

GISELLA GRUBER:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. Welcome to the ALAC Monthly call on Tuesday the 23rd of April at 16:00 UTC.

On today's call, we have Hadia Elminiawi, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Maureen Hilyard, Joanna Kulesza, Sébastien Bachollet, Ricardo Holmquist, John Laprise, Marita Moll, Yrjö Lansipuro, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Haroun Mahamat Cherif, Priyatosh Jana, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Lianna Galsyan, Glenn McKnight, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Roberto Gaetano, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Judith Hellerstein.

On the Spanish channel, we have Alberto Soto, and on the French channel, we have Ibtissam Kaifouf.

We have apologies today noted from Yesim Nazlar from staff, and Andrei Kolesnikov.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Evin Erdogan, Michelle DeSmyter, Claudia Ruiz, and myself, Gisella Gruber. We have Spanish, French and Russian interpretation. Our Spanish interpreters are David and Veronica, French interpreters are Isabelle and Aurelie, and Russian interpreters are Maya and Yuliya.

If I could remind everyone to please state their names every time they speak to allow for the interpreters to identify you on the other language channel, as well as to allow for the transcription purposes, and also, if you are not speaking, could you kindly mute your microphones and your laptops, or on the phone bridge, *6 to mute and *7 to unmute. And last

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but not least, please speak at a reasonable pace to allow for accurate interpretation. Thank you very much. Over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Gisella. I just noticed that you were fading in and out occasionally during that, but I'm not quite sure whether it was me. I just hope we don't have the same hassles with the AC room that we actually had the other day, which was not very good. But we'll plod on. And for this meeting, we have quite a full agenda of issues, things that we've got to formalize, and so we want to really try and give everyone a good go in [inaudible] fashion.

Let's get going. I understand we've got a quorum if we need to have any formal decisions made, so that's cool.

Can we have the review of the action items? One of the things that I have been remiss with our meetings is to go over the action items, especially the ones following on from the ICANN meetings. But for all our meetings that we hold, there are often action items that I want to check to make sure that we're actually completing all the things that we said we were going to do.

So if you have a look at the link that we've got here and the action items that were from ICANN 64, and looking at some of the items that still need to be followed up on – I don't want to spend too much time on these, but I do want to make sure that what we say that we were going to do, that we actually do complete.

From the Sunday meeting, there are a couple of workspace issues that need to be developed. I'm not quite sure why they haven't been worked on at the moment, but I noticed that Jonathan is involved in some of those.

GISELLA GRUBER: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes.

GISELLA GRUBER: Sincere apologies. Sorry to interrupt. We have an issue. There is no audio on the Adobe Connect room. [inaudible] audio. And you did mention this as we started. [inaudible] So just bear with me for a second while we try to sort out the audio. Thank you.

Maureen, we may to redial to you, because apparently everyone hears me on the AC, but not you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. That's a shame. Yes, please do.

GISELLA GRUBER: Terribly sorry. We're just going to redial.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, that's fine. Okay.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much. Thank you all for your patience. And yes, the next ALAC call will be on Zoom, so we will be sorting this issue out momentarily. Thank you very much.

Apologies to all. We are getting Maureen back on the line. Thank you very much. Welcome, Vanda.

Apologies to all. We're just getting voice now for Maureen. We will keep you posted. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Hi, everyone. I'm trying my laptop. How is that? Can you hear me?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Perfect, Maureen.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Maureen. You may proceed.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. I'll just try [inaudible] trying again, but I may as well use something that's actually working at the moment. So we'll give it a go and see what happens.

Right, so I hope you've all had a look through the action items and if there's anything that you need to assist with, please do so. I'll check over the next week and follow things up, which I haven't done [in the past. So] that's my fault.

Okay, so that's action items. Let's get moving on so we can get some of this stuff done. Carrying on therefore, can I just pass it over to Evin Jonathan and Olivier to look at policy? Thank you.

EVIN ERDOGDU:

Thank you, Maureen. I'll just run through the initial updates. Recently ratified by the ALAC was advice sent to the ICANN board. This is noted on the agenda and in the AC room for you too see. There's an executive summary of the GNSO expedited policy development process, EPDP on the temporary specification or gTLD registration data policy recommendations for ICANN board consideration, the ALAC advice regarding that. And also a comment was sent to the ICANN board, as you know, during ICANN 64, it was the joint GAC-ALAC statement on the EPDP. So both this joint comment and ALAC advice were regarding the EPDP.

There are currently no public comments for decision, but there are several current statements that are being developed by the ALAC in coordination with the Consolidated Policy Working Group that meets every Wednesday.

There are four public comments regarding registry agreements, and the CPWG would like to develop – or they're suggesting an ALAC statement regarding these four since there are some common issues regarding

pricing. But there are also penholders that are contributing their comments related to each of these public comments as well, and that will be discussed on the CPWG call tomorrow, so definitely encourage you all to join and contribute as well to that call.

And unless Olivier would like to say anything, I'm not sure if Jonathan is on the call, but that does it for policy for now. Thank you, Maureen.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you, but I have nothing else to add. So thanks very much, Evin.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sébastien would like to be on the queue, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: If there are no other questions or queries from anyone – okay, that's good. Right, moving on, the membership.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Can I be on the line about policy?

