

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO monthly teleconference call, taking place on Thursday, the 2nd of May, 2019, at 18:30 UTC.

On the call today on the French channel, we have Brahim Mustapha and Gabbibé Gab-Hingionne.

On the English channel, we have Tijani Ben Jemaa, Pastor Peters, Ejikeme Egbuogu, Barrack Otieno, Remmy Nweke, Omar , Seun Ojedeji, [Bernathieu Eziemi], Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede, Beran Dondoh, Sulaimon Moriam, Haroun Cherif, Raymond Mamattah, Sarah Kiden, Dave Kissoondoyal, [Mitchel Chung], Nomsa Muswai, Bob Ochieng, Bram Fuduzlani, Aziz Hilali, Fatimata, Seye Sylla, Christiane Anaky, and Bukola Oronti.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, and myself on call management.

Our interpreters for today are Isabelle and Camilla.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and also so that the interpreters can identify you on the other language channel. Again, a friendly reminder for everyone to please mute your lines by using *6 or *7 to unmute.

Thank you very much. With this, I turn it over to you, Mohamed.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, [Claudia]. [inaudible] maybe on the phone bridge ... ah, okay. That's much better. Thank you very much. Welcome, everyone, to the call. We had to [re]schedule the conference call from yesterday due to International Labor Day. I hope you had a good holiday and I wish you had a good day.

Due to a commitment, I might not be able to complete the full call. So, in order not to distract you by that, if I left before the end of the call, I would like just to hand the call management to Fatimata and also Sarah. She's here. [All is] well. So we can proceed with our call.

So, Fatimata, I guess you are already on line. You can take the agenda item of the review of the action items.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Hello. Can you hear me?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes. Can hear you very well. thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [I hope] you can hear me very well. Thank you, Mohamed. The roll call is already done, so, for the action items, [inaudible].

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hello? We can't hear Fatimata. [inaudible]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Hello? Hello? Hello? Hello? Action Item #1 – excuse me. I have a bit of a [inaudible] in my throat. Sarah Kiden [inaudible] AFRALO [inaudible] call with Donna Austin to discuss the Neustar response to the [inaudible]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We cannot hear you. If you can speak later. I cannot hear [any of you, please].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: You can't hear me? [inaudible] Gisella—

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, good. I'm shouting now. Sarah, do you have anything to tell us about the follow-up AFRALO [inaudible] issue call is Donna Austin to discuss the Neustar response to [AfrICANN for the] Kobe statement?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes. Both action items are actually related, and we discussed this. I think Tijani would be in the best position to give an update. But we already discussed this. If Tijani is on the call ...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani? Hello? Mohamed, do you have any update on that one?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Tijani is on the French channel. He just spoke up. I'm not sure who you're giving the floor to.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. I'm giving the floor to Tijani.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Fatimata. Good evening. This is Tijani speaking again. There has been a response to our statement from [Aptoose], who worked at Neustar. Because our comment was about the Neustar proposal, it seems logical that they would answer our statement.

So what happened is that there was a reasoning for every point that we mentioned. After that, Heidi called me and told me that perhaps we should have a session in Marrakech where we invite Donna to talk about that a little bit more.

My response to that was that it may not be necessary because we know what the arguments are. Donna had written to Heidi everything that she wrote to us. So she had written it previously. When we worked on our statement, we looked at the proposal that Neustar had given us and we worked on the article from Donna.

So I didn't think it was necessary to have a session with her because, in any case, we know what she thinks. She knows what we think. So, in the end, it will be a moot point because the arguments that she put forward

– we already know what they are. We have given our statement based on that. So I think that's it.

However, I didn't want to completely close the door. So what we said is perhaps we could organize a conference call. I agreed with that proposal. So perhaps we could organize a teleconference call on that specifically, on the Neustar proposal. Then we could also have Donna invited so that there is some type of a dialogue with the community. I think that could be a positive way forward.

During the conference last time, Heidi had mentioned that question. It was actually not recorded in an action item but as a topic [mentioned]. At least that's what I thought Sarah had told me. We had a discussion online, on Skype, and I said, "No, there is no action point. We did not decide to organize a call. But it is something that was proposed by Heidi." I am not opposed to that.

However, we need to find the time to do it and, if it's useful, no problem.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. I think we are just taking too much time on this. Thank you, Tijani. It's clear, I think—

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I would like to finish, please.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah, but quickly, please, because we started late and we have other items to cover. Thank you, Tijani. Sorry for cutting you off.

