
YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday, the 27th of February, 2020, at 0600 UTC. On our call today on the English channel we have Satish Babu, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Holly Raiche, Syuzan Marukhyan, Lianna Galstyan, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Amrita Choudhury, Ali AlMeshal, Priyatosh Jana, Eranga Samarathna, Gunela Astbrink, Jaewon Son, Suhaidi Hassan, Leon Sanchez, Winthrop Yu, and Justine Chew.

Current we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel. We have received apologies from Maureen Hilyard and Namrata Khetrapal. From Staff side we have Heidi Ullrich, Baher Esmat, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar, and I will also be doing call management for today's call. Our Chinese interpreters are Sandy and Ray.

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

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Yesim. This is Satish for the record. Welcome to the second call of the year. I see that we have a good turnout today. Among others, I see that Leon is on the call, welcome Leon. I also see that we have a guest from the Middle East, Baher is here with us, I would like to welcome Baher, also. And welcome once again to everybody from the APRALO community.

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This last month has been full of excitement from multiple sources. We have had a very major global issue with the Coronal virus which has caused ICANN to try its first ever remote meeting. So, we are looking forward to how this is going to work out and we will be keeping our fingers crossed and hope it works out well, because we will be then demonstrating to the world as a responsibility organization that we can do our meeting remotely also as an option.

As far as membership matters are concerned, we have a newly certified ALS, Internet Society Lebanon. I would like to welcome them formally to the APRALO community. We do not have any pending individual membership applications. We did have one until last week, but that has been resolved and we are waiting for that application to come back to us. With that, I would like to move on to the next agenda item, our Monthly Policy Update, for which I invite Holly and Justine for the update. Over to you, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE:

I think I'm going to start with Justine because she's got the most important of the reports on SubPro, that's Subsequent Procedures and where we're up to. Some of the other things are being discussed, for example the ALAC advice to the Board on PIRs. Really in one sense it's almost closed, but we're still talking about it. Some of the other stuff we've already voted on.

So, there are really two big issues that are outstanding. One is the paper has just been released by the EPDP, that was the policy development process about the GDPR, the General Data Protection

Regulation, what we're doing about that. I'm not going to talk about that except to say that everybody should have a read.

But really the big item, and Justine, I'm going to let you talk for the moment and where you're up to, because this is a very big project and Justine has been managing really well. So, what are the issues and what would you like us to do. Over to you, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thank you, Holly. This is Justine for the record. Sorry, I wasn't anticipating that you would put me on the spot, but that's fine. I'll just concentrate on SubPro for a little bit. In terms of SubPro, Subsequent Procedures, this is also tied a little bit back to the APRALO policy platform which I will address later in the agenda.

But, suffice to say with Subsequent Procedures what we are doing now, for those who are not involved extensively on the CPWG calls, just to let you know, in terms of At-Large interventions with SubPro, there is a small team of people from the CPWG that are working on a series of what we call score cards, and Holly is one of the persons on the small team as well.

The purpose of the score cards is to examine where the deliberations of the Subsequent Procedures PDP working group are at under each of the 40-odd topics that are part of the scope of work of SubPro and the small team has released a series of score cards already, about 14 of them so far. It's meant to be reviewed and commented on by CPWG people.

So we haven't brought that back down to a regional level for APRALO people yet, or maybe not, I don't know, depending on timing. But yes, if you are interested in SubPro matters, then I would strongly urge you to join the CPWG calls. We have taken to also initiating symbol issue calls for CPWG and we had geo names, geographic names.

That instigated quite a bit of discussion and we didn't manage to finish what was on the agenda, so there is going to be a continuation of the call after ICANN67. So, if you're interested in geo names, again, that another series of special purpose calls to look into. I will leave it at that for Subsequent Procedures. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

I'll just go on where we're up to. The operating financial plan, we're voting on that. We had a report today on the Stability Security and Resistance Review Team, and the issues that we discussed in the Consolidated Policy Working Group today were the difficulty between when we've had a review of the security and stability and so forth of ICANN.

