
YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday, 16th of January, 2020 at 6:00 UTC. On our call today, on the English channel, we have Satish Babu, Maureen Hilyard, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Dr. Gopal, Amrita Choudhury, Priyatosh Jana, Pavan Budhrani, Aris Ignacio, Aisyah Shakirah Suhaidi, Gunela Astbrink, Namrata Khetrpal, Holly Raiche, Amal Al-Saqqaf. We currently don't have anyone on the Chinese channels. Excuse me.

And we have received apologies from Suhaidi Hassan, Lianna Galstyan, a tentative apology from her, and apologies from Yeseul Kim and from Kaili Kan also, and from staff side, we have Gisella Gruber and myself, Yeşim Nazlar present. And I'll also be doing call management for today's call. Our Chinese interpreters are Ray and Sandy.

And just a kind reminder to please state your names before speaking, not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes please. And now I would like to leave the floor back to you, Satish. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Yeşim. I'd like to welcome everybody to the first call of the year 2020. At this time, I'd like to wish everybody a very productive new year and I note that some of us are still in the process of recovering from the New Year celebration and now we need to get started with the year's activities. And with that, and I also see that we have a reasonable attendance for today. I thought we might have fewer

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people but it's good to see that there are close to 20 people in the call which is pretty good.

We will get started with the agenda. As usual, the first item is on the membership pipeline. As of now, we have just admitted Internet Society Lebanon to the APRALO community and we hope to be able to hear from them, maybe in the next call, just so that we understand their activities and their structure and so on.

With that, we now will move on to our regular policy update which is being managed by Holly and Justine, and perhaps Cheryl if required. I request Holly to take the floor and update us on the policy matters. Holly and Justine.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you. Can you hear me?

SATISH BABU: Yes.

HOLLY RAICHE: Good. Thank you. Okay, what I'll actually do is run down the discussion that the Consolidated Policy Working Group had today, which touches on a couple of the policy issues that we're dealing with and then deal with the list. The first thing we had on a call this morning was an update on the EPDP, and as you're probably all aware, that is taking the usual, a massive amount of time. The issue they're up to is looking at the issue of the arrangement around the access of individuals to personal

information and the process of authorizing, in some way, those who are able to or who can access those seeking information, personal information, that what both Alan and Hadia talked about were really there now.

They're considering, or there are sort of four models on the table of this access. One is simply the status quo which currently [inaudible] are seeking personal information about, the holder of the domain name, you have to go to the keeper of record which is the registrars, or in some cases, the registry. The second model is a centralized model in which the actual gateway to access to that information is centralized along with a process where there would be a centralized authorization provider to make decisions about who gets access or not. The third is the hybrid model where there will be a centralized gateway but the contracted parties are still those who actually grant the access. And the fourth that was mentioned by [inaudible] is a model whereby ICANN becomes the centralized gateway and makes the access decisions in the view of both Hadia and Alan, that's not really workable.

The most logical is the hybrid model, a centralized gateway but decisions on access would be up to the contracted parties. However, they haven't gone very far on putting flesh on that model so I suspect it's going to be sometime yet when there's a further information on that.

The other issue that we spent a lot of time on this morning, in the draft operating and financial plan which is one of the policy items listed, [inaudible] Marita Moll, who is doing a lot of the work to provide input on this issue, is focusing on the Appendix C to the documentation. This

was a presentation by [Alan Schutz] and it involves a multistakeholder model participation [inaudible] of the issues we've set that [Alan Schutz], in his appendix [ways] would be there are some issues and he is suggesting that some of the SOs and ACs might assume some kind of [inaudible] for all the issues in his multistakeholder participation or the operating financial plan. The first was consensus and representation [inaudible] inclusivity. The suggestion of the issue leader was the GNSO. The prioritization of work and user resources was generally the SO and AC Chairs. The third was [inaudible] silos, and that's very much the sort of issues that we've been dealing with and we took a straw poll, really, on whether we should be managing the issue and decided that we would this morning. So that would be a more detailed response from us on that particular aspect of the appendix to the operating financial plan.