Are you finished?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I am done, actually.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you very much. For the second action item, it's still about the AFRALO-AfrICANN statement drafting team. If I understood well what Tijani suggested, [they] will be having a meeting in Marrakech to deal with Donna Austin and maybe update the statement.

Is that okay?

Okay. So let's go to the next point of the meeting then. Is there—

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Actually, no.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you. So, Tijani, you have the floor to give us a short explanation so that we can move on. And sorry because we lost too much time.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: So what I said is that it was a proposal. That's what was proposed. But I had already said that having a discussion in Marrakech is a waste of time. Marrakech is a short meeting. We have a lot of things to do at AFRALO.

However, if you want to organize a teleconference that is on that topic only, the Neustar proposal, I don't have any issue with that at all. Is it clear now?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, it's clear now. Thank you. I think people who were in Kobe can start an e-mail and you could get organized to finalize this issue for good because I think it is taking too long. [inaudible].

Now we can go to the agenda item about the public comments. Mohamed?

Hello? Hello?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Fatimata. This is Claudia speaking. I believe Mohamed already dropped from the call.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So I'll ask Sarah to go through the public comments. Please, Sarah ... oh, Mohamed is on the call. [That's what I'm reading].

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Mohamed, you are now unmuted if you're trying to speak.

Hello, Mohamed. Are you there?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: [inaudible]. Okay.

[FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA]: Okay.

SEUN OJEDEJI: [inaudible], this is Seun. I think we need to [inaudible]. Somebody else can do it if the audio of [mine or] Mohamed is not coming up.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. So can you please go ahead then and do it? Because I asked already ...

SARAH KIDEN: Hi. This is Sarah. We have a few public comments displayed on the screen in front of you. Or you can go directly to the URL. The first one is a proposed renewal of the .org registry agreement. The public comment actually closes today. So it's already been worked on in the wiki space. If you click that link, it should take you there so you can see what has already been developed regarding that public comment.

The second one is the proposed renewal of the .info registry agreement. The public comment also closes today, the 2nd of May, 2019.

Same as the previous one, there's a wiki page where you can see the statement that has already been drafted.

The third public comment is the ALAC statement on the registry agreement renewal for .org, [.biz], and .info. It also closes today and [inaudible]. It's in the comment phase. If you are interested, get in touch with the penholders and give your input.

The next one is the proposed renewal of the .asia registry agreement. The public comment closes on the 7th of May, 2019. It's also in the comment phase. Maureen is the penholder.

I believe [I reached out to] on the mailing list. I think [inaudible] has already been drafted. Maybe Maureen is on the call. She could talk about this.

Finally, we have the proposed renewal of the .biz registry agreement, which also closes today. If you follow that link that's displayed, it will take you to the statement that has already been drafted.

Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you. Thank you, Sarah. Is there any questions for Sarah on the public comments?

No? Okay. So we'll go to the fourth agenda item: recent and upcoming ALAC activities. I would give the floor to Tijani or Seun or Hadia to talk about this.

Hello?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I missed the last ALAC call, but I think one the major activities, apart from the fact that the public comments have been discussed, which we eventually sent to ALAC for approval on the [inaudible]. The other thing that is currently happening at the ALAC level – of course, bearing in mind that I said I wasn't on the last call, I've not really gone through the [inaudible] the last call. But following looking at the mailing list, I think that I'm able to figure out [inaudible] in relation to the [inaudible] and preparations for ATLAS III, which is ongoing.

The other activity, which [you've seen from Barrack], is the usual ccNSO updates. We also received that [inaudible]. I think, from my own side, I would rather prefer to pass and then allow members who were probably at the last call to provide an update. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Suen.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you, Seun. As mentioned before, there has been a lot of debate and talk about the .org proposed statement. There has been ongoing work with regard to ATLAS III. Today was the second webinar It was held earlier today, and it was about the GNSO.

I'm reminding everyone on the call that those webinars are prerequisites for the ATLAS III applications. So I encourage everybody who's interested in ATLAS III to attend the webinars. Also, I encourage others that are not interested in ATLAS III to also join the webinars or take the courses because they do have actually useful information. The webinars are a substitute for the prerequisites to [inaudible], but you can also take the prerequisites [inaudible], which are available online.