The report coming back from an internal review was all of the previous recommendations that ICANN Org has said are completed, the reviewers actually say, no, that's not actually right. So we've kind of branched off from the actual review to dealing with the issue of the difference in perception between whether or not a recommendation has actually been followed through, or not.

The EPDP, the Expedited Policy Development Process where we're up to, I think I mentioned, they have now issued a first report where we were going to be briefed on that in Cancun, we're not going to be now.

But there are a couple who are actually commenting on this. That will be for public comment on March 23, but then there are some other deadlines after that. It's a very comprehensive report where they're going through the various issues about who gets access to what data and who is authorized to get access, how do you actually determine if someone is authorized to get access to what data?

Can that be an automated process, or not? And Heidi spoke to that, she has developed a very interesting chart on the process, it's worth reading. I'm not going to talk about the other ones because I haven't read those, for a while yet. So, I'm finished at this stage. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks Holly and Justine for the policy update. For those of us who have not seen it, there is a video on the geo names that's actually very interesting, because it summarizes very briefly all the major points. It is available on the survey page so please take a look if you would like to.

Before we move on to the next agenda item, I would like to request Leon if he has any message for us, to come in at this point. Okay, maybe he's not in at the moment. We can get him in a bit later.

So, the next Agenda Item #4 is the ALAC Updates, which is customarily handled by Maureen, but Maureen has issued apology today. So I

request Holly for an update. If you need time we will switch the agenda around.

HOLLY RAICHE:

I have not been briefed by Maureen on what this is about. If I were going to talk about updates, I would actually talk about what I think Justine is going to talk about, which is the policy platform. I think that is the most recent issue; that, and what we're going to do about ICANN67, which is probably going to take more than 5 minutes. So, I think I'd rather give Heidi and Gisella a bit more time as to how we're going to possibly deal with ICANN67 as an online conference.

SATISH BABU:

Right, thanks Holly, I think that makes a lot of sense. So we are merging Agenda Item #4 and #5 together, because the current really hot thing in ALAC is the ICANN67. So, it's over to Gisella or Heidi, or both.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you very much, Satish, this is Heidi. I'm going to introduce a little bit about ICANN67 and then Gisella is going to take you through the details. So, Satish, as you noted the Board did decide to have Cancun not be the location of ICANN67 and this will be, as you mentioned, the first remote meeting that ICANN has ever held. So, it has been a bit of a rollercoaster up and down with planning, but the good news is that I think we are nearly there.

Also good news today, there will be not only Spanish interpretation offered, but also French interpretation, in addition to English, so that is

fantastic news for some of our community members. That is for all the At-Large sessions, as well as some of the major other sessions during the week. We have reduced our sessions significantly for the At-Large week and Gisella is going to go through some of the details there.

But on the weekend it would seem that would not likely be the best time to hold At-Large leadership sessions so the only session there will be the AFRALO session on Saturday, and then Monday through Thursday will be a mixture of both the At-Large session focusing on policy and then also some of the major meetings of the ICANN meeting, the Board meetings will go on, the ALAC will be meeting with the Board I believe on Tuesday, and with the GAC, as well.

But I'm going to hand it over to Gisella and then if you have any questions, we're happy to answer them. So, Gisella, I don't know if you want to already show the revised agenda which you've already updated. Gisella?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Heidi, thank you, this is Gisella, and welcome to everyone. As Heidi mentioned, we have reduced the number of meetings significantly and we are still working on finetuning the sessions and we have until close of business, Thursday the 27th of February to submit our schedules. The ICANN67 At-Large Planning Committee has been working over the past 10 days, or actually since the announcement, on the various sessions and trying to prioritize.

Maureen did a great prioritization list of the sessions that we do feel that we need to hold and there will be additional sessions that we will

be holding the week of the 23rd of March, when the interpreters come back after the ICANN67 meeting. So, please do look out for the additional meetings that we will be announcing on the mailing list. But just more the business as usual which we feel that we didn't need to have during the ICANN67 meeting week, which is going to be challenging enough as it is.