MAUREEN HILYARD: How about we have you now, Sébastien? Because we're going to move on to another section.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, are you able to hear us?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. [inaudible] hear me?

HEIDI ULLRICH: [Have we lost] Maureen?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Maureen, we hear you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Maureen, are you speaking? We cannot hear you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, I was actually asking Sébastien to take the floor because it's to do with policy. Did you hear me?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Okay. Thank you very much.

GISELLA GRUBER: I can hear Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Great. Can everyone else?

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: We hear Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Great. Thank you. Sébastien, go ahead.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. Can we have the result of the votes concerning the EPDP advice for the ones who are not on Adobe and haven't received the result yet, please? Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Alright. Okay. Evin, would you like to take that one?

EVIN ERDOGDU: Sure, Maureen. And sorry, the audio was a little fuzzy, but did you want me to share the executive summary, or the link to the advice itself?

MAUREEN HILYARD: It was the result of the vote on EPDP.

EVIN ERDOGDU: Oh, sure. Yes. So this was also – every statement that's ratified by the ALAC has a cover letter which details all the voting information as well as a link to the BigPulse vote, but I will read it off for you as well.

There were ten yeses, one no, and four abstentions, and one of the ALAC members noted his reason for abstention, but according to ALAC

procedure, abstentions do not count as nos, so there were ten yeses and one no. So the advice passed ALAC ratification, and it was submitted as advice to the ICANN board.

There's also a link on the agenda to the workspace which also details this information. Thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much, Evin. Are there any other questions on that? Good. Okay. So now, can we move on to the membership applications?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It's very difficult to come back when you want to speak [the time that we are muted.] Sorry. But I would like to add for our next call that we discuss about [inaudible] advice to the board and is it enough to have only ten putting yes even if it passed the bar for an advice to the board? I'm not sure that is the best way to send advice to the board with only ten even yes, it's a majority. But maybe it's not the right time to discuss that, but I would like very much that we put that up on the table for a future meeting. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien. I'm taking it from the viewpoint as Evin has actually noted in the executive summary that it was a majority vote, and I know that you have a concern about that, but when all said and done, the majority has spoken and we have a rule with regards to abstentions. So if you need to discuss it, you might bring it up in an ALT Plus meeting next meeting perhaps.

Okay, so can we – yeah, sorry, Evin, again, if we can have the membership summary.

EVIN ERDOGDU:

Sure. Thank you, Maureen. Moving on to membership, there's the ALS snapshot on the agenda and the AC room as well. There are now a total of 234 At-Large structures in 103 countries and territories around the world. The most recently certified ALS was the Internet Society India Mumbai chapter, part of APRALO. AFRALO is planning an upcoming orientation call to be scheduled sometime in May.

There are three applications currently awaiting advice from either the region or from the applicant itself, and due diligence is also being processed for six other applications, so we have quite a few, which is good news. So waiting for feedback on those from either [inaudible] or the applicants themselves. Most of them have been asked further questions.

Moving on to individual snapshots, we now have a robust number, over 100. We have 105 individuals and eight observers, and recently certified individual members came from APRALO, EURALO and NARALO, and we still have several applications from AFRALO and one from APRALO as well.

So that's the general update. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Evin. There is an issue relating to one of the applications for EURALO, but it's on the agenda later on, so I'll raise it then. Thank you for that.

Okay, moving on to item number six, which is reports and any discussion that people would like to raise. These are from liaison reports, working groups, RALO chairs if they've got anything pressing that needs to be brought to the attention of the ALAC.

One of the things that was mentioned last time was that I didn't give people time in which to raise issues in the reports session time. It's not something that we do a lot, but if there is anyone who's a chair of a working group or RALO or a liaison, it's really important that if there's something that you think impacts on us as a community from any one of those areas of responsibility, please raise it with us so that we can actually have some discussion and provide you with some feedback.

Is there anyone who would like – I've read through the reports, the liaison reports, and it's interesting reading. For those of you who would like to go on to the At-Large report section of the gateway, please do. There's interesting information from all the liaisons. Working group, I'm sorry, I didn't get through the working groups nor the RALO chairs, but the information's there. If you want to know what's happening in the community, you should be going to find out about what's up.

Right. Okay, no hands going up. This could be a short meeting [inaudible]. Number seven is just something that I need to be looking at very shortly. It's the selection of candidates for seat 15, and we have – is León on the call?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, no, he's expected to be on the call in about 30 minutes.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. So this is probably a good time to be discussing it. One of the things that we have to do before we actually start the process is for the ALAC to endorse the selection of the BCEC and BMSPC chairs. For those of you who are not completely up to speed with what those are, when the selection process for a new board member starts, there are two committees that are actually part of this selection process.

The first one is the board candidate evaluation committee, and they are two completely separate committees, they deal with completely different things. The board candidate evaluation committee, the BCEC, looks at all the candidates, all the applicants, and basically sorts out a slate of candidates for the actual election. It's a pretty arduous process for them, like a little NomCom, and they go through all the applications and come up with a slate that is actually then passed on to the board member selection process committee, the BMSPC, which is another section which actually takes At-Large through the actual election process so that you have a selection committee and then you have the actual process for the selection.

So in light of the work that people have actually been doing in previous years and their expertise in these particular areas, I'm proposing that the BCEC chair for this particular [thing] is Yrjö Lansipuro who of course has a background as working as a NomCom chair as well as being on the BCEC itself. As a recommendation from the previous BCEC chair who

was Julie Hammer, he was nominated as the chair for this next series of selection activities.