The other two issues precision in scoping the issues and roles and responsibilities for the ICANN in that process at the ICANN Board. So those were the two main items of our discussion this morning that's actually not reflected fully in the list of policies that are on the agenda. The other issue we didn't spend any time on but Justine may want to update the [meeting]—I think she's here—would be subsequent procedures and where we're up to with that. In terms of the other things that are listed as policy, we haven't had time to work on the at-large policy platform. We are spending a lot of time with e-mails on the [inaudible] the PIR, but at this stage, there's a Google Doc, really was not a lot on it so that hasn't progressed very far. So Justine, if you want to talk about some subsequent procedures, that's fine. But that's the end of my brief at this stage. Thank you. Oh, and any questions? I'm happy to take questions.

SATISH BABU: Does anyone have questions for Holly? If not, we'll move on to Justine but we will keep the questions open so that after Justine's intervention, we can still ask questions. Over to you, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thanks, Satish. Sorry I was late. I was tied up doing something else. Yeah, so I don't believe I have anything else to add to what Holly has said. I think she's pretty much given a pretty comprehensive brief on what's been happening on the policy side.

Just a little note on subsequent procedures, we didn't have time to cover it yesterday but overall, I have been working on updates as to what is happening with the subsequent procedures, so again, I would refer people to the subsequent procedures workspace. All the updates that I've been providing is there. It's [inaudible]. You can download it and have a look yourself. Just in the context of where we're up to now is there is now a small team out of CPWG that is working on a scorecard that we're doing for subsequent procedures, basically analyzing all the public comments that have come in and in terms of where Subsequent Procedures Working Group might come up with recommendations for the different topics that it covers.

So we are looking, the [small] team is actually looking into things like whether the draft recommendations of the SubPro Working Group would have addressed what ALAC has provided advice or given comments on, and if there is no addressing of such comments or advice then what does At-Large want to do about it moving forward? The

intent of the scorecard is also to have something very condensed, just focusing on key issues that we want to tackle and to have a discussion with, say, other constituencies like GAC, for example, or NCSG where there are common goals that we want to achieve and to see where that [inaudible] us in terms of cooperation with the other constituencies. Okay, so that's an ongoing process and the idea is the scorecard will also lend us to be more organized in terms of responding to the final report when it comes out. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Justine. Does anyone have any comments or questions? Cheryl, in particular, do you have anything to add to this?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks, Satish. No, I think the ladies have done an admirable. I would just also mention regarding subsequent procedure that we're currently working on a new work plan as we've moved into our 2020 timing and, of course, once we've finished that, I'm sure Justine will update everyone on that as well. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Great. Thanks, Cheryl. I don't see any questions in chat so if you have any questions or comments, please post it in chat so that we can move on to the next agenda and still pick them up when we have a slot free.

So with that, after the policy updates, we now move on to updates from ALAC and it's over to Maureen for the ALAC update.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. And I know that when I asked if I could, seeing as we've got two really experienced—three, counting Cheryl sitting there—who are regulars in the CPWG that I was probably superfluous to needs in that area. So Satish has given me another job, but it's great.

I was really, really pleased with the CPWG meeting today where I was with 64 other people on the call, which was really amazing. And so even though we've got a good attendance here, I really do think that many of you were probably at that meeting as well. So I do think it's where the CPWG meetings are becoming very popular and I mean, you already have to hear Cheryl, Justine and Holly in the meetings as well. They have a very high profile in those meetings. It's great to see APRALO there.

Just over the last week, we've had two at-large working groups that have actually had their first meetings of the year. And Holly mentioned the finance and budget sub-committee which is chaired by Ricardo Holmquist, which is currently looking at the ABRs. The Additional Budget Requests that RALOs have submitted. Unfortunately, there were none from APRALO. But in the past, we've always put in something and maybe we felt it was time somebody else had a turn.

But I think there were some good submissions and the sub-committee has to go through those applications and decide on which ones to actually pass on to the planning committee taking into regard the fact that there are some [inaudible] set ICANN just won't accept so we have to [inaudible] that as it comes.

