
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening to everyone. Welcome to the At-Large Leadership Team ALT Plus monthly call on Monday, the 20th of April, 2020 at 16:00 UTC. On the call today, from ALT members, we have Maureen Hilyard, Joanna Kulesza, Jonathan Zuck, and Tijani Ben Jemaa.

Liaisons joining us are Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Barrack Otieno, and Yrjo Lansipuro. Regional chairs on the call today are Satish Babu, Sebastien Bachollet, Amrita Choudhury, and Glenn McKnight. We also have Ricardo Holmquist, Olivier Crepin-Leblond, the working team leaders, on the call, and Matthias Hudobnik and Marita Moll. On the English channel, we have Carlos Raoul Gutierrez. And we have received apologies from Tracy Hackshaw and Yeşim Nazlar from staff. From staff, we have Heidi Ullrich, Silvia Vivanco, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdoğan, and myself, Claudia Ruiz, on call management. And our interpreters for today are Marina and Claudia.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcript purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channels. A friendly reminder to please keep your mic muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise. And also, we have RTT services provided on this call. I have just put a link in the chat so you guys can all follow along if you'd like.

We also have Alfredo Calderon and Eduardo Diaz has just joined the call. Thank you very much. Also have Justine Chew. Thank you very much and I turn the call over to, now, Maureen.

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MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. Thank you very much, Claudia. Welcome, everyone. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, wherever you may be. Great to see a good team here today at quite a busy time. One of the things that I wanted to do—and I hope you are on the agenda page—is that I actually did want to go through some of the agenda items. I do want to go, just very quickly, through the agenda items but more so to really have a look at why it is that the items that we raise in the agenda are really important.

And I've made up a little bit of a slide deck, which seems to be in the wrong place. Ah, the ALT Plus Meeting Agenda. If you'd like to click onto that ... Can I have that on the screen please? It's the At-Large ALT Plus Meeting [inaudible].

Right. Okey-dokey. Thank you. What I wanted to do is we're going to go through the agenda very, very quickly. But I do want to highlight the fact that for every item there is actually a working page. And it's really important, especially for the ALT Plus Team, which is the working group side of the ALAC, that everybody is aware of these workspaces and that everybody, also, who has a connection with that workspace actually makes some contribution to it in some way.

So, for today, for example, moving on to the next slide ... Okay. So, first up, of course, we've got, after the actual ... We've got action item one. We'll be going on to the policy updates. And there are several pages related to policy and they will tell you about them when they actually do their—because their update's very important. This is probably the

most important part of our meetings. And it's really important that people within the ALAC, as well as ATL Plus, and I'm talking RALO chairs, are really au fait with what is actually happening within the policy area.

Next slide for item five. There is a section which is really important for this meeting, too. And it's a real shame that we don't actually have our RALO chairs using this. I'm not quite sure, and I haven't checked over the last few weeks, about what updates the RALOs are giving. But it's really important that at least some sort of update it actually given on the agenda of this meeting so that everybody is aware of what is actually happening—just one sentence—what is actually happening in each of the RALOs. I will give the RALO chairs some time to make a statement there.

Next slide for item six. There is a page, of course, for all reports. And this is a page that I actually refer to a lot. And this is like a dashboard for all the different types of reports, where we've got people who are engaged in that particular area. And although we go over the liaison and working group reports and people only need to comment if there is something that they think is important that people need to draw their attention to and they can come on to this page, it is on the gateway at At-Large Reports. So, this is also another section, especially if you're working in the communities and you need to know about certain bits of information. This is a good page to refer to.

Item seven. This is our workspace. This is what's actually happening at the moment. And pleased to see that the leads are giving us a current status of if there's anything that the leads might think needs to be brought to the attention of the ALAC. For example, I've got some notes

here. This is something. And if it's in the agenda, people can actually refer back to the meeting and get some information about what's actually happening there.

Item eight is ... Right. Okay. We'll be talking about the Finance and Budget Subcommittee soon. And this is an example of a working group monthly report. It's an old one. It's out-of-date. It wasn't kept up to date, of course. But of course, the new and improved version, which we're going to talk about later, is going to be ... But this is the sort ... And the monthly reports don't have to be comprehensive. They just need to detail decisions.

Next. Okay. One of the big items that we're going to be talking about today is ICANN 68. So, Gisella and Heidi have already set up a page. It's all ready to go. And we're going to be having a meeting soon. We'll be talking about that. And so, this is the space. This is going to be a really important space for us over the next few weeks.

Next. This also very important items for \us because we're working quite frantically on trying to get this done by end of May if we can possibly do it so that we can get it in as soon as possible before the Board has their next meeting around that time. So, again, if you're involved in anything that we still need some help with, we'll be asking you for your support.

Next item. Okay. Alan's going to be giving us an update on that. There's been some really good information coming on the emails. So, we'll be getting that one discussed later on.

Twelve, last. Okay. Again, a really important issue. And all the details are on this page. So, if there are any questions or queries, this is the page that should be referenced when we're talking about that.

So, that's the agenda for today and this is ... I just wanted to draw your attention to the fact that it's not just a list of items. It's actually a list of items that are necessary for us to be updated on and that if we have any updates to contribute to these working spaces, that we need to do that as well.

Okay. So, does anyone have any questions or queries related to that before we get started? And I just have to find my ... Any hands up? Sorry. Are there any hands up? No? Okay. Let's get going, then. So, everyone's okay with the agenda that we've got tonight—or today. Sorry. Tonight. Morning for me. No one's voting against or no one with any amendments, any other business? Great.

Okay. Let's go back to the proper agenda, then. Okay. We had one action item from the last meeting and it was just to raise something—the At-Large Communication Strategy, which we're going to be talking a little bit about later on—the changes that have been made in that. So, that's a done thing.

So, let's go, then, to item number four, which is the policy team. Thank you.