For the BMSPC, again, the BMSPC is an overarching activity that looks at the whole process, and we do need someone who has experience to look at the process, and we couldn't go past Alan Greenberg for someone to take on that role, and so I'm actually putting forward Yrjö for the BCEC and Alan Greenberg for the BMSPC. If there are any comments, queries, if you've got any comments, you may put your hand up.

Otherwise, I'd like just to get a consensus vote [inaudible] something that we can start moving forward on this. With regards to the BCEC for example, Julie Hammer when they had actually gone through their process during the last board selections that they ran, they actually did an evaluation of the process, and there were some recommendations that were brought to the ALAC, and these are – I know that Yrjö who was part of that process is very keen to look at the recommendations, and if there are changes to be made, to bring those back to the ALAC. So it's quite important that we try and get this process up and running and possible to make any changes that are considered necessary based on the recommendations from a very comprehensive report that Julie and the BCEC team put together during the last session. There we go, we've got Alan Greenberg.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I'd like to be on the queue, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sébastien, thank you. Yes, I've got you down.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Just to be clear, there were recommendations out of the BCEC and the BMSPC All of them were – any of them that required changes to the rules of procedure were introduced into the rules, and there was some discussion, you may recall, at an ALAC meeting, I think the face-to-face one before last, the annual general meeting, to amend the rules of procedure to cover some of those issues. The rest of them were deemed either to be not implemented or things within discretion of the BMSPC and the BCEC to implement when they review their own guidelines.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Alan, for that clarification. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah. Thank you. Please note that as of [inaudible] 2010, I am not participating and not voting on any issue relating with the selection of a board member number 15. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you for that notification, Sébastien. But what I would like is just a show of hands, a tick from the ALAC members as to – hang on. Before we do that, I see Tijani’s got his hand up. Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Maureen. I’d like to remind you, as Alan just said, that one of the face-to-face meeting of ALAC, I raised the point that the BMSPC, the last BMSPC proposed some amendments to the rules of procedure that Alan didn't want, so Alan made only the changes that he agreed on, and when I wanted to have a discussion in the meeting, I was told that this would be discussed later. So I [inaudible] just to tell you that the last BMSPC recommended changes to the rule of procedure because of some problems or some difficulties that the BMSPC met, and it is to avoid for the next round that the BMSPC meet again such problems. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Tijani. And I think this is probably one of the reasons why Yrjö would like to go through again. And I do believe that there were considerable changes made to the rules of procedure in relation to the selection. [inaudible] what I remember, and I was actually on the BMSPC committee, and I think that Yrjö will come back with any recommendations back to the ALAC if required, and we’ll work on that from then.

Okay, so I just want to get some indication from the ALAC members as to moving ahead with getting the chairs in place so that they can actually start their processes and looking at ensuring that the

recommendations have been or are being addressed in any way and can be brought to the attention of the ALAC before the actual selection process starts.

So if I can have ticks – thank you, John. Need to get there. I know that I can put my tick in there. I'd like to get this process up and running very quickly, because we need to start the process. We need to have at least one – who have we got? I'll lower my hand. That's supposed to be a tick.

Marita, Hadia, [inaudible] Hadia. Have we got Bartlett? [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I don't believe – I think he's an apology today. So so far –

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sorry for the interruption. Bartlett is on the line.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Oh, I'm sorry.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, Bartlett's here. [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Anybody who wishes to say yes, if you're only on audio, can you just raise your voice?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Do we have any – well, what we will be doing is there will be people who – any ALAC members who aren't present at the moment, we will be reaching out to them to get their agreement as well. So I think we've got – I'm a bit disappointed with the fact that there's so many apologies for this meeting. Okay, well, Sébastien's already said that he's not going to [inaudible], and we've got Ricardo online. But they will all be informed, and everyone will be informed of the final vote. Thank you, those who actually voted while they were here. Much appreciated.

Everyone will be informed as to what the process is with regards to the selection of the board member. We've got Alan with his hand up.

ALAN GREENBERG: I just want to point out that according to the bold in the attendance records, you do have quorum right now. It's fine to extend the vote to cover the people who aren't here, but I believe you do have quorum right now, assuming the bolds are all correct. Thank you. Just wanted to point that out.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Maureen. Are you there?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. That was me, I forgot to unmute myself. Just talking to myself here. So I'm just taking on board what Alan said, I'm just waiting on Heidi to let me know that it's a majority vote of those who are here.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Maureen, do you wish to ask for any abstentions or any no votes?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, please. We have had – I'm not quite sure what vote Sébastien is making, whether it's a no or an abstention.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: He is abstaining, I believe.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, do you wish to ask for those who do not approve [inaudible]