The second working group that got started was Joanna Kulesza's Capacity Working Group and that was well-attended. And they started looking at the range of tasks that they've set for themselves this year. They are looking at preparing a series of ICANN Learn courses to help people build their knowledge about the workings of ICANN, but also to look at how we can get more people engaged in contributing to the policy writing at RALO or ALAC level. So we'll actually start looking at building that capacity amongst our members in the future.

We sent our interim at-large review implementation report to the, I think, did it go to the MSSRA? They were the ones who responded, anyway that they received it and they're pretty happy with the report overall, which is great.

And we've actually made a start on the very last item that we really needed to get going in the At-Large Review Implementation Working Group, and that's the ALS Mobilization, which is chaired by Alan Greenberg. And they've actually started. They've actually had one meeting and they're looking at ways to make the ALS system more effective where they provide us with active participants in the policy work of at-large and that they can prove or demonstrate that they are distributing information about ICANN out into their communities. I'm saying that because I had a discussion with Alan today about what he sees are the important outcomes of this report that is being written to be added to our final report on our implementation of our at-large review items.

And along with the other [inaudible] tasks that we've still got, some still need a little bit of finishing off, we plan to have our final report ready

for the Board's Organizational Effectiveness Committee by the end of June 2020, so some of you may be called upon to help us out with some of the work that's still to be done. Some of it's tweaking but there's a little bit of work that needs to be completed so that we can say that we've finished off the eight items that we promised that we would do.

Tomorrow we have the first of our official meetings of the year with the ALAC, the regional leadership teams and the liaisons, meeting together at the [inaudible] team meeting and anyone is invited to attend these meetings, to listen to the discussion by the at-large leaders. And this is going to be followed next week by our ALAC meeting which is basically the updates.

The difference between the [inaudible] and the ALAC meetings is that the [inaudible] is an opportunity for the ALAC and the regional leaders to discuss what is actually happening and how it impacts all RALO members and how RALO members can contribute to some of the work that is being done by the ALAC and it's having those voices and having those participants getting involved with the work that we're doing. We really appreciate that.

In the final week of January, I'm actually going to be meeting with the chairs of the other key areas of ICANN, the SO/AC Chairs they're called because they're the chairs of the GNSO, ccNSO, the GAC, SSAC and RSAC. And we're going to have our first face-to-face meeting to discuss our work plan priorities for this year. That's the first time that they've done it but it is an opportunity for us to have an offsite meeting where we can actually have a heart to heart. It's [inaudible] roles. We don't report who said what at the meeting, but it actually just gives us an

opportunity to talk to Göran Marby, the CEO, and this year, of course, Martin Bottom and our new Board Chair. So we have really good conversation about what's on top for us and how the Board can help us, how ICANN Org can help us, and how we can actually help each other, which is a really good thing.

I'm very fortunate that I will have my two Vice-Chairs with me at this particular meeting. Usually, it's just the Chairs but we have asked, I've asked if I could have the two of them with me, so that they can actually hear what's on top for the other areas of the ICANN community for 2020. It just means that when we're actually planning anything, they've got a really good idea of what's happening elsewhere and how it might impact on what we're doing.

So yeah, so that's what we've been up to over the last month and I'm looking forward to seeing what APRALO names in the working group lists and really would appreciate your support. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Maureen, for the very informative update on the different things happening at the ALAC level. Some of it is, of course, going to be important for us. Also, for example, the ALS mobilization process that Alan is heading. Before we move on, I'd like to ask either if Maureen or staff have any updates on the post-ATLAS III to-do list for the travelers. Is there anything that we need to update people on?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. I think that one of the things that's really important about the post-ATLAS activities is that they're incorporated into the working group's programs anyway. Each of the working groups actually has a component that is particularly post-ATLAS and since we actually received the survey results that the ATLAS members have filled in, and there were 58 of them, 58 surveys that were completed which was excellent. And I've actually been through those and I was preparing another document and the information that came from the ATLAS feedback was really significant and very important.

So although, with respect to the ALAC work, although my focus is on the 2020 vision of what each of the key leaders of the particular areas. Jonathan was policy, Joanna was capacity building, Daniel doing outreach and engagement, and of course, myself with looking at communication. But Eduardo is the one who is actually going to be looking at doing analysis of the feedback that has come back from the survey and there will be recommendations made and they will be included into the relevant activity working groups. So as people are working through their activities, there will be some that will be specifically ATLAS-related. Sorry about that. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. I also see that Heidi says that there's a report due on 17th of January which is tomorrow. So if anyone has not submitted it, please ensure it is submitted.