Another thing is the EPDP. The EPDP reviewed its work today – so EPDP Phase 2 work comments today. There was a proposal to have a subgroup to work with ICANN org—

AUTOMATED VOICE: Please hold.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Hadia, go on, please.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Okay. I'm sorry. I just thought that—

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: You should hold.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Yeah. So there was also a proposal to have a subgroup to work with ICANN org to move forward discussions with the European Commission and data protection authorities. The reason for that is to make sure that the uniform access model is actually possible.

There has been an EDPD team [worksheet] proposed, which speaks about services for accessing data, credentialing, terms of access, and compliance, of course a standardized model for lawful disclosure, and expected deliverables, which is a unified access model.

On today's call were some uncertainties. Part of it was in regards to the unified access model and if it would be possible or not from a legal standpoint of view or from the point of view of the European Commission and the European Data Protection Board. Also, there was a debate that such a model hasn't been defined yet and we don't know yet what it is or looks like but then this is the work that we should actually be working on.

Also, the ALAC has been working on planning for ICANN65, and there is a proposed schedule of blocks for ICANN65.

So I guess that's about it from me. Maybe others would like to continue. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay. Thank you, Hadia. Thank you, Seun. Tijani, if you have something different from what they said to add to it or to update on.

Tijani?

Is something happening?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Fatimata, Tijani is writing in the chat. He says no.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay. Tijani, I hope you are not mad at me.

[CLAUDIA RUIZ]:

Because there's nothing [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay. Thank you very much. Is there any questions about the ALAC activities?

Sorry, I have to stop this.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE:

Yeah. Sorry. This is Abdulkarim.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Yes?

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: I just want to ask Hadia about EPDP Phase 2, which she mentioned. I don't know if I can go on.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Yes, please do. I'm here.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Hi, Hadia. I just want to find out about EPDP Phase 2. Is it closed-door sessions? Or how is different from Phase 1?

HADIA ELMINIAWI: It's not closed sessions. There are observers. So anyone who would like to be an observer, please – I think I did forward today a link which actually sent some information about that. But I could forward again after the call. So it is possible to join as an observer and attend the calls, the meetings.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much, Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: So can we go to the next agenda item?

Okay. Recent and upcoming AFRALO activities. We have five minutes. Do we have any ALS or individual members who'd like to talk about AFRALO activities?

Recent and upcoming.

No? Nothing new?

Okay. So I will then give the floor to Aziz Hilali to talk about the ICANN64 meeting in Marrakech.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: ICANN65.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: 65. Sorry. 64 is done. Sorry. Thank you.

Is Aziz with us?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Aziz. You are now unmuted if you wish to speak.

Fatimata, Tijani wrote in the chat that he wishes to raise his hand.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. I'm sorry, but earlier I couldn't unmute myself. I asked Adigo to do it but apparently they need to do something for me to be able to speak. So there was a technical issue.

Earlier, we were talking about ALS activities and I wanted to mention that my ALS on the 4th, next Saturday, will be a part of the Internet Governance School as a contributor and speaker in the different sessions that will be organized.

So that's what I wanted to mention. That's all I have to say. Thank you so much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Tijani. If there's no other ALS with recent or upcoming activities, I will give again the floor to Azizi Hilali. Aziz, I think you were muted. I hope now you can talk.

FEMALE INTERPRETER: We cannot hear anything on the French line. This is the interpreter.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Aziz. This is Claudia. Would you like to try speaking through Zoom on English?

Fatimata, it looks like Aziz's bridge line was disconnected and they're trying to dial out for him again.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: He's on the bridge. I don't know if he wishes to try to speak.

AZIZ HILALI: I'm here.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, good.

AZIZ HILALI: Can you hear me?

Perfect. Thank you, Fatimata. I have been disconnected. It happened three or four times. I hope you can hear me. It seems that you can.

I will now talk about the activities that AFRALO will organize for Marrakech. As you all know, AFRALO is very involved when we do have an African meeting. On top of the meeting that we always put together for any of the ICANN meetings, which is the AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting, we will also have, instead of a showcase, the AFRALO social event. It has changed names. So this will be combined with the reception organized by ICANN for the policy forum meetings.

As you know, all of the African meetings will now – for some of them, the policy forums, the B meetings ... So this social event will occur on

Monday night. We are in the process of putting together so that it is a truly African evening.

The second thing that we are working on is something that we now are doing for every meeting, whenever it occurs in Africa. We will invite 30 students from Rabat University. They will be selected after a call for candidates. They will come for the first three days of the Marrakech meeting.

