YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the ALAC monthly call taking place on Tuesday, the 30th of July 2019, at 0800 UTC. On our call today from the ALAC members we have Seun Ojedeji, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Maureen Hilyard, Sébastien Bachollet, and Marita Moll present on today's call. Holly Raiche will be joining us. And from our liaisons we have Andrei Kolesnikov, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, and Yrjö Länsipuro present. On our English channel, other names that I have listed, we have Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Abdulkarim Oloyede, Fouad Bajwa, Jahangir Hossain, Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet, Leon Sanchez, Sarah Kiden, and Satish Babu.
	On our Spanish channel we have Alberto Soto. Currently we don't have anyone on our French and Russian channels. From Staff side, we have Heidi Ullrich, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdoğdu, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar. We have received apologies from Lianna Galstyan, Humberto Carrasco, Alan Greenberg, Joanna Kulesza, Silvia Vivanco, Claudia Ruiz, and Michelle Desmyter. We have Spanish, French, and Russion interpretations for this call and our interpreters for the Spanish channel are David & Paula, for the French channel, Aurélie & Camilla, and for the Russian channel, Yuliya & Maya.
	Just a kind reminder, as usual, to please state your name before speaking not only for the interpretation but also for transcription purposes, as well. And now I would like to leave the floor back to you, Maureen. Thank you very much.

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MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Yesim, for that introduction. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening everyone. We've got several items to go over up to the Action Items which I must not forget. We've got the standard policy and membership updates, then we will move on to inviting Leon to update us on what's going on with the Board. And then we've got some other updates relating to the Review of Implementation ATLAS III preparing for ICANN66, the non-ATLAS topics, and another important one, of course, is the upcoming Board election which you would have heard about in the last couple days. And then we will be moving on to Any Other Business. So with that, is there anyone who has an issue with anything on the agenda, anything anyone wants changed, or added or something? Okay.

So let's look at the Action Items from ICANN65. I note that there are quite a few things that have been checked since the last time I looked at it, which is really good. I notice that the very first things that are not, those involve Joanna, who is on holiday at the moment, so probably won't have those done just yet. Olivier mentioned a discussion with the GAC and I think that would probably come up in the meeting that we're going to have with the GAC in relation to capacity building, but also other issues relating to the work that we're doing with the GAC. I know the Geo names have been a topic of conversation with the CPWG. So it would be good to give him some feedback so we can do some work with them on that. Heidi, do you have anything to add to this?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, this is exactly what we had mentioned. Through.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Alright, so moving on. The Universal Acceptance session that was held, a few issues there that we're still working through that need to be discussed with RALO leaders, especially one that's got my name on it, relating to ALSes publishing a blog. I guess that's sort of like in line with something that Glenn has been doing, so I'm not quite sure why I was assigned in that. But I'll be happy to support that. Internet Governance Issues.   LACRALO is looking at outreach and engagement plans and we're also looking at collaborating in the future. That, of course, arose out of Tijani's presentation and obviously raised some interest there, but we need to get an idea of actually being done.

Then we've got the Consumer Safeguards Issues, John Laprise, has John arrived yet?   No, okay, with John Laprise and also Alan Greenberg roping in the GAC for potential co-sponsorship, that's interesting. Okay, so there's something happening in that area, lots of people involved in that. And of course, then the Wrap Up, Gisella is going to organize an At-Large webinar on the Readiness to Support Future Rounds of New gTLDs. Can we have an update on that one?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Hi Maureen, this is Heidi. Gisella, do you wish to continue?

GISELLA GRUBER: Sorry to interrupt, Heidi, this is Gisella, just to say that is on my to-do list and it will be organized for September.   Heidi, do you wish to add something?

HEIDI ULLRICH: No, thank you, that's what I believe we discussed, thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, so there is a webinar planned for that. And Olivier and Jonathan are going to be working on a statement on SAC105. Olivier, any update on that?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. We're still working on it, so it will come soon.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay, no problem. Okay, so then we went to what impact did At-Large make this week? Ricardo and Jonathan, neither of whom are on my list here, so they've got things that they have to do with regard to the talking points, which I thought was good, but they're obviously going to make it better. And of course, working for planning for ICANN66, that's going to start very shortly. I think somebody mentioned there were only 11 weeks to go, or something. So it just means that we've got 11 weeks to plan the two days that we've got for the ALAC sessions but then we've also got ATLAS, so it's going to be a pretty busy 11 weeks running up to Montreal. And of course there is the ALAC/GAC to submit a joint HIT Session on Cybersecurity, okay, that's interesting. At-Large ICANN66 Prep Group is going to be providing a pre-ICANN66 webinar, I think that would be a good idea, so that's something that the prep group can look forward to, I'm looking forward to that myself.