EVIN ERDOĞDU:

Thank you, Maureen. I'll just do the brief, as usual, and then turn it over to Jonathan and Olivier. So, as you can see on the agenda and also the

presentation on the agenda, the recently ratified statements by the ALAC since the last ALT Plus meeting, there are quite a few. So, that's great. There's a draft proposal for NextGen at ICANN program improvements, the NCAP Study 1, the EPDP Registration Data Team Phase 2, the SSR2 Review Team draft report, ALAC feedback to PIR public comment proceeding—and this wasn't an ICANN public comment but it was, of course, something that the ALAC responded to on the issue of ISOC and PIR—the draft FY21-25 Operating and Financial plan. And all of these have executive summaries on the agenda as well.

Currently, the public comment for decision, there's one. It's the addendum to the initial report of the Expedited Policy Development Process, EPDP, on the Temporary Specification for gTLD Registration Data Team Phase 2. And this closes on the 5th of May. The CPWG will also be discussing this on Wednesday.

And current statements and developments. There was the first ever joint RALO statement, that was between AFRALO and APRALO, on the ICANN public comment for the Middle East and Adjoining Countries (MEAC) Strategy, 2021 to 2025. So, congratulations. This was already adopted and ratified by the AFRALO and APRALO leadership teams. And it's currently undergoing ALAC ratification vote so it had a double endorsement. And that should close later today—the vote, that is.

Then, today as well, we'll be finalizing the revised Community Travel Support Guidelines ALAC statement. Judith and Sarah have been working on this, as well as Maureen today, so that's in final steps.

And this week on CPWG as well, Greg Shatan and Marita Moll will be presenting on the Phase 1 initial report of the Review of All Rights Protection Mechanisms in all gTLDs Policy Development Process. This closes on the 27th of April so coming up soon.

And finally, a new public comment that came out. This is also going to be an AFRALO statement. Seun Ojedeji, the chair of AFRALO, as well as Raymond Mamattah, a member of AFRALO, have volunteered to be on the drafting team for the this. It's the ICANN Africa Regional Plan for Fiscal Years 2021 to 2025. And that closes on the 27th of May so that's great as well.

And there's quite a bit of additional policy activity, too. As many of you have seen, the ALAC's advice with regards to the ISOC PIR issue has been gaining some attention. And there was a recent letter, on the 15th of April last week from the California Attorney General Becerra to ICANN. And he noted this advice. So, just wanted to congratulate everyone involved.

The ALAC responses to the ICANN Board Understanding of the ALAC Advice on DNS Abuse were also submitted recently. And that was an outcome of the ICANN 67 virtual meeting.

There is a new At-Large PDP 3.0 Workspace with resources available, including a presentation given by Cheryl Langdon-Orr to the CPWG a couple weeks ago. And this is a very significant new update to the policy development processes that do affect At-Large. So, we're definitely trying to draw attention to this and spread awareness of these changes.

Also, there is an At-Large GeoNames survey. We're circulating this with a deadline of the 30th of April. And we've gotten a good number of responses. Last checked last Friday, there were 47. So, we can begin to get some At-Large consensus on these issues.

And finally, we have an At-Large Policy Platform in process. The 10 issues have been identified and now it's a matter of presenting this in a format. So, those are all in progress.

There's also ICANN Learn courses in development as well, that will be focused on At-Large policy. So, quite a bit of activity. I'll turn it back over to you, Maureen, or Jonathan, or Olivier for comment. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Evin. I don't know that I have anything particularly to add to that. Are there questions about it that we can answer? I guess one of the things that I would like to bring up is that we are having a series of single-issue calls surrounding the Subsequent Procedures final report that Justine has been leading.

And these are in areas that we've identified as real priorities for the At-Large, including community priority evaluations and applicant support. And they're issues that would really be good to have everyone's input into. And it would be great if you could be on those single-issue calls because we're going to have to, before too long, reach consensus on the changes that we want to make and the things that we want to try to get changed that are in that final report.

As Evin mentioned, another area in which we have yet to achieve consensus is on GeoNames. And yet, there are many within the At-Large that feel very strongly about the GeoNames issue. And so, that's part of the purpose of the GeoNames survey. And so, at the first CPWG meeting after the 30th, whenever that is, I'll show some results from the survey and some charts to show where there seems to be rough consensus and then we'll see if that leads us down a path toward having something concrete to say and, almost as importantly, something concrete to bring to the GAC to see if they're interested in joining us around some of that consensus.

So, I do recommend everyone take that poll and make your voice heard there. But I also want to get as many people as possible engaged in these single-issue calls around Subsequent Procedures. We have a lot of folks in At-Large that are really interested in things like application support and communities. And let's make sure that we're giving Justine and her small team all the support they need to make the right kind of difference in that process. Olivier, was there something you wanted to add?

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Yeah. Thank you very much, Jonathan. While you were talking, I put a link in the chat to the Subsequent Procedures workspace. That one is, as you mentioned, regularly updated by Justine Chew and her team. And it's got a summary of where we are right now and what we're likely to have. The leading up to ICANN 66 is going to be a lot of work because the Subsequent Procedures group is pushing forward with things. So,

we're going to have that public consultation arriving on our doorstep earlier rather than later.

And as you very rightly mentioned, there's so many different aspects to this. It would be great for ALAC members to look at the different issues that are listed there, in their own time, to go through some of the webinars—some of the discussions we've already had—but certainly to follow both the single-issue calls and also the recordings of the Consolidated Policy Working Group calls, where Justine has half an hour in each one of these with a presentation that she presents.

And we will have ... I think we need clear links to these presentations but Evin is going to work on that—to have the clear links to the presentation. We can have it all on one page so you can go through one, and one, and the other, and the other. This gives you some work to be done. We need to prep this one. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Cheryl, I see your hand up.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thanks, Jonathan. I'm firmly wearing my not always attractive but nevertheless important hat of co-chair of the Subsequent Procedures PDP. Just wanted to embellish, I propose, what you and Olivier have just said about the importance of these single-issue calls, just in case anyone doesn't recognize how important it is from what you've all said.

