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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good evening, everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO Monthly teleconference call on Wednesday the 6th of February 2019 at 18:30 UTC.

On the call today on the French channel, we have Gabriel Bombambo and Olevie Kouami.

On the English channel, we have Daniel Nanghaka, Beran Dondéh, Nkem Nweke, Chibuzor Nicodemus, Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, Emmanuel Onwugbufor, Yaovi Atohoun, Bram Fudzulani, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Dave Kissoondoyal, Aziz Hilali on French, Sarah Kiden, Ben Kyemba, and [inaudible].

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management, and our interpreters today are Isabelle and Jacques. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channels. And also friendly reminder to please mute your lines when not speaking to prevent any background noise. Thank you, and with this, I turn it over to you, Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Claudia. So, the second item of the agenda, the review [inaudible]. So, we're going to talk about the ICANN public comment. [inaudible] in the agenda. So we have six public comments.

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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Fatimata, so sorry to interrupt, but the interpreters are having a hard time hearing you. Can you please speak up or maybe move closer to the mic?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So in the agenda, the second item is review the action items from previous meetings. I think they all already done. Sarah Kiden was to send an e-mail for the replacement of our representative for the Work Stream 5, Ali. Sarah, can you talk about that?

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, everyone. I hope you can hear me. So that item is not done, but please give me today, I will send the call out today after this call. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you. For the second action item from the last meeting, Aziz and Tijani – Tijani is not here today, but [inaudible] to send their respective report of activities performed at the AFRALO discretionary funds. Aziz?

AZIZ HILALI: I am here, Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. You were supposed to send your respective reports. Has the [action] been performed? With the AFRALO discretionary funds. [inaudible]. Is your report ready?

AZIZ HILALI: No, not yet.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Can you put a timeline?

AZIZ HILALI: I think I will do it next week, but the next one.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Fatimata?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I just wanted to let you know that we have posted Tijani's report. It was extensive, so thank you for that. And Aziz, we have also posted your agenda for your event, so that will do for right now, but we do welcome a more full report when you do have time. Thank you.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Heidi. Thank you very much. So, we go to the third action item, Sarah and [inaudible] to make public the application [inaudible] to become AFRALO members. I think this is being done, right, Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, everyone. Yes, so we started the discussion as leaders on our Skype chat, but we didn't conclude anything. I think we had a lot of views, but we didn't conclude on anything. So I think maybe, Fatimata, we can put a timeline on when to complete this.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [inaudible]

SARAH KIDEN: I don't know. Maybe by the next call, we should have something. We should have agreed by the next call, if that's okay.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah, that's okay for me.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. The last one is for Mohamed and you, Sarah, to inform staff if the AFRALO-AFRICANN meeting will be held in Kobe. I think the answer is yes because I saw a call for volunteers and also a call for proposing a

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subject, a topic. I think the discussion is underway and Sarah is collecting names of people who are volunteering to draft a statement. And [inaudible] also shared timeline for the activities [inaudible] from now until [inaudible].

So my question to all of you, of AFRALO members, [inaudible] discussion [inaudible] on the mailing list. Do you hear me?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, Seun, [we hear you.]

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. I'd like to stay in the queue.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So the others did not see – I saw that Daniel was volunteering also. Seun, you're one of the volunteers [inaudible]. So it's okay. I just want to inform you in case you didn't see it that the discussion is being held online in the mailing list about the AFRALO-AFRICANN meeting topic for Kobe.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay? So if you all agree –

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. I'd like to stay in the queue. Am i?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Oh, Seun, I didn't understand that you're saying that you're in the queue to talk. So, you have the floor, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Yeah. Thank you. Yes, I saw the [inaudible] by Tijani. So it means that we [inaudible] very short time frame to get this [inaudible] rolling. I suggested that we send the call for volunteer prior to this meeting [inaudible].

