting a visa to Canada is not a trivial process. Hopefully, we can start early enough and have some support, as we did have in Kobe. For Kobe, I [inaudible] to get a visa and Kobe did not have any issues because of the support that ICANN provided this time. So that is most appreciated.

So [inaudible] but I think we will discuss these issues over the next few weeks.

Now we have the last item, Item #8, which is about the workshop that was mentioned already. Yeah, Maureen says that she doesn't have anything else to have. [Not very good]. Very comprehensive.

Now I'd like to ask Heidi what sort of an action do you expect us to take on this agenda item?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Sorry, Satish. Is this for the workshop?

SATISH BABU: Yes. The last item, Item #8. I don't recall the context of this agenda item #8.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I'm not sure—

SILVIA VIVANCO: [I can]—

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sorry for interrupting. Thank you, Heidi. Hi, and everyone, hello. I remember the discussion was whether or not – it's still not decided, but there was an idea to have perhaps this meeting face-to-face in a workshop manner, in a workshop setting, a little bit more [fluid and] informal. That was an idea proposed. So it was [completely] discussed today to decide [inaudible] for the face-to-face. [inaudible] or not. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Oh, okay. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. Just a little bit of context – thank you, Silvia, for jogging my memory – under Maureen, most of the ALAC sessions will now be in workshop style rather than just a discussion back and forth.

So if you want to bring this up, we can [get] flip charts in. You can have items you would like all of the regional leadership to discuss. So that might be more of an interactive type of session. I think that's the context. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: All right. Thanks very much. Before I go to Glenn, I think we will need to discuss this all over e-mail. We also would like to know the kind of the session and if it's an open session or a closed session. That would help on deciding what format to have.

And of course, [inaudible] guest we have is Maureen. The rest is on the leadership team. So we do have the option of inviting some of the Board members or anyone [also that matters on] another call that the leadership team has to contribute. I think we had a good discussion on it, but Glenn, go ahead. Make it brief.

GLENN MCKNIGHT: Okay. So Vanda and I are looking at topics and suggestions because the focus of the program is leadership and leadership issues. Yeah, so I like what I'm hearing in terms of suggestions on the format. We haven't talked about the workshop format versus facilitators. So Vanda is not on this call now, but we should be asking this committee for any

suggestions on what the topic should be. So any suggestion like that in terms of how our format should be to make it interactive, the better.

So that's it.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Glenn. I think there is a [inaudible] by Eduardo and Olivier as to what exactly is the difference between our regular session and a workshop session.

Can someone give an answer [inaudible]? When you say "workshop" [mode], what does that really entail?

[inaudible] to respond right now, but I'm sure there's a good reason why nobody in that session have adopted the form.

So I would like to open this question on the list, but are there any other comments on these matters right now?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, Satish. This is Silvia again. Just to remind everyone that we are in the process of posting the agenda and also inviting speakers. So I will ask [inaudible] to do this discussion online, perhaps in the next few days – two or three days – so we can have a final agenda and we can decide on the format very soon to be able to post the agenda and start on the invites to whoever you wish to invite. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Silvia, for that big – yes, Eduardo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Thank you, Satish. Thank you, Silvia, for the information. What I'm trying to understand is if you can give me an example of what isn't a workshop-style meeting. Not a content, but what is its style? How [inaudible]? What's its format? Because I'm not sure. I just wanted to be clear I understand what is being planned there. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Eduardo, if I may take the floor – thank you. A workshop is where people are asking significant questions and everyone you can break out into small groups. They're over in the flip charts. You're going to get some kind of response that's bottom-up for a bigger question, rather than going through what we're doing now: taking a topic, discussing it, moving on, etc. So it's a much more interactive format, where you're going to get responses to bigger questions. Okay?

EDUARDO DIAZ: [inaudible] Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Eduardo and Heidi. We have Maureen, followed by Olivier.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. Following on from what Heidi said, this is exactly right. I think the original suggestion came from Jonathan, which is one of the reasons why we actually having the three policy sessions in the Kobe meeting. And I think we've taken it into the outreach and engagement workshops that we're going to be holding.

It's so that people, if we want to make it more interactive and we don't want to actually have people actually having a voice – so, sometimes, it's the same people. We have a formal meeting and it's the same people who raise issues and who most of the talking. But if you can break them up into the smaller groups and everybody participates and their feedback actually comes back to [inaudible].