So we are currently working with the staff, with Mohamed, Sarah, Daniel, and Tijani as a team to propose a program for them as beneficial as possible for them as students. The idea is to raise awareness, to make them more interested. Now, I do want to mention that these students did have a course that I taught them at the university on Internet governance. So they already are very well-informed on all of the different topics that we normally talk about.

If you will allow me, I also want to talk again a little bit later to talk about the NomCom. But there is one more thing I want to mention. On Tuesday afternoon, we will take the 30 students to the Marrakech University. That university is not far at all from the place where we will have our meeting. They will be in an auditorium with other university students. Half of them will be from the Marrakech University. They are working on a computer Masters. Then there will another half of them who are doing something else. So the idea is to put them together so they can talk about hot topics having to do with anything political at ICANN.

I am available now to answer any questions. That's what I wanted to say. So, Fatimata, I will give you back the floor now.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you very much, Aziz. Is there any question for Aziz, a quick one for Aziz, before I talk about the ALS of [inaudible]?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Fatimata? This is Claudia.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I just wanted to let you know that we have Beran, Sarah, and then Abdulkarim with their hands up [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay, but please be quick. Please. Okay, Beran, you have the floor.

BERAN DONDEH: Thank you, Fatimata. I just wanted to speak on behalf of—

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Hi, Beran. It's been a long time.

BERAN DONDEH: Hi. Yes. I just wanted to speak on behalf ISOC Gambia. We're currently organizing, in collaboration with the Ministry of ICT and the IT Association of Gambia, to hold for the first time the West Africa IGF this July. We'll also be hosting in conjunction the West Africa School of Internet Governance as well as the West Africa Youth IGF, all within a space of five to six days. There'll be calls for application going out sometime next week. So please keep your eyes peeled. I'll try and forward it onto the mailing list. We hope that you will turn out in your numbers. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: That's great, Beran. Thank you. Who was next?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sarah Kiden is next.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: Just to add to the update from Aziz, we shall the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. This is a call for topics. We're going to send out an e-mail, but just to notify you that we are requesting topics for which we shall draft a statement and read during the meeting in Marrakech. So, if you have any ideas, please respond to the e-mail when it comes. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Sarah. Who is next?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Next we have Abdulkarim, Fatimata.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Abdulkarim? Okay.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you very much. The question I have for Aziz is regarding those that don't have a Moroccan embassy in their country and want to attend ICANN65. Is there any arrangement for a visa on arrival? Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Good question. Thank you. Aziz?

AZIZ HILALI: This is an excellent question, actually. So I don't know if you remember what happened in 2016, but we were one of the few countries that actually helped people get visas, especially for people who come from Asia or Africa. In 2016, we were able to get more than 600 visas upon arrival, at the airport. This has not changed. Many people have contacted me, and I would like say again: for those who do not have diplomatic representation in their country, you have the right to get your visa on arrival at the airport.

So what do you do? What you need to do is get into the first page. I will send you in the chat that page. Everything is there – all the instructions. You need to send an e-mail message with the forms that are required. You will find a list of those forms on the ICANN meetings page. There are three different forms that you need to send. You need to send them to an e-mail address. It will go to the Foreign Affairs Ministry. I work in close collaboration with the person who is in charge of this, so if you have any issue, getting in contact with that person, let me know directly because I know who this is and I'm working directly with that person.

So, if you do not have diplomatic representation or if you live too far away, you can do that. I hope I answered your question, Abdulkarim.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Aziz. I think you did it well. I think I'm going to read the activity for [gabdiday] ALS. I said that is an ALS just organized with the Ministry of ICT. The international birthday [inaudible] in Ndjamen, Chad. So that's another activity. So the ALSes are quite active, and that's very good.

Is there anyone else on the queue before we go to the next agenda item?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi, Fatimata. This is Claudia again. No, no one else in the queue. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you very much. So who can talk very fast about the ATLAS III preparation [environments]? I think Tijani is the best place to talk about that.

Is Tijani with us?

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters.

FEMALE INTERPRETER: I'm not hearing anything yet on the French line. This is the interpreter. I'm not hearing Tijani.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi, Fatimata. This is Claudia again. Tijani wrote in the chat. He put, "Five days to select a [mound of] proposed topics. Two weeks to form the drafting team and draft." Then he said [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you very much, Tijani. Any questions for Tijani?

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PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters.

[SARAH KIDEN]: Hi, Fatimata. This is [Sarah] speaking. Actually ...