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: It's Sébastien speaking, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I am not participating to the vote. [inaudible] something different than to be abstaining or voting yes or no. I am not participating to the discussion and to any vote on that topic. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Noted. So everyone – okay, Ricardo is a yes. So that’s everyone that’s here.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Except Bartlett. Yes, Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: May I ask Sébastien why he doesn’t want to be involved in this process at all? I think it is important, because it is a position, and I want to understand it. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sébastien?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Maureen, and Thank you, Tijani. I am taking the position since 2010 as I was candidate, and since then, as I was board member, that it’s not good that ex-board members participate to this discussion, and who knows if I will not be candidate again or participate

to any things who could put me in jeopardy. That's why I don't participate to any of those discussions, and therefore to the vote. I hope it's clear, and I hope that you are okay with that. Thank you very much.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you for that.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sébastien. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: Just to be clear, an ALAC member, if he or she is present in the room, as Sébastien is, has three options on a vote: abstain, yes, or no. An abstain, according to ALAC rules, does not count as a no. It is truly an abstain saying you are not participating in the discussion, in the decision. I don't think there's a fourth option that one can have. But abstain, I believe, does [fully recuse you] from the [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Well, not absolutely sure on the intricacies of that, but I would probably – yes, we must make note of the fact that Sébastien has said that he didn't want to participate, rather than abstain as such.

Just going back to – Ricardo made a comment that he missed a bit about recommending Alan for the BMSPC chair. The BMSPC chair, Ricardo, is a position that requires – it's a process issue of the overall voting that is – it's a very long process that is required to select our final candidate for

the board, and there are several phases. So it's really important that the person who is selected as the BMSPC chair is very familiar with that process and can actually implement it and giving all candidates a fair and equal opportunity before the actual election takes place.

And the electorate is actually the ALAC members and the RALO chairs. So they are the ones who get to be able to [inaudible] candidate, etc. So I notice that Bartlett's got a tick, and I'm assuming that's for the election [inaudible]. If it isn't, Bartlett, just let us know.

So I think that that's where we do need to have someone in both of those roles.-The BCEC chair role is very important with regards to selecting the actual candidate that comes to the BMSPC, that committee, and that committee then implements the election process.

So you'll all be – especially the ALAC members – very much involved in that process, and yes, it should be an interesting one going forward. Okay, so are there any more questions or queries? Thank you for that discussion, and we can move on.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So you asked or yeses and we've asked for abstentions. I don't believe you've asked for any noes, and we have one outstanding ALAC member who has not voted yet.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Who is that?

HEIDI ULLRICH: That's Tijani.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh. Tijani, yes, no, or abstention?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Moment. Okay. Is it okay?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thank you. So I think we have – it's passed now, Maureen. We have eight.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Great. Thank you very much for that. Okay, so we've got the chairs in place. You'll be getting updates in the next meeting about where to, the next steps with regards to that, and the chairs will actually be the ones who will be reporting on that [inaudible] issue.

Moving ahead then on to the ATLAS III. Okay, that's been an interesting time for us over the last few months, and the application of course went online just in this last week, and as well as that, the start of the preparatory courses, the webinars and the ICANN Learn courses.

So there have been a few questions and queries. We've tried to give – the responsibility of applications and support for applicants within their region have been passed on to the RALO chairs. It's important that they have some responsibility. [There was a lot of call] when we were in Kobe for the regional leaders to actually have some part, have some involvement in this whole process. So we'd like to be sure that any applicants are getting a good deal and that their regional leaders are supporting them in that.

I guess I would like to, if possible, have someone from – is it Joanna? Because we've got the webinar program starting very shortly, so if we could have some information on that, that would be really great. Or Olivier.

JOANNA KULESZA: Yes.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, Joanna. Okay.

JOANNA KULESZA: I think [inaudible] Gisella who's done the most work on coordinating everything. My understanding is that we are now ready to set up the

webinars, and we have wonderful participation from At-Large and ALAC members. I believe it is going to be Alan and Olivier who will start the first webinar, so the agendas seem to be set, the topics seem to be covered.

What might be of concern at this point, I believe, is participation, but we are pressing full bore with organizing the webinars [inaudible] Spanish-speaking At-Large membership. They will be [inaudible] Spanish and French, and again, there will be [two days, two moderators for each topic, lecture if you will,] or presenters for each topic, and [so the course] that we are now on is to make sure that there's sufficient participation and that that information is getting distributed, and it is to be distributed to local networks and RALOs. And as Gisella wonderfully [inaudible] thank you very much, Gisella. [inaudible]. I would be happy to give Gisella the floor [inaudible]. I hope that helps, but I'm happy to answer questions. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Joanna. The whole ATLAS III program has been really hectic, and I have to thank Joanna and Alfredo who have gone through a lot of the courses with Olivier and Eduardo, but the support that we're actually getting from staff has just been awesome. They've got a big role in this process as well, especially with regards to when the applications start rolling in.

But one of the things that we – it's really important that the RALO chairs impress on applicants that they do have an opportunity to submit – as they're completing their preparatory courses, the five topics that they

have to do, they can resubmit – they can continue going back into their application form and then resubmit, right up until the 31st of May, which is the last day.

And whatever application has been submitted, the final one by May 31st is the one that's actually going to be assessed. So just encourage them to give it their best shot, but encourage as many people as you can within your RALO to actually go through those ICANN Learn courses. It's been selected to give people an overall understanding of how ICANN works, and so it would be really good – they don't have to be applicants, they just need to get an idea of what ICANN is about.

And the link to all the information is on the At-Large summit III homepage. That takes them to the application or to the guidelines how to fill in the application, so there's actually quite a lot of work, quite a lot of information, and I do thank everyone for their involvement in helping to get this program up and running. Many thanks.

