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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO ICANN 65 Prep Call taking place on Monday the 29th of April 2019 at 16:00 UTC.

On the call today, on the French channel, we have Aziz Hilali.

On the English channel, we have Daniel Nanghaka on audio only, Sarah Kiden, and Tijani Ben Jemaa. We have received apologies from Seun Ojedeji.

From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber; and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management. Our interpreters for today are Claire and Camila.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channels. Thank you. With this, I hand it over to you, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Claudia. I hope you can hear me and that the sound is good enough. Otherwise, I will switch to the English channel.

As you know, we meet today because the Marrakech meeting is approaching. As we said on our prior meeting ... So, I wonder if we can see the preliminary version of the program as we had last time. We are still working on it and it is a work in progress. But I've contacted the Marrakech University and we are considering the possibility of having

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joint activities for the students at Marrakech University together with the students of the University of Rabat in the same auditorium.

Gisella told me that the cocktail will be a part of the general cocktail that we will be having with the rest of the community. So, the 30 students that we will bring to Marrakech will also be included in that event.

There are many Africans at the University of Rabat as you might have expected, so we are going to benefit from the fact that many are from sub-Saharan countries to get them further involved. And also working on the financial aspect of the funds that we will receive in order to organize [all of it].

Gisella has also told me that there are other parts of our work that are underway but that we should wait for Mohamed to be available in order to discuss other aspects. After the AFRALO AfrICANN meeting, we're going to consider how we can share the work that we need to do in order to organize the activities for the students of Marrakech as it is of interest both to AFRALO and to [AfrICANN.] I think that is pretty much what I had to say.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Aziz, so sorry for the interruption. Hello. So sorry for the interruption but it appears that the interpreters are having a very difficult time understanding. We are going to disconnect you and dial out to you again. In the meantime, I believe Mohamed has joined. Mohamed, can you please speak, so we can test your audio?

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Can you hear me?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes, thank you. Aziz, we are going to dial out to you again. Thank you very much. Mohamed, we can hear you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. I will be on mute.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hello, Mohamed?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, I'm here, but I put myself on mute.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Okay. We had to disconnect Aziz because his line was not ... It was very difficult for the interpreters to hear him. Do you think you could take over for a moment while we reconnect him?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [inaudible] following up. That's fine. I have no issues. I'm not sure if Sarah is on the call, I guess, and others as well. I just joined late, so I didn't want to miss anything that had been discussed.

HEIDI ULLRICH: This is just to confirm that you are okay with Aziz chairing this call. Is that correct?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah, definitely. Aziz is the person who is leading all the work here. I'm just apologizing also for being late. [inaudible].

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perfect. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: This is Aziz. I will try to summarize what I said.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Perfect. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: First I said that this meeting will be very short because there are not many things new about our agenda. So now, I am personally trying to launch a call for students to choose [inaudible] and I said that we will have \$1200 for the event for the folklore group and it will be organized at the same time that than the community networking ceremony.

Gisella told me about this and the session where we are [agree] is the AFRALO-AfriCANN meeting [is now fixed,] and we have also the ... In the

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social events, we will have the students present in the social events or AFRALO event and networking.

Who asked about 70 students? I said just 30 students. Maybe we will have more students from the Marrakech University but we will not mix them with the Rabat students.

So, we haven't [any meetings with you], so if you have questions, I can [explain to you] if you want, from Sarah or from Daniel or from Tijani.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Aziz, Tijani has his hand up.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much. I raised my hand before because I wanted to suggest that Aziz come on the English channel through Zoom and continue because we will not wait the dial-out be done, but you already did that. So, it was an old hand.

Since I have the floor, I can say that, as Aziz just said, the planning is going on. It depends a lot on the local issues. Aziz is in charge of them. I think we should progress in the next two weeks very fast because now we are approaching the event and we need to be ready at least one week before the event. Now we are waiting for the arrangement, Aziz, that he's doing which students there. When we have this, we can – and

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in the meantime, we will establish a detailed program for everything.  
Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Tijani. Sarah?