With that, we move on to the agenda item, so there is a bug in the numbering of the agenda items. Sorry for that. So it should be five, six,

seven, and eight. So agenda item number six, which is the APRALO platform for policy which was actually introduced by Justine in the last call.

So the leadership team considers that this is a very important [inaudible] for us for 2020 and we need to offer some discussions. We thought we should [agree] with this topic and Justine was invited to present it once again. And I'd like to thank Justine for the initiative on this.

The reason why we are [inaudible] to get a little bit more participation from our community on this very important initiative. So over to you, Justine, for the APRALO policy platform 2020 initiative.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Okay, thank you, Satish. I wasn't proposing to go over the presentation that I did the last time. I was hoping that we would have a bit more discussion. I don't know how that's going to go. I was also hoping that we would have received more widespread feedback on the proposal and I thank the members of the APRALO who have been commenting on the Google Doc. It's just that some of the comments are, they relate to substantive issues of policy, I would say, whereas we're currently focusing on the mechanics of the platform, not the substantive portions of each policy.

So in terms of moving forward, I'm really looking for guidance, whether people think this is a good idea, whether it's necessary, whether there are some parts that people think are not feasible or whether it's duplicative of other things that are happening in the community. And in

the even that people want to pursue this, how should we do it? For example, there have been a list of topics that have been identified within the presentation—if you have a look at it, it will present itself quite clearly—where there is overlap, obviously, between the ALAC, the at-large policy platform versus the APRALO list of hot topics.

That was always going to be the case because the at-large policy platform does not necessarily explore anything in terms of policy issues that APRALO feels is important to pursue on the regional basis. So despite the overlap, there is [inaudible] to say that we can't pursue things that are region-specific. So in terms of the list of topics that have been highlighted, they come out of the analysis of that overlap between the at-large policy and the APRALO hot topic list.

So, and then there were some comments about, well, do we have a mechanism to update the list? For example, because the hot topics list was basically generated towards the end of 2018 so it's been some time since anything further has been acted upon. So potentially, that this could be outdated or some part of the list could be outdated so there could be some new topics that we want to consider. Of course, as I said, this tabling of this proposal is to talk about the mechanics. So I am actually looking for guidance as to how people feel about this proposal and whether we should take it forward and if yes, then how so? So I'm just going to leave it, open it to the floor for comments. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Justine. I'd like to, perhaps, start up discussions on this matter. The reason why the leadership team consider this important was that

earlier we had the once in about a year process of determining the policy hot topics for the region. Now the problem with that approach was that it was kind of dangling in mid-air because there was no ALAC level connection for that. But now that has been fixed and we do have a kind of ALAC level CPWG-driven model for hot topics. And we have an opportunity to link them up. Now the question is, of course, Justine has presented the topics in three different buckets. One is the hot topics bucket which is things like DNSSEC and accountability transfer [inaudible] and so on. The second is the capacity building need which came up through the survey, and the third was certain other items which included both emerging technologies and some other things which were borderline on ICANN remit. For example, human rights or diversity. Diversity, of course, is not borderline [intellectually], but [central], but not policy per se.

So we do have these three buckets, but the primary concern for us is the first policy bucket itself because we need to have a mechanism which is in place that will [inaudible] two-way communication with our community of ALSes and individual members. From the leadership team, we see this initiative as a mechanism to do exactly that, by which I mean how to engage our community to, especially some people who have some background and interest in some of these topics, to dig them up and to get them to contribute to the broader policy process.

And from the other side, bringing these, whatever outcomes that we achieve at the ALAC level to their local communities who are ALS and [inaudible] member kind of communities. So this was the objective that we had in mind when we proposed this because prior to having this mechanism in place, we only had ad hoc initiatives. So we are hoping to

transition from an ad hoc kind of a process to a mechanism which is in place as an initiative that can be kind of fundamentally [used] for this purpose.