There is, of course, greater importance right now for these calls to have as wide attendance as possible And that's because there is, indeed, a

very important opportunity right now, that hasn't occurred before and will not occur again, for input into the final report as the PDP is drafting it, before you all get your hands on it, as you will do in the not-to-distant future, and then be able to respond to it.

We are putting out a smallish block of old sections for a review by the PDP Working Group. And this has only just started. The first group of four or five, they're quite small little pieces, went out out and there's about a 10-day time for people like Justine to dot the Is, cross the Ts, and more importantly make a statement on a particular form as to whether there is something in there that they cannot live with. So, there's a form you fill out if you're a member of the SubPro PDP that says, "I just cannot live with this section but here is some text that I can perhaps agree to."

And so, there's a final opportunity for influence that is going on right now and will be continuing until we get to the penultimate final report. So, having your say and interacting with Justine and her small team at those single-issue calls is perhaps, I would venture, as critical as getting involved with the eventual public comment that you'll be making. Thanks much.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Maureen, if you're speaking, you're on mute.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Sorry. No. I was just waiting, in case Jonathan had anything, or Olivier or Evin had anything else to add.

JONATHAN ZUCK: I don't think we do. I think we're done, Maureen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you. And I don't see any other hands up, either. So, yes. Okay. Let's move on then. Thanks. Let me go down. Go down. Okay. Right. This is the opportunity for the RALO chairs to just give a two-minute spiel on what's happening within their regions. And as I mentioned before, it would be really good if, before the meeting, if the RALO—especially the ALT Plus meetings—that RALO chairs did make some comment. Nice to see that Eduardo has put something in there. Fantastic. So, Eduardo, shall we start with you?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes. I'm sorry. Can you repeat that? I was looking at something else.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yeah. Okay. Sorry, Eduardo. I know you're usually last but you actually have put in an activity that NARALO is involved in. And I just wondered if you wanted to speak to it.

EDUARDO DIAZ: Oh, yes. I'm sorry. We are currently running a survey within our region to learn about our membership—what are their expertise and what are their interests within the ICANN remit—what kind of things they like—

policy, cybersecurity, interests like that. And we're going to take this information to help us put a working plan for next year.

And the idea behind this is if whatever is hot and current in the CPWG—we're talking about policy and maybe other issues but mostly about policy—that we can go back to the region and find those people that have expertise or interest in that specific policy or whatever the issue is and see if we can get a small group to generate and perspective from the region, for that specific issue, and then we can submit that to the CPWG to be considered as part of the discussion, from a regional perspective. And that's basically one of the things that we're planning to do. Maybe we can use this information to do something else.

The results of this will be public. And we're planning to publish them sometime before the next monthly meeting that's going to happen May 14th or something like that. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Eduardo. Yes. And it's good to see that there's a little bit of surveying and research going on within the region. Okay. We'll start at the top. Is Seun on the line? I don't see his name on the Adobe Connect.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

No, he's not, Maureen. No.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

He's not. Okay. We'll give that one a miss, then. Satish? I know Satish is there.

SATISH BABU:

Yeah. Thanks, Maureen. I have three quick points to report, the first of which is that the first ever joint policy development is just over, as was mentioned earlier in the call. We found it to be an interesting experience. And perhaps there is room for more such collaborative inter-RALO policy processes in the future as well. So, this is an option that we can consider for the future.

The second is that we have started talking about what the RALOs and the communities should do for the ICANN 68 meeting coming up. So, we just had started the discussions on what we can bring in as the community angle to the whole meeting. We have not reached anywhere concrete. But we will be discussing this in the regional leadership call as well and we hope to develop this in parallel or in addition to the policy session. Maybe one session, which is community-oriented session, could be anything from ... We are having a technical session on IDNs anyway. But apart from that, something that's more like a town hall or something which is more open-ended format and contains point of view.

My third point is that Justine, in addition to all the work she's doing for ALAC, has also taken up a policy platform for APRALO, which she is leading. And we have started work on it. And we hope to be able to do a number of things, including a revision of the survey for the hot topics and involving more ALSs and individual members in the policy development process.

So, those are the three items. And the detailed [set] of our activities is, as usual, in our newsletter, which is on the wiki. Thank you very much, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: And thank you, Satish. Exciting times in APRALO—very busy. Sebastien, please. Is Sebastien here? Yes.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Muting, I am thinking.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Aha! Yes. We can hear you now.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: My sound is activated? gffdOkay. Now you can hear me. I am sorry. I am outside taking care of my [bees]. It's the right time and I can't do that later or earlier. But I want to just get out of them and get you information.

First one is that we have a EURALO call tomorrow. And we will discuss all those issues with the members. And I hope, coming back with some inputs after that.

Second is that we are finally sending the same type of letter, for us not the first time, to our ALSs and individual members to know whether their knowledge—where they can participate to policy development or issues within ICANN.

And the third one is that our individual member end user association is working on a document for newcomers or new people coming to At-Large and specifically to this end user individual association for EURALO. I hope that there will be some link with what is done by Dev. Not sure that it's as yet connection but I will try to do that in the next few days.

I guess that's the main things I wanted to tell you. Maybe one thing, we have our monthly RALO report. And I know that you asked at the beginning of the call that we add something. But for me, it was a way to give information to everybody about what is happening at EURALO. If you want something else, I need to check out. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Sebastien. And I do appreciate these reports and the sharing between the RALOs. There's lots of ideas that come out that I know would be quite valuable to take up across the RALOs themselves. And as Sebastien said, if there's a report or something, the links to that report—would be really good if that was put in the activity section as well. That would be great.

Okay. So, we have Sergio on the call, don't we?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Hi, Maureen. Yes. He is on the call. However, he is not on the Spanish channel. For some reason, our operator's not able to get a hold of him. He is on the line. I don't know if ... He just said he was going to try to speak in the English channel but I'm afraid he might try to speak Spanish. One moment. I'm going to unmute him.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Make this work. Sergio, are you on the line?