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes?

Hello?

PASTOR PETERS: [inaudible].

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. Sorry. The chat from Tijani is actually in reference to the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. So he's saying we shall have five days to receive the topics and then two weeks to draft the statement. So that's what it refers to. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah. So maybe he's not following with us. Sarah, do you have any idea about ATLAS III preparation and requirements?

SARAH KIDEN: Yes—

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: If not [inaudible].

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Could I please get the floor?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Tijani is back? Good. Yeah, we were waiting for you. Tijani, Mr. ATLAS III.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay. Thank you very much, Fatimata. Just to be clear, I am on the bridge and I cannot mute or unmute. So I always have to go through Adigo. That's why I'm always late in taking the floor.

But anyway, back to your question regarding the summit preparations. As far as the summit preparation, we are know at the time of the EOIs (Expression Of Interests) for people who want to participate in the summit. As you know, I wrote an e-mail – I think it was yesterday or the day before – explaining how it important it was that we really focused on that.

Why? Because there will be a selection. There are only 60 spots for all of At-Large. So it is most likely that, for AFRALO, we will only get ten of those spots. So, if we don't do what needs to be done in order to be selected, we may not even have all of those [inaudible] [stuff].

So what I explained in my e-mail in both languages is that it is extremely important to have webinars, especially for those who do not speak

English. And for those who do speak English, it is very important that you follow the courses that are proposed on ICANN Learn because, otherwise, you will be eliminated for the selection. So, if you don't do those things, you will not even be considered to be selected. So that's the first thing. Very important.

Secondly, the application, the expression of interest, that I was mentioning earlier needs to be done online. But it's so complex that my concern is that some of our members might be eliminated simply because they didn't quite understand the process. So I have said that you needed to read the application before filling out anything, to really read it. There are PDF copies in all three languages. So all you need is French for French speakers and English for the English speakers. But read it through it. Make sure that you truly understand what is in there before you even start filling it out. And we have time. We have time to pull it up.

So really do what needs to be done in terms capacity building, in terms of training. Make sure that you meet all of the requirements in order to be selected.

So the preparation of the summit is done in different areas. I just mentioned what is of interest immediately for us AFRALO members, but there are other things that are of interest, namely the program that is being put together by the other committees. So there's a capacity building program that was done at the level of that committee. So what we need to do is to designate a member for the selection panel. There will be one member per RALO. So that member is selected by the RALO.

So the understanding is that it is somebody who was previously at the NomCom. There are three others: Mohamed, Fatimata, and Dev.

So I saw this call that was done by Sarah. I saw that Dev answered in the affirmative. He said, "If there is no other candidate, I can be the candidate now." May not necessarily discredit – well, I wanted to have someone who didn't go through the selection process [inaudible] Montreal. I would like to have a member of the leadership of AFRALO. However, unfortunately, because the only candidate right now is Dev, Dev will have to fill out his EOI, and he will have a conflict of interest. As a consequence, he will not be able to participate in the evaluation of his own request. It's too bad, but it's not a major concern. So, if we don't have any other candidates, it will be Dev.

So that's it. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you very much, Tijani. I also saw on that chat that I've been selected by Mohamed. So we'll see. My only concern – I already [opined] this to Maureen and to the AFRALO leaders – is time. I really involved in such difficult work activities and time-consuming activities that it's just sometimes difficult. I know that I have the capacity to do it. I'm used to being part of selection committees. But, if it's going to take me too many hours, I don't know if I can do it. But I'm willing to, of course, support my community as usual.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Fatimata. This is Claudia speaking. We have Heidi, Sarah, and then Seun with their hands raised.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. The floor is for Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Given that all RALOs now have this opportunity for—

PASTOR PETERS: Hello. It's Pastor Peters. I want to have the floor, please. Can you hear me?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Pastor Peters, just a moment, please. So it's very important that all people applying for the ATLAS, if you have any questions on the application, to please contact the RALO leadership first. It is a somewhat long application. I don't think it's terribly complicated, but it is long. And it's in English only. That's why we're offering the webinars in French and Spanish: to help you with that information. We also have the PDF of the application in French and Spanish to help you translate that English version. But it's very important that you do feel comfortable going through your regional leadership. They can help you in filling out that application. The deadline is the 31st of May, so that is 30 days from today – actually, the end of today.