The call for volunteers hasn't been sent already, because it's better [inaudible] AFRALO members are fine with. It's [inaudible] call for volunteers should last from 7th to I think 9th, and we need to [inaudible] that we put the call for volunteer out as soon as –

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: There's some interference.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello. [inaudible]

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can I continue?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, please, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Yeah. So, what I was suggesting was [inaudible] prior to this meeting [inaudible] I think we should send it as soon as we finish this meeting. So I propose [inaudible] tomorrow and then we can [inaudible] volunteer so that we can then [inaudible] as per the timeline so that we can [inaudible] by 10th or something like [inaudible]. But irrespective, other than that, I'm fine with the timeline. I think we should – and I'm fine with the topic that has finally received the most support. This is a critical that we need to discuss and we need to have our perspective as AFRALO [inaudible]. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Seun. I think [inaudible] got your message, but I think [inaudible] don't understand that you wanted the call to be sent in the mailing list. She thought that you wanted this to be added to the agenda for today. So, Sarah, please send the call for volunteers [inaudible] Seun. Okay?

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I see Abdulkarim and Daniel. Time is flying though, so please don't take too much time [to express your views] because we don't have many time left. Okay, so the floor [inaudible] Abdulkarim.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Hello. Can you hear me? Hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, you can go ahead, Abdulkarim.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Okay, thank you very much. So [inaudible] timeline, which is a good idea. And the other one is on the issue of the [inaudible] new gTLD procedure. [inaudible] on the Work Track 5. I think it would be better [inaudible] rather than having to limit [inaudible] callouts [inaudible] I think it's really important to have a representative on the working group. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Abdulkarim, I hope I'm the only one not to understand what you're saying. It's a little bit too blurry for me on my side. I hope it's just for me. Sarah, was it clear for you?

SARAH KIDEN: Hi. I could hardly hear him, but I think what he says is he agrees with Seun's proposal. I think that's what I take from it. Thank you.



FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you. So, next, can you please put your hand down, Abdulkarim? Daniel, you have the floor. Daniel? Okay, if you're having trouble –

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sorry, Fatimata, I believe he's muted. One moment. Daniel, can you please speak?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can you hear me now?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. Please.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Okay. One of the things I would like to suggest [inaudible] is about the discussion of funding. In Kobe, [part of the] funds meant to be used for providing [inaudible] but have we got an update about [inaudible] update about whether AFRALO will be producing [inaudible] for their respective outreach and engagement activities? Because all the [inaudible] are going to be delivered in Kobe. [inaudible] already, there are quite some volunteers who come up with it. I think [we should] proceed immediately to create the document because time is not [inaudible] have to mention.

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And then we should not wait any long for the work stream 5, because at least AFRALO participation is [inaudible] important always. I'd like to hand the floor over to you, Fatimata. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you, Daniel. Thank you very much. [inaudible]. May I now proceed to the third item? No? So this is about ICANN public comments [inaudible] in the ICANN [website] of course. They have like six public comment, and you can see all of them in the table in the agenda. At-Large [inaudible] EPDP final report. I don't have the close date, and it's under discussion right now.

the next one is the At-Large workspace, consultation on Neustar proposal for three-phase new gTLD application model. It's under discussion, and that's the second one. The third one is requesting for a comment. It's about the ICANN draft FY20 operating plan and budget or five-year operating plan and budget. And here we have our own [Maureen] and Tijani as penholder [inaudible]. The deadline is in t wo days, so if you haven't provided any comment, do so.

the next one for the strategic plan for fiscal years 2021-2025. [inaudible] and the status is under drafting, [being drafted.]

the fifth one, the first consultation on the two-year planning process is now for comment, February 20th. Here we have [inaudible] as penholder. And the last one, initial report on CSC effectiveness. February 25 for the deadline. We don't know yet about the [inaudible]. So if someone wants to provide [inaudible] on this, you have the floor.

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Okay. So no comment, so we can go to the next one. And here, we only have for the – Sarah, you have raised your hand? Okay, Sarah, go ahead.

SARAH KIDEN:

I just wanted to request Daniel and the outreach and engagement team to help us with new members, because I've received requests from new members saying they don't know how to contribute or participate [inaudible] so just explain to the members how they can participate in policy development. I think that would be nice. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay. Thank you. I think Daniel will provide this e-mail, and that will be better, I think. That's a good comment. Thank you. So we move to agenda item four about the reports. And here, I would call Seun because he [inaudible] to tell us briefly about the upcoming ALAC activities.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Hello.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Yes.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Can you hear me? Can I proceed? Okay, so thank you. Yes, a couple of updates of activities as the ALAC. [I sent our e-mail call] that the At-Large prepared the implementation plan which contains the

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implementation of how we're going to – the plan for how we're going to implement the last recommendation from the last At-Large review. So [inaudible] plan was submitted to the board sometime late last year, and we [inaudible] update that we received information that it's been approved by the board. So that simply means that the things that we proposed as action items or as the plan of how to [inaudible] on the implementation, we can then comfortably commence work on it.

