
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the EURALO monthly teleconference call on Tuesday the 21st of April 2020 at 16:00 UTC. On that call today, we have Sébastien Bachollet, Andrey Kolesnikov, Anne-Marie Joly-Bachollet, Bastian Goslings, Christopher Wilkinson, Natalia Filina, Joanna Kulesza, Mikhail Anisimov, Oksana Prykhodko, Ricardo Holmquist, Steinar Grotterod, Yrjö Lansipuro, and Olivier Crépin-Leblond.

We have received apologies from León Sánchez and Annette Mühlberg. From staff, we have Gisella Gruber and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management. We also have Adam Peake, who will be joining us in a few minutes.

And before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcript purposes and to please keep your microphones muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise. Thank you very much. With this, I turn the call over to you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much. I think we need to update all of us. In staff, we have also Mikhail Anisimov. He's the new leader of GSE, Global Stakeholder Engagement, in Eastern Europe. I know that is not the real title. And I would like to welcome him as a new staff member. He is one of our connections within the region as the GSE have split the European region in two and given part of the region to Mikhail and the other part to

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Christopher. It will be Adam Peake who will be representing this part of the world to us. Thank you.

We have a quite long agenda. I know that some of you requested me to try to put it in one hour but after doing the proposed agenda it was almost impossible to have it in one hour. It's why it's a 90-minute call. We will try our best, depending on the number of topics we will have to discuss, next time to stick to one hour if it's possible.

You have received the agenda. I will go through, very quickly, just to be sure that we are okay with that. We will review the action item. We will have some feedback on the last ICANN virtual meeting, virtual Cancún ICANN67; discuss as a preparation of the next ICANN meeting; possible consequences on what happened with the COVID-19 and our engagement; and some specific issue about At-Large priority activities for this year; and outreach and engagement activities.

We will talk about policy and, I guess, Olivier will give us a report on that. As you can see, it's quite a long list of topics. I will ask Ricardo Holmquist to give us a presentation of the newly announced committee. For the moment, the name is Finance and Budget Subcommittee Working Group, but you will see that he will come with some news about that.

We will ask Erich Schweighofer to give us a report and tell us where they are with the Nomination Committee activities. We will discuss about the next face-to-face EURALO general assembly, the one in 2020 and the one in 2021, and where we are with CROP and other funding.

One very important point is the election timeline. We will try to go through and you will have to consider to be candidate one or the other

job description or seats labeled. We will ask Roberto Gaetano, the chair of EURALO Individuals Association to give us a short feedback on where and what they are doing. We will go through the EURALO task forces and set up the next EURALO call.

Have you any change, or additional points, or already know any other business? Okay. If not, let's go to the next point. The next one is an action item from the last meeting. Gisella, you want to tell us where we are with those two items?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Sébastien, thank you very much. So, with regard to the first action item, for me to place the GSE staff on EURALO portal, I'm just working with Adam to see whether we can use these slides for that—I thought the presentation was great last time—to tell us who is where and which regions they cover.

And with regard to the second item, that has been sorted as we are now on a Tuesday at 16:00 for the EURALO calls. Hopefully, this will suit many more of the community members in EURALO and we will have great attendance moving forward. Thank you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Gisella. If it works well, we will try to keep this time and this day for the forthcoming EURALO monthly call. If you agree with that then, as a matter of ... We will have a EURALO Board call at the same time next week, at the same time and at the same day of the week. Thank you.

Yeah. The next item is ICANN67 feedback. Do you have any feedback on what was going well, what was going not so well, what you would like to see staying for the next meeting, what you would like to see change for the next meeting?

I would like very much to have your inputs on that because, as you can see in the next agenda points, we are already working on ICANN68 and your feedback on what happened in 67 will be very useful for the next one. As you are too shy to talk, I will ask, if she agrees, Joanna to give us her feedback.

One of the reasons I ask her is that she organized one very well-attended and very interesting session during ICANN67. I hope that something like that will be available or possible in the next session, in the next ICANN meeting. May I give you the floor, Joanna, please?

JOANNA KULESZA:

Yes. Thank you, Sébastien. Thank you for considering and thank you for letting me take a bit of our time. Indeed, we have plans to continue the discussion on cybersecurity and geopolitics during ICANN68. Although, as I am certain, Gisella would be happy to provide us with details on, we are still in quite early stages of planning for the next virtual meeting. It seems like the only certain element at this point is that we will continue to have a virtual meeting, as was the case with ICANN67.

The programming committee is right now being installed, as I understand, and the agenda or the theme we are pursuing at this point is similar to the exercise we were rushed into during ICANN67, that is

trying to prioritize the themes that need to be discussed and the format in which that is to happen.

As already said, I'm happy to hear back from Gisella, who has been wonderful in leading the work on the program planning, both for ICANN67, which was highly challenging, and she has taken the administrative lead, also, for ICANN68.

My understanding is that in terms of capacity-building we will continue the discussion on geopolitics and cybersecurity. However, the overall theme is to focus on those topics that are, at this time, most pressing, most pertinent.

As Christopher briefly mentioned during the informal introduction into this call, the SubPro group has taken quite a rapid pace trying to speed up the work that is being done with regard to new gTLDs, so that will likely remain one of the topics to be discussed.

The ePDP is facing some challenges, as well, so that will likely also remain a topic to be discussed. As Sébastien has mentioned, we are facing certain challenges when it comes to the COVID situation. For us, within At-Large, one of the aspects to look at is DNS abuse. So, likely, DNS abuse in the context of online spam or protecting end-users from new threats, or whether a new face of old threats we've been witnessing for a while in terms of DNS abuse, will probably also be on the agenda.