It is also very important that, if you cannot follow along in English on the ICANN Learn courses – those are mandatory courses – you do follow every one of those live webinars. That is mandatory for that. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you, Heidi. Thank you for these explanations. Who has the floor? I think [it would] make it more clear for everybody.

CLAUDI RUIZ: Next is Seun, please.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Seun, you have the floor.

SUEN OJDEJI: Thank you. I just wanted to mention that, since I'm not a member of the ATLAS III planning team, I think, if Fatimata is not sure about being available, perhaps I can also have my hand raised, especially if Tijani feels there is still a need for a volunteer. So I can be available if there's a need for a volunteer to serve in that capacity. Thank you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: That is good. So we have more volunteers. Thank you very much, Seun. So this should be noted, that we have Seun as a volunteer.

So Pastor Peters is next.

Hello? Peters?

PASTOR PETERS: Hello. Can you hear me?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes.

PASTOR PETERS: All right. Quickly, on the RALO rep for the selection committee, I want to draw attention to members that [don't] respect our rules and protocols. The Secretariat, as written, [should be] asking members who are interested to please indicate their interests in writing. So I do not see why that should be an issue for us to be, to be indicating our interests on the floor of the teleconference. So, if anyone is interested, [inaudible] expression of interest in writing, like others have done. That is number one.

[inaudible] we have come to conferences [inaudible]. It's not palatable. [inaudible]. Now, somebody volunteered that, if nobody is interested, he's prepared. [inaudible] Tijani should be opposed to if somebody has volunteered. So if nobody has [inaudible] before now, we should give preference to that.

So [inaudible] put his application in writing [inaudible] Secretariat. So [inaudible] That is on that.

Number two, on the issue of the application for the ATLAS III program, at the last ATLAS III planning committee teleconference, I did raise before the committee that some of the complex requirements which I drew the attention of the Secretariat to has to do with the demand that anyone who's interested should demonstrate that he or she has been active in every area of ICANN activity, which is not possible. [inaudible] the committee, where Maureen identify [inaudible] members may not necessarily be able to prove their active in every committee or in every activity in ICANN. It is not possible. We are all members of ICANN in our various interests. We have different stakeholders who are involved with ICANN's activities. So there are technocrats and there are those in the line as end users.

So what I'm trying to say here is that, for members of AFRALO who are interested in applying, they should not allow that to dissuade them. Whatever [inaudible] you have been involved in ICANN [inaudible] because [inaudible] on the five different selection criteria that was put out by the committee because it is not possible for everybody to be in all the activities. So that is [inaudible] to do that. Thank you. So that is [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you, Pastor Peters. You make good points. Thank you very much. I think it's well-heard and noted. And it's very important. Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Fatimata, this is Claudia speaking. We have four people waiting in the queue. Abdulkarim is next.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. I would just urge you, please, because of time. And we have two other things on the agenda. So please make it short. Very short. I see that ATLAS III is very important to people, but please make it short. Thank you.

Abdulkarim?

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Sorry. I'll be very fast. I just wanted to point out that, based on the rules that were made for who would be on the selection committee, [the Chair] is not eligible. It has to be somebody who has been on NomCom before. That's why we have to go back to either of the three people that were mentioned earlier. Thank you. I just don't [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you. We'll find a way. Who's next, please?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Next is Sarah.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Sarah, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN: Hi. I've seen that Maureen's hand is up. I think that's good. I don't think this position is one that you can alternate, so we need to select one

person to represent us on the selection committee. So maybe [it should be me]. I don't know, Fatimata. I think Dev should do it because I don't know if it's possible to alternate and have one person on the selection committee. But Maureen can clarify.

Then the other thing I wanted to mention, to just clarify with Abdulkarim, is it's not just NomCom experience. It's NomCom experience. It's experience in HR, if they've ever done anything related to HR, if they ever selected candidates of some sort. Or that is the understanding I have. Thank you very much.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: No, Sarah. I'm on the committee. That was not the agreement we had.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Please, you have to get the floor before talking. Otherwise, it's going to be ... Thank you, Sarah, for the explanation. I think we'll get the right things.

Maureen has her hand up.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Fatimata. Thank you for allowing me to clarify a few things. First of all, the [inaudible] application form. I agree with you. It does seem really, really complicated. Also, it does have a lot of working groups, lots of activities that are happening within ICANN. But the reason why we put all of those down – I mean, I filled in the form and there were some sections where there were about six different choices,

and I could only fill in two because they were the only two that I had actually attended. That doesn't matter.