As Heidi mentioned, we will have English, French and Spanish interpretation on the Zoom Rooms, and it will be pretty much running like a normal meeting like we are holding today. The mics will be open for the participants, et cetera, except for the larger meetings, which for instance, ICANN Public Forum, they will also announce how those will work, how you will be able to ask questions, et cetera.

And we will be sending out an email next week ahead of the ICANN67 week, just to give further details on how best to participate remotely. What we have done so far, and if Yesim could kindly bring up the ICANN67 Wiki pages, which is always our main reference during an ICANN meeting, as we say, the one stop shop, which at this meeting is a little less relevant, except for the agendas where we will have the information.

Sunday, as it stands now, we will have mainly one meeting. We're looking at holding the AFRALO/AfrICANN meeting on Saturday, and no meetings on Sunday, and then Monday through Thursday the main meetings will be policy sessions, as well as Heidi mentioned, we will be meeting with the Board and with the GAC.

Now, timings for the GAC meeting may still change. The timing for the Board meeting is a fixed time that we had originally scheduled, which is on Wednesday morning Cancun time, and it is 1400 UTC. You will see on the agenda daily agendas, thank you very much Yesim showing Monday, this is just to give you a general feeling for the layout for the agendas.

We have put the UTC time in bold, as we are all used to working on UTC time. And what we will add there, also, just to make it as easy as possible for our community members joining us, is we will add to that UTC link, a little link to the World Clock, like we usually do on our meeting invitations.

It will just allow you to click on that link and to know exactly what the time is in your region and it is not always going to be a very friendly time for various regions, but I believe we've really done our best to keep it, well, put it this way, we had to keep the meetings between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cancun time. That was one of the prerequisites.

So, we didn't have much wiggle room there and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cancun time, which translates to 1400 to 2200 UTC, were the only timings where we were going to get technical support, as well as language services, which is essential for the At-Large community, to have the French and Spanish interpretations.

And as we announced yesterday, we were initial only going to get Spanish interpretation and we worked our way to have French, as well, which is really very useful and beneficial for our community, as we do

work in all three languages. So again, we will try and make this as user friendly as possible.

At this stage there are no Zoom Room links yet, there is no additional information, but please note that all the information will be posted on these pages. For now we still have parts in red as there may be slight tweaks to the start times, and the At-Large policy sessions, we've got another two sessions which we haven't yet placed, which is guest speaker availability dependent.

So, I've only got another 36 hours to work on that and hopefully we will have this tied up by the close of business the 27th of February as we're working live with meeting team continuously to try and make this work. Again, we will post the schedule and any additional information on all the lists, and the best way to participate. So, are there any questions at this stage? If not, I think we've pretty much covered it, thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Gisella, Satish for the record. I think there would be some questions, but I will defer the questions until Justine has also completed her comment on the ALAC matters. So, over to you, Justine.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thanks, Satish, this is Justine for the record. Actually, my comment has nothing to do with ICANN67, so if you want to take questions on ICANN67, I'm happy to go through that first.

SATISH BABU: That's okay, go ahead and provide a comment and then we will take questions over both.

JUSTINE CHEW: Okay, fine. Might give people a chance to think about the questions, anyway. I was just looking through the ALAC agenda for the most recent ALAC call and I see a couple things that are not on the agenda today for APRALO, so I thought I would mention some of the things that ALAC discussed the last time we met.

The first one, our ICANN Board appointee, Leon, had mentioned that the Board had received two pieces of advice that were from ALAC. The first one was to do with DNS Abuse and the second one was to do with the dot com agreement amendment that is being proposed.

Both of our advice touched on DNS Abuse in a major way, and I believe Leon reported that the Board had received two pieces of advice that were from ALAC. The first one was to do with DNS Abuse and the second one was to do with the dot com agreement amendment that is being proposed. Both of our advice touched on DNS Abuse in a major way and I believe Leon reported that the Board had received both pieces of correspondence very well and were appreciative of them.

So, this is clearly an example of where At-Large continues to make an impact and also it is important for us to continue to be able to provide such advice and correspondence to the Board. And all these processes are from a bottom up perspective so there is room for everyone to participate in this.