Of course, we've got one project up and running, and now we have to return to the projects that we have left a little bit dormant for a while, although there's been a little bit of background activity happening, and of course, that's the At-Large review implementation program that we're going through.

We had a meeting the other day, and there are the eight issues that we promised the board that we would look at, and our implementation plan Work Stream to develop some improvement processes in light of comments that have been made in the review.

Some of the issues don't require too much effort, but there's [firstly] a component of continuous improvement that's incorporated into the implementation steps that we did indicate that we would actually carry out, so I would really urge anyone who is not yet engaged in one of those eight activities to join up and to contribute whatever they can to that actual implementation activity. And there's quite a bit to go by, so if you can join in and assist one of your colleagues who's taken the lead, what we're actually asking them for at the moment is a sort of status report. For each of the items there is a dashboard, and giving some monthly reviews of what has actually been taking place, and I think that if we can get that up and running, we have a report that the ALAC must provide for the board by June 23rd, so if we can get a status report up and running and some idea of what next steps for that particular item, it'll certainly give us something to work on with regards to writing that report. And we have Alan Greenberg with his hand up.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Thank you very much. Just a very brief comment, one of the gating things that we need to do is look – and it's a discussion we had several times over many years, but we never made a formal decision, is to decide on any criteria changes for ALSes, because that's a really core part of the implementation, and I'm going to be proposing – I haven't done it yet – that the metrics subcommittee be reactivated and be given that as one of its first tasks. We're not talking about detail metrics, we're just talking about the 10,000-foot view of what do we expect of ALSes and how do we recognize an ALS for accreditation so that we can start moving forward on the details that go forward?

We'll also need to do something similar for individual members, but that one's a lower priority, because not as much hinges on it in terms of other steps we have to be taking in the At-Large review. So that, you'll see from me soon as a recommendation. Of course, the ALAC can do with it as it wishes.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Alan. Yes, I would like that to be noted as an action item, please, Heidi. Okay, so hopefully – and I have noticed that some of the issues leaders have actually started putting information into the dashboard, and that's great. So if we can just get – Cheryl and I and Alan will be looking at getting that report written up, so it would just be really good if we could get some information on which we can base that report.

I'm getting an echo. Does that mean that somebody's got their [inaudible] muted their mic?

Right. Okay. Has León turned up yet? I note that he's on [holiday.] Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

I do believe we have an item before that one. We have the – let me just see where we are.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

I'm just going on the agenda that's actually in front of me.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Let me ping him. I'm sorry.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: If you wish to move to the next item, I think it's ICANN 65.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. I would. Thank you very much. Okay, let's go on therefore to ICANN 65. Yes, [inaudible]. Still going through the action items of ICANN 64, and we're looking forward to ICANN 65. Gisella, how about if you start taking us through that? Thank you.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Maureen. As it happens, today, we have at 20:00 UTC an ICANN 65 planning committee call, and where we stand at the moment is that we have not yet got a final draft schedule that I would like to show, as we don't yet know the exact number of high-interest topics or cross-community session that are going to be held in Marrakech. Initially on the block schedule, we had seven of these, but there is discussion amongst the SO/AC chairs about reducing the actual number of HITs, high-interest topics, or CC, cross-community sessions to actually focus on what we are there for, which is for the policy work. So we have another call on Thursday which is with ICANN's Meetings team, SO/AC chairs, and ICANN executives to discuss the number of these sessions, and that will also then, I think, free up our schedule.

We are likely to have, I think, four of those, which will give us a fair amount of additional working time. So that's where we stand with the draft schedule. And as and when we get any updated information, we'll make sure to let the relevant groups know and as we're fine tuning our schedule. I don't know if you wanted to add anything to that with regards to the high-interest topics, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. Okay. There is some discussion. I know that they did come back to us, and I did present to the At-Large leadership team about what they were proposing. I think the only issue that was contentious was – and we did indicate that rather than just focusing on the NomCom review, that they looked at reviews – if they were going to do reviews, that they looked at reviews overall, but I'm not quite sure, as you say, that there still has not been a final decision on the actual topics.

But the SO/AC chairs are definitely not in agreement with having the whole seven sessions [being used up,] because it actually takes a lot of time away from what each of the SO/ACs can be doing within their own system.

Okay, so there'll be more on that, and probably over the next few days as we have the SO/AC and planning committee chairs and the planning committee working together on that particular issue.

Okay, do you have anything else to add in that, Gisella, before I just go on to a few of the other bits and pieces?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry, with regards to ICANN 65, or just the schedule?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, schedule, ICANN 65, anything to do with that. [inaudible].

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes. Sorry, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. [inaudible]. The first are AFRALO, we're planning several events with them. Gisella is in touch with Aziz, and there's also a group that is working together, and they have several events planned, including bringing about 35 students from Rabat to Marrakech. They would be involved in At-Large activities, [they'll be there – I believe arriving Sunday and departing Tuesday evening.] They will be having briefings and going through university for an event.

But they also are planning somewhat of a showcase, but a low-key showcase on one of the evenings along with the community cocktail, and they're looking for some entertainment for that. And they're also having an AFRALO-AFRICANN meeting, and during that meeting, they will be highlighting the AFRALO hot policy topics document.

So [inaudible] including outreach and engagement activities. We are still looking – so for the traditional At-Large and NCUC event, that is going to be one session rather than two sessions given the shorter duration of ICANN 65, and we are also confirming with Meetings staff if there will be a table for outreach activities.