You would recall that even before the approval of the plan that we have actually the chair, the current chair which is Maureen, has initiated the group, the implementation group and created this [inaudible] for various sections of the plan.

So I'm audio only, but the [inaudible] is that work is now going to go in full blown status now that we have the formal approval for it. So if you would like to participate in any of this group, I hope staff can perhaps post the URL or something, or you can just send a mail or you can just join any of the calls, the group's calls whenever it is announced. I hope staff can [inaudible] post a link to that on the chat.

The other thing is that this is a very – it didn't happen this year, it happened sometime in December last year, but I think it's good to announce it. ALAC fellowship mentor was actually appointed by ALAC, and that person is [Amrita.] [inaudible] availability, we also approached [inaudible] an alternate in case [Amrita] is not available for one reason or the other.

Preparation for ICANN 64 is still ongoing. You will recall that the last AFRALO meeting, we reported that the EPDP draft report was still up for

comment at that time, same with the auction proceed at that time, but now these comment periods have closed, and what we're doing now at [EPDP,] myself being an alternate member in that group, is that we're looking at finalizing the draft report which would then go for another round of public comment. So the hope is that by ICANN 64, hopefully we have gotten something final to present to the community.

The same thing applies to the auction proceeds as well. [inaudible] finalization, and ALAC members are participating in this cross-community working group as well.

Other activities of ALAC is of course [inaudible] planning [seriously towards] the ICANN 64. They plan to have a development session [inaudible] and there is also perhaps going to be some meeting with a group which is called the [GSE-SE.] The hope is that maybe – the [inaudible] of that meeting is not yet fully fleshed out yet, but [as information unfold,] we would update the group.

The GCSE, the Global Commission on Stability of Cyberspace. They'll be having a meeting in Kobe during the time ICANN will be having a meeting. So [inaudible] suggestion that they'll meet with the ICANN community [inaudible]. So that meeting, ALAC maybe [inaudible] one of these sessions with the GCSE commission.

Some [inaudible] the commission are actually from the AFRALO region as well, a number of them, so you could actually – and one of them I think is as member of AFRALO, to be specific. [Aha,] for those who know him. He's from Nigeria. So [inaudible] meeting and most likely there's going to be a schedule for us to meet with them in Kobe.

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Other than that, I think [inaudible] if there are questions, please feel free to ask. Hand it over to the chair. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Seun. Thank you very much. Is there any question for Seun? Daniel?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Okay. Mine is not a question as such, but I would also like to mention that still in Kobe, there is a workshop that is going to be held for different stakeholders, mainly coming from the [GSE,] RIRs [inaudible] So one of the key outputs of that session is that we are going to be discussing how we can be able to collaborate with the respective RIRs, especially with focus on ALSes. So, how can ALSes be able to step into the different activities for events that are being organized by the RIRs for the different stakeholder partners?

Just to add on that also [inaudible] posted about a conference or an event that they're organizing in Botswana. So this will also be able to – this discussion is going to come out [so much clearly] in the workshop, so I'm going to request that at least AFRALO members who will be there in Kobe can come together [inaudible] we can be able to discuss how we can be able to enhance engagement in the different policy development processes with collaboration with the respective RIRs and stakeholders who will be in that workshop. Yes, that's what I wanted to mention. Thank you very much. Back to you, Fatimata.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [inaudible]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Fatimata? Sorry, you were muted.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sorry, you were muted, we didn't hear anything you were saying until now.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: You can't hear me? Hello?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: We could hear you now. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So, should I repeat?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes, please.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I said thank you to Daniel. I think you made a good transition to go to the next point, to talk about recent and upcoming AFRALO activities. That's about AFRALO members who should tell us about the recent activities and upcoming activities.