In that regard, the Capacity Building Working Group has been working on a series of webinars that managed to lead us smoothly into those discussions. Hadia Elminiawi has been heading the sub-group of the Capacity Building Working Group which has taken on the task to locate

the times and themes of various issues of high importance to the At-Large community. We've had a highly successful webinar on the ePDP, the process and the prospects of that work. The next one is scheduled to discuss DNS abuse—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: You are doing the whole agenda in one, Joanna. We'll talk about that—

JOANNA KULESZA: Sorry, Sébastien. I'm happy to stop at any point but this is just to give you an understanding of what the Capacity Building ICANN68 overall plan is. So, we will try to lead those participating in those webinars into the discussion within ICANN68, and all of those themes that will happen, the webinars will be reflected there. I'm happy to stop and answer questions. Apologies for taking too much time. I'm happy to jump into the discussion whenever needed. Thank you so much, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Joanna. I have Christopher. You raised your hand. And Oksana, you raised your hand. Christopher, do you want to talk?

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON: Yes. Thank you, Sébastien. I put my hand down because you gave the floor to Joanna and I think she was about to speak, and indeed did speak, about the main point I wished to raise.

I can't say very much about Cancún because, for time zone reasons and for person reasons, I found it very difficult indeed to participate directly in the online work. What I've noticed since, and [Joanna's the first time] that those of us who were not really involved with Cancún received a summary report from the staff.

I think as long as we're in virtual mode it will be very important for the staff and the leadership to remain committed to post summaries of the status of the work and the discussion in the online virtual context.

Personally, I think it will be possible, ultimately, to conduct a great deal of our work virtually but I think most of us, especially some of the newer comers, will find it quite difficult to learn how to do it well.

I don't want to sound pessimistic but I think there is a lot of work to be done to ensure that participants are familiar with ... Not exactly the code of conduct but the techniques of conducting meetings virtually.

I also think it's important that the leadership of these meetings, both among the community and the senior staff, take full account of the fact that the significant proportion of the participants will be feeling uncomfortable about saying anything and not actually follow the rush to conclusions that currently we're experiencing with the PDP.

So, I'm not quite sure how well virtual work will carry over into consensus-building. Sorry to have been a bit long but for somebody who didn't go to the Cancún meetings very much I apologize for being a bit cheeky. But I think there are lessons to be learned and precedence to set. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Christopher. Indeed, even if you were not, the fact that you were interested to be in it is very important feedback. The one you gave us is very useful. Therefore, I really think that it's why I put that as an item. Before I go to Joanna and Wale, I wanted to ask Oksana, who raised her hand previously, if she wants to talk or just she wants me to read the question in the chat. But your voice will be better than mine to express your point of view. Oksana, please.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Hello?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, go ahead.

OKSANA PRYKHODKO: Do you hear me? Thank you very much. My question is about the youth engagement in ICANN and the IGF activity. Sébastien, we tried to write a strategy for youth engagement. Could you please [comment] the progress with this activity? And can I ask Joanna about the IGF in Poland? Do you plan to organize a youth IGF summit before adult IGF? Thank you very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Oksana. To answer your first question, nothing moved for the moment about youth and ICANN and we will have to take that back on

our word because it was not taken as an additional budget request. Therefore, we will have to work on that.

And may I ask staff to add that as an action item, that there is no urgency but we need to track that youth involvement within ICANN and how we can further improve our proposal for ABR, additional budget requests, or any other type of way to work about young? Thank you. Joanna, please. And please be short, all, because we are already late in our agenda. Sorry for that.

JOANNA KULESZA:

Of course, Sébastien. Thank you. Apologies for cutting into the agenda again. I just wanted to address two things. First, I wanted to echo what Christopher mentioned in terms of concerns with regard to virtual participation. Those concerns were well taken on board with ICANN67 and are still well-recognized for ICANN68.

With regard to those concerns, the agenda is to just focus on key policy themes that are yet to be decided on and selected. And also, in that same vein, we've had an interesting conversation, I believe it was the EURALO or the At-Large mailing list, with regard to moving one of the face-to-face meetings online. I think we've had some interesting arguments raised there in favor and against organizing virtual meetings.

So, this is just to reflect that Christopher's concerns are well taken on board and well-recognized. I don't think we have a philosopher's solution at this point that would serve everyone and that would be good for all involved. It's very much a regional issue. It's very much an individual

issue. But those concerns, Christopher, thank you for raising them here, as well, are very well-rounded and taken into consideration.

And, actually, just to respond to Oksana, I actually had a conversation just late last week with the Polish organizers who emphasized that they are putting a lot of effort into organizing a parallel youth IGF theme for the IGF in Poland.

One concern is whether the meeting will take place face-to-face. That is, at this point, very much the agenda. So, this is supposed to be a face-to-face meeting. Should we move online, those challenges will be tackled as they are taken on, but with regard to youth IGF, if you have any questions or concerns, Oksana, just feel free to reach out to me and I will be happy to get you in touch with the local organizers.

The answer is yes, a youth IGF during the IGF in Poland is very high on the agenda and the work is being done as we speak. So, in that sense, I'm happy to welcome all suggestions or concerns and I'm happy to be the middle woman, so to speak, to get those heard directly by the organizer. Thank you so much, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Joanna. Wale, please. We can't hear you for the moment, Wale.

WALE BAKARE:

Hello, can you hear me?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: You are very faint but go ahead.

WALE BAKARE: All right. Thank you so much. My question, really, is directed to Joanna. She mentioned about the cybersecurity. Cybersecurity, if we talk about it, is a big topic and the landscape is somehow infinitesimal, so to say.

The content you are trying to create with regard to the cybersecurity subject – are you going to address the rules or the tools? And also, if yes, how are you going to craft these towards the end-users? Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Wale, for your question, but I'm sorry – we are talking about feedback from ICANN67. Here, you are answering to a point of an in-depth discussion on one topic. I am sure that Joanna will be able to spend one hour or more to talk to us about that. I would like to suggest that either we do a call on that or we add that to our next meeting as a topic. But for the content, we don't have time for that. Wale, please.