For social events, we are planning an At-Large dinner. I think, Gisella, on Thursday evening. Correct me if I'm not right there. At-Large will be covering the drinks and the appetizers. It'll be on-site, and we are inviting Göran and other senior people within ICANN.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, I've lost Heidi. I'm just wondering, can everyone hear me, or am I actually lost as well?

ALAN GREENBERG: We can hear you, and we could have heard Heidi until you started talking.

MAUREEN HILYARD: [You can hear me. Okay.] So I'm not quite sure who is at fault here.

GISELLA GRUBER: Maureen –

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. [inaudible]. Thank you, Heidi, but that does not solve our issue [inaudible]. We still have a sound issue.

GISELLA GRUBER: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, so [inaudible].

ALAN GREENBERG: Apparently she can't hear any of us.

MAUREEN HILYARD: We'll just finish this item, and then I'll let you say your little spiel. But I just wanted to mention that – I see Olivier is here but I don't see many of our other regional leaders, which is a little bit disappointing, as I'm expecting – as they are part of the ALT Plus – to see our regional leaders in the ALAC meeting as well, and especially when we are going to be discussing issues that will impact on them, especially in relation to ATLAS, the ARIWG, and now ICANN 65. So I'm a little bit disappointed with that as well.

Okay, so of course, there are going to be outreach and engagement activities. Daniel will be there, and so we'll be able to have an outreach and engagement meeting, and I think that Joanna has already been approached for a capacity building session as well, so that's something exciting already. And now I wonder, if everyone can hear me, and Gisella can't –

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen –

MAUREEN HILYARD: I can hear you now.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thank you. So apologies for the technical issue. I believe we are finished with At-Large 65 [sic] unless there are any questions.

MAUREEN HILYARD: [Well, just the social events.]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, I had covered those. Should I repeat those?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah, because we didn't hear those. [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Well, the main one will be an At-Large dinner, likely on Thursday. It'll be on-site, so for those who were in Marrakech before, it'll be in the [inaudible] just a very short walk away from the venue, and we will be inviting Göran and Cherine, and also, for each course, we will be switching the tables for Göran and Cherine so they will be able to speak hopefully with all of you during one of those courses. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Great. Thank you very much. That was actually fun. Okay, so now that we have León with us – and I understand he's still in the middle of a holiday, so we don't want to take up too much of his time, but thank

you very much for dropping in, León, and we just wondered if you might be able to provide us with an update. Of course, we're having sound issues.

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Hello, Maureen. Thank you very much, everyone, for having me again. I apologize for being late, I had another call in which Jonathan Zuck was also attending. It had to do with the CCT review team and the resolutions passed by the board on the recommendations of the CCT review.

Well, I'd like to update you on what the board has been doing lately. We have been working on [defining] our agenda for our next board retreat, board workshop, which will take place in Istanbul from May 1st to May 3rd. We will be holding three public sessions, one of them being the approval of IDN version four guidelines. In this case, the board will be presented with the guidelines on IDN version four for approval. [inaudible] doesn't mean, of course, or doesn't [inaudible] that they will be approved, but the expected outcome would be, of course, approval.

I have some feedback on the line. I don't know if everyone is muted.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes, please mute if you're online. There is some noise in the background.

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Thank you, Maureen. The second public session will be the board meeting. It will be a board public meeting. And the third public session will be the board fiscal year 19 priorities update. In this last session, we will update the community on how the fiscal year 19 priorities are looking, which are the different advancements and achievements that the board has reached in its fiscal year 19 priorities, and we will also be holding some sessions on fiscal year planning and budget, also the fiscal year 21-25 operating and financial plan.

We will be holding sessions on updates on GDPR and the different issues related to GDPR, and we'll also be having a session which I believe is very important to the times that we are going through in the ICANN community, which is related to reviews. And on this topic, we will be discussing about prioritization and affordability.

As you may be aware, the cycle of organizational reviews has completed, and we are going through a process which we need to prioritize the different recommendations that must be implemented so that the budgetary constraints that we face are able to actually provide the resources needed to implement the many recommendations from the different reviews.

So we are having a discussion in the board to see which is the best way to, of course, prioritize and provide affordability to the different outcomes that the review teams have, and of course, try to discuss this further with the community once we have a first idea of how we could achieve this.

We will be holding also some committee meetings. One of the meetings that I will be chairing is the BAMC meeting, the board accountability mechanisms committee, which will take place on May 1st, and we'll also be in touch with the local community in Istanbul. We have some engagement activities with local community in Istanbul. And we will be discussing also issues related to the new gTLD subsequent procedures, which we discussed in our January L.A. retreat, and we will be following up on those discussions.

So with this, Maureen, I would like to open the floor for any comments or any questions you may have. I'm happy to reply to them as usual.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, León, and I apologize, I was actually getting a lot of background noise during your presentation. I'm not quite sure who that was coming from, but it was very distracting. But are there any questions anyone would like to ask León about the work that's happening at the moment? And obviously a very busy time, León, you're deserving your holiday.

No questions? Great. Okay, well, thank you very much, León, and we really do appreciate that you've given up some time [inaudible]. Sorry, [inaudible].