I think for the upcoming activities for AFRALO as a whole, Daniel just about [inaudible] for Kobe. And I think it's something very interesting [inaudible] and AFRALO would have, again, the opportunity [to meet AFRINIC briefly] and discuss with them [the] MoU, [the] support from them. Daniel, [you are asked] to talk about the [inaudible] I think we're going to wait and talk about – I see two hands, Abdeldjalil and Sarah. You want to talk about your ALS activities? Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Yes. Thank you so much [inaudible] for the report. Just to inform you that yesterday we celebrated the [inaudible] Internet day with more than 300 students from [inaudible] school, so [they're under the theme] together for better Internet. So we discussed with them about social media, how to use in good way, and we talked also for the good of Internet [inaudible] for the young people also. So that's all I need to share with you. Thank you so much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Abdeldjalil, and congratulations [inaudible]. So, Sarah, you have the floor.



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SARAH KIDEN:

Hi. So, Internet Society Uganda Chapter also organized Internet day in partnership with the regulator, Uganda Communications Commission, and it was well-attended. I think we had 150 people. It was a good discussion, and it was the same theme as Abdeldjalil. So yeah, it was good, and [the president has] promised to continue with this, so this whole year, they have a plan to go to calls, to go to [classes] and different communities to just build awareness about [inaudible] online.

Then we are also planning YouthCon in Uganda during the Africa Internet Summit together with GSE team, so I think that will be something very [inaudible] bringing youth from Uganda who probably don't know anything about ICANN, about Internet governance and try to interest them in joining ICANN and to participate in policy development. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you, Sarah, and congratulations for the activities [inaudible].  
Bram?

BRAM FUDZULANI:

Hello, everyone. I did not do the mic check. I hope everyone can hear me. I also just want to give feedback on the activity that our ALS did on our Internet day. We pretty much had the same [inaudible] that everyone else like Sarah has shared [inaudible]. But we also worked with the regulator and youth organization that fights for youth rights and freedom. We launched an online portal where youths can actually report issues of cyberbullying, cyber harassment, and so the event was [well-organized.] We had a panel discussion which involved other

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stakeholders as well, and tomorrow, we have the final event which is bringing together five schools, and the idea is to just do an outreach and engagement and awareness on Safer Internet Day, and specifically talking about cybersecurity issues and cyberbullying enhancements and digital rights. But yeah, that's just a brief on our ALS, the activities that we had Safer Internet Day. Thank you so much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Bram, for the [inaudible]. I think I'm going to give the floor to Daniel [inaudible] discussions about the [inaudible].

OLEVIE KOUAMI: And Olevie Kouami would like the floor as well.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Can I proceed?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, please.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Thank you very much, Fatimata, for that. I'm going to give two respective updates which are really pretty short. As far as the – I'll start with the hot topics working group. With the hot topics working group currently following the new resolution from outreach and engagement meeting that was held in December, a team was comprised to develop the capacity building strategy, and also in the January meeting for

capacity building, we had an election of the chair and the vice chair, which is Joanna Kulesza and Alfredo are the new chair and vice chair respectively.

So they've been working intensively on the capacity building strategy [inaudible] come up with new respective innovative methods to be able to have capacity building. And also through this, an e-mail communication was initiated to [inaudible] respective webinars, but all the implementation is going to be done after filtering out which topics crosscut with other region and which one's very much specific to the AFRALO region, and then all these will be held after the different implementation to come into place.

And also, I'm going to also give a brief update on the ATRT 3. Currently, the ATRT 3 [has had] only one meeting, and we haven't yet started the real ATRT 3 work until the new leadership is composed. So once the selection will be approved in the next meeting that will be held on the 14th, and then from there, we should be able to come up with a respective [roadmap] of implementation. And once that is done, then we shall be receiving at least frequent updates. I'll be giving updates to the members of AFRALO [inaudible] respective discussion that will be taking place on the ATRT 3. Thank you very much. Back to you, Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you very much, Daniel, for this update. So, back to the activities, we don't have any more ALS updates. I only have the [past activities as

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yet. For the] upcoming activities, we don't have plan. Maybe we'll get them next month [if there are any.]

So the next agenda item is about the AFRALO-AFRICANN joint meeting. I think we already did that. Or do you still want to discuss more about this? Oh, Olevie wanted to –

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sorry to interrupt.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, I just saw [inaudible]

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sorry to interrupt –

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Excuse me. Olevie is online.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes, he wants [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, Olevie, you have the floor.