So, we've gone through that, everyone knows what they've got to do, and if we can get those done as soon as possible, that would be really good, because it will prepare us for ICANN66. Okay. So we normal have a trio, but I think we've just got a duo today to look at our Policy Development, Evin and Olivier.

EVIN ERDOGDU: Thank you, Maureen, this is Evin for the record. I will provide a brief overview of the update, then Olivier will pipe in. You will notice at the top there, under the At-Large Policy Resources, resource from ICANN65 has been added, and that was the Capacity Building Workshop Introduction to Policy Development at ICANN. Recently ratified by the ALAC since the last ALAC meeting was the comment Evolving ICANN's Multistakeholder Model. There are currently no public comments open for decision, but there are quite a few current statements being developed and the CPWG tomorrow will be discussing them on their weekly meeting.

The first listed under there is an informal At-Large workspace on the top of SubPro Updates and recently the penholders for this, Holly, Justine, and Jonathan have added resources there and have linked to the agenda email thread regarding the ALAC Response to New gTLD SubPro, as well as the Google Doc for Reply to this email, as well as the presentation that the GDD team gave during ICANN65 . there is also a Work Track 5 GeoNames Scenarios document that's being developed, and that will be shared very soon, as well. The next few public comments are ICANN public comments that are currently out for vote. So, those comments are submitted and the ALAC is voting on them

currently. And then we have three additional public comments to which the ALAC is developing responses to.

All three have draft posted to their workspaces, those being the Draft Financial Assumptions & Projections and Operating Initiatives for the development of Fiscal Years 2021-2025 Operating & Financial Plan, as well as Evolving the Governance of the Root Server System, and finally, Proposed Definition of Name Collisions and Scope of Inquiry for the Name Collisions Analysis Project. So I'd like to turn it over to Olivier for any feedback or discussion. Thank you.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:　　Thank you Evin, Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. Indeed, you've got quite a few things at the moment in the pipe line. Two of them are for voting, so it's a little too late to focus. But the subsequent procedures is important and it doesn't have any exact deadline date as such, because it's not a policy public comment as such, per se. So I really invite you to take part in the discussion and dialogues that are taking place around this topic. There is a whole email thread and there is a big Google Doc on this. What the At-Large community has to really find out is to what extent it supports a new round or another round of new generic top level domains in what way, it might be that there are some communities that are favored over another. Do all of the topics from the previous round need to be addressed and satisfactorily concluded? Lots of questions, so please take part in that, it's really, really important.

The other one that is really, really important, they're all important, but in particular, involving the governance of the root server system, and

you now have a text that is available for you to read with a draft submitted by Alan Greenberg based on all of the points that are made there underneath. There was a good input for this draft, it's a short draft, please have a look at that, and unless you think there is anything that needs to be changed, I think this is likely to be the one that will be going into the public comment. The fiscal year request is really I guess in some way in the hands of Finance and Budget Subcommittee, but Maureen has put a good draft there, as well, so have a look at that.

And then finally the Name Collisions, the NCAP project, is again one of these long-term projects. This was the names of .home and .corp; .corp was used as the standard thing for many computers that were shipped out in the industrial or business environment, and .home, I think it's in Windows, .home is a standard thing in Windows, so that could clash and conflict with any new gTLD. And there are others out there, so this project really is a long-term view of being able to track the potential for new string or proposed string to clash and have a collision with some of these variants.

Okay, that's really what we have. Any questions, I'm happy to answer, or if anybody wishes to comment. I'm afraid I don't have Adobe Connect or Zoom so I can't see the hands up.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Olivier, this is Heidi, we have Tijani with his hand raised, I'm not sure if that's relating to your intervention or a prior one. Maureen, would you like Tijani to be given the floor?