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Okay. Hi. I'm going to give a very short report because I am having problems with enter the channel in Spanish. The Governance Working Group has completed its Rules of Procedures work. Today, we are going to present it. And that will occupy about 75% of our meeting today. The idea of today is to discuss the most important topics with direction and make the document available for approval. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Sergio. Very well done in English. We'll have to make sure that your Spanish channel is working.

SERGIO SALINAS PORTO: Thank you, Maureen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, everyone, for those updates. Really good to be able to share those with each other, as well as for us. Okay. So, that's everyone and if Seun does happen to pop in, we might be able to get something from AFRALO as well.

Moving on to item six. Again, as I showed you before, there is a page that's for reports from liaisons working group chairs and RALOS and everything. That's at the dashboard. So, if there is anyone from that list who would like to raise anything, this is your opportunity for your few minutes of fame. No one? Okay. That's okay because the reports will be on that page, anyway, for people to refer to. So, even if it's a few lines, just to update everyone on what's happening in your area.

Okay. So, let's therefore move on to the actual work plan activities. There's quite a lot of work going on in every area, which is really superb. I think what we will do is start from the top. I know that Eduardo has got a lot of work happening in his ATLAS III reporting. Eduardo?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Can you hear me now?

MAUREEN HILYARD: We can. Yes?

EDUARDO DIAZ: Yes? Okay. We have been working on analyzing and making recommendations from the post-ATLAS III survey. This was a survey that was sent to all participants and they were required to fill up. There is a lot of information there—very good information. And we're going through each of the questions one-by-one, and analyzing the information, and coming up with recommendations for different topics—recommendations for capacity building, for communications, for policy.

And there will be a final report made, which will be public before all with all the information and all the data for all to see. And recommendations for that will be used going forward to develop the ATLAS III ambassadors. So, that's all I have to say. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Eduardo. The report should be really interesting for a lot of people. And as mentioned, recommendations are being made from what the ATLAS III participants recorded in their surveys. But there's some really good recommendations that are for policy, outreach an engagement, capacity building, and the communications and operations section. So, these will be bottom-up recommendations coming from the community and inputted into our work plan. Very much related to what we're already doing so very relevant and very welcome.

Okay. So, Jonathan, I know that we've just had a big section on policy. But there is the other stuff that I know that you're involved in at the moment, if you'd like to explain to the others.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Oh. Sure. One of the things that's happening is the development of additional capacity building tools—sort of an At-Large toolkit, if you will. And there's a number of different efforts that are going on as a result of that. One of them is, for lack of a better term, a supplement to the upcoming policy fundamentals course that ICANN Learn will be publishing soon that delves into the specifics of the At-Large process for participation in the ICANN policy development processes.

And so, we've been working on that course and working together with the ICANN learn folks to figure out the best way to deliver it, etc. There's a draft course, if people are interested in seeing that. It's very, very rough but if folks are interested, I'm happy to share it. So, that's underway.

We'll be wanting to do some case studies as part of that and likely try to idealize the case studies. As opposed to making them accurate historical reflections of what went on, maybe take some poetic license with the facts to make them fit our aspirations for how these interactions should take place. I think the closest to our aspirational process has actually been the EPDP on GDPR compliance. The timeline of how that's happened and the interactions back with the CPWG, etc., I think very closely map to what we aspire to do with work group participation, generally. And so, we'll want to get that down. But we may take a couple of other issues and fudge the details a little to make them fit our aspirations as well. So, that's an update on that.

We are also involved in trying to figure out the best home for more dynamic content, like current ... The At-Large Policy Platform, for example, and its relationship to the onboarding slide deck, etc. are very related. And we're trying to figure out the best home for it because we want to be able to easily change it. And so, it may be that we end up setting up a WordPress site or something like that, that's outside of ICANN's direct control, so that content can be updated and shared more easily. But that's still under discussion with that team.

And I don't know, Joanna, if you want to add anything to either of those updates or if you have anything to add on the ... If there's somebody from the webinars team on the call ...

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. Can you hear me over the static?

JONATHAN ZUCK: I can hear you. I don't know what caused that sound.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. All righty. Okay. Well, I think what you've said, Jonathan is actually a good entrée to Joanna's section, which is on the capacity building, and she can mention those items that you ... She can explain those items that you actually mentioned. Joanna?

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Maureen. I actually don't have much to add. I think Jonathan quite comprehensively covered the work that we've been involved in. As he said, one of the biggest challenges is finding the appropriate location, or to be more specific, form, for the ideas we've been thinking about. So, in that sense, it's things like the ITI Project that the Org has been involved in for a while. Will take a couple of years more to come to At-Large so we need to act relatively on our own. We've had calls with Org's team. So, it seems we need to figure out the best location. It's not so much the content as it is the form and the place where we want to point it.

As Jonathan indicated, Dev's been wonderful in providing us with support, in terms of the onboarding deck that is also in the works and combining that work with the policy platform. And the blog that has been run by Dev and Glenn for a while now seems to make most sense.

So, in a sense, we're trying to work on our own to provide that content in a very open, approachable, available way. There are some minor issues of making sure that all that content that is produced is available on an open license. And I know that discussing copyright is a Pandora's box but that is something we also want to tackle. In that sense, all the updates that we have been providing in terms of content remain up-to-date.

So, while the way we should do it that would be most feasible, quickest, most open and approachable remains a certain challenge, Jonathan has been wonderful in producing a skeleton of a course, really, over the weekend, to provide a ready-made solution for ICANN Learn for them to just upload it. And that seems to be exploding, he found, in the sense of the ICANN Learn team being provided with ready-made materials for them to just upload. So, that's the technical side of things. It seems like we are the same page in terms of content. But the technical issues at this point seems to be the biggest challenge.

And Hadia has been wonderful in leading the Webinars team. The webinars are taking place regularly. The group is meeting regularly. I'm looking at my notes here for the next Webinar Team meeting—is this Thursday.