What they've done – and I think what Justine has done – is put in all the options, just so people don't forget that, if they have been in one of those options, to take it off because sometimes, when you are filling in those sorts of forms, you forget what it is you might have been in.

So don't expect that you have to fill in everything. Just fill in the things that you have actually attended and participated in. You might have to give some sort of example of how you've contributed to that particular activity. So I don't want people to think, "Oh, my god. I haven't done any of these things. I've only done one thing." Take that one thing and tell us how you've made a difference. Okay?

Now, the second thing is I totally agree with [inaudible]. What we did was we said that it is the RALOs who choose the process, the person, everything to do with the selection of the person for the selection committee. If you have insisted that the person must have had NomCom experience – I can understand why because NomCom is related to ICANN and it's related to the sorts of things that a NomCom person would actually have to – person that someone would be appointing to the NomCom. They'd get a really good understanding of what is required.

So I can appreciate that the NomCom may have been a criteria that was put on by AFRALO, but it need not be an other – it wasn't the intent that you became a [cichlid] but if that is what AFRALO decided was going to be a criteria, that's up to you guys. But in other areas, in other RALOs,

NomCom has been a definitive advantage. But whether they've had HR experience, as Sarah explained, is also very important.

But I do want to impress, as Tijani mentioned, about the importance – there are five topics that need to be covered within the application for the preparatory courses. You must be able to have attended either the webinars, especially if you're a French-speaking person and you need to understand what the topic is about, or the ICANN Learn. If you miss the webinars, then ICANN Learn is the backup. So it is really important that you can tick those five topics. I just wanted to impress on that because I really think that, as Tijani said, everyone has got to make an effort, attend the webinars, and attempt the application form. We'll try and get as many AFRALO people at least into the [poll] so that we can make that selection. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you. This is Sarah speaking. Fatimata stepped away briefly. She will be joining us in a few minutes. So, Claudia, who is next on the queue?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Next we have Seun, please.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: [inaudible]

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Pastor Peters, for that information. What I personally was really about was, when I read I read you the announcement, the call, it clearly indicate the challenge, the requirement, that no ATLAS III member was eligible to stand. My main point was, if we have that constraint and if the other option we have, which is Fatimata, is also not available, I can be available. Of course, I take the suggestion that it's important to also apply [inaudible] EOI on the mailing list. I will do that, unless it is clarified that there is no other alternative, like I said.

So that was just the point I wanted to make clear. I'm really not denying Dev of the opportunity to participate. In fact, if he's qualified, if he wants to, I have no problem with him actually serving in that role. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters, please. Can I speak?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Pastor Peters, next we have Tijani, and then you're next. Tijani, you have the floor.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. [When] said there had better be former NomCom members, it wasn't a requirement in itself. The requirement was actually a

preference. That person who's going to be a member of the committee should have some experience in the field of selection of people, of recruitment.

So Seun may never have been in the NomCom, but you were part of AFRINIC. And I'm sure you worked in different member selection committees for AFRINIC. So it's not a requirement to have been a member of the ICANN NomCom. Rather, the requirement is to have some experience in the field of selection. The two of those are not exclusive requirements.

Still, I appreciate Seun volunteering in case Fatimata cannot do it or Dev cannot do it or is not willing to do it. [inaudible] Seun. Thank you very much. [inaudible]. This is not an excluding requirement. It's a preference for someone who has experience selecting people because the idea is that the person who'd be representing us on that panel should be knowledgeable so that we are sure our community is properly considered by that selection committee. That's it. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS: Pastor Peters.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Thank you. This is Fatimata. I'm back.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you very much, Tijani. I think it's Pastor Peters and then to Abdulkarim.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yeah. Also, I just want to remind you that we need at some point to end this discussion because we had at least one more important point, which was the NomCom update [inaudible] need to be done. We can continue this discussion online maybe because it's not easy to find a solution. To go explanation by explanation we could spend the night here.

PASTOR PETERS: Can I make my intervention quickly, please?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Pastor Peters, can you promise me to do it in half a second, half a minute.

PASTOR PETERS: I promise you.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Go ahead.

PASTOR PETERS: No, quickly, number one, the criteria for members [inaudible] into that committee is not that they will be in NomCom. Whoever has the experience. The selection committee will have guidelines to follow. Anybody can be in the selection committee. [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Oh, I can't hear him anymore. Is it the same for everybody?

PASTOR PETERS: Okay. Sorry. You cannot – hello?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Now I can hear you, but I think you're just saying that anybody can be volunteers [inaudible]?