MAUREEN HILYARD:	Sorry, I was talking to myself, yes, Tijani, you may have the floor.
TIJANI BEN JEMAA:	Thank you very much. My intervention is about ICANN65. I remember that when we had the presentation about the readiness of ICANN regarding the upcoming rounds of new gTLDs, the session was very short and hadn't any chance to ask questions and to debate with them, and the decision was to have a webinar later and they were very happy to do so, to have a webinar with us. So I would like you to program a webinar with those people to discuss this issue, the readiness of ICANN for the upcoming rounds of new gTLDs. Thank you.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Thank you Tijani. Actually, that was one of the Action Items, a webinar is actually planned and Cyrus is going to be part of that, I'm assuming that's the session that you're talking about. So it is going to happen. So your wish will be granted. Thank you. So, no other hands going up, no other questions? Olivier?
OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND:	I don't have a hand at the moment.
MAUREEN HILYARD:	Okay, you can just jump in.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you Maureen, Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. Just in closing on this topic, then, if there no are other hands, just to alert you to the subsequent procedures, of course we've all heard about this Work Track 5, the whole geographic names discussion that has gone on, that is a separate Work Track from all of the other Work Tracks, and that has taken a much longer time than everything else to be undertaken. What I would add, though, is we need to be particularly focused also on applicant support.

I don't know, having not followed this so closely, to what extent applicant support has been reviewed and as you know, one of the major problems that applicant support had in the previous round was that we were so worried that it was going to be somehow gained by some companies, that we made it incredibly difficult for any organization to qualify for this, to the extent that nearly no other, I think only three organizations managed to apply for it, and then it was refused. So it's one of the things that we need to absolutely make sure will be okay for the next round, so I alert you to have a look at this. There is still time, as we said, until the end of August, but it's a lot of work to read through all the applicant support stuff, among other things, and to get thinking as to how we could improve this. That's it, thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Olivier, for that additional information. No other questions or queries, no other hands going up, going, gone. Okay, let's move on then to Evin to give us an update on membership.

EVIN ERDOGDU: Thank you, Maureen, this is Evin for the record. So for the ALS snapshot, that's actually just decreased by one, and that was because of a historical update from the Wiki. So there technically hasn't been a newly added At-Large structure or decertified At-Large structure. Regarding the ALS application status, AFRALO is moving to decertify one of their ALSs, as well as several others and they are current discussing which ones, and then that will be moved to the decertification Wiki space. There is currently one ALS application from AFRALO also open for ALAC vote, that just opened yesterday. And there are now eight application awaiting advice, mainly from the GSE team, because these applications, almost all of them came in after ICANN65, so they were new ones, the majority from AFRALO, so lots of interest from the AFRALO region to apply.

Then there are also several others waiting on feedback from their regional At-Large organization. Then there are two additional undergoing due diligence from Staff awaiting applicant feedback and current five on hold. Moving to the individuals, there has been a great increase in individuals that have been added. Since the last meeting there have been 9 new individuals and 1 new Observer, and there are currently 2 more applications for individual membership going on right now. That will do it for the membership update. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. Okay, so moving on, therefore, from our liaisons and working groups, if anybody has got anything that they would like to raise over and above their written reports which you can find in the report section, no doubt, At-Large Reports in the gateway on our Wiki

space. Anyone? A report isn't expected, it's just if you have anything pressing that you might like to bring to our attention. Okay, so, moving on, let's go on to our special guest for tonight is Leon Sanchez, Board Director selected by At-Large, who is going to give us an update on the Board happenings. We're very pleased to have you with us tonight, or this morning, whatever time of day it is. Welcome.

LEON SANCHEZ: Hello Maureen, hello everyone, thank you for having me again. As you might know, the Board has been into different issues. I think I've already updated you on the resolutions that we passed in our last meeting which was in Marrakech. But if you didn't follow on that update, or if I missed updating anyone, there were several resolutions that were passed in our last meeting. One of them has to do with the EBERO contracts, it was approved, so we have some EBERO providers and one of the good things about this resolution is that EBERO providers are spread across regions.

So we have been improving the coverage of EBERO providers across regions, and of course, that is something that adds to the diversity that we all aspire to bring to ICANN. We also approved the strategic plan for fiscal years 2021 to 2025 and as you may have already seen, we are in the process of building the operational plan for these same years. We are very grateful to have received many, many comments from the community and having been able to build this plan along and together with the community. I think this is the first time that a strategic plan has been built this way, and I think that the result is very satisfactory for

both the Board and the community, and now we'll see how the organization implements this strategic plan.