So, there are three main areas we are focusing on right now. And as already said, there isn't any content issue that we need to discuss or report on. It's more of us trying to figure out the most appropriate, quickest, and least effort-consuming mode of process. So, I think that covers the work that we've been doing. And we are very much looking forward to updating you on any quick progress, hopefully, that will be made. Thank you very much, Maureen. Thank you, Jonathan.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Joanna. Sorry Maureen. I just wanted to add that, I guess, because this is a monthly call that this next webinar is on the 4th of May. And that will be on DNS abuse. And so, I'll be presenting, along with Drew Bagley will be coming on to make a presentation about the specific DNS abuse that's been taking place around the COVID crisis. And so, that will be part of that discussion. Glenn's been accumulating some of that stuff as well. But that's the plan for that webinar.

And you should also check out the webinar that Alan and Hadia did on the EPDP because that was very successful. And it also included some quizzes in the middle of it. As we experiment about the best ways to improve interaction for ICANN 68, we need to be looking at these kinds of tools. And they creatively used the polling feature of Zoom to incorporate some quizzes into their webinar.

And so, I think it's well worth going back and watching it—in other words, not the audio transcription but the actual replay of the visual part of the webinar would be worthwhile to see how that worked and the participation that was generated from those quizzes, which I think

was quite a positive thing. So, take a look a look at those. But on the 4th, upcoming, is DNS abuse, since Hadia's not here to make a report on that. Thanks, Maureen. Back to you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much. There's excellent work going on there. I see Daniel's name. Daniel, do you have a report on the Outreach and Engagement—what's happening there?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: Oh. Yes. Thank you very much, Maureen. Hope I can be heard loud and clear. Yep. I have just a few updates to make. I'll start with the latest work that the Outreach and Engagement has been working on—is developing an At-Large Outreach and Engagement strategy, after the challenges that have come—have been happening within ICANN—and how At-Large has been affected.

So, the document is currently going almost in its final stages. And then, we are going to be opening it up for comment and discussion. Then, in the call that we shall be holding for the Outreach and Engagement, we shall be able to get feedback and then we shall be able to use this as a document.

So, it covers quite a lot, regarding to how we can effectively enhance the way we do our work, how collaborate within the CPWG, the Social Media Working Group, and Capacity Building. I'm happy to share that we've received at least input from all the respective co-chairs. And then, also, I have to say a special thanks to also Heidi, who was able to put in

a lot of time, together with me, as we working on this document. That shows at least potential support from staff, which is really, really great.

Secondly, I'm happy to share that I think up to this call, this staff is going to making follow-ups to the different respective RALO leaders to be able to schedule calls, whereby they will be discussing and working on their respective RALO strategies. I think this is something that is also happening for ATLAS III, as one of the objectives. Those are just a few remarks, but also appreciate that Joanna is doing a lot of work, together with the onboarding program. And at least there's some substantial milestones that have been achieved here.

And also, the last call that was held by the working group that is being headed by Hadia was really, really great, as it shows positive progress on what is transpiring regarding to Capacity Building, which is, I think, really, really, really at least a good milestone as we are trying to adapt to the new way of how we can be able to work virtually without meeting face-to-face.

Already, things have been happening. But this time, they are formalizing the way we are operating. And at least some of these steps are in progress and hopefully they will be achieved. Those are just my few comments. Let me hand over the floor back to Maureen. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much. Have you [got something]?

DANIEL NANGHAKA: I'll just say something, that also there is a compilation of the table for virtual events. And in case the RALO leaders or co-chairs feel that there is an activity that has potential participation for At-Large and is virtual, it can be added into the table and we can be able to track potential milestones and also respective metrics, which will be really great. Thank you. And back to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you Daniel. Great update. And I think that one of the things that I find really great is the fact that even though these are the three key areas working within the At-Large community, there's a lot of collaboration happening between them. And it's really good to see that because the whole point is that we're actually putting the whole organization through these different sections, including Eduardo's ATLAS III survey, which is also going to be incorporated into it as well.

Moving on to the interests that I have in my section, the one that is the odd one out at the moment is, of course, the communications strategy, which is still a work in progress. And in light of the fact that there's communications—either how we're communicating information to the communities for policy, capacity building and with the virtual outreach strategies, which Daniel is requesting now, in light of the COVID situation. It's no use planning for using CROP when there's nobody going to be able to go out to undertake those activities. So, how are we going to do it within our current situation?

So, work in progress for the strategy because we need to input a section in the strategy to cater for how we're going to do things a little bit more

effectively in the virtual outreach, and policy development, and policy outreach as well, mode. So, if any leaders or co-chairs or anyone who wants to add some comments to the strategy, these would still be very welcome. And it's going to be open until we feel that it is appropriate to close down and formalize.

The other thing that we're going to be ... Other things on my list are things that we're going to be raising in the agenda anyway. So, I will therefore now move on to the first item, which is, of course, discussion on the new Operations, Finance, and Budget Subcommittee. And I think I saw Ricardo's name. Ricardo is here.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: Hello. Can you hear me?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, I can. Thank you.

RICARDO HOLMQUIST: We have a change of name. It's Operations, Finance, and Budget Subcommittee. The idea, as Maureen, myself, Jonathan explained in previous CPWG meeting, is to pass all the policies—all the comments we have to make as an ALAC—not related to the DNS to another group. This group will be this Finance and Budget Subcommittee that was already created and now having this Operations at the front of it.

This group will be in charge of the comments for all the financial, operations, travel, organizational reviews—all those things not related

directly to the DNS, nor related to outreach and engagement or education. That will be handled by Outreach and Engagement, as far as I understand.

We are going to have calls once a month instead of once a week like the CPWG if we don't have any outstanding issue at that moment. So far, we see that once a month is enough. That's all. I don't know if you have anything, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Right. Okay. I think that one of the things that we also raised was the fact that the regular monthly meetings ... I think when were just the FBSC, once we had decided on what the ABRs were going to be, then we didn't have another. We didn't have another meeting for the rest of year, I don't think.