So that is the background from our side, the leadership team side. Are there any comments from any of the people, board experts, as well as even newcomers on any of these things? Do you see that you can use such a platform for two-way communication of policy priorities? If you have anything to comment on or raise a question, please raise your hand or type in the chat. Yeah. Cheryl says it is well worth a try and I agree with that.

YEŞİM NAZLAR: Satish, Holly's hand is up.

SATISH BABU: Holly, please go ahead. Please go ahead.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. I know this is something that it's on the policy page for the CPWG for ALAC. Have we thought about the... Because we haven't discussed the actual policy platform in the CPWG, so I'm wondering if we couldn't think about the relationship between APRALO and the other RALOs and CPWG, and is there a possibility, for instance, that we might identify one or two issues of particular importance on to APRALO and work on those because I think the aim of having the CPWG policy page is to develop policy positions so that when issues come up for ALAC or the community, we already have done a lot of the thinking. So I'm just, I

guess Satish, how do you think that this would fit in with the ALAC processes as well? Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Holly. I think you are perfectly right, of course, that the policy mechanism that we are starting out with has not been adopted formally at the ALAC level or at the [inaudible] RALO level. And I think that's something that we need to work on, how to harmonize the ALAC level policy priorities with our own priorities and how to ensure that our original priorities which possibly could be different from the ALAC [inaudible], although Justine has actually created a Venn diagram with the overlap clearly marked between [inaudible] which are the common areas between ALAC and us and where we have some kind of a difference also. So this is a work in progress, and Justine, do you have anything to comment on this?

JUSTINE CHEW:

Yes, I do. Thank you. Well, in terms of the intention, if you have a look at the presentation, we did suggest that the purpose for this platform was threefold. The first two ones are pertinent to what we're discussing now. The first [inaudible] was to facilitate, inform, inclusive regional position development on issues of policies within ICANN's remit. So in that context, what could happen is there is a little bit overlapping in terms of capacity building as well. So I'm taking note that we have received comments prior to this from our members to say that they need more capacity building because they want to get involved in policy development but they don't actually know how and they don't know

the background to it. So what this conceivably could do is, say for example, we have a topic on, I don't know, just for argument's sake, we do subsequent procedures, okay? So in my case, I am sort of doing capacity building for subsequent procedures for the CPWG level. Now there's no reason why I can't do a parallel one for APRALO to bring APRALO members up to speed for those who want to learn about subsequent procedures or want to come up to speed on what is happening on subsequent procedures and other policy issues that are related to subsequent procedures.

So if we get that group going, then we technically have a regional group that is discussing subsequent procedures. So anything that comes out of this group could be [inaudible] back to CPWG as a AP contribution. Okay?

So the second bullet point of the purpose was this particular policy platform was supposed to act as a regional partner to ALAC policy platform. So however the ALAC policy platform is going to be driven for work, this particular APRALO policy platform, the work that is undertaken by this platform would feed back into the ALAC policy platform. Okay, so I hope that sort of gives an idea of where the leadership team is coming from in terms of positioning this particular APRALO policy platform. But again, as I said, if people think that there is going to be too much duplication or we don't think something is feasible, then by all means, we would love to have feedback on that to see how we could overcome it or maybe drop certain things.

And again, as I said, the list that is presented in the presentation that you see on the screen, again, it's an analysis of what we have identified

as a region for hot topics versus what has been identified as the at-large hot topics. And then there's, as Satish has mentioned, there's a Venn diagram that looks and analyzes the overlap between that. So we're not suggesting that we're going to pursue everything. Okay? What we've done is we've just listed those topics out so that it's clear. This bucket is what APRALO has come up with in terms of hot topics in the past. This bucket is what ALAC sees as a priority for at-large policy moving forward and the overlap between that.

So it could be conceivable that this group says, "Okay, [inaudible], the list is too long." We could just focus on a couple or three, but again, we need to know what is the interest level and what is the volunteerism level of the people in this region going forward before we can take those steps. Okay, thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Justine. I see Cheryl's hand up. Please go ahead, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much, Satish, and very briefly, because Justine has articulated the rationale for the APRALO policy platform perfectly well. But I see no reason to hold off on this or wait for any cross-regional agreement, or in fact, dilly-dally at all. I think this is an opportunity. It is a facilitation of what each of our at-large structures and members will need to be able to demonstrate anyway, as we all go forward with our mobilization plans and our metrics measurable basis for ongoing commitment and criteria for being an active participant.