The second update that I wanted to address was something that Cheryl has reported on, which is to do with the Council having accepted the recommendations of the small team that was working on PDP-3.0. So in essence, and I believe Cheryl can correct me on this if she might want to, because she is on the call.

My understanding is from here on all the PDPs that were initiated by GNSO would adopt the PDP-3.0 format. So, if anyone wants to know more about that, then please contact the leadership team or contact Cheryl to get more information. But I think that is important to note.

The third thing that I wanted to raise was in terms of the ALS mobilization work that's undertaken by the work party. That's proceeding quite well and I think, if I'm not mistaken, we are pretty close to coming to conclusion on that, and there should be something coming forth to ALAC for consideration in the not too far future.

The last thing I wanted to mention, there has been a request from ccNSO for At-Large volunteers to join the ccNSO ccPDP3 working group which will focus on developing a review mechanism for decisions pertaining to the delegation, transfer, revocation and retirement of ccTLDs. So if there is anyone who is interested in joining that working group, the ccPDP3 working group, then I suggest they contact Staff or Maureen for more information. Thank you. That's the end of my intervention here. Thanks.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Justine, for all those points. Before we open up the floor for comments, I would like to comment on one of the things you

mentioned, that is Alan's working group work party. I believe that work party's output is going to have significant bearing on our functioning, APRALO's functioning. We had an ROP review working group set up, it did meet I think once or twice.

We have actually put it on kind of a slow burn because we would actually like to hear from this work party as to what their recommendations are, and then incorporate those into our own ROP review process. So we are looking forward to hearing from ALAC after the report is out. At this point I would like to ask Cheryl if she has anything to add to this.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks Satish, Cheryl for the record. I think it's very wise to keep our APRALO ROP Review on slow burn while we finalize the ALS mobilization and perhaps the same could be said for the following which will be looking at various criteria expectations and indeed metrics of individual members, as well. So, we don't want to work with too many moving parts and we want to make sure there is great harmonization. So, a wise move from the leadership team of APRALO in my view.

One thing I do want to say about the work of the ALS mobilization group is that we will need to socialize with the outcomes of that reporting and proposal with the regional leaders and I would like to think that of all the regions APRALO is going to be the smartest in the way it approaches the change.

It's not radical change, it's useful change, they have been well thought out and we believe, while some of them may not go as far as some

regions would like, they are proposals and changes which will be able to well operated and fairly applied across all the regions.

One of the things I'm particularly keen however on is that if at a future we take the opportunity to socialize, and I would have a bigger block of time to present some of the key aspects of this to our membership of At-Large structure, so ones who have gone through the interaction with the regional leadership, it would be I think a good practice and I'm sure you will do this, to have your leaders present it or have Alan and I present it at one of our regular calls or perhaps even one of the [inaudible] sessions.

Finally, as a result of this work then there is of course the work of running the metrics and establishing what we know is measurable, doing the actual measures and the process for the measures of the measurables.

And that falls to the subcommittee, the ALAC subcommittee on metrics, and I would very much like to see some fresh and enthusiastic blood coming to that committee, which is by invitation and appointment, it is not an open committee, but we do want it to be regionally balanced in terms of membership in case we ever need to go to a vote.

But we are open to observers and I would love to see quite a few and particularly for example our ATLAS III ambassadors become at least observers in that so that they can do the promotion of the changes and the metrics measurements that will follow. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Cheryl, for the important points. We will certainly take into account any suggestions and maybe we will have a special purpose call with Alan and the team or invite them to one of our meeting and provide enough time to cover this topic. And by the way, for everybody's reference, Cheryl was referring to SMART, which is an abbreviation for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time Sensitive, et cetera.

If there are any questions on the timing issue or any other matter related to ICANN67, I just have a comment that the spirit of following Cancun time is just to be in solidarity with the region. We have actually canceled an even in the LAC region, it's a big deal actually for the region. So this is a kind of bare minimum we can do to share the pain of this cancellation.