But with this, if you downloaded the ALT Plus agenda, at the end of that agenda are a couple of slides. They're actually from the five-year operating plan. And they're about the functional activities that are discussed in the five-year operating plan, which is what we're actually going to be focusing on for the OFBSC. And there are two areas in the— for example. There are probably other areas that we can look at too but two main areas of the five-year operating plan.

There's the policy development and implementation support, which covers policy development and advice and policy research. And then, there's the community engagement and services functional activities, which include Global Stakeholder Engagement, regional offices, public responsibility support, government and inter-governmental

organizational engagement—which we don't have too much to do with but some of us are related to it—consumer safeguards, global communication and language services.

These are something that we can actually have some input into. And these are the sorts of topics that we'll be talking about in the monthly meetings. So, there is always something that we can actually discuss and provide some advice to the various sections and some sort of support in some way.

That's one of the things, that if there's any discussion to be had here on the change of name that needs to be done, please raise it. We do want to bring this to the attention of the ALAC and get their okay for the name change. And then, we're all done. I don't see any hands up so I assume that you're good with that. And I'm really looking forward to it.

Don't forget, although there's a dual role here ... And we're already done with the ABRs so that from now on, it's an open committee. Anyone can come to the meetings. And we will make sure that you're aware of what the topic is going to be in advance so that if there's anyone who has an interest in that topic, more than welcome to come along. And we'll see what we can develop from there.

So, I think that it's got the potential, anyway, to be another—probably not as good as the CPWG but still it's a good opportunity for people to have their voice on ICANN processes. CPWG will talk about policy. Ours is operations. So, it's mainly process. So, that will be the main difference.

Okay. No hands up. Let's move on. Now we're going to be talking about ICANN 68. This is going to be something ... This is going to be the uppermost in our minds for the next few weeks and it won't be very long before suddenly it's June and we'll be having to ... It seems like a performance, having to get ideas and deliver things from At-Large. But we'll let Gisella go through what's being prepared at the start. Gisella? Is Gisella here?

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

I believe Gisella had to drop and join another call.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Oh. Right. I thought she might be back by now. She said that she was going to be on a call for an hour. We can leave that until she comes back.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

That's perfect. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah. When she comes. The next one is the At-Large Review Implementation final report. And this is something ... Would somebody else like to report on what we're doing there? Heidi, Cheryl and I, we spend a couple of hours a week going over various sections. And we are down to fine-tuning some of the wording in the document. Oh, great! Cheryl's got her hand up.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: I just want to give your voice a break. That's all, Maureen. Yeah. Look. We're doing a whole lot of preparatory work and it's actually coming together really, really well. I'm very excited. Maureen is still going to be tapping a few of the leads of the various component parts of the specific areas that work parties broke into to get them to update their dashboard because we often have a situation, I'm afraid, where we know that the work is completed and we can find all the necessary links and evidence to put it in the final report but the dashboards on the little work party places are yet to be fully updated.

So, if you think, "Haven't I finished with all of that?" when you get an email or a call from Maureen, it will be the dashboard that you need to go back in and dot the Is and cross the Ts. Because after all, once we get our final report in, which will be in during the June month, which is not that far away, then that is it. All those pages get closed off for comment and are view only. So, you do need to go in and do those updates as required.

The only other thing I wanted to say is, for those of you who think, "Oh yes. Yet another report in the same template as the last two," no it's not. It's getting, I guess we'd call it a makeover, wouldn't we Maureen? And there's going to be a whole lot of new information, looking forward information. It's going to be a different read and one that I hope the ALAC will appreciate the huge amount of work that the ARIWG has done and that we will be reporting to the ICANN Board and wider community.

And I also want to recognize not only the number of hours that Heidi is putting in with us but also Alp. Alp's doing a great job on this drafting exercise and bringing an enormous amount of data stuff because we're wanting to make sure that we have data capture points and as many fact-driven and statistically-based statements being made on where we are and where we think we should be in the future. But most importantly he's bringing in lots of pretty pictures and graphs as well. So, hopefully that's tempted you all to get excited about it again.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. Thank you very much, Cheryl. And that's what we're really trying to make this, as our final report, something that is a big picture. And thanks to Alperen and his data, his graphics, and that sort of stuff. It's going to be very informative.

One of the things that I noted as I was going through the different pages was that the At-Large Review Implementation Plan page—the title page—had had 865 or something views. So, it's a page that is obviously very well-used and referred to by a lot of people. So, I think it's really important that if you were a lead in one of those item documents, please make sure that everything is up-to-date and it's ready to go because it will accompany that final report.

And I have had the notice that Gisella has returned from her meeting. And it was an important meeting to what we're going to be talking about anyway. So, Gisella, how about if I give you the section, item number nine, talking about ICANN 68. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Gisella, if you're speaking, we cannot hear you.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Apologies. Unmuting. Thank you very much, Maureen. Apologies for not being on earlier. ICANN 68 ... It's going to be a pretty brief summary but some may have seen an email that David Olive had sent out, further to an SO, AC, SG, etc. call that was held last week in preparation for ICANN 68. And what we're trying to plan this week is the priority sessions for ICANN 68, which is likely to be running. The exact number ...

Sorry. Put it this way. Let me take one step back. Nothing has been set in stone yet. A couple of surveys have gone out to the community to assess the needs of the community, the time zones, the duration of the meetings, and also bearing in mind that this is a full-on virtual meeting where we will not have a technical support staff in the LA office like we had for ICANN 67, which was meant to be the Cancun meeting. So, we're working on the technicalities, which will be a new challenge, not only for the community but for the support staff and everyone participating in ICANN 68.

Now, what has come out of the meeting last week is that we are looking at working on a four-hour block schedule from 04:00 to 08:00 UTC. That means that we're looking at scheduling the main sessions during those four-hour blocks. Plenaries, whether we do actually have the public forum and Q&A, nothing has been decided yet. And how many plenaries hasn't been decided yet, either.