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OLEVIE KOUAMI: Yes, this is Olevie Kouami from Senegal. That's where I live now. I reside in Senegal. I moved to Senegal with part of my ALS. I was in Togo before moving to Senegal, and since I arrived in Senegal eight months ago, I am getting my first steps in the country, and I'm trying to set up a team, have a team around me to make sure to set up ALS activities.

In February, we're going to celebrate the international Internet Day, and we're going to organize together with a social hub where I live.

INTERPRETER: There is no feed from Olevie anymore.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Olevie, are you done? Olevie? Okay. Maybe he's done, because I just heard there's no, I don't know what, for Olevie anymore. So maybe he's done. Maybe [inaudible] having an upcoming event for Internet Day in February [inaudible]. So [I'm here too and we know them.] Oh, you're redialing. Okay. I'm going to jump to number six, if you agree, because I think this is action item [inaudible].

So let's jump to number six about –

INTERPRETER: Fatimata, I'm so sorry, Olevie is back. I don't know if you want to give him the floor again. Let us know.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Well, just for one minute, I guess. One more minute for him.

OLEVIE KOUAMI: I'm sorry. I was cut off. But what I wanted to mention is that as an ALS, we are getting organized in Senegal to organize different activities, also activities from Senegal, out of Senegal. We have the international day that we are working on, we are also working on capacity building, on outreach in order to raise awareness among students about ICANN, about what it does within schools and universities. And I just wanted to say this to inform you that we are very present in Senegal, very active in Senegal as well as in Togo, and we want to keep working for AFRALO and in the name of AFRALO. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Olevie. We also have two other ALSes in Senegal. I hope you [remember] them. And I think you know all the leaders of these ALSes. And for the Internet Day, they usually celebrate it [inaudible] February. Thank you, Olevie.

So, can I now go to the sixth agenda item about new individual members applications? New ALS applications, sorry. I'm reading the Spanish words and translating it. Sorry. Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. We received three new individual member applications. The first one is [inaudible] he is from Nigeria, and he is a robotics process [interaction] developer. The second application is from [inaudible]. I actually met him at the IGF in Paris, and he has joined AFRALO as an individual member. He's also from Nigeria, and he is on this call. The

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third application is from [inaudible] who is from Uganda, from the Research and Education [inaudible] Uganda. I know [inaudible] personally and I worked with him on a few projects. So, welcome to our three new members.

We did not receive any ALS applications. I think it's been the trend for the past maybe four months that we receive individual member applications and not ALS applications, which is still okay. Welcome, and we hope you will engage and enjoy your stay with AFRALO. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Sarah. Is there any comment, any questions on this agenda item? No? Okay. Welcome [inaudible]. So the last point is the AOB. Do you have – any other question, issue to raise during this call is welcome.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yaovi?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [inaudible].

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SEUN OJEDEJI: This is Seun.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yes. I –

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I already gave the floor to Yaovi.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: And then [inaudible] next. Okay?

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

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Yaovi, you have the floor. [inaudible] Yaovi.

PASTOR PETERS: Is everybody hearing me at all?



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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Hi, Pastor Peters. I gave the floor to Yaovi. Yaovi, do you want to speak?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yaovi?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Can you hear me, please?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Who is this? Yaovi?

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Yes. Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. We can hear you. I can hear you.

YAOVI ATOHOUN: Okay. Thank you. I just –

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

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YAOVI ATOHOUN: More information specific to the region. In Mauritania, the board approved the delegation of the Arabic IDN ccTLD to Mauritania. That was during the board meeting. That is one of the resolutions on January 27. So it is about the delegation of IDN ccTLD for Mauritania. That is approved. So the process [inaudible] some months ago, and then we were in touch with the staff at the ccTLD registry in Mauritania.

The second information is now we have the .ss, which is the code for South Sudan, which is delegated now. So you have one new ccTLD for South Sudan. So we have .ss also delegated.