Of course we understand our own compulsions and the fact that the timing is extremely inconvenient to some of our regions, but the spirit of doing that is solidarity. Just so that we are aware. Are there any other comments on any aspect of ICANN67? If not, I don't see any hands at this point.

So we will then move on to Agenda Item #6, which is again an important policy mechanism that Justine has very kindly sponsored and championed. So, over to Justine for elaborating the next steps of this platform. We've been having some discussions within the leadership team and some suggestions have come up, particularly from Maureen and Holly, so I'm sure Justine will tell us about her recommendations. Over to you.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thank you, Satish, this is Justine for the record. Yesim, could you click on the link to the Google doc for comments and bring up the Google doc? Yeah, great. If you go to the left side, open the menu, click on Call for Volunteers. Okay.

So just to sum up, we've had this proposal table for some time now, it's gone through a number of monthly calls, and most recently there was a call for volunteers to sign up, to at least indicate their interest in any of the identified topics listed here, as you see on your screen.

Suffice it to say we, when I say "we" I should say "I," I was expecting more people to actually sign up and it's not to say that we expect people to jump in straightaway and work on the issues under each topic, it was also for the leadership team to get an idea of how many people were interested in various topics so we could look at organizing the groups or the topics in more useful or effect manner, to get the work done that we need to be done down the line.

Because the number of people who have actually signed up or put their names on the list are quite minimal, in fact, some of the topics don't even have names, so we really don't know whether people are just not interested or whether people think they might like more information or be brought up to speed on the topics before they actually sign up. I would like to think and I believe the leadership team also expressed this, would like to think that it's the latter and not the former.

So, what we the leadership team have discussed is we do not believe that anyone is opposed to this concept of the APRALO policy platform or

that anyone is opposed to moving it forward. It was just a matter of how we do it.

So, given the comments that we received and I'm talking about comment to the earlier part of the document and not the signing up of volunteers per se, we have noted comments regarding capacity building. Yesim, can you go up, let's see, Comments on the Strategy. If you could click on the first link.

So you can see originally what was proposed in terms of the strategy, we had noted things like the need for building capacity and mentorship programs, and suggestions on mechanisms, if you see that pink table on the right hand side.

So, I think moving forward what we might do is the leadership team should take some time to actually see how we can plan this forward, so it might be a case of keeping one single mailing list for policy, or even using the existing mailing list to do policy work, so that's something that we're considering at this point in time.

But also at the same time look at the possibility of doing separate webinars on topics of interest. In terms of the topics of interest that we might want to touch on, I would be hard pressed to not include things like IDNs, because that's something that should be of great interest to this region.

So if you could afford leadership team a little bit more time to come up with less vague proposal as to how we're going to move forward with this after ICANN67, that would be great. So, I'm going to stop there and take questions. Nadira you had a question?

NADIRA ALARAJ: Yeah, thank you. This Nadira AlAraj for the record. I have three issues regarding ATLAS III. I was participating from the beginning in the commenting on this document, one of the points I have because of the groups, it's not only related to policies. So the first comment, we need this document either to specify only for policies, because there is surveys, and this has nothing to do with policy.

Then the second issue about as a part of the ALS mobilization that Cheryl has mentioned, that we are working on, we are not expecting part of the metrics is not to expect participation of the members into the policies.

Basically the trend we are coming to having them as a channeling of the information from At-Large, from the ALAC, to their members. That's what the direction of the discussion is going on, more as outreach, reaching out to the member and asking them to respond through the surveys which reflects the end user. These are my two points. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW: Okay, if can just briefly address your two points. The first one, you talked about survey, I assume you're talking about the registering your skills?

NADIRA ALARAJ: Sorry, no, this is Nadira again. My first comment about why the lack of volunteers in the groups, the document itself, this document, it has to

be, if we want to distinguish in it between the policies and non-policy issues or groups. That's my point.

JUSTINE CHEW: Okay, I don't understand what you mean by distinguishing between policies and non-policy issues.

NADIRA ALARAJ: Yeah, for example can you scroll to the group's call for volunteer. For example if this is a document for policy, we could see the first table, it has nothing to do without policies, it's about surveys. So, that's my point. This has nothing to do with policies.