SARAH KIDEN: Hi, Aziz. Thank you for that. I just wanted to clarify. You said you shall meet the students from Rabat and other university [inaudible]. Did you say 30 students or 70? [I don't seem to be clear.] Thank you. It's 30 students. Okay, thank you. Yes. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Hello. Yes. Thank you, Sarah. I wish we had more students, but for the visit, we cannot take more students because I can bring a minimum of 100 students if I can [inaudible] the visits, when we calculate the visits, we can bring only 30 students. But if you see the agenda for Tuesday afternoon, we go to the university and ask students who will have a [inaudible]. They will have students from Marrakech and we will mix them in the same room, in the same amphitheater and speak to them with the panel that we will have some French speakers. Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I have a question to Tijani. Tijani, you mentioned that there would be some sort of work for the students one week prior to the start of ICANN 65. Could you please expand on that? What kind of prep work will there be?

AZIZ HILALI: Tijani?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Heidi. The preparation will be to establish the program, establish a detailed program. We need to have the final congregation of the students, of the people who will be brought there, and we need to prepare a program for that. This is what I meant.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Mohamed, did you want to take the floor?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Daniel was before me and then I'll follow-up. Please, go ahead, Daniel.

DANIEL NANGHAKA: I like the program that is coming up because [inaudible] also refer to the previous activity that we had in [2015,] we went out to the nearby university and then [inaudible]. But also, I would like to suggest that probably, could ICANN Learn be used for the [inaudible] ICANN course, the setup for the student [inaudible] interaction they have at least an idea of what ICANN is about, [inaudible] can have at least [more diverse questions] coming from the students. Thank you. Back to you.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you, Daniel, but it wasn't clear for me. Can someone explain what Daniel said, please?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I was not able to understand him. Daniel, you're very close to your microphone. It's very saturated. We cannot hear you.

AZIZ HILALI: Daniel, can you write in the chat? Can you write your ... Daniel, if you can write your ...

DANIEL NANGHAKA: I was suggesting that previously in 2015, we had students, when we went out, we had the students interactive. But I'm suggesting that prior to meeting the students, can at least a short ICANN Learn course be given to the students, probably introduction to ICANN, or maybe the domain system, so the students have at least an understanding and then we can have at least a more deeper interaction or questions of what they do not understand I think could also help. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes. I think I understand your question. As I said last time, these students, they received from me a course about Internet governance. They know what is ICANN. They know all things about DNS, about [identifiers] of Internet. They know many things. Maybe some of them were absent, but majority of them, they know very well ICANN. Thank you. Mohamed, you have the floor.

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Aziz. And I'm sorry, everyone, for joining late. I don't have much to say. I think what Aziz did is good. It seems not that much things were going, but as Aziz said, hopefully we can make further progress so we can have another call maybe soon.

In the email, I think Gisella was asking about the event, and I tried to clarify our position, which is last time we talked about the hot topics as a separate event or session, and the idea that we discussed last time, that we did good work on the hot topics issue. We have printed report on the [inaudible] that. It will be good to present that. So, that's all [the addition] from my side. Nothing else will be added to the students program. I think you are doing a good job in terms of progress made. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you very much, Mohamed. Any other questions?

SILVIA VIVANCO: I just had a comment about the participation of the students. I think it's great. I would like to see if we can – when we have the program already organized, it would be interesting to see it in advance. I'm thinking about maximizing the participation of the students in terms of reaching out, for example, through social media channels like Twitter or Facebook. We could – staff take pictures. Maximize the participation and promote the participation of the students and highlight the participation of the students in our sessions. I was wondering if you already have in mind what sessions they will be in so we can keep track

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of them and take pictures of them and show how they are engaged in our community. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Thank you, Silvia. I am absolutely agreeing with you. It will be good to have many media with them and I hope the staff will help us on this, because I am very afraid about my availability and availability of Tijani, Daniel, Sarah, Seun and Mohamed to have enough time to take this opportunity for the students to have ... so we are working on the agenda to have the maximum opportunities for students, and also, we will try to have Cherine Chalaby and Göran Marby to address, to speak to them. We will try with you to have a good agenda. And like this, we can have a good [taste] for the students. I think, as Tijani said, the two weeks coming, it will be important period to have a good agenda for the students. I am working with Gisella, Tijani and my colleagues, Daniel, Sarah, Seun, Mohamed to have a program and schedule to have appointment with all person.