WALE BAKARE: It's just we are, I mean, with myself, with regard to cybersecurity no doubt ... I wouldn't want a situation where we just go [off the tangents] without really addressing the key parts, which we are talking about end-users in this perspective. That's why I had to raise that. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

To be short, it was part of a discussion in ICANN67 and if it has happened that it is again a topic raised during ICANN68, I am sure that it will be a time to bring that and to be sure that we take all of that on board. Thank you for your input. I'm sorry for cutting the discussion now.

Regarding ICANN68, Gisella will wish to add things but I would like to bring to your attention two points. In fact, three points. The first one is it will not be the same meeting that 67, not just as the content will evolve but as the way of doing the meeting will evolve, too.

And negatively and positively, it will be more difficult for staff to run the meeting as they will not be able to have a physical meeting mimicking a virtual room on the Internet, on Zoom. Therefore, it will be more difficult for them.

In the same time, they are adding new facilities and I am very happy that they will be able to bring French, Spanish, and English together for At-Large in our meeting and for the GAC, for example, the seven languages— that's been the six from UN plus Portuguese—with the possibility to have interpretation in all those languages, and that's a very, for me, great improvement and great news.

The third one is that we are in discussion about the time, topic, and date. It seems to be that the date will be the same ones as are already scheduled. The time will be in the Kuala Lumpur time zone and the question is how many global meetings we have.

You know that, the meeting in June, there is no meeting with the board, no session with questions to the board or the other participants, and

that's a question mark. It seems that there are parts of the community who think that we need to stick to a policy meeting and not have those.

There are other parts of the committee who consider that, as it is now virtual, it could be useful to have those types of discussions. Especially where we have so much on our plate, it could be useful. Gisella, you have a lot of things to add. Do you want to add some of them now?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Sébastien, thank you very much for the summary. At this stage, we are working on, for At-Large, prioritizing what we would like to bring to the table during ICANN68.

The core hours that have been established are 04:00 to 08:00 UTC. So, at this moment and, Sébastien, as you mentioned, you attended the call last week where they summarized that we will be having interpretation and services during those hours.

So, what we're working on now is just to understand what the additional hours will be, what language services can provide in terms of interpretation outside of the core hours, and, again, bringing it back to the At-Large and the ALAC on what we wish to raise at the ICANN68 virtual meeting and what can't be dealt with outside of the meeting, as in regular working groups or regular calls.

The ICANN68 Planning Committee will be holding a call this week and we will be working on the priorities as we need to bring these priorities up to ICANN Org by this coming Thursday, which is the 23rd of April. We will hopefully have a form of block schedule by the end of next week.

So again, we will be working rapidly to having some form of schedule together by mid-May and, again, whether this is going to be a four or, potentially, a five-day meeting as per the survey that was sent out to the SO/AC/SG/RALO chairs, [it] hasn't yet been set in stone so that is all that we can really add at this stage. I know that Heidi is on the call and I'm not sure if she would like to add something, as well. Thank you very much, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sorry. Thank you, Gisella. Heidi, you want to add something?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you. Hello, everyone. No, I think Gisella has done an outstanding job. I'm just going to put the link to the At-Large workspace into the chat. Please watch that space. As the prep group does start to work and we'll start scheduling the At-Large meetings for ICANN68, they will be on this page. So, this is your area to, perhaps, bookmark as we go into the meeting. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Heidi. As you have the floor, may I ask you, even if it's my name after that, to do a helicopter view of the following items with At-Large priority activities for 2020, please?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Thank you very much. Let me go ahead and grab that page. This is the priority that Maureen started/initiated, and she has asked for

comment. Given the situation with COVID-19, there has been recognition that At-Large, or indeed all of the SOs and ACs, will need to prioritize.

So, we have this on the gateway. That is the purple space on the Wiki space. It lists what she sees as the At-Large priorities for 2020 and they are primarily ... And you'll take a look here, if we can perhaps display them. Thank you very much for doing that. There they are. So, you'll see that they basically focus on the post-ATLAS III activities. Now, policy advice development is obviously the key area. That is actually within the post-ATLAS III area issues, as well.

Including, in addition, we have the post-ATLAS III feedback. That is a group that Eduardo Díaz is working on. It is nearly finished, the small group, looking at that report, is meeting every week. It should be out, I would say, in the next couple of weeks.

Then, we have the policy engagement plan. That is going to be rolled out on this week's regional leadership call. We've been speaking about that. That is where the GSE regional VPs or their liaisons will be working with the At-Large manager—that's Gisella in your case—as well as the leadership in the region. And it's important to have that collaboration and communication given the need for streamlining in terms of activities. So, that will be rolled out shortly.

Then, we have the At-Large review implementation. As Maureen mentioned on the ALT Plus yesterday, that is coming along. The aim is to have the final report finished and to the board Organizational Effectiveness Committee by the 30th of June. Then, part of that is the ALS

mobilization. That is Alan leading that, and that is looking at issue two, which is ensuring a more effective engagement of the ALSes.

Then, in terms of other post-ATLAS areas, I'm just going to go a little bit quicker. We have the capacity-building. That is, again, what Joanna has mentioned on all the work there. There are three sub-groups there. Daniel is leading the outreach and engagement activities. That is looking primarily at the fiscal year 2021 strategy overall of that group, as well as the regional fiscal year 2021 outreach and engagement plan.

And then, in terms of Maureen's area, which is the organizational/operational, that is looking at the policy descriptions for positions and the final report from ATLAS, which is finished. I think that is it but, again, comments are open. If you have any comments on this page or any other priorities, please do note them either to staff or just submit a comment to this page. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Heidi. Any comments, questions? If not, I will just give one. I really feel that we are in a crazy world but we add items, to items, to items. We have too much to do and if we add all the policy issues with ePDP, with rushing, with SubPro, who is even rushing more, we will soon have ATRT3, and so on and so forth, and I really feel that ICANN and At-Large first need to put on hold things and the pace needs to be slower because we can't cope. All the ones who cope are the ones ...

We are less people and the same voice who are always there who are doing everything, and that's not good for the multi-stakeholder model we try to have that involves more people.