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, León.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: And Cheryl, just to address your question on the chat, I don't think I require anything from the SubPro leadership team pre-retreat, but I will be happy to touch base with you offline. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, León. Okay, right, so let's move on, because we've actually not got that much time, and we've still got a few bits and pieces to get through. The first issue is to do with the – I mentioned before about an ALS application from a group called BIKLAB. They are from Guadalupe, and they are – of course, Guadalupe is a French territory, and therefore, as a French territory, it is actually in EURALO even though it's actually situated in the Caribbean.

I've actually been discussing with both Olivier and Sergio, and also Eduardo, because [they're] in a situation where there's possibility that they could be incorrect [inaudible] the different – LACRALO and NARALO because [inaudible].

So what we've come to an agreement – and it does mean that we need to look at the regional regulations based around the regions, especially for territories, that the French community associates themselves with Europe, and therefore EURALO, but what we have decided is that while that particular group will belong to EURALO, that they may be invited to activities that are taking place within LACRALO and/or NARALO, but

they are to be at no cost to LACRALO or NARALO, that any cost incurred by their involvement will have to be covered by EURALO.

It's a rather complicated arrangement, but it makes more sense that they are able to mix in with the local communities of that particular region while still belonging as a French territory to EURALO.

So it's an agreement that's been made between the regional chairs, and I very much appreciate that they actually have that opportunity to be able to meet with other RALOs, with other ALSes and individual members within the nearby RALOs while still maintaining [inaudible] with their home RALO.

Judith.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN:

Yes. I also want to – very interested in that NARALO, when I was secretariat, we have been following this, and also we've been working in the Technology Taskforce too on the issues [of nongeographic.]

One of the things we were waiting for the board, there was a board decision that was coming out on geographic regions. NARALO has a lot of territories in the Pacific that we've never been able to recruit as ALSes because the regions are so far separated from us, and we were always very interested in getting them associated with another RALO. So I have two questions on that: how will that help NARALO in getting ALSes in the Pacific territories, and also, what has the board decided on geographic regions? [Because they hadn't] decided anything yet.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Judith. I might put that down as an action item that we just need to follow up on that, but in relation to the Pacific At-Large structures, within the Pacific, we have the Internet Society which is an ALS, and that's quite inclusive of all the island countries within the Pacific, whether they're -because it's an ISOC relationship, not an ICANN relationship, so we actually do involve all the countries into our activities and throw in a bit of ICANN stuff.

But at the same time, there probably does need to be a little better formalizing, so we'll work on that one. Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much, Maureen. I am not sure I understood the problem you're raising, but as you're speaking about the geographic region, the working group on geographic regions recommended – the final recommendation was to keep the actual region but give the opportunity to any country, any territory to choose to change the region if there is a consensus inside this country or this territory.

So it is possible that any country change their region, but it must be a consensus among this very country to change the region. And you can change the region only for one thing. This is also a possibility.

So I don't know if the report is definitely and finally agreed on or approved by the board, but this is the recommendations of the working group, and I think that there is always flexibility. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. Exactly. I think in this case, the arrangement [suits] the ALS to remain with its would-be RALO but to be engaged in local activities. So again, this is something that we can look at, and as you say, it's flexible enough. If there was agreement within the country itself to make the change, that's a little bit of a different story, but we have to take all those sorts of things into consideration.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, Alan's next.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier. Can you put me in the queue, please?

ALAN GREENBERG: I'm sure you'll be put in the queue, Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG: A couple of points. Number one, the issue describing is not all that uncommon. There have been –

MAUREEN HILYARD: Have I dropped, or has Alan dropped.

ALAN GREENBERG: Can you not hear me?

GISELLA GRUBER: [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: We can hear you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. While we're waiting to see if Alan's going to come back, Cheryl –

GISELLA GRUBER: Maureen?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, we can hear Alan, so I think it's on your end. So I think if you could let Alan continue.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Again, audio issues.

GISELLA GRUBER: Maureen, you seem to be able to hear me but not Heidi.

ALAN GREENBERG: Can someone get Maureen on the phone?

MAUREEN HILYARD: I can't hear Heidi. Can you hear me?

GISELLA GRUBER: No, she's not here in the Adigo phone bridge, Maureen. So we're just going to get that sorted. Apologies for the inconvenience. Thank you. It seems to be Maureen's line. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you. For anyone who can actually hear me – and Cheryl can hear Gisella and me – okay, that’s alright. Hadia, as long as you can hear me, that’s fine. We obviously can't get a hold of Alan, but as I was mentioning, Cheryl who [lead that regional group,] the whole lot of the ICANN community has to agree to change the final report, which is in the board’s hands, is approved but yet still to be implemented.

So it’s in a little bit of limbo there as well, so there's still a bit of room, I think, for a bit more input if we can get that happening. Tijani, is your hand still up, or is that a new hand? Tijani probably can’t hear me either.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Old hand. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you, Tijani. And Alan obviously is not able to – oh, hang on, he's typing. So while he's typing – okay, we've had a little bit of a discussion about that, we've got five more minutes, and I'm going to give those five minutes to Heidi to talk about the elections and the ALAC regional and the NomCom delegate election timetable.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Hi, everyone. Just want to let you know that we do have the ALAC and regional elections as well as NomCom delegate elections. The schedule, we will start next Monday on 29th of April, and it will [inaudible] and then there’ll be a deadline for nomination acceptances on the 17th of May.

