
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO ICANN65 Prep Call on Thursday the 6th of June, 2019 at 20:00 UTC. On the call today on the French Channel we have Aziz Hilali and on the English Channel we have Seun Ojedeji, Sarah Kiden, Daniel Nanghaka, and Tijani Ben Jemaa. Our interpreters for today are Jacques and Isabelle and from Staff we have Gisella Gruber, Silvia Vivanco, Heidi Ullrich, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management.

And 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 channel. And also, Fatimata has just joined as well.

Thank you, and with this I turn it over to you Gisella or Aziz.

GISELLA GRUBER: Silvia, would you like to take this one?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Sure, yes. This is Silvia. Welcome everyone. This is a call for us to touch base on the preparations for the activities of ICANN65. So, we can go through whatever needs to be clarified and anything we... Action Items that we might have.

So, the first item we are just following up on the [inaudible] agenda we have in [inaudible]. So, the first item would be for Aziz to give us an update on the latest in this event. We are already... We booked an event as Gisella posted events on the Wiki page, so if you actually could just

give us an update. Go through the events and main update at this point.
Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Hello. Okay, Aziz speaking. Thank you very much, Silvia and Fatimata. I hope you can hear me. I have a lot of noise in the background. So, as far as the update and the preparation of the ICANN65 Meeting, things are going quite well. Oh, I think we lost Aziz.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, maybe he can redial.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, Aziz is back.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, great.

AZIZ HILALI: Okay, he's back. Aziz speaking. So, the preparation is going very well. There is a lot of work to be done still for the meeting in general. As far as what we are doing, as a preparation group, we are working on the student's events for the students who will be coming from Rabat. So, the list is complete. The students who were selected know who they are. In terms of lodging, everything has been done. They will be lodged in the Vacation Center or village. There will be apartments with four of them together. Their breakfast and everything, they know about all of that.

As far as the Monday Events, the students will need to be there at 8:30 on point. They will have coffee offered in the foyer, and then at 8:30 they will meet Göran and Cherine. This will be a half hour meeting so it'll be quite quick so we will need to be efficient and on time.

Right after that there will be a briefing with the students. They will be divided into different groups. I hope that I will have help with this. I'm asking for your help. There will also be a designation of Mentors and what we hope is to have a very instructive meeting. The idea is that they participate in a different ICANN Session and that they are guided that way. They will also participate in the AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting.

And then the other thing that we will discuss is to know whether or not they will be involved in the Hot Topics Sessions and which ones and who will go to the AfrICANN-AFRALO Meetings. They will also go to more Sessions in the afternoon and will go to the Community Networking Event. There will be a Folklore Group that will be there. As far as this group, this local cultural group, I don't have all of the details on that group, that band, but I think that it will occur between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

As far as Tuesday, there will be a Information Session with the students. It is possible that they might have a meeting and a briefing on the program with Siranush and her team to present the Fellowship and NextGen Program. Also on Tuesday, there will be the AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting and then they will leave that afternoon to go to the University for a panel. Tijani is in charge of that and he will give them more details on the afternoon. That is organized for the afternoon.

So that's what I had to say as far as the students. As far as the other activities, for those of us who will be there on Sunday. On Sunday there will be a Workshop that will be open to ALSes. The Workshop is put together by the Moroccan Government for the benefit of AfrICANN Representatives. GAC Representatives. So, it's basically a Capacity Building Workshop for GAC Representatives. And that's about it. I don't know if you need more information. If so, I'd be happy to answer your questions. Thank you so much, Fatimata.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Aziz. I see a hand up. Sarah, you would like to ask a question?

SARAH KIDEN:

Yes, this is Sarah for the question. Thank you, Aziz, for the update. I do know John Laprise reached out to you that you have the Session with their Working Group. He had said he would like to request for a few minutes to talk to the students during one of our Sessions. He asked for just a few minutes and he promised he would reach out to you. I don't know if he did that.