And what we need from the community at this stage—so, from At-Large and ALAC—is the number of sessions that we would, in an ideal world,

like to hold. However, what it is going to boil down to is the interpretation facilities as well as the meeting scheme facilities.

So, to summarize this, we are looking at setting a block schedule out by meeting scheme by either late this week or mid next week, which will give us something to work with. However, in the meantime, what we need to do as a group is to prioritize the sessions that we really need to hold at ICANN 68, may this be with input from other groups or sessions that we feel cannot wait until ICANN 69. Again, we don't quite know where the world will be for ICANN 69. And we have also sent out a Doodle to the ALAC and ALT Plus to set up a call this week, where we will be continuing the discussions on prioritization.

Maureen, I don't know if you'd like to add anything to that. I hope the summary was sufficient. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Perfect. And a good lead-in to the fact that we are ... As you mentioned, there's a Doodle coming out. And over the next few days, we'll be holding a meeting to start the discussions about what are going to be essential sessions. So, if you're planning on something, please let us know because we need to have all the ideas. And then, once we get a firmer idea, probably next week, we'll be able to really start coordinating our speakers and anything else that we need to do, in regards to setting the ICANN 68 program for At-Large into—putting it in play.

Okay. So, moving on. Nearly running out of time. Thank you very much, Gisella. So, everyone look out for the Doodle and come along to the meeting.

We're up to number 11 now—so, ALS mobilization. And Alan's got ... It says he's got 10 minutes. He hasn't. He's got five. So, is Alan around? Oh. He is. Alan?

ALAN GREENBERG:

There's not been a huge amount of change since the report I gave at the virtual Cancun meeting. There are two items which were mentioned briefly at the end of that one and we have finalized those from our perspective. They're both issues that have been discussed repeatedly over many years within the ALAC. And the recommendation we're making, perhaps, is not line with the tone of those discussions in the past. I sent out an email my last night, which all of you should have gotten, to the ALAC list. I would like to briefly discuss them here.

The issue is on should there be any prohibition about both people and ALSs being members or active participants in both At-Large and other groups at the same time. Now, in terms of individuals—and that's the one we're looking at first—the remit of the Mobilization Working Party is rather narrow.

So, we are not looking at whether someone can be an ALAC member and hold other roles or whether someone can be a RALO chair and hold other roles. The only individuals that we consider that we have any mandate to look at are ALS representatives—that is, the person or

persons who represent each ALS and the ones who are given votes to cast.

There has been a spirited discussion and essentially, there was never any ... No one had any concern over someone being a member of another group. We certainly, within At-Large, have many people who are members, for instance, of NCSG. However, there has been concern over the years on voting members. If you're a member of NCSG, for instance, there is no concept of a non-voting member, as far as I understand. Therefore, you are a voting member. And the question is, should there be a prohibition saying you cannot be a voting ALS representative at the same time as you are a voting member of some other group. We also have people who are members of the Intellectual Property Constituency and various other things. So, it's not only NCSG.

The bottom line that the group came to, after a very significant and in-depth discussion, is there should be no prohibition. But if they hold roles in some other capacity within other parts of ICANN, then they must declare it. And the rationale behind that was ... Essentially, we looked at ... We asked the question, "Fine. If you are an ALS representative and a voting member of NCSG or something like that, what is the harm. What is the overlap. Is there double dipping?" so to speak?

And although we found some cases where there is some level of double control ... For instance, an ALS representative may vote on who the At-Large Board members should be because RALO chairs have a vote and in some cases RALO chairs defer to their ALSs. Clearly, NCSG members might, under some circumstances, have some level of control over who

one of the Board members is from the GNSO. But in both cases, we felt that the level of connection was so far removed, and a single ALS vote has relatively little influence over the final outcome, that we didn't consider this important.

So, the recommendation that, at this point, we will be making to the ALAC is essentially no prohibition. Now, there was significant discussion that was out of scope in our area of whether an ALAC member, for instance, should be allowed to be a voting member or a chair of NCSG, as an example. And there was concern expressed there but that's an ALAC matter that that ALAC will have to take up and nothing within our remit.

I have two hands up. And I'd like to go through both parts of it. Then, we'll open the floor, to the extent that Maureen will give us time. If we can scroll to page eight please. The other part we looked at is should there be a prohibition about an ALS being an institutional member of some other group, such as NCSG, NPOC in some cases, NCUC in other cases. There is conceivably a possibility that an ALS could be a member of the Intellectual Property Constituency, for instance. We happen to have one ALS that does focus on legal issues. It doesn't happen to be a member of the IPC of the moment but it could be. So, the question there.

And again, there was no concern about the non-voting. And after a very significant discussion ... And I should tell you the group was very, very divided. In fact, at the start of the discussion, there was a predominance of people—those who voiced their position—who said we shouldn't allow overlap voting on both the At-Large for an ALS and another group.

But we ultimately went the other way, in fact, because again the discussion focused on harm. “What is the perceived harm? Where do we feel that a group will be able to really have significant overlap and double dipping?”

I should point out, we do have about 40 ALSs that are members of NCSG. And NCSG does not have, to my knowledge, a non-voting category. I may be corrected on that.

So, in both cases, we’re saying there is no harm. We could not find significant harm. But we must have open declarations so people are aware of the dual roles that some people or groups play. And I see Cheryl has her hand up. I see Cheryl doesn’t have her hand up.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I don’t have the possibility to have a hand up but if you can add me to the list.

ALAN GREENBERG: I will. Okay. Cheryl was an error. Tijani, please go ahead.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you very much, Alan. I see that you are focusing on the harm. Why didn’t you focus on the benefit? Perhaps you will find other things? I would like to remind everyone that, at the beginning of ICANN, there was no At-Large. And At-Large was created to give more credibility to ICANN while it was [inaudible] that the predominance of the community was more business than other things.