We are talking a lot about engagement and even about outreach, but where are they? Where are the people from ATLAS III participating? We have lost some of them already and it must raise, for us, the question of why.

We are so happy with what we do that we forget why we are doing it and for whom we are doing it. We talk about the young and we don't give them the possibility, really, to stick to the work. I love those lists of items. I can add in a lot of them, but we have to be really careful.

I tried to raise this issue in At-Large, in ALAC, with the board, but it seems that the few people who are doing everything are still happy to still be doing it, that we are in this situation. I'm sorry to be negative here but I hope that one day I will not be alone on that. Thank you.

Next item is outreach and engagement activity. I am sorry, Natalia, but if you can do it very shortly because we have a lot to do still? Please take the floor, Natalia.

NATALIA FILINA:

Sébastien, thank you very much. I will be short and fast. So, I may take the one-time all three items, yes? IGF, welcome package, and outreach strategic plan. So, if yes, I will start.

Now, we have written our EURALO outreach strategy for fiscal year 2021. Now, we all understand now the tremendous impact of the virus situation, the cancellation of almost all, or all, face-to-face meetings for at least the next six months, including IGF 2020 in Poland.

But let me be, Sébastien, on positive side and positive talks about our work because we are working virtually and we know how can we do that on the best way. I think we are working great on our social media channels.

We are waiting for the next general assembly in Hamburg [or] in The Hague. And so, I think we [will have an] opportunity to see a lot of reps of our ALSes. We are doing great, I think, our capacity-building work, and some webinars are being launched. We have plans to attract At-Large and, particularly, EURALO members to offer topics for these webinars and even more to be for speakers on topics in which they—or you—are experts.

If you can understand, we have some ... Not “problems” but [inaudible] or things that we can enhance. So, not all regions of Europe are now covered by our presence and I think we will work on this with interaction with our great Global Stakeholder Engagement team.

Well, I'm happy to thank Christopher, Mikhail, Adam for the [inaudible] work in our strategy and coordinate our aims and goals on this direction. And now, I think we can see clearly that we need to encourage the interactions between our ALSes on the ground, and as you know, we have a goal to attract more academics or researchers to our ranks, and I think we may pay our attention, at first, to our exciting structures and maybe our [hidden resource] – I mean members of our At-Large structures in Europe.

So, when we see about [fresh blood,] which Joanna and Oksana mentioned today, I can say that ... I don't know. Maybe it's my opinion

but it seems like we have this work and we do this work in different parts of EURALO but it looks like separate streams.

I think we are still not well-coordinated in this direction. It looks like just educational incentives. I think if we are already working with active, smart, and nice young people on the ground we already are ready to welcome these young people in our ranks, and I think we need to think about our goals but not about the processes.

So, I think now everything is good and will be better, maybe, in the future. Tomorrow, we present our outreach strategy on the leadership call. I think we will discuss it. And then, we will be able to announce the strategy for our community.

So, shortly, about our project in EURALO Individuals Association welcome package. I think it's a great project and I'm happy to announce that under the management of Roberto we have returned to this work on these guidelines or guidebook and tried to collect all useful links, points, and explanations about joining process, the [overall role] of EURALO, joining in the work on policies, adding the comments to ALAC statements, etc.

So, we [have already approved the structure] and we will try to [write] this back in simple language. But in this guidebook, some resources will be able only for registered members. So, I think it's good that in this work participate new members of EURALO and they can bring their experience in this project.

If I may go shortly to IGF? Oh, yes. You can see on the screen. Oh, no. You cannot see now. You can see, now, the structure and the first draft of a

welcome package. We are very welcome to see your comments and hear input in this work.

If I can say shortly about IGF, so as we understand now, the IGF will be virtual. I cannot say, now, nothing about virtual [booth] at the IGF, but much more important is the work is already doing regarding participation of At-Large members and EURALO members in preparation process for webinars/workshops during IGF. For example, Roberto is doing great work to gather people, and opinions, and expertise for Universal Acceptance issues.

So, I think it's so good to have a voice and such a huge platform for this discussion of Internet governance issues. So, that's all on this topic from me. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Natalia. Any comments, questions? I just would like to be sure that, regarding the welcome package—and that's a very useful and good job—you coordinate with the work done by the ICANN At-Large onboarding slide deck team. There is no link and I will just give you the link of the Capacity Building Working Group who is the one in charge of that. I think it's important that we try to connect the two, work ... Sorry. Okay.

And the second points, I think you will get the outreach strategy plan fiscal year 2021 very soon. You will be able to discuss it sooner than later. We are still working with Natalia but it will be soon available for your input. Thank you. And welcome, Adam.

The next item is about policy. Olivier, can I give you the floor and ask you to be short, even if I know that you have plenty of things to tell us about this very important topic? Thank you.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Thank you very much, Sébastien. Can you hear me well?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, definitely. Go ahead.

OLIVIER CRÉPIN-LEBLOND: Okay, perfect. Thank you. So, thanks, Sébastien. You're asking me to go through a massive list, as you can see on your screen, in as short a time as possible.

I'll first quickly just let you know of the things that have been recently ratified, the statements that have recently been ratified by the ALAC. Since the last monthly meeting, as you can see, there have been quite a few of them.

The first was a draft proposal for the NextGen@ ICANN program improvements. I spoke about it during our last call. That has been, now, sent out. You can see underneath each one – you can see what we've basically mentioned in a very short summary. We've had one on this, we've had one on the Name Collision Analysis Project, the NCAP study, about the collision, .home and .corp, and these things.

We've had a statement about the initial report on the Expedited PDP on the Temporary Specification of gTLD Registration Data team. That's the ePDP on WHOIS, basically, data.

And then, that's the Phase 2 part, so we've had a good statement on this. And of course, that's an ongoing story because the work of this team is ongoing.

We've got the second Security Stability and Resiliency Review Team draft report that has been out, another long-term process. The SSR2 and the ALAC wrote a statement on this.