So it's really just allowing more people to have their say, but as I said in the chat, it's not appropriate for every meeting to be like that. It's just that the overall context of the At-Large working sessions are not just going to be the [inaudible] kind of just people just talking at the front of the room and everybody listening and then they leave. And if we have visitors, we're actually saying we'd like to know what they're going to talk about. So just make sure that it's relevant so the people can actually have a say on what kind of questions – the questions that they might ask they can prepare for.

So I think Gisella has been making sure that we've got a short description of what the topics are going to be in the Kobe meeting. People got an idea already when they come in what it's going to be about, and they can have their questions prepared. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Mindful of the time, before going over to Olivier, perhaps it would help if you first attend some of the ALAC workshop-style sessions [this time], since, as Eduardo points out, this requires planning to [inaudible] the workshop. And perhaps not everybody can do it. So we may require some kind of exposure to it before we jump in wholesale into that moat.

Over to you, Olivier.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks, Satish. My intervention actually goes in the direction that you just mentioned here, and actually it's also being mentioned in the chat. Are we going to have the [inaudible] for the workshop? [inaudible] or are we supposed to self-organize? Because I'm a little concerned that, if we are to self-organize, it's going to be a little hard because I'm not sure workshops [inaudible] that.

There's a whole [inaudible]. One goes from the very early ideas that come out of someone's mind to an actual solution or something that ends up on the Board. That's exactly as Glenn mentioned. There's a couple of big mouths, such as me, for example, who could dominate the darn thing and keep on talking and yapping and ramble on, as I usually do.

So, yeah, you do need [inaudible] to say, "I'm sorry. You've run out of time. Shut up now and give the floor to someone else." Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Eduardo. [inaudible] back to Olivier. That is [inaudible].

So I don't want to [inaudible], but we have the options of [inaudible] session. But [inaudible] what happens in the main ALAC workshop-style sessions and then decide [inaudible] the agenda [inaudible] the next few days. So I would suggest that we discuss this in the list and get some pros and cons and decide how we can [inaudible] and then decide about it in the next, maybe, [inaudible] five days.

I see, Olivier, your hand's up. Is it a new hand?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Yes, Satish. Thank you very much. Wearing another hat, I guess, maybe. On the topic of a workshop, one of the things that we keep on talking about is how can RALOs get more involved with policy. I think the question has been around for so long.

Might I ask or maybe make a mild suggestion here that the topic of the workshop can be something like this? And if we were to – and I understand that there's going to be some discussion that will be taking place with the Consolidated Policy Working Group and Jonathan Zuck, leading this – this is just an open thing. I haven't discussed it with anyone, and I haven't even discussed it with Jonathan.

But if we get a workshop on how RALOs can be more involved with policy that's coordinated by Jonathan? And I don't know whether he is able to coordinate it, by the way, but it's an idea I'm throwing here in the arena. If you don't like it, please shoot it down. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Olivier. I think it's a good idea, but my question would be – because we have a separate slot for [his] workshop. Also, the community members who are actually participating in Kobe – there will be, of course, a few people but not very many. So this is actually a [inaudible] very good for [inaudible] when you have a cross-section of community members there. So I think the idea is quite nice.

My only question is whether it is feasible for the Kobe for the multiple regions, including the need for separate session for that.

Are there any other quick comments on this?

Okay. Maureen, please, RALO chairs [inaudible] RALO leadership team workshop. That is actually quite possible.

Eduardo is saying that we should discuss other ideas and select one of them later.

Okay. So I think this question about the workshop mode should actually be taken [further]. I also think that, over the next four to five days, we discuss the options available to us and then take a final call. I hope that we're okay with the [inaudible] that we have right now.

Maureen says that she'll seek advice on the [inaudible]. Yes.

Okay. So the next agenda item is AOB. Are there any other or any other topics that we would like to quickly discuss?

[inaudible] free from [ideation] for the next whole week.

Are there any other comments?

Not seeing any other hands. I'd like to thank everybody who's [inaudible]. I'd like to thank Maureen for being [inaudible] – Glenn has raised his hand. Glenn, very quickly.