I would remind you all, and I'm sure I [don't] have to remind all of you, but we, in our region, have a number of highly unique sets of needs and requirements and interests. For example, you're hard-pushed some aspects of the information that need to be discussed on internationalized domain names and even universal acceptance, that if you are trying to complete with the interest of a single mono-language region, right? So predominantly mono-language regions.

So there is a really good reason, in my view, why we should just get on with this and make it happen and then if the rest of the RALOs see it as a great platform to emulate, great, brilliant, [inaudible] that as well. But I certainly would support us getting on with it, [inaudible] it, and getting greater engagement with it as soon as is practical, and I think 2020 is an ideal time to start. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Cheryl. And what you've said makes perfect sense for me. So I think what is now required from our community and present in this call and even those who are not on this call is that I strongly recommend that we take a look at the document and we sign up depending on your areas of interest, on the different topics which are mentioned at the end of the presentation because at this point, we need some community feedback and some kind of a validation of this process. So it would be good for the people in this call to take a look and sign up for these areas so that we can then decide on the strategy of, as Holly said, should we select two of the high priority areas to focus on all our efforts. If so, we can do that but we need to have community feedback even to get there. So the next step that I will, of course, send a reminder

on the mailing list, but next step that we need to do on this is to really sign up and express our interest and support to the initiative. So I will stop at this point. Justine, before, do you have any closing remarks?

JUSTINE CHEW:

Just one. I don't know whether this would be appropriate, but I was thinking in terms of assistance from staff to structure an announcement to formally call for volunteers, I supposed would be the way to go. I was just trying to put that off because I wanted to get feedback on the list of topics that we would tentatively pursue because if you have people volunteering for things that the committee as a whole find irrelevant then it's kind of redundant. So that's why it was a chicken and egg kind of thing.

But if nobody else, if we don't have further substantial comments on whether we want to whittle down the list of topics, then I think the next step would be actually to [inaudible] up a formal call for volunteers. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Justine. I think that we should listen to what Cheryl just said, that we don't really have to wait for anything else to happen at this point and we need to get going on this. So I will then request Gisella and Heidi to help us, I mean, basically the community, I mean the leadership team to draw up a call for volunteers for this. We will have to see how, if there is a topic that is not mentioned in the list, how the community can add that to the list. While the volunteers, we can see how they [inaudible]. But I think over the next couple of weeks, we need to send

out a formal request for volunteers and then we can consider whittling down. If [inaudible] topics or some of the topics don't have [inaudible] interest from the community, we can, of course, whittle it down to the, I mean we can pull them out and [inaudible] from the list.

So I don't see any other comments. Heidi, please go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you, Satish, and hello, everyone. Happy New Year. And I wanted to let you know that for the actual publication of the APRALO policy platform, if you did want to aim for Kuala Lumpur, the meeting in June which would be a great time to have this printed, ready to hand out, please do work with Gisella and the [Comm] Department on the scheduling of that in order to get that ready to go. The [Comm] Department will work with you on getting the document formatted and looking excellent, so it's up to you for the content but it'll be a good partnership. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Heidi, for that input. We have our... I mean, we have the ICANN meeting in our region coming up in June so it's a good time to put out a formal kind of a booklet on policy priorities. So yeah, we will keep it as part of our deliverables.

At this point, we now will go on to the next item. I have one other update. We have the very pleasant news that came to us a few days back that one of our community members and a young person [inaudible] that has been elevated to an ISOC position. And this is Aisyah

who is here on the call. On behalf of all of us, I'd like to congratulate her for being chosen for this ISOC kind of premiere facing role whereby many of us who are from different ISOC chapters will continue to interact with her. And I'd like to request Aisyah to speak to us for a couple of minutes.