PASTOR PETERS: Yes. [inaudible] I see somebody as a volunteer before today, so that really should [completed] because now [inaudible] to takeover. So Dev and Seun [inaudible] from the beginning, [inaudible] allowed to take over because [inaudible] now.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. I think your point is well-taken, Pastor Peters. I think you said it several times and it's understood. So we'll consider all your points before taking any further decision. Thank you.

Who is next, please?

SARAH KIDEN: [inaudible]. I think we can move on to the next agenda item.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you. So, Aziz, you have the floor for one minute.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Fatimata, Aziz dropped two minutes ago. We are trying to connect him, so he [inaudible] but he did drop. Apologies for that.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. So the next ... What is the next agenda item? The AFRALO elections.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Membership.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Individual membership, yes.

SARAH KIDEN: We have [at least] one individual membership application from [Mishka Miquatta Anka], who is a [general] office manager. She's from the Democratic Republic of Congo. If anyone has questions or comments about this application, please let us know during this talk or after on e-mail. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Thank you. Any questions?

Okay. So AFRALO elections and appointments. Sarah, it's you again. And you have maybe one minute and one-minute question because I'm going to wrap this call up. I hope this [inaudible]. Otherwise – because I think we discussed this issue at length. Sarah, I put you [on fire].

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. I just wanted to remind our members that our election period for [inaudible] appointment is open. So we have three positions – is it four? One minute. So we have four positions. The first one is for the AFRALO Chair. Currently the role is being held by Mohamed El Bashir. Then we have the Vice-Chair. We have the delegate to NomCom and an ALAC member.

We have already received a few nominations, and we encourage you to nominate other people if you have other people to nominate and support the nomination. So this period will close ... I'm looking for the date. If anyone knows, then ... so the deadline to ... I don't know. Maybe staff should help me. I'm trying to find it and I can't. [inaudible] deadlines.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Okay. We'll say it later. I mean, it was in the e-mail. Okay. May 10th? I saw something like that? To have all the data [for the] nomination.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

[inaudible] Sorry. This is Silvia. I was trying to unmute myself. As you go through the timetable, the nomination period has started on April 29th and goes until the 10th of May, until next week. Then we have the

deadline for nomination [inaudible] until the 17th of May. Then, from the 20th of May through the 22nd, calls with the candidate [inaudible] if you wish to have calls with the candidates to express their views and how they are prepared for the positions. And on May 23rd through the 30th, the elections [inaudible] is required. All positions will be renewed at the 2019 annual general meeting. So that's ICANN66 in Montreal. So that is the timeline and it's published on the wiki page. Thank you. Over to you, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. Thank you very much. Just one more comment. I've seen a question on the chat about who is eligible to vote. Just in case we have more than one candidate for a position, then we shall go into voting and only [inaudible] ALS who present at this are eligible to vote. And it's one vote per ALS. Thank you very much.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you, Sarah. Any more questions for Sarah?

No. I'm laughing to myself because I saw in the chat that I was a tough meeting manager. But you know, we have to do that in our community because we discuss a lot. And as a senior, I give myself the right to do that.

So is Aziz back?

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, Fatimata. I'm [inaudible]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. You have the floor. You have one minute, please.

AZIZ HILALI: I will try to speak in English because [inaudible]. So I wanted to give you an update about the ICANN NomCom. As you know, the application period for the open seat on the ICANN Board [inaudible] leadership position has closed on March 22nd. After that, we had [inaudible] The first one [inaudible] end of March. We discussed [inaudible] 128 applications [inaudible] and [inaudible]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Aziz, can you speak up a little bit.

AZIZ HILALI: Can you hear me now?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. Better.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. The first thing was the [inaudible]. We discussed the 128 applications. The good news is here we have a good application from Africa. [inaudible]. So now [inaudible] we are in the phase of deciding [inaudible]. We are going to interview some candidates who were selected. There's about 58 candidates. We will have another session in

May to vote [inaudible] to eliminate. Finally, a decision will be in June in Marrakech. [inaudible]. Thank you very much. [inaudible]

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you. Thank you very much. Unfortunately, we have to stop this call. Thank you for the update, Aziz. Thank you to everybody for your participation. This was a very good meeting. I'm really happy to have the opportunity to lead it this time. Thank you, and thank you to staff. Thank you to [inaudible]. Thank you to all of you. Bye-bye.

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