Also some key activities from the [GSE team,] we had two workshops, one in Uganda for law enforcement agencies, and that was on January 28, 29, and then we had the same workshop in Kenya on January 31st and February 1st. So these workshops are on DNS abuse, and during two days, other topics are covered like the legal framework related to [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

YAOVI ATOHOUN: So that was the two workshops also we had in the region. So these are the [main news] I want to share you, and Sarah mentioned before we had a meeting with ISOC Uganda, and then we are preparing the workshop for youth. That will happen during the [AFRICANN-GNSO] meeting in [inaudible]. So thank you very much.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much, Yaovi, for these excellent news and updates. Thank you. So the floor is for Seun, and then after [inaudible]. Yaovi, can you lower your hand, please? Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Alright. Thank you. I just wanted to ask a clarification question from [inaudible] Sarah. So the three new individual members, I just wanted to confirm the process, because I recall that we'd indicated that there's [some form of] notification to AFRALO, the AFRALO list when there are new individual member applications. [inaudible] recommendation, and [inaudible]. And [inaudible] what is the current process that is [inaudible] actually verify and approve the current individual member? Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Sarah, [inaudible] answer to that?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. I can respond, and maybe you can add if I don't respond properly. So, thank you, Seun. That's actually an action item we are supposed to discuss as AFRALO leaders and ALAC members in AFRALO just to discuss about how this work will be handled. As you are aware, these individual applications have a lot of personal information, so we're not sure if it should be possible [inaudible] all that information. We are still not sure how to handle this. That, and it is on the action item. I hope that responds to your question, and thank you.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [Yeah, also, I think we are pushing for every individual member application to be] [inaudible] if that member is a member of an ALS [inaudible]. Thank you, so Maureen, you have the floor.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much, Fatimata. I hope I'm coming through clearly. I'm sorry, I don't often get an opportunity to come to the AFRALO meetings, but I had an opportunity to just sneak in. And I just wanted to congratulate AFRALO for the work that they're actually doing, for the contributions they're making to At-Large activities. We're getting some amazing contributions from people from within AFRALO, and it is much appreciated.

I know I came in as someone was actually giving an overview of ALAC information, and I just wanted to impress on you the importance of – you have a session in ICANN 64 which I'm really looking forward to sort of popping into, although I know that there are two other activities that are going on for me at that particular point in time. But I know that you always have a really exciting meeting, and I'm sure you're looking forward to that.

The key things that I wanted to bring up were the things that are reported to the ALAC at the moment, and of course, that is the involvements that people already are engaged in with regards to ATLAS III, people who are involved in the programming and the leadership teams. It's really important that if you're in a working group, that you're working to full capacity on that one and giving us all the support that

you can give. And I know Eduardo is on the call as well, and I'm sure he'll be supporting that one.

And of course, we just had our At-Large review implementation plan meeting this morning my time, and it's going to involve – we'd really like to get multi-stakeholder input into the implementation of those activities. And there is a major item that involves outreach and engagement, and I'm expecting that people will be involved. Daniel is doing a great job in the outreach and engagement leadership. Sarah in her co-chair role is doing a brilliant role in a lot of the At-Large activities that we're involved in.

And it's good to see a lot of our young people from within the RALO getting engaged, because they are our future leaders and they're the ones we want to really encourage and support through what we're doing and so they get that opportunity to experience what is required to [inaudible] leadership. That is the At-Large goal for the future for [inaudible]. It's our primary goal, shared leadership and ensuring that our youngsters do get an opportunity to be part of that leadership development.

But I just wanted to say too that I'd really like to get more involvement from AFRALO in the CPWG. Seun as a member of the ALAC is very involved in the course in his involvement and the EPDP has been a real effort on the part of the team, and Seun is very much integral to that, which his awesome. But I just also wanted to mention that I'm told with the development of a welcome pack, I know that a lot of things that happen within the RALOs – and I'm hoping that in the regional leaders meetings that these sorts of positive developments within a RALO are

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actually shared so that we can get some good quality outputs across At-Large. So I'm hoping that you can share that when it comes to fruition. Very much appreciate it.

So I'm sorry for intruding on your meeting, but I just wanted to say how pleased I am with the work that is actually being done within AFRALO and your contribution to At-Large, and looking forward to working with you and seeing you in Kobe. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much.

PASTOR PETERS: Hello.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: This is very important very –

PASTOR PETERS: [inaudible]. Is anybody hearing me at all? Pastor Peters wants the floor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes, Pastor Peters, we do hear you. We have someone else speaking at the moment. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Pastor Peters, you can have the floor now. Please go ahead.