This is great, now. Okay. We have the ALAC feedback to the PIR public comment proceeding. Now, that was not a public consultation, as such, to start with, but the ALAC felt it was important for it to comment on this. So, that was sent out over to the board.

And then, an interesting point of note to that is that some points that were made by the ALAC, and it's a pretty comprehensive statement, were actually picked up by a judge in California and now the whole PIR sale is getting delayed further through some comments that were made by the judge and asking, basically, for ICANN to do its due diligence on this, still.

But quite a few of the points that were made by the ALAC were picked up by the ... Is it the state attorney? I don't know the exact name, but the judge, effectively. That's certainly a first.

And then, there's a draft fiscal year 2021-2025 operating financial plan and budget. That wasn't done through the Consolidated Policy Working

Group but that was done by the Finance and Budget Subcommittee of the ALAC, which I think might be touched on a little bit later.

Now, public comments at the moment. Middle East and Adjoining Countries Strategy, a joint piece of work from AFRALO and APRALO. Well done, guys. Very, very well done. They've managed to put this together and the ALAC has just rubber-stamped it and said this is great.

Then, there is currently a vote on the revised community travel support guidelines. It always seems to be a little bit far, doesn't it, the travel support, when we're completely confined and there's not very much travel up in the near future? But obviously, this had to be worked on. So, that's currently at voting time.

The two of them that the ALAC is currently working on drafting is the Phase 1 initial report on the review of the rights protection mechanisms in all the gTLDs. Rights protection mechanisms. So, this is all to do with trademarks and it's, of course, all part of the work for the future rounds of new gTLDs, new Generic Top-Level Domains, but also some of the work going on now on the current extensions that we have.

And it's such a huge subject, this thing about rights protection mechanisms, and it's so controversial, as well. So, that has gone on for a really long time. The ALAC is currently drafting things on it.

And then, we've got the ICANN Africa Regional Plan for Fiscal Years 2021-2025. You'll notice our colleagues from AFRALO will be drafting something on this.

I just needed to let you know. So, yeah. Here we go. It's written here, the 15th of April letter from the California Attorney General Becerra to ICANN, speaking about the ALAC advice on this.

Then, of course, there are the ICANN responses to the ICANN board regarding the ALAC advice on DNS abuse, which was drafted on the 11th of April. So, there is a follow-up, now, with some questions that were asked. And the outcome of this whole process is quite likely to be during ICANN67, our forthcoming virtual meeting.

I also should point out the At-Large PDP 3.0 workspace. Now, this is, again, a controversial topic. The GNSO, Generic Names Supporting Organization, has decided it needs to amend its rules for Policy Development Processes. How do you call this? So as to make these more efficient, let's say.

And of course, they saw a barrier to efficiency in having too many people involved and having people who came in and out of the working group, etc. A whole number of [rules.] And so, they've come up with a whole number of suggestions that they're just going to implement and move forward with, which might affect negatively the involvement of At-Large and certainly the involvement of other people in the Policy Development Process. So, rather than opening things up, they're looking at closing it up.

It's an interesting topic to read. Please have a look through that because there might well be some ... Well, we certainly need some comments at the moment, feedback from our community, in order to consider whether a formal statement should be drafted on this.

Then there is, of course, the At-Large GeoNames survey. The deadline is the 30th of April. That's a multiple-choice question survey. Really good fun. It's basically looking at the geographic names, for example Amazon and .amazon. That's just an example but there is also .berlin and .paris. There are others. A huge topic on this, the geographic names.

And therefore, we're currently looking at that, trying to gain some feedback from our community. It's like a game so please play around. You might think they are easy questions but actually, they are quite complicated because, when you look at it, there are many different points of view and there are no right or wrong answers in that. But certainly, getting your input is good.

And then, of course, the At-Large policy platform is still currently being worked on/in progress. There is one thing that is missing here and I don't know why it's missing. It should have been on that. Maybe I'm not reading it correctly. It's to do with the Subsequent Procedures workspace.

Subsequent Procedures is basically the next round of new Generic Top-Level Domains. There is a huge amount of work that is still going on about this. May I ask staff to please put the link to this Wiki space? Justine Chew and her small team have been putting a lot of information together on this.

We're going to have, as a community, to draft some kind of a statement in a couple of months' time. The topic is so huge. Imagine every single angle of the Applicant Guidebook, which is hundreds and hundreds of pages.

Every single angle has been looked at and, with the working group going in one direction or another, some of those directions are not really aligned with the points that we've been making so it's very, very likely that the ALAC will have to draft a statement on this, but it's also super-important that the majority of people, certainly on the ALAC and in our community, to have read the different points.

Justine has put it into an amazing set of PowerPoint Presentations. At every Consolidated Policy Working Group call at the moment, she's got 30 minutes to take us through one specific set of topics, and then there are also some additional topics in between, all of it being policy, all of it being deep, deep into this policy stuff. Quite fascinating.

So, we're working out something to be able to publicize these better, these calls better. Even if you are not going to be an applicant, it's certainly great, great training to look at how deep you can go into these topics of domain names, and top-level domains, and applications, and so on. And certainly, as seen from an end-user angle, it's particularly important. I hope I was short enough. Thank you. Happy to answer any questions.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Olivier. As usual, a very good job. Well done. Any questions, feedback, comments please? I really want to encourage you to participate to the Consolidated Policy Working Group meeting once a week. It's a very interesting and important meeting. The summary that Olivier gave us today is the result of the weekly meeting that he is chairing or co-chairing with Jonathan Zuck. Let's go to the next item. The future

group who want to follow on the CPWG is the one run by Ricardo Holmquist, and I am very pleased to give him the floor.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Can you hear me?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, go ahead.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Thank you. Yep. Since the creation of the Consolidated Policy Working Group it has taken over responsibilities for the advice from ALAC to any issues that were sent to the At-Large for comment. But since maybe the meeting in November, in Montréal, At-Large was trying to focus on the DNS issues for the Consolidated Policy Working Group because the work is huge, as you can see from Olivier's report.