We also passed a resolution on delegation ccTLD which is .BJ. We also approved the review of the Operating Standards. The SSAC review report raised for our stakeholder group charter. So, these are some of the resolutions that we passed in Marrakech, and lately we have been also working on our fiscal year 2019 and fiscal 2020 for priorities. We will be updating you all in September, I guess, when we meet in Los Angeles for our workshop. We will be holding a public meeting that is intended to update the community on where we are at with advancing FY19 priorities.

We have also been setting Fiscal Year 2020 priorities and it is a little bit too soon to have a list of these priorities, but we will be working on fine tuning and better defining these priorities in our workshop in LA in September, and at this point we have been beginning there process of establishing these operational priorities for the Board for FY20. We also spent some time discussing the upcoming Chair election. As you know, Cherine Chalaby will be ending his term at the end of this year's AGM. He is term limited, so we must go through succession in Chair election.

We have discussed the subject very widely in the Board. We have established some criteria that we agreed that the new Chair should of course comply with and some skills and some knowledge that the new Chair should have. Of course, as I have asked the At-Large community before, any suggestions, any criteria that you feel is important to have a characteristic for the next Chair to comply with, I would be most

grateful to gather this information and, of course, build it into my decision when the time comes to actually vote for the next Chair.

Other than that, we also received the At-Large Review Implementation Report. We have received it, I believe that Avri as Chair of the OEC has acknowledged receipt and the first comments are very positive on the At-Large Implementation. We are very grateful for the At-Large community working so hard in implementing recommendations. There is not a formal position on the report but I can tell you that the comments that I have received from my colleagues are very positive and we will be discussing this report soon in the OEC, and after that, of course, we will be passing it along to the rest of the Board so we can of course provide some feedback to the team. But so far, as I said, the comments have been very, very positive and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all for the hard work that you have done, and of course, continue to offer my help in any case that I can be of help to the team and our community. So with that, Maureen, I will go back to you and of course, welcome any questions that anyone may have.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much Leon, it's nice to hear that the work of our community is actually being appreciated and acknowledged, and we note that we are very fortunate in having your support along the way, very much appreciated. Are there any questions for Leon? We always get a very comprehensive, there's no secrets, there's no secrets, within the Board from us, because Leon tells it all, and I'm very pleased to hear that our review is being worked on. It will be very interesting, the

upcoming Chair selection, looking forward to see who eventually takes over.

Okay, thank you Leon, I think we can move on now to our next item, which of course is the At-Large Review Implementation. So we've just had an update on that and where we're at with regard to the OEC and the Board. But I think what we can look forward to is that Issue 2, last one off the block, is finally going to be commenced and we'll be sending out a call for people to help us with that particular issue. This is of course looking at the criteria and expectations of ALSes and individual members. And I have to say, I know we're leaving it late which means we're going to be going through it quite speedily, it's going to be heavy going, so if you volunteer, you're going to have to be prepared to be involved in some work that's really going to delve into what our expectations are and the criteria.

So, we could be involved in surveys and analyzing data that we've got, and probably looking at other kinds of data we may need to collect when we're evaluating the effectiveness of the current ALS and individual membership model. I think that taking note that several ALSes have been deregistered during the past year, I guess we need to look at why, and work from there. I think it's one of those things we've been talking about for ages, and haven't really had a chance to get our teeth into it. But again, because we're looking at effectiveness, we have to of course include metrics, and that's Cheryl's area. Cheryl, do you want to mention anything that you think you see that's got to be part of this project area that we're going to be looking at and working on over the next few months?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Very briefly, Cheryl Langdon-Orr for the record, because I've got huge amounts of background noise, thanks to this being possibly the most inconvenient time in 24 hours for me to attend this sort of call, between 6 pm and 8 pm when I've got a household full of family. However, excuse the noise. The thing I think is important is we're not starting from the beginning with this recommendation. We've got some excellent foundation work that we've done. In the earlier metrics working group coming out of changes and suggested changes to our rules of procedure and from earlier review processes, there was some very good foundational work to draw on.

The only other thing I would suggest, Maureen, I know it feels like you might be running a bit behind, but in fact the other recommendations are so far ahead, many of them nearing completion, some of them already complete and only at the first six months report point. You can draw on the rest of the team to concentrate much more on this I think arguably most important and very substantive piece of work. Regarding the metrics, however, we also need to realize that some of the metrics out of some of the other recommendation have a clean nexus with the work that will be coming out of Recommendation 2, as well. I think that's about it for me, thanks.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you. It just shows you, there's quite a bit of work to be done and really first of all researching what has actually already been done, and then building on from there. I'm really looking forward to having some

people who are really keen to get into something a little bit meaty. So I'm looking forward to working with you all. So moving forward, as Cheryl said, some of those issues are just about done already, so just a little bit topping off to finish off some of those and, of course, noting that the ones that are nearly finished, like the issue noted in the actual review document that we're working from, but continuous improvement all the time, anyway. So we'll keep the momentum going wherever we are, but if you've got a spare moment, come into Issue 2.