AISYAH SHAKIRA SUHAIDI:

Hi. Hello. Thank you very much, Satish. Happy New Year, everybody. I am truly happy to take on this new role and responsibility as Community Engagement Manager for Asia-Pacific. A lot of you have been guiding me and supporting me all this while throughout APRALO. I'm very sure that within APRALO, we have a number of ISOC members that are representing a number of chapters and special interest groups in Asia-Pacific, as Satish just mentioned. And as my job is mostly on engaging the community, I hope that I can be a good point of contact as well as be able to increase engagement of chapters in the Asia-Pacific region towards achieving the vision and mission of ISOC. And this year especially, focusing on the eight projects in the ISOC 2020 action plan, which you can just go see at the website.

Anyway, having been part of APRALO these past couple of years, it has allowed me not only to understand the Asia-Pacific region and community better, but also given me the opportunity to work and connect with all of you more, especially after the ATLAS Summit in Montreal. So that being said, I look forward to working with all of you. And regardless of this new position, I will continuously contribute and play an active role within At-Large and APRALO, so you will still be seeing me around. I suppose that's all from me for an introduction.

Thank you very much for the warm welcome and the kind wishes. And back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Aisyah. And I know that we are all coming to your place, Kuala Lumpur, in June. And of course, I think Ali, of course, specifically will be planning out outreach activities at Kuala Lumpur, so we look forward to your continued support to APRALO and wishing you the very best of your career ahead with the Internet Society.

Right. So with that, we move on to the item number six of the agenda for the day. And this is the NomCom update. Over to you, Amrita, for the NomCom update.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Satish. I hope I am audible.

SATISH BABU:

Yep.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

So as I had mentioned last month also, the position for the seventh position, applications are currently being sought. They are the two ICANN Board positions: two for at-large, one in the North America. There is one position for the GNSO Council, one for the ccNSO Council, and one for the PTI Board.

So the kind of people we are, this time, looking for is people who have a bit of critical thinking, have an understanding of the different types of cultures and knowledge of the Internet ecosystem and some amount of experience of, especially for the Board members on Boards [inaudible] executed and backgrounds of legal, government, technical, business, typically any kind of stakeholder community.

So there is an invite. From all [inaudible], anyone can go into the NomCom website for details of what all have been [inaudible] from each of the positions. And also, I would request if you could share, whoever is there in the call, if they could share the information to their own communities within their region and if there are people who you think are [inaudible] would make sense to apply and you would want more information, please feel free to reach out to me and I would be glad to help more. We need to have more applications from our region and especially places which have not been represented. So I would urge each of you, if you could just share it across your community, then people will know in your respective country.

Thanks for that, Satish, and for the newsletter, I would request each of you ALSes or individual members, in case there has been some activity is done in the month of January, if you could share that with me by the 23rd, it would be great. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Amrita, for the update. We now move on to the last item, the “any other business” and Justine had an agenda item under this. Please go ahead, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thank you, Satish. This AOB that I'm raising, I think it's more administrative than anything, and it's probably targeted towards staff. It's in relation to something that Kaili raised in the APRALO list in terms of the IANA Function Review Team. I sort of noticed that he wrote to the APRALO list but the same message hasn't come up to At-Large or CPWG, so I was just wondering whether staff should bring this up at CPWG level to see if there's anyone, at least to inform CPWG that this is happening and there could be a mechanism by which to provide inputs back to Kaili. That's all. And I'm raising it here because he wrote it on the APRALO list. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Justine. Yeah, I see what you are referring to. So this, actually, this has been addressed at the At-Large, so I think he really meant to... I think the At-Large, well, I see that Kaili has actually addressed it to At-Large at ICANN Org, but I will let staff look at it and if there is a need, communicate to CPWG that this is a topic that they may want to talk about as well. So Gisella, requesting you to please take it up with CPWG.

All right. Are there any other comments or questions before we stop? We are about five minutes ahead of time. I think this is the first time in a long time that we are moving ahead of time. I don't see any hands up at the moment. Yeah. If not, I'd like to thank everybody who has joined this call. Once again, wishing everybody a happy new year and thanks to the interpreters as well. And it's over to Yeşim to close the call.

YEŞİM NAZLAR:

Thank you very much, Satish, and thank you all for participating on today's call. This meeting is now adjourned. Wishing you a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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