Also, as you can see in the report from Olivier, you find out that there are DNS-related topics and non-DNS-related topics in there, mostly related to finance, budget. There are some others that are related to operations. So, not definitive because the [statement] will be next week on the ALAC meeting.

But it seems it would be, now, the Operations, Finance and Budget Subcommittee Working Group or Subcommittee that would handle the non-DNS-related advice. For example, the AFRALO statement on the budget, the travel that was originally being discussed on the CPWG

meeting but now is being on this subcommittee. This subcommittee, by now, is going to be meeting once a month instead of once a week.

We'll be cross-communicating with the CPWG. So, anybody knows what's happening with their policy comments? The intention is to report at least in every two meetings what's going on in one or the other. You're all welcome to be on this subcommittee.

This committee, originally, because it was Finance and Budget, was created closed and it was two persons for each RALO, one from the directors, one from the ALAC members. Sébastien and Bastiaan are the ones in this subcommittee.

But now, the working group is open. All will be participants. The only exception will be for the ABR once a year, and that needs to be voted. These are the ones who are going to be [closed that] ten people are going to vote, but for the rest of the comments it will be open, and you are all welcome to join. I will be glad that so many people join this group. That's all. If you have any questions?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Ricardo. Really, I think this announcement of this group is very important. I guess the At-Large will be better equipped to discuss all of the items we have in front of us. And then, I suggest that you may wish to participate to this group. In addition to the weekly CPWG, you will have the monthly OFB-SC, if I am not mistaken with the name, but you will give us the name next time, Ricardo. Okay. If there are no other comments I would like to ask Erich Schweighofer to give us an update on the NomCom, please.

ERICH SCHWEIGHOFER: Thank you, Sébastien. Yeah. The NomCom is working, now, in a virtual environment. No face-to-face meetings so far, as you may know/expect, but it works quite well. We have finished the heatmap phase or selection of a larger group of candidates to be checked by soft dives.

We are now closing the end of Phase 1. That means [inaudible] the 14 names for the board. So, they're very close. We will do it this or next week, and then we do the PTI and then the ccNSO, the At-Large, and other positions.

When we've finished that, we start the deep dive. So, we have interviews with the various candidates, also on Zoom, followed by, also, interviews with the references. Then, we may [inaudible], maybe, hopefully, the end of June/July with lists of candidates for interviews.

That's a bit difficult to do so we may move it on to September. That's some idea because the NomCom considers interviews in-person very important for the selection process. So, the selection process may take a bit longer because after that we have this kind of due diligence review. So, there may be no new sitting board members at the end of October but I think that may be acceptable given the special circumstances. Thank you very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Erich. Any questions, comments? Okay. If not, let's go to the next item. It's the next face-to-face EURALO general assembly. As you know, we have one face-to-face general assembly funded who

might be organized during 2021 fiscal year. Therefore, as in this fiscal year there are two meetings in Europe—there is one in Hamburg and one in The Hague—the discussion was, if it is an ICANN meeting, which one we need to pick up.

Regarding the situation with COVID-19, we suggest as a discussion we have with the EURALO Board to not have a face-to-face or not try to have any face-to-face meeting for EURALO. Hopefully, the meeting of ICANN will be face-to-face in Hamburg but we don't want to add complexity.

And therefore, we suggest not to have it in Hamburg and to have for the civil year 2020 a virtual assembly. We will have to discuss and we will come back to you with a proposal for the date. As it is virtual, it may not need to be linked with an ICANN meeting, and as we can do it when we want, once again, to decrease the complexity of any ICANN meeting, especially if it's going to be a virtual one. But that's still an open discussion.

The second is a funded one, and therefore we suggest that it will be organized in 2021 and in June. There are two possibilities. One is ICANN71 in the Hague and the other one is EuroDIG21 in Trieste, Italy. The Hague is Holland.

And we already have some discussion on that. I am happy to have your feedback on which one to pick up. I will summarize with the following: if we want to do engagement, we need to pick the ICANN meeting.

If we want to do outreach, we need to pick up EuroDIG. Therefore, that's the choice and we have time to decide about that, but your feedback will be very welcome. Any comments on that point? I hope it's clear.

Okay. If not, let's go to the next one, CROP and other funding. As you can imagine, the CROP situation is that there is no face-to-face meeting of any kind in our region in that moment. Therefore, we can't spend money to travel to any face-to-face meeting. Therefore, I don't know what we will do with our two slots, CROP, as it may be not pushed for next year.

But there is the other funding. We have, still, some money left. I am sorry because I didn't discuss that with my colleague, but I would like to suggest that part of this \$1,380 left could be used to prepare the general assembly next year, the face-to-face. For example, having a t-shirt could be a good way to spend the money. If there are some brochures we want to print, it could be a good time for that.

I would like very much to have your feedback on that. If someone, or more people, are ready to work on a EURALO t-shirt for 2021, it will be great. I see your hand, Christopher. Please, take the floor.

CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON:

Hi. Just an immediate feedback. Thank you, Sébastien. I do think that there's a very strong case for carrying over unused travel budgets during this period so that at the early face-to-face meetings—at whatever level or location they may be, but that's secondary—it will be possible to fund a rather larger number of people, especially newcomers and others.

This means that EURALO and ALAC as a whole should probably intervene with the ICANN's finance people in order to see if that is at all possible, because the travel funding is not generous. It's adequate for those who get it but very few people are going to be supported.

During the first face-to-face meetings after the crisis, it'll be very important indeed to get as many people as possible together again. So, carry over the unused budgets until 2021 or 2022. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Christopher. Ron, I see your hand. May I ask you to wait, Matthias inputs? I will give you the floor after, please. Matthias, please go ahead.