Okay, so moving on then, we're pretty much up to speed with what's happening in the review implementation, we then go to the At-Large Summit. There we have some ongoing work with that, with regard to the program, which I'm going to ask Olivier to give a bit of an update on. We've been talking to ISOC in the last couple weeks, they're going to put on a lunch for us, sort of like a working lunch, and Olivier will probably tell you more about that one, as well. He's working on some sponsorship, there's a lot happening. As well as all that, this is part of what the organization committee is working on, I know that the travelers are going to be pretty busy, as well. Let's hear from Olivier and Eduardo, if he's here.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Maureen, Olivier Crepin-Leblond speaking. The program working group has indeed been working hard to put together a program for ATLAS III. One of the difficulties we are faced with at the moment is we still don't have an actual block schedule as such. But the program itself is to have a mix of, on the one hand, some standard sessions with teaching and training on specific topics, and on the other

side, some kind of a case study that will take place, and that we would engage with, with the help of David Kolb from Insight Learning, who has undertaken such past training, especially for the leadership training program. So we're basically putting this together.

There is a group with Joanna Kulesza, Alfredo Calderon, and Vanda Scartezini, that have worked quite hard with other people on putting together a first draft of the topics, especially the training side, which would be based on Phase 1 f the expedited PDP. So you get effectively different stakeholder groups and participants will be allocated to a stakeholder group in advance of ATLAS III, they'll have to do some studying of what the points of that stakeholder group were during Phase 1, and then we'd have some kind of multistakeholder practicum where each one of the stakeholder groups would discuss with the other stakeholder groups what the point were, et cetera. It's still under discussion. The leadership team is due to have a discussion with David Kolb two weeks from now when he comes back from a break and will then sharing with everyone else where things are going.

Hopefully we'll get the program ready, especially the training ready by the beginning of September. There's likely to be some webinars as well that will take place. This is still up in the air because they haven't been designed yet. The plan is to work back from ATLAS III and have every couple of weeks something going on with ATLAS III so that by the time everybody meets in Montreal, everyone will not only be on the same page, but will be fully engaged already in the different roles that this program is going to bring them into. I'm happy to answer any questions.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Are there any questions relating to this? Any travelers got any questions? Are there any travelers online? No, okay. Let's then move on to some messages from Gisella who has some updates on scheduling, traveling. Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER: Maureen, thank you very much, this is Gisella for the record. With regard to the ATLAS III travel, the traveler list has been submitted to Travel Support and they are in the process of doing the ICANN checks and then will be sending out the welcome emails, and everything will be done over the next few weeks. So, everyone to date should have received at least one email from Travel Support requesting a few documents, and the deadline for that is tomorrow, Wednesday the 31st of July. There are a few people who have not yet responded, and I'm busy following up with those people.

And then the actual booking travel, et cetera, will start with SCM who will be dealing with the travel. For those who are worried about visas, et cetera, please note that Travel Support is fully aware of where everyone is coming from, their nationalities, so we're working on all that in due course. With regard to the scheduling, we're waiting for a very important piece to the puzzle, which is the ICANN66 block schedule, and we're hoping to have that this week, and I know Olivier and the whole program working group is very eager to get their hands on this so that we can see where the ICANN66, what used to be called cross community sessions and high interest topics are going to placed.

Please note, they will now be called Plenaries, so that's going to add a little more confusion because as you see now, for those in the Zoom Room, we have put the currently draft schedule of the ATLAS III in Montreal where we have Plenaries as well, but those are the ATLAS III plenaries. Things are likely to change, so please, this is just a draft that we've been working on over the past few months just to have an idea of how many Plenaries we're looking at and how many Breakout Sessions we're looking at. But nothing will be final or nothing can actually be slotted in until we have the ICANN66 block schedule. I can already say that for the ATLAS III travelers, we're going to have a welcome reception on Sunday, the 3rd of November, for those arriving in time for the welcome reception.