JUSTINE CHEW: Okay, and I said to you in reply, I think I mentioned in the note, as well, the reason why this is there is because we needed something to link to the registry for skills. The skills registry is to identify people that we can count on for policy. So, that is the extent of that element in this document. I'm not talking about outreach per se, it's just focusing on the registry of skills needed to identify people who can work on policy.

NADIRA ALARAJ: Okay, that's kind of, the APRALO leadership team used to do that, that's no problem, okay. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW: Okay, so I apologize if it confused people, but that was the intent of it, and I thought I had explained it sufficiently within the document, so I apologize if that hasn't come across clearly. And I'm sorry, I forgot your second point already. Could you remind me please?

NADIRA ALARAJ: Yeah, the second point about the ALS, because here this policy, this document, this platform is for bringing engagements on policies from the ALSes, our ALSes. And what is the direction of the ALS mobilization, it's not for you, it's just a general comment. What is expected from our ALSes is not to bring people to contribute to the policy discussion. This is an issue that has been kind of the measurement of the activities or engagement of ALSes.

JUSTINE CHEW: Okay, Nadira I think we need to stop because there are other things on the agenda, so if I could just comment on what you said. That's fine. The ALS mobilization plan is an At-Large initiative and that's got to do with what we expect ALSes to do.

In terms of this policy platform, we're not mandating anybody to join this. We are asking volunteers. So if people are interested, if people are not interested, they can just remain silent. I don't think the two are dependent on each other. So, I hate to cut the conversation short, but I am mindful of time, and we still have things on the agenda. So if we want to, we can take this to the list and discuss it further. I'll hand it back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Justine, for that very interesting discussion. Before I give my comment, Heidi as made a comment asking how are you coordinating with Jonathan Zuck and the ALAC level leadership processes. So, I'm not sure if we have time for an answer right now, but maybe we can think about this...

JUSTINE CHEW: I'll put the answer in the chat, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Okay, that's fine. Okay, so my comment, one is that this is a work in progress so the situation is still unfolding. We have had a number of conversations in the leadership team and now also we have had some suggestions.

Number two, this is the regional APRALO level mechanism that we are trying to devise for more effectively contributing to policy. Now I'm sure we do have leeway to figure out or design something that is most appropriate for our context. Justine has very kindly taken on this challenging work in addition to her regular policy work. So I am mindful of not overloading her too much.

So I think I would welcome anyone to assist and to take a direction where this will be really effective for our region. So, over the next few days you will hear more from us on this, how you can contribute. And we are looking particularly at the ATLAS ambassadors, as well as our

senior leadership within our community to rise to the occasion and contribute to this.

So, with that, thanks Justine for being mindful of the time. We will move on to the next update, which is Regional Updates. So the last month was quite a busy time and we had a bunch of meetings in our region.

The APRICOT2020 in Melbourne, Australia, that was a great meeting. We had a trip with Maureen, Lianna, and I. Ali was supposed to attend, but he had a last minute health problem and he couldn't make it. So we did participate quite well, as you can see. The APRICOT itself was a rather technical meeting, it was a technical policy level meeting. I think our presence was actually felt. Ali says in the chat, it is not Corona.

So the other important meetings, actually a plethora of meetings, the APStar Community meeting. The APStar Community is several organizations involved in governance within the region. Among the three of us, we had three organizations; Maureen presented on ALAC, Lianna presented on APRALO, and I presented on APSIG which is associated with [inaudible] but slightly different from APRALO.

So, overall I think our presence was actually noted and appreciated. This morning I got email from APNIC thanking us for our participation, so I think it was a good event. I will now call upon Lianna to provide update on APTLD and the DotAsia AGM.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you, this is Lianna Galstyan speaking for the record. As for the APTLD meeting, this was for the TLDs in the Asia Pacific region and it was hosted by the Australian registry, and it was a very successful and well attended meeting, they report the most number of participants. The keynote speech we had David Conrad the CTO of ICANN [inaudible].