Between the 20th and 22nd, any RALOs that wish to have a call with candidates will have their calls. We've had a couple already inform us. And then elections, if required, will run between the 23rd of May and the 30th of May, and any newly elected ALAC members and RALO leaders will be taking their seat at the end of the AGM, the annual general meeting at ICANN 66 in Montréal. And I'll go ahead and put that link in to all of this information.

As usual, we do have a universal page, a workspace for all of the RALOs, and then we also have individual RALO pages. Now, LACRALO, they're just deciding whether they're going to go through their new operating principles or bylaws which would require a couple more positions, and then also NARALO, given their bylaws, they've already started their call for nominations, so they're already working on that. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. Okay, so yes, again, it's really important that we have RALO chairs here to take note of that whole process. So we'll have to make sure that they get that message.

Thank you, Heidi. Now, so just our final point, number 14 in tiny little print, is that – I think we're still waiting on an update on the process with regards to their appointment of another person in this position that wants to take over from Mohamed a role on the Customer Standing Committee.

We haven't been able to seek a volunteer for that role just yet, until we get some further information on that. Heidi, [inaudible]?

HEIDI ULLRICH: We're still waiting to have final feedback on the issue of an interim replacement and the process related to that. However, because time is ticking, we are going to go ahead and send out the announcement, the call for candidates. There will be an expressions of interest required, and there'll be several questions on this expressions of interest and there'll be several questions on this expressions of interest [inaudible] will be requested to respond to.

The ultimate selection will be made by the ALAC appointee selection committee, and then that will be sent to, I believe, the ALAC, and followed [inaudible] CSC itself. Thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Heidi. Yes. So you'll all be informed soon. I still have two hands up, but I'm not quite sure why they are still up. Tijani said that that was an old hand. And we're at the end of our 90 minutes, and that's the end of – is there anyone who actually wanted to any other burning issue? No? I'm taking Tijani's hand as being old and he's not raising anything.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, Tijani, is this a new hand?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, we also have Olivier in the queue.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, right. Okay. Well, let's have Olivier because I don't think that Tijani's hand is supposed to be up. Olivier.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Maureen. I wanted to come back over to the ALS application, which was the one from Guadalupe. The actual geographic regions report was actually now ratified by the board, so as described – indeed, yes – stakeholders in a country are able to choose which one of the regions they would like to be in. They can swap region once. All of the stakeholders – which therefore means both At-Large structures but also individual members and also GAC and also ccNSO – need to be in agreement to change the region. So it's not a simple operation as such.

That's the first thing. And that's of course now ratified by the board, so that can happen, and it might well be that some countries wish to move region. But at the moment, I haven't seen any interest, and I certainly contacted our the APRALO ALSes that were in some of these countries, and it's deemed to be a process that is perhaps complicated and a big step, if you want, both politically and also regionally, so no country has gone forward with this. That was the first thing.

The second thing is what you mentioned, which was that the – I think someone mentioned that the territories can change region, and that's a little bit more difficult. For example, Guadalupe is actually a French

department. It's not an independent country like for example in Europe you would have Armenia that is currently part of APRALO that could move over to EURALO. Guadalupe is actually a department of France, so there's a big question as to whether a department of France can try to go and move to, let' say, NARALO or LACRALO. That's probably more political issues and such. But any countries that are located between for example NARALO and LACRALO could swap between one and the other.

The third thing that was mentioned – and here I have to really agree with – and that's the agreement that we've managed to reach for Guadalupe. So Guadalupe would be part of EURALO, and it's great that they would be able to take part in both NARALO and LACRALO activities.

This is not unprecedented. We have several At-Large structures from Armenia that are taking an active part in EURALO work, and we've also had some very good interaction and collaboration when it comes to outreach as well. And I really do hope that this is something that will be achievable with Guadalupe as well. So thank you very much for this, and apologies for earlier, but I certainly tried going through, and I think Maureen couldn't hear me. So thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. Thank you, Olivier, and I'm glad you were actually able to substantiate and contribute those comments. And I see Alan's got his hand up. But can Alan be heard?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Can Alan be heard by anybody?

MAUREEN HILYARD: I can hear you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you. Then maybe I can finish my full intervention this time. As Olivier pointed out, Guadalupe is an interesting situation. The fact that they're a department of France does not really matter, because if they were a territory in any form, the mother country still has to approve. So whether they're a department or an almost independent country but still linked, the mother country has to approve – and in the case of France, it won't happen. So that's not worth even talking about.

There is a provision in the new rules for a country to change from the point of view of one AC or SO. It is for very restricted purposes and would not work in this case. So we are stuck with where we are, and as Olivier pointed out, there is precedent. So let's move forward and be as innovative as we can. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Great. That sounds great. I like innovation, and yeah, let's start by doing something. Heidi, is that a new hand? Are you going to finish this meeting off for us?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No. Sorry.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Are you done? Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: [inaudible].

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you very much. I think I will close this meeting, because we're already going over time. Thank you very much for attending, and I love the fact that it's the community that has actually felt that the ALAC meeting was important and they've come along to it. [inaudible] is bring my ALAC members along. That would be really something to look forward to. But thank you very much, and I hope you have a good morning, afternoon or evening wherever you are. Thank you. Bye.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thanks, everyone. Bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you, everyone, for joining the call. This meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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