Then the other thing is during the Social Media Working Group we agreed that we would use particular hashtags and we had requested to get hashtags specific to Morocco and specific to the internet community in Morocco so I'm not sure if he reached out to you or if we can discuss that now. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Okay, thank you. I see Aziz is trying to talk, Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, this is Aziz again speaking. Aziz speaking. In the chat I'm going to let you know there is a Twitter account for that event and we asked students and the ICANN Staff as well as the AFRALO Members for them to contribute to that Twitter account. I'm going to put you all the information on the chat so that we can all participate to it. Evan is following that, so you have the Facebook and Twitter. It doesn't work right now but I'm going to do it. Here we go. I put it on the chat. If you need more information I can help you out with it.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello, this is Silvia. Thank you very much Aziz. Yes, and from our perspective, any type of likes, you know, you may... In order to follow the Pages on all the update, share likes from our accounts, so they are somehow linked at the moment. So, yes. So, we are connected there and from our accounts we can retweet and repost any news, pictures, and things that the contents that the students will, probably very shortly, they will update. I think it will be great.

And Sarah is asking if, what about a few minutes for John Laprise to talk to the students. I don't know if you, Aziz, if you'd like to accommodate that in one of the, perhaps, the first couple of sessions with John Laprise, if that is possible, Aziz?

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, Aziz speaking. So, I'm not aware. I haven't received an email from, a request, from John Laprise. It's not at the program yet, but we can study it. We can look into it.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, this is Silvia. Thank you very much, Aziz. So perhaps, Sarah, you could send an email to John so they can coordinate via email. And I also have a question for Aziz. Aziz, if you would be so kind to give us, perhaps, in writing by email, a bit of information about the students. What is their academic background? What is their field of studies? Are they studying Science or what is their interest? Perhaps how they were selected.

This is because we are requested by our CEO to provide a bit of a background, so he knows where he needs to meet the students, you know. How he talks of background about things and can get a relate and talk to them. If you would be so kind to send us that information. It will be very, very useful for both. For Cherine and for Göran, and we will pass that on to them. Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI: Aziz speaking. We already have a full program and I hope to find some extra time. We need a room with French interpretation as well. We're going to see, we're going to communicate with Sarah and John Laprise. Thank you very much.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, Aziz. We will send an email with the request I just mentioned about the students, so you can perhaps help us with that, so we can brief the CEO on the students. Okay.

Then we have the next item. I see Mohamed on the call. I don't know if he's able to speak. If Mohamed would like to check... Yes. To try to talk to.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, he would like to take the floor and he would like to speak.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: I'm on the call but I'm just listening, and I think Aziz is taking the lead, so I'll be just mute and listening to the discussion.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Oh, okay. Thank you. Okay, I heard the interpreter. Sorry about that. I think Aziz is speaking. Aziz, go ahead.

AZIZ HILALI: Yes, thank you. Aziz speaking. I think I said it already. Those students, they are in their last year of studies before getting their diploma. They are Tech Specialists. They do know Social Networks very well. Information Technologies, as well. They're very good with computers in general. So, do you... I'm talking to Silvia. Those students already know very well about Social Networks and use them all the time. Thanks.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, yes Aziz. We understand that. I was just asking for a little background on them so the CEO can know more about, you know, what is their field that they've studied, how they were selected, and some background information for the CEO. We know that they are very knowledgeable, and they have perhaps studied some [inaudible] technology. So, that was the purpose of my question. To provide some information, background, for the CEO about them.

But in any case, I will contact you this question, so you can perhaps give me a follow-up from that. That will be very useful. Thank you, Aziz.

So, I think the next...

HEIDI ULLRICH: Silvia, this is Heidi.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, hi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: If I could just ask a few more questions on that. Hi, Aziz. Thank you, Silvia. So, Aziz, I'm just wondering for the meetings with Cherine and Göran, is it going to be questions to them? Would you like them to say a few words first? And if they are going to ask questions, if you could please just give us an indication of what those questions might be. That would be really useful.

We do need to prepare briefing notes and they, you know, like to see sort of what topics are being asked, so that would be really helpful. And then the second thing you mentioned on the Mentors. That they would be, the students would be divided into various Mentors. Is that for, is that selection going to be done prior to arriving in Marrakech so they know who their Mentors are going to be, or is that going to be taking place during the briefing itself? Thank you.