On Monday at this stage we're not 100% sure yet whether there is going to be an ICANN-wide reception in the evening or not, but we're still working on that. On Tuesday, as Maureen and Olivier mentioned, we will have a lunch, hopefully sponsored by ISOC. On Tuesday evening, there may be an ISOC reception, we're not sure yet, but everything will be put together in a program which all the travelers will receive well ahead of even leaving for Montreal, so no one has to worry about logistics, it will all be fine tuned. Also, Tuesday evening, we have the Global Equal Multistakeholder band, better known as Gems, who hopefully will be performing for us in Montreal; again, nothing is set in stone, but a great evening to attend.

On Wednesday evening we will have the ATLAS III Networking reception. We're still working on the details to have that possibly in joint with another group who has shown interest to meet up with the At-Large regional leaders, as well as ATLAS III participants. More details

once that's finalized. On Thursday evening, as traditionally held, we will have the closing cocktails. If there are any further questions, I'm just going to be checking the chat, please do ask them. Otherwise, at this stage that's all I have for ATLAS III. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Gisella. So are there any questions or queries, it's early days, I know, so people probably don't know what to ask.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: I noted on the registration for ICANN66 there is nothing to indicate if you are an ATLAS III traveler. I think it would be a good idea to have something on the badge to say this participant is an ATLAS III traveler. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you for that. Gisella, can you answer this?

GISELLA GRUBER: This is Gisella for the transcript. A, that is very valuable information, thank you very much, because it would be useful to have a box to tick, however, please note that all ATLAS III participants will have a beautiful purple ribbon to put at the bottom of their badge, and this will only be distributed to the ATLAS III participants, as well as the At-Large Regional Leaders, that is also for logistical purposes. So, everyone will be able to see on your badge that you're an ATLAS III participant. I hope that

answers your question, but I will raise that with meeting team with regard to the actually registration for ICANN66. Thank you.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Okay, thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you for the question. Okay, any other questions or queries? You all know of course that in a normal meeting ALAC sessions are spread out over the week, but because this is special because we have got the ATLAS on, what we have done is contained the ALAC sessions to the weekend, Saturday and Sunday, so that the actual ICANN program includes ATLAS. Which means, of course, that we would like to see all the ALAC people at the At-Large meetings that we have on the weekend. But the people ATLAS of course are welcome to come to the weekend sessions if they are there in time, but if you are available and you want to go to other sessions on the weekend, you're more than welcome.

And I think that for ATLAS participants going to see how other constituencies think and operate may be of value to you when you're discussing your case studies later on in the breakout sessions. This gives you an overview of what can be expected, Saturday and Sunday will look as it is, because that's the time that we will have. As usual, we will try to make the program as varied as possible, we want to put a couple of workshops in there, there will be some policy discussion, as well as the general information that we do, and remembering that it is the AGM, as well. So it's like the time when people change seats, and at the

end of the meeting we have a new ALAC and some new RALO leaders, as well. Okay, are there any other questions? Tijani has his hand up.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you, Maureen. As for ICANN66, I would like to emphasize the fact that any update...

YESIM NAZLAR: Tijani, I'm so sorry, this is Yesim, your audio is very faint, I'm sure it's very hard for our interpreters, as well, so could you please speak louder?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes, do you hear me better now?

YESIM NAZLAR: It is slightly better, yes.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Okay, thank you. So as for the ICANN66 program, I would like draw your attention on the fact that any update from any constituency is welcome, but it shouldn't be given more time than sessions where there is discussion, as was the case in ICANN65. At the end we may even have the update of any constituency by I don't know, by teleconference, by webinar, but in the face-to-face meeting if there is an important subject to discuss, such as the readiness of ICANN for the upcoming rounds, I think that this kind of subjects should be given the priority and we

should give it more time than any update, because update is okay, but it is not the most important for the meeting. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Tijani, you hit the nail on the head. One of the things that we decided last year when we were looking at what we would actually have in our At-Large session, updates had to relate to what was important to us. So we haven't had updates as such, like we used to, but those that we have had have been more specific to what is important to us. But, I do agree and I states, we definitely will be talking policy and those policy issues that are on top for us, as you mentioned, is definitely on the cards and I hope that you come to our ICANN prep meetings to remind us and ensure that we do actually include those into the planning program. We had Alberto with his hand up, as well. Alberto?