I plan also to speak with Siranush to help us to use this methodology for NextGen to do it for our students. Thank you very much.

Heidi, yes, please. Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you, Aziz. I'm wondering if we could mesh or combine a couple of these events and that is particularly the session on the AFRALO hot topics which I believe Mohamed would like to have during an At-Large session which the students would come to, so we would have a very

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large group. At that point, we could invite Göran and Cherine. I think they're going to be very busy during ICANN 65, so if we could invite them during an At-Large session to which the students are coming, that would I think work better than trying to invite them to both a briefing session for the students and another At-Large session. So, Aziz, would you agree to that?

AZIZ HILALI: Absolutely, I agree. I agree. But the problem, if Gisella tells me we have to find a slot for this.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. That's why we have Gisella who will, I'm sure, find a spot for that. Okay. Perfect. Gisella?

AZIZ HILALI: I can also share the hot topics with my students before coming to Marrakech to think about this.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I think that you could certainly raise that in your class with them, but I think that it's going to be led by Mohamed and Fatimata and Sarah. I'm not sure. But that's what I think. Thank you very much.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. Thank you, Heidi. So if there are no more questions, we can stop here, and I can ask the staff to have our next meeting in three weeks, I

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propose. Three weeks, but if we have something urgent, we can plan a meeting before three weeks if you want. What do you think about it?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

I'm sorry, could we put the agenda back on? I'm not seeing that, Claudia. I'm wondering, do you have any updates on the folklore entertainment? Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

No, not yet. Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Yes. Thank you, Aziz. I was just going to suggest – maybe inform you – that the meetings forms need to be in by Friday the 10th of May. So if we have a call in three weeks' time, that means that by then, we will already have identified the slot for the hot topics, and we will work closely with Meetings team on integrating the entertainment into the community networking cocktail on the Monday evening as we have been given the go ahead by Tanzanica like we have done in the past to have entertainment during the community networking cocktail, and we will cordon off a space for AFRALO as well afterwards, maybe as we suggested, with some orange balloons or something just to say, "Let's all meet after the entertainment at the AFRALO side of the cocktail to make sure that people are networking during the cocktail.

So that doesn't need a meeting form per se, but we will need one for the AFRALO hot topics. Make sure that we're coordinating that, and you will need to let me know for any other meetings [in the space] to make

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sure that we coordinate with whoever needs to submit the meeting forms. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Thank you, Gisella. Yes, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: I'm just wondering, for the event, the networking, the reception event, since we're going to cordon it off, did you want that to be just for that area, or did you want somehow – I'm assuming that once the entertainment comes in, everyone in that room is going to stop and listen. Is that correct? Are you planning on introducing it to everyone in the room and then somehow linking it –

AZIZ HILALI: [Yes.]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay, and then somehow – if we could coordinate that all the ALSes and individuals from AFRALO are up there or near there so you can point to them, and that they might have for example copies of the AFRALO hot policy topics or some brochures with them that they could hand out, that would be, I think, useful and still get the message across. Thank you.

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AZIZ HILALI: Thank you. [inaudible] we did this before, and I have no idea for the moment about the room and how it will happen. So I will think about this. Thank you, [Heidi.]

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. perfect. Thank you.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Aziz, just a comment also following up on Heidi's suggestion. If we're going to distribute the hot topics report, Heidi, do we need to print it, print more copies and staff will be able to handle that, so at least we have more copies?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, we would need to do that in advance. I think we printed some. I can ask Claudia to look into that. And then yes, we would definitely need to print some more.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: If there is no more question or no more [remarks,] we can finish the call. Thank you very much.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Sorry, Aziz. We're racing through the agenda. I know there's an agenda item-for budget, so we're all aware of the amount that ICANN is giving for – now you're going to use that for your reception. I'm wondering, have you had a chance, or do you wish to reach out to AFRINIC or to other possible sources of sponsorship that you might be able to do something a little bit extra for that? Not necessarily for the reception, but that you might wish to do something else. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Yeah, I arrived to [inaudible] I think two weeks before [inaudible]. Last time, we proposed \$500, and I tell him, please, [you can invite some person for this, but it's not a sponsor.] If we have a sponsor, we can use it, of course. We can for example add a new student or use it for a lunch or something like that. But for the moment, we haven't any sponsor.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Well, \$500 would be able to do a little something.