MATTHIAS HUDOBNIK: Hello. Sébastien, thanks very much for these great thoughts. I think that's a good idea. I have just one question to ICANN staff, maybe to the very unusual situation [a chance to switch maybe] the CROP slots in the next fiscal year, that we have two slots more because of the special situation. Is there no chance, maybe, that ICANN ever thought about this idea? Thank you very much.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you, Matthias. Fortunately, I asked Ron to wait. Ron, thank you for coming to the EURALO call, and thank you for being willing to participate. Ron is a board member and is a chair of the Board Finance Committee. Therefore, you are the one who can give us ... No, I will not say that. You are the one who will give us the answer, or at least who can give us the right information and up-to-date. Thank you. Go ahead, Ron, and once again, very happy to have you here with us.

RON DE SILVA:

Thank you, Sébastien. Glad to be here. I think the discussion to have regarding CROP budgets and whether it can be deferred or changed ... I mean, rollover year-to-year for any budget item is generally not something that the organization will do.

So, that will be a bit problematic. But if it's timing within, say, the next year's budget, and you want to potentially move some of the travel funds around within FY21, that's probably going to be a much more productive discussion. I don't want to get in the middle of that. It's really a conversation you should have directly with the Org.

But I wanted to share, since this came up, there is a general update that the finance organization is doing, anticipating changes to not only expenses but also potential delays in some of the funding and collections for funding for the organization, and how that might impact FY21.

There are a couple of webinars. I'll make sure Gisella is able to send that out for anybody who wants to participate. But they were just announced by the finance organization. They're going to host next Tuesday, I believe it is, two different seminars to really share with the community revisions to the FY21 expected funding and changes to the FY21 expenses, all related to the pandemic underway and how that has impacted overall operations for the organization.

Not to be alarming, but it is a change from what was originally put out for public comment, so they're wanting to accelerate, and engage, and make sure everybody's involved who wants to be aware of several changes that are going on with the FY21 budget. So, CROP being a piece of that, obviously, and the ability to fit some sort of flexibility and timing in CROP

is probably a great conversation to bring up and have with staff. So, yeah. I see the links popping up in the Zoom chat, so they are there for your participation next Tuesday, [I believe.] Thanks.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Ron. Yeah, definitely. I would like very much to agree with Ron. If you want to know about finance, those webinars—there are two organized on the 29th of April—will be very interesting.

And yeah, the question is not so much to move from one year to the other year but the budget of the CROP is that we will see ... I can imagine that a lot of meetings will be postponed or are already postponed. Therefore, we may face a lot more meetings, and therefore more capability to go and do outreach. But that's still to be discussed. Thank you for your input, Ron. Very appreciated.

Before I go to the next item, if you have some idea or wish to be involved in the creation of a specific t-shirt for the 2021 general assembly, just send an e-mail to either At-Large staff, or Gisella, or myself, or Natalia, and we will take care of that. Thank you.

“We have [30] minutes to go.” Okay, good. The next item is the election timeline. It's a very important time for our organization and there are deadlines. Maybe somebody from staff knows better than me about the date and can deliver a short message on that? Heidi, please go ahead. Thank you very much for your help.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Yes. Thank you, Sébastien. Claudia, could you please put the link to the election page up so we can take a look at that? Just so you know, we have set up an overall election page for 2020. This lists all of the five RALO elections as well as the NomCom elections and the overall ALAC elections on that page.

We have the schedule. The schedule will start the call for nominations for all RALOs, except NARALO will be ... Thank you, Claudia. If you could scroll down a little bit so we can see the timetable? There we go, perfect. Right there.

So, you can see on the screen that the call for nominations will start this Monday, the 27th. It will go for two weeks through the 8th. It's ten working days. Then, there is the need for anybody who is nominated to accept their nomination. That is the 15th of May.

And then, if the RALO wishes to have a call with any of the candidates, that will take place between the 18th and the 22nd. And then, again, elections, if required, will be taking place between the 22nd and the 29th.

Now, again, ALAC rules are that if there is only one nominee that person normally wins by acclamation. And then, all of the winning candidates will be seated at the 2020 AGM. Basically, it's at the end of the board meeting. That's when, officially, the new people are seated.

Some rules that need to be followed. If you could scroll up again, please, Claudia? No, up. The other way. Up. Yeah. Oh, sorry. If you can go to the EURALO page? I wanted to highlight this, as well.

Each of the RALOs have their particular – yeah, click on that. Exactly. So, you can see if you click on that it brings you to the EURALO page. On here are, in red, the very important rules that need to be followed.

Firstly, that all nominations, including self-nominations, must be made directly to their RALO mailing list. That's the EURALO mailing list. Please do CC At-Large staff. You can either then post your nomination, either self-nomination or anybody else from your region, to the Wiki page, either/or. We'll be monitoring both of these pages. Or you can send a note to At-Large staff and we'll post that for you.

And then also very important is a candidate's expression of interest, just a short statement on why you're wishing to run. We'll post that for you. Again, let's take a look at who is available/the positions available. If you can scroll down, you can see that the ALAC elected member, currently with Bastiaan in place, that is open. Bastiaan is eligible for reappointment.

Then, we do have a NomCom person. Again, you can see that we've noted "not applicable" here because that is a NomCom position. That's going to be selected. And then, also the ALAC delegate to the NomCom.

That's, again, the position that is from the ALAC to the NomCom. That is Erich's position, currently. Given that he has had his two one-year terms, he is not eligible for reappointment this year, so that position is in need of someone new. That is the only one-year position. All other positions are two years. Okay. I think that is it, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Heidi. Thank you for this summary of the situation. I would like to underline that we are looking for two candidates. The third one is already gone because a NomCom appointment, as Erich told you, is already on the way and the candidate's share of the statement of interest is finished a long time ago. But we have still two seats available, one for ALAC and one for the NomCom.

You are all very welcome to self-nominate or to find somebody to nominate you, or somebody will nominate you. That's a very important period that we have a candidate for those two positions. Thank you very much.