ALBERTO SOTO: Alberto speaking. The invitation that I received from ICANN mentions that I have a check in time into the hotel on Day 3, and I still don't know my arrival date. It says check in time 3:00 pm and I think some of us might arrive late.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Alberto, I don't think that's a problem. I think the problem is if you arrive early, as I have done, and had to wait six hours until I was allowed into my room. But I don't think late arrivals are an issue. Just keep in touch with Travel, they're pretty good. Tijani, your hand is still up, is

that another question? Okay, thank you. So anything more then on ATLAS? Okay, I think also what we've been talking about is the next item which is ICANN66 and talking of those together. Any other questions to do with ICANN66 and prepping for that? No? Good.

So now we're going to move on to the Board Seat 15 election and what we're going to be doing there. Alan Greenberg is the Chair of the BMSPC group. He actually gave a report, he's unable to be at this meeting, and he gave me a report to read on his behalf. It does involve himself and Yrjö and I will get Yrjö to update on anything else that Alan has left out. The two committees, the BCEC, somebody tell me...

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, this is Heidi, it's the Board Candidate Evaluation Committee, is the BCEC and the BMSPC is the Board Member Selection Process Committee. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Right, okay. I hope you guys got that, it just went right out of my head. Okay, so the very first committee that actually gets into action is the evaluation committee. The BMSPC the oversight committee, so they don't get involved until the BCEC has done its job and selected a slate of candidates. So what happened is that you all have noticed that there has been a call for BCEC and BMSPC members, it just went out today, and Alan has apologized for the fact that it has been delayed for two weeks because of various things like schedule clashes and a whole lot of other bits and pieces that have actually happened in between, and apologizes too, that although the call has gone out when people may be

on holiday, you still have three weeks, this is for the RALOs, to get their nominations in. Because the BCEC and the BMSPC are going to be convening in early September.

So we've got four weeks, really, before they actually start meeting. And what the emails have said, basically, is that the Chairs need to provide two members and one alternate. So they need to provide three names; two who are on the committee, and one to replace someone if they can't fulfill the term of the committee. So the RALO Chairs need to provide two members and one alternate for each of the committees. If you don't, it's not going to be the end of the world, but your region will be under-represented. You're actually looking for the best person to represent At-Large on the Board. So it's really important that the people that you select are people who can actually do this job.

The BMSPC is largely administrative and the workload is relatively low because the initial work which is done in the BCEC is the heavy lifting job. It's the one in which the written applications that come in from the applicants are assessed to select the best people to be shortlisted, who will be voted on by the ALAC members and volunteers. Okay, so these people in the BCEC have to have some understanding of what the ICANN Board does and what it doesn't do. What is expected of ICANN Board members is really, really important. They have to be able to assess candidates largely through their written applications.

One other thing that has also been mentioned is that past BCEC and NomCom experience is one path of having the skills that are required for this particular role in BCEC. So, Yrjö, you've been on the BCEC and on the NomCom, as has Cheryl, I don't know if she's available, if there

anything you'd like to add about kind of people we need on those two committees?

YRJÖ LÄNSIPURO: Yeah, this is Yrjö, thank you, Maureen. Actually the BCEC is like a nominating committee. It's a mini nominating committee. It's actually more, the name, nominating committee, usually means that a number of candidates is put forward, and then somebody else makes the decision. The ICANN nominating committee, the NomCom actually is a slight misnomer, because the NomCom also makes a selection. Now BCEC truly a nominating committee in the sense that it puts forward a list of people who all could be excellent ALAC board members.

The work will be, well first, of course, there will be a call for applicants and at the same time the BCEC will setting up its procedures. We are greatly helped by the fact the previous chair, the chair of the previous 2017 BCEC Julie Hammer, has left us a good heritage, recommendations on how to organize ourselves, and then after that when the applications come in, we start the real work, deliberations, that will lead to a list that we give to give to the BMSPC and eventually to ALAC. So that's what I can contribute from my part now. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Yrjö. Is Cheryl around? No, getting dinner for her family.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I'm here.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Oh, she is here, she is here. Okay, Cheryl, we just wanted to get more information.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I put dinner on slow cook seven hours ago so I could be here while the rest of the family eats. It smells rather delicious, by the way. As I said, I'm happy to answer any questions, and I'm here for meetings and for any information and backing up that is required.   I'm certainly not available for serve, but if anyone wishes to serve, I'm happy to talk to them and let them know the type of work they will be putting themselves in for. I agree with Yrjö the legacy Julie Hammer left the BCEC is excellent. She was a pleasure to serve with and her efficiency shows with what she's left behind for the following BCEC. So that's a bonus that you have this time around.