AZIZ HILALI: No, Heidi, I can't accept \$500.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yes, Aziz, if I may comment here. AFRINIC could definitely provide more than this, more than the \$500. I think the issue is unfortunately, the news I heard yesterday that Alan Barrett has resigned or put his

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resignation from AFRINIC, it seems internal issues been going on. So I'm not sure if AFRNIC, with this latest news yesterday, are able to do something.

We have Seun who's on the board of AFRINIC. Maybe Seun could offline and informal give us an understanding of where they are in terms of are they willing to help, what's happening with the CEO? Definitely, they could do more.

Another potential sponsor, Aziz, could be the local telecom operators. The ICANN local sponsors as well. Last time, you remember in Marrakech, there was a group of local telecom, IT, information technology companies from Morocco who were sponsoring the ICANN meetings or having some sort of [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: [inaudible]. They didn't. We had a big problem with Maroc Telecom last year, and [inaudible] decided to cancel their [stance.]

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: No, we had sponsor from the regulator for gala dinner.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Okay, but [we didn't have any IT?]

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AZIZ HILALI: No. We hadn't sponsor from [IT.]

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: And this time, is it different? And the local host [won't seek local sponsors this time?]

AZIZ HILALI: No. We haven't any sponsor, local sponsor. Anyway, we have the help for administration for the visa, and we [participate a] local organization committee, and I am the leader of this committee, [inaudible] committee on the regulator, on the ministry, and [foreign] office. But it's just for the facilities and for the customers, for the [inaudible] and also for the visa, and for local invitations. But we haven't any sponsor for AFRALO or for ICANN meeting.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [Interesting. I thought that last time –] That's really sad. This is a discussion that can happen offline, but if we don't have that, I'm not sure how we can get local sponsors. AFRINIC already has issues now. I don't think Alan will be able to respond to you, any of us.

AZIZ HILALI: Why he can –

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MOHAMED EL BASHIR: He did resign yesterday. He's leaving AFRINIC.

AZIZ HILALI: Oh.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah. Someone told me that yesterday and [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: What's happened in AFRINIC?

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: AFRINIC is really bad. Anyway –

AZIZ HILALI: [inaudible].

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: [inaudible].

AZIZ HILALI: [inaudible] do you hear that?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: My god. Alan Barret resigned?

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HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, I'm a bit shocked. We've developed such nice relations with him and through AFRINIC. Wow. Okay, Aziz, well, we have ICANN funding, and GSE is giving you funding for the students. So that's pretty good.

AZIZ HILALI: Yeah. And we have ALAC staff is good support for [us.]

HEIDI ULLRICH: But just on a different topic, we're going to need to have the general assembly scheduled tentatively in order by Marrakech, so Mohamed, if you could start leading that perhaps on when and where you're going to hold the next general assembly for AFRALO. The plan was to hold it with AFRINIC, so I hope that whoever comes in after Alan will agree to that as well.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Yeah. For the general assembly, yes, I'll talk internally with the team so at least we can come back to you on options.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Yeah, we're going to focus on that on the regional leaders meeting this week, just a heads up there. Okay, thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: So, if we're finished, thank you all for this meeting, and we will – yes, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Sorry, Aziz. If you could just keep working with Gisella on your items, and I'm sure we'll move forward between the calls.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay. We work together, and also, Sarah, Daniel, Mohamed and all of you, you can join us. [Briefly,] I have a call with Gisella. You can join us to speak about the agenda. Thank you very much. Thank you all, and see you soon.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. Bye.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you. bye.

CLAUIDA RUIZ: Thank you all for joining this call. The meeting is now adjourned. Please remember to disconnect your lines. Thank you.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you. Bye.

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