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

I know it's a little distraction, but I'm a little confused on one thing. We have our ATLAS 3. I know there's a cycle for our on RALO GAs. I just want to highlight it. If it's every three years, are we [inaudible] the GAs? If that's the case, will the cycle continue for next year? And I'm not sure which RALO is up for next year. Or would that be a separate budget request? So just thought I'd bring that up.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Glenn, for that. Who can answer that? Olivier, you have another idea?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:

Thanks very much, Satish. That's not an idea. I don't have any further ideas. I just have announced that, for Glenn – and it's a very good point that he's made regarding the GA. If you recall, we did a rotation of general assemblies between the different regions, and then all of the different RALOS meeting for their general assembly at the At-Large Summit.

Because this summit is very different, it's not going to be the case. I think that the decision was made early on – in fact, it was conditional – that we were not going to have a face-to-face GA (general assembly) for

each one of the RALOs in Toronto – Montreal, sorry. Obviously Canadian towns just sound the same. So – just about to be killed by Glenn.

So I think that we're going to have to look at that cycle again. Heidi has put her hand up. Maybe I'm completely wrong, but as far as I remember, there was no plan for general assembly in -- let's get it right – Montreal.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Thank you. That is correct. Go ahead, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Please go ahead, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you, Satish. So you are correct. There will be no general assemblies at the ATLAS this year. This is more of an assembly, where there'll be a lot of activities going on everyone who's there.

So I have raised this Maureen. Several chairs have raised the question of the general assemblies. She believes that this might be something that can come out of the ATLAS and then the cycles can start.

Now, just to how that's [inaudible], as of a few years ago – I think it was 2017 – the general assemblies are [budgeted] through the budget, not traditional budget requests. So that is one point.

The second point would be then, yes, you'd need to have the cycle developed, which one goes first. That might depend on where the meetings are.

Or, the other idea would be, now that you all have MOUs with your RIRs, it might make more sense to hold them in the region itself on the sidelines of your RIR meetings.

For example, a few years ago, NARALO held a very successful GA at ARIN. That has really strengthened the relation between those two groups. So that's something that you wish to consider. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Heidi. I think this requires quite a bit of discussion. The RIR idea is good, but the communities are somewhat different. So this has got to be planned out. Maybe it'd work in some of the regions that have a history of doing events together as NARALO did last time.

Yes. As Maureen says, there are options and we need to consider these things.

Glenn, you said you have one more comment?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yeah. Just on that theme that Heidi brought up with a relationship with an RIR event. Because they do it three times a year, it's something that could work out fairly well, and it's reasonably inexpensive.

The other two ideas is that IGFs are everywhere. IGF-USA is planned for July. Doing something in tandem with an IGF [youth] or an IGF in your own country may not be a bad idea to piggyback on.

But the other thing is what we're doing prior to ICANN Montreal: our NASIG, which is a two-day event. And we were possibly going to do something on multi-stakeholders on the Saturday with Larry Strickland, but he's retired, so that ain't going to happen.

But it's something that we'll be doing – NASIG – in Seattle, but Washington next year and Seattle the next year. So it's something to consider.

One of the things we've incorporated is we've reached out to many of our existing members like Satish and Tijani and others to actually be sponsored as interns [or net advisors] at our recurring event. So we've really showed good will, not only to many of the ICANN Board members to be speakers but also to get our speakers.

And we do have big mouths, Olivier, as being the first speaker at our event. So just to let you know.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Glenn. Olivier, is that a new hand?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: It certainly is, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Uh-oh. Yes, please go ahead.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Satish. I've put [inaudible] ...

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, we're not hearing you.

SATISH BABU: Yeah, we can't hear you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: You cannot hear me? Can you? Can you not hear me?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes, we can now. Olivier?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Can you hear me now?

YESIM NAZLAR: Yes.

SATISH BABU: Yes. Better now.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Maybe someone muted me. I don't know – oops. Or maybe I moved my mobile phone somewhere else. This is London, remember. I was just saying the [inaudible] indeed Brexiting, and that's the least of the problems they have.

The simplified table of the schedule of At-Large GAs and summits I've actually extended some time ago. It's actually already showing that there's no RALO GAs during the FY20 and then [Summit Year] zero. Then there is FY21. So at the moment, we haven't put GAs everywhere, but there's no real choice at the moment.