But I think what is important is that when you're selecting people for the BCEC, they must be able to do the commitment of the time as you mentioned. We have had previous evaluation committees where sadly only half of those appointed have really been pulling their weight, and it takes a lot more effort to get those who are not pulling their weight back into the game and up to speed when the evaluation process goes on. And the evaluation process, like a nominating committee process does mean that there is extensive reading of the Expressions of Interest to be made and some ranking and value judgments to be decided upon that individuals within the BCEC do separately, and then of course, if you've got too many people missing from that, it affects the

mathematics of the process and certainly the fairness and proper distribution of input across all regions.

So it's utterly essential that we have people from each region who can step up and do the work for the BCEC, and that means do the work in an unbiased and un-incumbent manner. As you pointed out, Maureen, you are looking for the best possible Board candidate. And I will note that there is absolutely no reason why the BCEC can't deliver a small slate, should they wish to encourage a reappointment of the incumbent, in fact there is nothing stopping them from delivering a slate of one, that's certainly within the rules, but it is very important that they take their job very, very seriously. Thanks very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much, Cheryl, much appreciated. Are there any questions? This is really sort of like geared towards the RALO Chairs, because it's their responsibility to go back to their communities and put out feelers for people who first of wall would like to do it, but whether they can do it is something that has to be assessed within their RALO community. It's one of those big jobs that we get asked to do every couple years, is it two or three, three years, yes, Board term is three years. So it doesn't come along very often, but it's an important one when it does. So, read through the notice that has gone out RALO Chairs, you've got three weeks to get the names to us so that both committees can start in September to get the Board member in place.

Okay, so that comes to the end of the formal business. If there are no other questions related to that, was there any other business? I know

that nobody has mentioned anything when I first asked, but is there anything that anyone else would raise? It seems we've got a few minutes. [AUDIO BREAK]

SEUN OJEDEJI: This is Seun for the record. Thank you, Maureen. I want to make a comment on the nomination process. [AUDIO BREAK]

MAUREEN HILYARD: There are comments in the chat, sorry Seun, about the fact that there was some breaking up of your conversation. Current discussion that we're having at the moment is only about the election of the Board member for Seat 15. Therefore, what we're doing is we're putting out a call for three members from each RALO and the nominations are for two members and one alternate. And the alternate only attends the meeting if one of the members cannot attend. The meetings are held whenever the BCEC Chair or the BMSPC Chair decides with everybody in the committee to actually hold the meeting. But the call at the moment has gone out from the Staff in an email, so read the emails and you will get the full story on why we're actually holding the election, the process the we're going to be using, and the nominations.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Sorry, I didn't want to follow up with [AUDIO BREAK]

MAUREEN HILYARD: You would like to follow up with another comment? Sorry, I missed that.

YESIM NAZLAR: Seun, I think your audio is not clear enough for us to understand you. Would you like us to dial out to you once again so maybe we can have a better line for you?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Hello, this is Seun.

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi Seun, you're currently on the phone bridge, but the problem is your audio is not good so you are breaking up when you are speaking. Would you like us to dial out to you? Now it's much better compared to before.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, if it's much better now. What I just wanted to get from Maureen was [inaudible] I'm just hoping to get a response [inaudible] Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: So, Yesim, is it must my line?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, this is Heidi.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Please, just move on, let's move on please. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, this is Heidi. Very quickly, he just wanted to clarify whether the call was for members of the two groups or was a call for EOIs for the Board Seat 15. So, I think he's clear now, and he's asked to move on. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, there needs to be three people for the BCEC and three people for the BMSPC. Is that clear in the message? Yes, Olivier has written it down here. Okay, it's clear in the email. I'm sorry, Seun, I think Cheryl mentioned, it was sounding as if you were under water. But I hope we've got that clear now. It's important that everyone understands what we're discussing. Okay, are we done? I think so. So we can finish a few minutes, it would have been a few minutes earlier, but a few minutes earlier. I'm really sad to see that we didn't get very many ALAC members here, a lot of people on holiday, I guess. But thank you for everyone else in our community who have come along, and also our liaisons and those who are preparing meals for their families and all those other things that one does in their daily life. So, thank you very much for coming along. Good bye, have a good day, evening, night to you all, thank you.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thank you all for joining today's call. Have a lovely rest of the day. This meeting is now adjourned. Bye bye.

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