So, At-Large came here to bring, if you want, another kind of interest inside the ICANN community. There was the political interest, the GAC. There was the financial interest in the other part—the GNSO—the domain name industry, etc. But the end users, nobody spoke for them. So, the At-Large came for that.

Why ICANN is multi-stakeholder? Because every stakeholder has its own interest. It's clear. So, multi-stakeholder means that we bring all the stakeholders, with their interests, to stick together, and to speak together, and to come up with something [good coming out]. So, we have several interests to be defended. The interest of end users was absent. With At-Large, it is here now. So, At-Large defends, basically, mainly the public interest while the other have their own interests.

So, if we say, "Why can't we be in this constituency, plus this constituency, plus this constituency?" Why you have stakeholders in this case? Why not have only one stakeholder, we merge everyone together? I don't understand how someone can defend, at the same time, the interest of one stakeholder and the interest of the other stakeholder.

So, if we also look at the benefit of that, other than the benefit of [presence]—to be always there, to have influence, to control things—I think there is no other interest. We have to stick the interest for which we are here. We don't have to go to other constituencies, and try to be there also, and try to defend also. I don't know if there is ...

The best example that this situation—I mean being here and there—is that this situation will not break the silos is the case of At-Large against

the NCSG, NCUC. We have a lot of our members who are member of the NCUC and we didn't convince the NCUC to think otherwise—in another way—about At-Large. They always think the same about At-Large.

There are all these, perhaps, things that may break the silos—the work the Olivier did with trying to work with the other constituency. We come with our interest. They come with their interest. We discuss. This is the way to break the silo.

ALAN GREENBERG: Tijani, we've been told we don't have very much time. What I'd like to know is what are you suggesting instead of what is being proposed here.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: I propose that, especially people who have the right to vote here and there, they shouldn't be allowed. Anyone can vote, perhaps, in one constituency but not in the other. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay. Presuming NCSG does not have ... We cannot change the rules in other groups. So, you are proposing that for ALS representatives, because those are the only people we are talking about in this case, an ALS representative who is a member of NCSG or some other part of ICANN with a vote should not be allowed. I want clarity. That is what you are proposing?

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Yes. They should not be allowed to vote here and there. If he wants to be both in the NCSG, that's okay. But not in ALAC in this case.

ALAN GREENBERG: Okay.

TIJANI BEN JEMAA: Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Just to be clear. Sebastien, you wanted to speak.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes. Thank you. First of all, I will not give the history of ICANN but some At-Large was at the beginning.

ALAN GREENBERG: Thank you.

SEBASTIEN BACHOLLET: My point is that I think I agree with your proposal. I will say that I also agree with Tijani but I think it's not the duty of ALAC or At-Large to do that. It's a broader question of this organization and it must be seen as an overall organizational issue, not just one or the other. My point of view, it's one organization on one people, one vote. But it's not At-Large to do that.

Therefore, I agree with your proposal but I think that work needs to be done at the ICANN level—global level—for that issue. And that’s my take on what you said. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG:

Okay. Thank you, Sebastien. I’ll note, in the email, which many of you have seen but not all, I do note there are other parts of ICANN, particularly parts of the GNSO, which do have rules saying you can be a member of both but can’t vote in both. And therefore, they also have non-voting classification. There are other rules, in some cases, you can’t even be a member if you have some characteristics or other. So, these rules do exist.

On the other hand, if we were to say, “You cannot be a part of At-Large if you have a role somewhere else,” which means either in some part of the GNSO, the GAC, the CCNSO, the Board, we would be ejecting a huge number of people. So, that is why we focus very much on the harm because we do have a large number of people who are in the position right now of being able to participate in multiple places with a vote.

And the question is, do we want to tell them that that’s not allowed. Do we really want to say, “Make a choice. It’s us or them.” And the feeling was there was not sufficient harm to warrant ejecting large numbers of people or, in fact, large numbers of ALSs. That was the reason we ended up with this, even though a very large number of people started off in a different position.

All right. Olivier, you have your hand up. But I know Maureen has told us we don't have very much time and we're two minutes away from the end of the meeting.

OLIVIER CREPIN-LEBLOND: Thanks, Alan. You always speak of harm. There could be advantages, too. That's all I needed to say. So, I'm very glad that you've gone the full way into studying this. Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: Yeah. Remember, right now the status quo is we allow such things. So, the question was is there a reason to make a rule which does not allow it, which is why we were looking at harm. Clearly, there are so many people and ALSs that are dual members. They perceive a benefit. Otherwise they wouldn't be doing it. So, that wasn't the issue, whether it's a good thing—whether there are benefits. The question was is there any reason we should prohibit it suddenly. Thank you.

Maureen, I'll turn it back to you. I think we have general comments. Anyone who has not received the email and would like to see it, I can point you to where it is on the web. It's a public email list. And if anyone has comments, particularly ones that negative, saying the working party should not recommend this, better to say it now rather than later when we make our formal recommendations. Thank you very much and thank you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Alan. I'm actually really pleased at the way the group has resolved that situation. And really, people needed to be part of that conversation. I think it's come along really well.

We've got one more minute but the last item is, of course, the elections. And I just wanted to draw your attention to the fact that the process has started already and we need to just ensure that if you can be really inclusive in your RALOs and allow people an opportunity to make selections and appointments and nominate people for positions, so that everyone can actually have an opportunity to be part of that selection process.

So, again, if you click onto that link, you'll go ... Heidi's actually put it in the chat as well. There is an opportunity to you all to get to those, starting with those dates. Next week is when the nominations begin for the elections. So, may the best person win. There's lots of good people out there. There's lots of good people still in positions and are still eligible for re-election. So, you've got to take all those sorts of things into consideration.

So, are there any other final words before I close? Because we are a minute over. If not, thank you very, very much. We've had really good attendance, really good participation. Enjoyed reading the chat comments. And have a good week. Great. Thank you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Bye, everyone. Thank you.

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