So I'm not sure where I get those counts from, but maybe a little voice told me or something. But it looked like it was going to be Hamburg, then Cancun, then Kuala Lumpur, then Seattle, San Juan, The Hague, Seattle, Cancun, and then I ran out of ideas after that. But this looks as though it's going to be where the future ICANN meetings are going to be.

Maybe we should start from here in deciding then which ones should have general assemblies – that's for the RALOs to choose – and making sure that we do not have more than two general assemblies in one year. Otherwise, our staff is going to be completely crazy.

Not only that but maybe we need to ask staff, actually, which ones they're more likely to be able to support better, depending on the location as well.

So that's, I guess, the sticking point now: to decide on our general assemblies in the future. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Olivier. As Heidi points out, the [inaudible] registration [inaudible] the ICANN meetings or other regional meetings.

Heidi, is that a new hand?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes it is, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Please go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: A couple of things. I personally think that staff could handle general assemblies better at regional events versus at an ICANN meeting because we're overwhelmed. We have our bandwidth very limited at an ICANN meeting to begin with. And we can provide full attention if you were to hold them at the regional meetings. So do think about that.

Again, you wouldn't need to go by the ICANN schedule. You could change things. And of course, the cost will be less, which is always better as well.

Just a couple of other points for under AOB – oh, one thing is that we have confirmed by Gisella that breakfast is included in the cost of the hotel. So, Glenn, you're off the hook. So when you have your breakfast meeting, likely Monday or Tuesday, in Kobe, that will be included in your room charge.

Then, secondly, I do with to again remind everyone about their status of their RALO discretionary funding. I'm going to go ahead and put a link in. You have now just about four months to use these funds if you would like to.

Please do remember this is not necessarily only for travel. We're seeing a lot of request for travel in this. It's also for production of promotional and outreach and engagement materials. If you're holding an ALS readout session post-Kobe or prior to Marrakech, you could rent a room and have this for catering for that. We've had some uses of that. So please do think about what you would like to do and start planning for that. Thank you so much.

SATISH BABU: All right. Thanks, Heidi. Olivier, you have a comment?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yes. Thanks very much for this. I do have a question on what's a regional meeting.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So, if I may, that would be your RIR meeting. That would be, for example, EuroDIG. If you wanted to do your Internet regional IGF. It would be a meeting of [RIPE]. It would be a meeting of CENTR. You could even do that, where you would, on the sidelines, have a day or two of general assembly.

Again, with the example of the NARALO general assembly, it was completely incorporated into the ARIN meeting. At points, they would go to the ARIN plenary sessions, and then they had their own room. They had their own events. So that was about three days' worth, I remember – two or three days' worth. Just a very strong meeting. It was able to focus on NARALO events versus having that side focus on an ICANN meeting as well. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: So does that mean that At-Large staff would go to the regional meeting as well and coordinate [the whole thing]?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Absolutely, yes. So we have three staff at the NARALO meeting – Silvia, myself, and Susie Johnson – who did the coordination. For example, in EURALO, it would be Gisella, Evin, and perhaps Silvia or myself for that. So it's [inaudible] etc., in the region. So, yes, staff would be going to those.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Okay. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Glenn, you have a comment here?

GLENN MCKNIGHT:

Yeah. I have to praise Heidi and her team and Silvia and Susie as well. They did a fantastic job. In fact, they were very seminal in setting the program. They showed a lot of maturity and guidance in helping us. We were stumbling along a little bit on it, but we ended up really engaging our community – in fact, impressing the hell of out of ARIN, to be honest.

Now we're at the stage with our NASIG in asking for money, and it's always good because we have a relationship. This is the thing that I'll say to all of your folks: if you don't really have a relationship, start building your relationship with your RIR now, and then eventually go after some money because they do have money for different events.

So they did supply a lot. Everybody was fed. They provided the extra room. It wasn't that expensive. But, again, I want to shout out to staff. We worked hand-in-glove together to make it a success. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Glenn. I think we are running out of time. We have a number of things to be talked about over the next four of five days, particularly relating to the agenda and the type of meetings, the format of the meetings. So we will look forward to the action items coming out of this meeting.

I'd like to thank everybody present here today and all the interpreters and certainly staff for organizing this meeting. We hope to be able to look towards Kobe.

So thanks again. Over to Yesim for closing this call.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you for joining. This meeting has now ended. Please don't forget to disconnect your lines. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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