Any questions, input? I guess, Heidi, it was your hand before you presented. Thank you. And of course, if you have questions about those two positions you can ask either the one who has the position today, or Olivier, or myself, or staff, and we will be all happy to give you information on that. Thank you. Roberto, may I give you the floor about the EURALO Individuals' Association, please?

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes. I'll keep it shorter than five minutes. I have three quick points. The first one is membership. We are around 62-plus members, plus six observers. I'm particularly happy that a couple of newcomers and new members are already getting involved, and so it's not just getting the membership and then being silent for the rest of your life, but it's really active people.

The second point is about our AGM this year. I was working under the assumption that we would have the EURALO AGM in Hamburg. And so,

we were targeting Hamburg for our AGM. If the EURALO AGM is going to be virtual, I was wondering whether we should keep, in any case, the things in sync and do a virtual AGM.

I have to note that, in any case, most of the people are connected virtually at our AGM. We have very few people on the spot because very few have travel allowances. But this, we can discuss on e-mail.

The third thing, I would like to mention that I'm in contact with LACRALO and we are discussing things about how to organize individual membership so that ... I mean, they wanted just to know our experience, some advice, and so on. So, discussion is going on. That's basically it. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Roberto. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the work and all the members of this EURALO Individuals' Association. When we dream about it, I can tell you that I never dream that it will be as productive as it is. I guess it's part of the members but also a large part from the leadership, and you are the one here doing a very good job.

I would like, also, to take this opportunity to ask if any of you participating to this call want to have a two-minute slot to give us feedback on what your ALS is doing. You are more than welcome to ask for. If we have ten candidates at the same day, it will be difficult, but if we have one it will be very, very useful.

We have three minutes to go. I will be short. I'm sorry. The EURALO Operation Rules Taskforce is not yet started, really. We will try to start it

soon. I feel that if we have so much to do then it's maybe not the first task to put in front of us.

And we have an ALS Engagement Taskforce I know that Yrjö and Natalia were ready to speak about but I just want to give you ... You received mail, and thank you, staff, to have sent that, with questions about the people with specific knowledge in your organization.

We would like to put in on the list to be able to contact them for any policy development or other topics. It's a very, very good job done by Yrjö and Natalia, and with the help of staff I think it deserves to be answered. Before giving the floor to Adam, as I see his hand, Yrjö and Natalia, do you have something to add?

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Yes. Just very briefly, I'll have to thank Natalia and the staff for getting this [initiative] off the ground. Now, we wait for the answers, and judging from earlier experience perhaps not every ALS answers the first time, so that we have to repeat this exercise, perhaps, concerning some ALSes. But we'll get to the update of the table, and then the question is really to leverage that. That is to say, to remember those names from the ALSes when we are called upon to contribute to the ALAC policy work. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you very much, Yrjö. Okay. I will give you the floor, Adam, in the "any other business" in just a second. The next call will be in one month at the same time. I hope it's working well. I think with 26 people on this

room it's quite good. We can always do better but I think it's very good. Adam, can you take the floor now, please? Thank you.

ADAM PEAKE:

Thank you very much, and my apologies for taking you over the closing time. Just very briefly, back to item five. I missed the start of the call. As I think you know that GSE Europe is developing a strategic outreach plan and we would like to make sure that this aligns with the work you're doing, would it be helpful to send you a draft of that? Is there a small group working on it that we could share that with? Just to make sure that there isn't anything that's contradictory.

I don't think there will be but it would probably be a good idea, and it may help you as you're thinking about what you're doing, and it would help us, as well, I should think. So, that's a question.

And there will also be an opportunity to discuss this on our At-Large leadership call tomorrow when representatives of the GSE regions will be talking about these types of issues with members of the At-Large leadership. So, that was the question, if you would like us to try and liaise about respective outreach plans/engagement plans.

And then, secondly, the reason I was late, and I apologize for that, it was an internal IGF Org planning call for the IGF. Tomorrow was the new deadline for submitting proposals and we will be submitting a booth request which, as usual, At-Large will be welcome to join. But I will mention that to the Outreach and Engagement group, and then open forums and [day zero] sessions.

But the thing I wanted to mention, and this is something that I think Joanna would know better than me, is that there is some discussion about the IGF becoming a virtual event. I think many of you could work out just as well as I can about the things we're hearing about travel inter-regionally.

President Macron spoke on Friday about potentially there not being any Schengen travel or travel into the Schengen zone until September. How that may affect things, given that the IGF is after that, is something different, but I think we are seeing issues around travel.

We, of course, do not know any more than you. In fact, I think Joanna is better informed than anybody on staff. So, that was just something to note, that things may be becoming a virtual IGF, as well, but we don't know. That was the call I was on earlier, and I apologize for missing the start of this. Thank you very much. Yeah. That's all for now. Thanks.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Adam. First of all, yes, definitely send to Natalia and myself your draft document, and we will send you our draft document as it's already a draft and we wanted to publish it for today but we were a little bit late. That's good, that we didn't publish it. We will exchange and we try.

Regarding the date, I am really sorry. I made a wrong date in the document and it's totally my fault. It's not 16:00 but 19:00. I guess when I typed it, it was 16:00 UTC and 19th of May.

Regarding IGF, yes, Joanna already told us about that. I would like to know if there are any final inputs. If not, I would like, really ... I need to apologize. León is with us and he might ... Yeah, León. I give you the floor for the last word and I will not talk after you. Thank you very much. León, take the last words, please.

LEÓN SÁNCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Sébastien. Well, I'll just brief you all on the activities on the board recently, so there's not much to inform at this point. But I would like to, as usual, thank you for having me and for allowing me to come in a little bit late. As you know, I had to chair the BAMC meeting but I try to attend as many meetings from the RALOs as possible and, of course, EURALO is not the exception. So, thank you for having me again, and back to you, Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

No, no. I said that you had the last word. Thank you very much. Talk to you next month and online before. Really, thank you for all of your participation. Take care of you, your family, your friends. That's more important in that period. Bye-bye, all.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Bye, everyone. Thank you for joining. This meeting is adjourned.

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