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, thank you. Aziz again. Thanks, Heidi. Yes, they're going to be with different Mentors and regarding Göran and Cherine, I'm going to meet with the students next week and explain to them what the program is all about. This is an intensive program and we're going to sit with them. What questions they can ask to Göran and Cherine and I will let you know. I can send that to you or to Göran and Cherine so that we know more about the topic of discussion during that morning. Thank you very much.

I think Tijani will let us know more about Mentors. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Okay, thank you very much, Aziz. I see Tijani. Please, go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA:

Thank you very much. Tijani speaking. First of all, I think we will provide you, Heidi, with information about the, for the CEO and the Chair of the Board; not about the questions they will ask because we want it to be spontaneous but about the [inaudible] of the meeting, how it will be...

The format, how it will be organized, and what is the objective of it. So, this will come very soon.

As for the groups, we split them into six groups of five persons, or five groups of six persons. And [inaudible] will dedicate one Mentor for each group. Of course, we will try to find them francophone Mentors since people perhaps understand a little bit of English, but it is much easier for them [inaudible] to understand from a francophone since they are mainly francophone. So, we are trying to find the right person to help in mentoring this students.

Of course, there is Aziz, there is me, and there is Fatimata who are already there, but we will try to find two other Mentors to make the five groups mentored. I think that's all. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Silvia, if you are speaking you are mute.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

I'm sorry, I was speaking to myself. I'm sorry. Okay. I think we are now pretty much okay with the events, the students, the format. Next, we can go to the next item. We are okay to go through logistics. Gisella, you may have some details to share with us on from the logistical point of view please.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you Silvia. Now, just from the logistics, yes, well, for the logistical point of view we'll have the badges for the students ahead of time so that

they will be distributed to them on Sunday night, which means on arrival on Monday they'll be all ready to be at the Welcome Coffee at eight o'clock. And, as we've said, we've got the Meeting Room for Cherine and for Göran at 8:30. It just makes it easier for them as they're going, as the students may need to speak French and Göran doesn't speak French.

When we did it with Fabien and Steve we just did it outside in the open air and took some photos but here at... It's going to be a little bit more approachable having some interpretation provided for the room. That is subject to [inaudible] allowing us to start 30 minutes earlier so I'll follow-up with you on that as soon it has been confirmed.

And then also we'll be providing Coffee Break during the AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting on Tuesday morning; just hot beverages to include mint tea as well as hopefully some little Moroccan specialty. I'm working on that with the catering department, now until mid-next week.

As for the AFRALO entertainment, on Monday evening, we'll be working closely with Meetings Team and Aziz, just to coordinate. There may, as we heard earlier, there may be a slight shift in the timing by a few minutes. It hasn't yet been confirmed but we'll be again keeping a close eye on that and I will have to get the details from Aziz on who the entertainment group coming in, how many there are going to be, where they're going to meet, etcetera, like we usually do for all the Networking Events. That's all from me. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, thank you very much, Gisella, for all this work. I don't see any hands up at the moment. Okay, so then we can move on to the next item. It's the Budget Update.

I believe Heidi, you perhaps could cover this. Any budget issues or updates please?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi everyone. Sorry I'm on mute. I believe that the budget issue with the performers, I've been in touch with Aziz and Susie Johnson. That is all in hand. In terms of the catering, there will be budget available for during the AFRALO-AfrICANN Meeting, some special tea, mint tea, and some Moroccan sweets. So that will be a nice additional treat for our AfrICANN Volunteers. I think that that's really all to do with the budget. Thank you, Silvia.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, great, thank you so much, Heidi. So, this is very well organized now and coordinated. So the budget is checked off and I don't have any additional items to cover. This will be the next step. Okay, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Silvia, Heidi, sorry. This is Heidi. Yeah, I just wanted, this is Heidi, thank you. For the sharing of the ICANN Information Booth from AFRALO, I understand that Fatimata is leading that and that each of the breaks and the lunches have been taken care. I have not looked at the schedule recently, but I'm assured that they will be filled by volunteers. That's fantastic.