PASTOR PETERS:

Thank you very much. Okay. I can hear. May I request the moderator to please speak louder into the microphone? Because I can barely hear you. That's number one. Then number two, I want to respond to Sarah on the new individual members to AFRALO. From the way she spoke, it is like the members have been accepted into AFRALO, because I heard her say welcome and congratulations, and we hope to work with you, even though she reported that they've applied to be members of AFRALO.

So I cannot reconcile these two statements. Have they applied to be members, or they've applied and been accepted? [If they've] applied and been accepted, following Seun's comment, how and when was the acceptance done? What was the procedure adopted? Because we had an agreement, we had the guidelines that were set up as to admitting individual members.

So, also as Seun mentioned, I did not receive any notice of an application, and [inaudible] responded to Sarah that they have the information of the members, personal information. I don't get it. If they want to belong to AFRALO and then they don't want us to know who they are – every member of AFRALO, all the ALSes, their information are on the public domain for everyone to see. So I don't see [inaudible] AFRALO want to know who they are, I want to have their background. So, I want Sarah to please address that issue. Thank you.

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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you very much, Pastor Peters. [inaudible] appreciate that. Regarding the members we're saying welcome, you know anybody can attend this AFRALO meeting if you're not [inaudible] member. So we ask them when they apply, we ask them to join the next meeting. It doesn't mean that the application has been approved, no. Not yet. Okay, so I just want to assure you that it's not yet approved. We got applications, and as I explained earlier, we have to do our due diligence.

In terms of sensitive information, their information we don't share because – any [inaudible] GDPR and everything, we don't share everything we get from the members, okay? So I just want to assure you that the approval process is not yet done. Okay?

PASTOR PETERS: Okay. I have a very strong concern with what you just said. In the past, [everyone,] ALSes when they apply to join AFRALO, they are not allowed to take part in AFRALO meetings until they have been admitted into AFRALO. Now if you are [inaudible] to the meeting and then [inaudible] meeting we discuss the application, I do not see how the due process [is being served] in this effort. So I don't understand. If I'm wrong, I want anybody – I want people involved in this process to please correct me. So if you're [inaudible] I don't understand when you say anybody can join the AFRALO conference call. I don't know when that started. If you do not belong to AFRALO, anybody can just join into AFRALO conference call? This is strange to me, this is news to me. Or maybe I missed out some information in the past that I wasn't aware of. So please, I want [my enlightenment on that.]



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FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Let me confirm to you here and publicly [inaudible] At-Large staff that anyone can attend a RALO meeting. [Not the ALSes.] Okay, but as a member – because this is – ICANN – individual users meeting, so they can attend. It doesn't mean that they can vote. They can't vote. They can listen and learn about what we are doing, not ALSes.

PASTOR PETERS: Can you please refer me to any of the ALAC – the guidelines. [inaudible]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [inaudible]

PASTOR PETERS: Hold on. Sorry. You said [as ALAC member said,] can you refer me to any of the guidelines in the AFRALO or in the ALAC guidelines that says anybody can attend the RALO conference calls, please?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: I would let Maureen and Heidi send you those links. I can't link that right now, and I have also other hands standing up. So, I really appreciate your questions, I think they're very interesting, and I provided as much as I can answers. So the proof, the evidence you're looking for, I think you'll get them from staff. Okay? From At-Large staff. Is that okay to you?

So, next is Abdulkarim.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you very much, Fatimata. I just want to respond to Pastor Peters. As a [inaudible] individual member of AFRALO, I was attending [inaudible] calls even before my application was approved, and I [inaudible] in that. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Thank you, Fatimata. I wanted to just make sure that everyone is aware that all At-Large meetings are open unless otherwise stated, and in particular for AFRALO, their rules of procedure do state for rule 7.6 that all meetings shall be public. So that has been around for some time, and I'm glad that we are clarifying this now. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Heidi. So, I think Pastor Peter has the answers he was waiting for. And thank you very much. Do you have any other different business to talk about? If not, I think I'm going to close the meeting now [inaudible]. And thank you all for a very interesting and rich meeting, and thank you all for your participation. Thank you. [inaudible].

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Bye.

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SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. Bye.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thanks, everyone.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you, everyone, for joining the call. [inaudible]. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

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