As you do know we do have an MLU signed with the APTLD and we regularly have these updates in the beginning of the year. So that was very well accepted by the community. Personally, I had another presentation at this meeting which was about the marketing of [inaudible] as you know my organization is also representing the registry that had that presentation as well.

The other thing that I wanted to mention, we had different breakout group discussions on internet governance in the AP region, so that was a very interesting meeting. The other meeting I would like to give a quick update is DotAsia AGM. We are on the board of directors of DotAsia. Prior to the annual general meeting, we had a board of directors meeting and then the AGM where we confirmed the results of the election of board members.

Also we presented the work done which was actually very interesting changes at the governance level we created some committees there, and we had a lot of activities there, as well. [Inaudible] That is the update, Satish if you have anything to add.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Lianna. I'd just like to mention the in the election that just happened in DotAsia, both Maureen and I got reelected for

one more term, just to mention that, as well. We now have Baher talking to us on the ICANN Middle East MEAC Strategy. Over to you, Baher.

BAHER ESMAT:

Thank you Satish. Good day everyone. I'm conscious of time so I'll try to be quick. As you know, the upcoming Middle East and Adjoining Countries Regional Strategy draft document was published last week for public comment and it will remain available for public comments until April 3rd.

This is the third edition of the Middle East Regional Strategy, the notion of regional strategies started several years ago with leadership from the regional community and just for those who are not familiar with the region, the Middle East falls under two ICANN regions, the Asia Pacific and Africa, so it covers 22 Arab countries that fall under the league of Arab States, plus Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Turkey.

For this particular edition of the regional strategy, the community working group that has been working on the document agreed to align the regional goals and objectives with the ICANN strategic plan. The main focus as you can see in the draft document which is available online, they are exactly the same as 4 of the 5 focus areas that came in the strategic plan, mainly security, ICANN governance, unique identifies and geopolitics.

Under each area you will see some suggested goals and targeted outcomes, together with some suggested actions as well as to be

implemented as part of the implementation plan. So basically I think I covered the main highlights.

I don't want to go through the details, the document is available for public comments. We welcome your feedback, particularly from the At-Large community and At-Large structures within the Middle East and adjoining countries. We were planning a session at ICANN67 to go through the draft document and get feedback.

Now as you know, the schedule is being revised, not quite sure that the session will still take place as part of the remote meeting, but if not, we will certainly organize a webinar shortly after the meeting to update community members and encourage input.

As I said, the document is available until April 3rd for public comments and I just want to end my intervention by thanking the working group members who took lead in this effort and we look forward to your input. I'm happy to take any questions. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Baher. I would strongly like to encourage any individual would like to participate in the public comment process, and I think the CPWG meeting earlier today also had decided that AFRALO and APRALO could submit a joint response in the public comment process. So we will definitely be taking this on.

So thanks again, Baher, for being with us today in this meeting. Mindful of the time, we will now move on to the last item on the agenda, it is

the NomCom Update. Amrita is handling NonCom, as well as the newsletter, so, over to you, please make it brief.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Thank you, Satish, Amrita for the record. The application time line is over. We have around 97 candidates who submitted applications for the 7 leadership positions. And the NomCom members are current reviewing the applications.

We were supposed to have updates to take to Cancun and unfortunately that got canceled and the leadership team in NomCom is trying to discuss with ICANN and ICANN Board as to how we can have this meeting, because that is necessary for our work. Doing it remotely might be difficult.

That's the update from NomCom and from the APRALO newsletter perspective, would request of you, the ALSes, if there has been any activity you've done this month, please send an update to me and Evin, or ICANN Staff, preferably by the 1st or 2nd of March, that would be a great help for us. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Amrita, for that update. We are now almost at the top of the hour. But are there any burning comments or questions that anybody has? If not, we will close this call. I don't see any hands. If you have any further questions, please take it to the list and we would be happy to respond. I'd like to once again thank everybody for joining this

call. We have had a very good turnout today. And it's over to Yesim to close the call. Thanks again.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you very much, Satish. Thank you all for joining today's call. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a lovely rest of the day. Bye-bye.

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