We have, working with Claudia Ruiz, who is going to be on with us in Marrakech, she might be available to assist with that along with Silvia. We are also bringing many AFRALO brochures. I believe we have fifty in all of the English, French, and Arabic AFRALO brochures. We have many At-Large and all the other RALO brochures as well. We also will have those big popups that come along to each of the ICANN Meetings. We would ask that those of you who have the mini-popups that were distributed in Kobe for AFRALO, that you do bring, someone bring at least one or two of those mini-popups that you can put on to the table, on to that booth, Information Booth, that would be useful.

And I think that's it on that. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Excellent. Thank you, this is Silvia. Thank you very much. Yes, and Sarah's asking we carry our mini-popups after this event at the AfrICANN Internet Summit. Okay, yes. Please, Sarah, if you can bring them. They are very nice for pictures, for tweets. Oh, she's asking the question. We carry the mini-popups? Yes, of course. Sarah, this is Silvia. They belong to you so you can use them as you wish for your Regional Events. That's for you to take with you to all events.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Perfect. So, this is Heidi. Sorry, Silvia, go ahead. I'm just reading the chat. So, we do have English and French. Sarah has that and Tijani, if you can please the Arabic, that would be fantastic and then I think that will be a really... We could bring. We can even use them during the Networking

Reception, the large one as well as the smaller ones. We'll bring some brochures. So, I think we're all in good stead there, thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, Heidi, this is Silvia. Thank you very much. One more point. Don't forget to bring, to ask people to bring, something an orange patch on some clothing, maybe scarf, or something orange to distinguish the AFRALO crowd from everybody else. That's a very nice touch as well. Like a brand, you know, to put on the page, the Twitter, when we do pictures, etcetera. I think that's a very nice touch. And, yes, Heidi's reminding that we have beautiful pictures from Johannesburg.

Great. I think we covered all of the items and we won't have another call next week, unless [inaudible] is needed. Otherwise we will communicate through email any additional follow-up updates if that is okay with everyone. I don't see any objections, so okay. So, later talk through email just to finalize any questions and details and I will be crossing some Action Items for all of us to go through and let's keep communicating and if no other questions or hands, I don't see any others. Aziz, Aziz has his hand up. Please, Aziz. Aziz.

AZIZ HILALI:

Yes, so this is Aziz speaking. I just wanted to ask a question [inaudible] to the Staff. Would it be possible to bring goodies that could be distributed to the students because they like that stuff? You know, t-shirts, or something else. A little bit of a souvenir from ICANN. Is that possible? Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: This is Heidi and Claudia, if you could respond if that's possible. I do believe we have ICANN pens. Those nice black pens that we have when we're signing MoUs, etcetera. Claudia, do you happen to know whether we have thirty of those ICANN pens that we could distribute to the students? Or, I'm just thinking as well, Claudia, if you're able to think about that for just a moment. We also, and I'm just looking at my store here, we do have, I think we should have lots of large pens, sorry pins. Pins that we have. Claudia, do you have... Can you comment on any of those, so the pens, the black pens, and the At-Large pins?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Yes, we have both.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. So, okay. Perfect. Okay, so we have at least 30 of each?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Correct. We do.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. So, I think, Aziz, I think that would make a really nice collection. So, the pens they can use during classes with you, and also the pins can be used to put on to their badges, etcetera. So, is that going to be a good solution? Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, thank you, Heidi and Claudia. I have noted that. Aziz says thank you Claudia. Okay. Any other points? No? Going once, twice, three times? No.

Okay, so I think we are pretty much set. Thank you so much to all of you. Aziz, Tijani, Sarah, Mohamed, Gisella, and Heidi, and Claudia. I think we are pretty much organized, and we will keep communicating via email, and time flies so we will see each other very soon in Marrakech.

Thank you so much, and this call is adjourned.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Thank you very much, Silvia, for your help. Thank you very much.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you very much, see you in Marrakech. Very excited.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you. Goodbye. See you soon, everybody, bye.

MOHAMED EL BASHIR: Goodbye.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you all.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you everyone. I'll see you soon.

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