
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO operating principles review working group call on Thursday the 28th of May 2020 at 15:00 UTC.

On the call today on the English channel we have Isaac Maposa, Sarah Kiden, Pastor Peters, Remmy Nweke, Barrack Otieno, Bukola Oronti, Jules Nizeyimana, and Ben Kyemba is joining us at the moment.

On the French channel we have Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong.

We have received apologies from Aziz Hilali.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Alperen Eken, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. Our interpreters for today are Jacques and Camila.

Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name before speaking for the transcription purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channels. Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Abdeldjalil.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much. Hello everyone. Welcome to the fifth call of our working group to review our operating principles. As you know, our agenda is on the screen and we hope this will be a meeting in which we will be able to make headway.

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We're having the French version of the agenda on the screen right now. We're going to ask participants if they have any other business they wish to add to the agenda. otherwise, it will be adopted.

Seeing no hands raised on Zoom, I take it the agenda is adopted. Our first item on the agenda is therefore the welcome and roll call, which has been done. Item two, adoption of the agenda, that's also done.

Item three, a recap on action items, which will be presented by At-Large staff. So we will go over the action items from our past meeting. I don't know who's presenting it from staff, but please go ahead.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you. The first action item is Isaac and Abdeldjalil to draft the questionnaire for individual members of AFRALO with the input provided by myself, and that's completed. The next one is to Seun to follow up with AFRALO leaders on whether to extend the scope of this working group to cover issue related to ALS engagement, and I believe that may be ongoing. That's all. Thank you.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Thank you very much. We are then going to move on to item four, which is the update on the ALS engagement working group, which is an essential group within ALAC. We are going to hear from Sarah, who's the AFRALO secretariat, who will be presenting the work of that working group. So Sarah, you can go ahead. You have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN:

Hi everyone. I'm a member of ALS mobilization working party and the task of this working group is to make recommendations to the At-Large Advisory Committee on what needs to be done to allow the full implementation of changes in support of ALS participation in accordance with the plans proposed under issue number two of the At-Large organizational review that was approved by the ICANN board of directors in 2018 and in 2019.

So we've done two broad things so far. The first one was we worked on the ALS mobilization plan and the focus for this was not what we have been doing or how we've been interacting but what needs to be done in future.

And some of the things were things that many people in the community had already identified but many of them actually came from the At-Large review. So the issues were things around active participation in ICANN and using ALSes as a source for getting participants to get involved in ICANN policy development processes, expectations of ALSes, staff expectations and so on.

Right now, we are looking at the ALS application accreditation process, so just looking at everything that happens between the time when an organization applies to become an ALS until when they are approved. So from the application forms and details, how much time it takes, looking at the due diligence, who approves or who looks at the forms and things like that.

We've had a few meetings on this subject and the work is still continuing, so yes, that's what I can briefly say about the ALS mobilization work party. Thank you.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Sarah, for your update. We're going to move on to item five regarding issues under review. I take it I have to yield to someone who'll be presenting the item.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: [inaudible].

INTERPRETER: I'm sorry, I couldn't understand what he was saying because I have someone else interrupting.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Yes, please, can I speak, please?

INTERPRETER: Yes, who is this?

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: My name is Pastor Peters.

INTERPRETER: Please hold, I'll let Abdeldjalil know. Okay Pastor, you can go ahead.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Sorry. One quick question. Who is chairing this meeting today?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi Pastor Peters, Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong is chairing the call on French today. Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Okay. Thank you very much. I just heard Sarah's report on the working party activities. First, I want to ask members of this committee if anyone other than those who are members of the working party are following the activities of the working party. That is number one question I want to ask.

Number two, I wasn't aware as to when the function of this working group was expanded to include the report or the review of another working group like the working party. I do not—for all intents and purposes, what I knew was that this working group was set up to review the individual membership after two years.

I also recall that it was also decided at our inaugural meeting that if this working group was going to extend its activities beyond what it was primarily set out to do, approval has to be given by the leadership of AFRALO. So I am not aware as to when that function was extended. So I want clarity on those two questions before I proceed further to respond to the report Sarah's given.

For the purpose of clarity, I repeat my questions again. Who among the ALS members that are represented in this working group are following the activities of the ALS MOP work party, and then two, at what point was the role of this working group extended to review or to receive reports concerning whatever is going on in another working group within ICANN? I'll pause for now for a response.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you, Mr. Peters, for your question. I think the mission of the working group has not been extended. We will exclusively focus on the review of our operating principles within AFRALO, but we thought it would be useful to follow the work that's being carried out elsewhere. And I think the leadership of AFRALO is discussing the other working parties that we need in order to assess the implication and the engagement of our ALSes, which is why we thought it was important that the two be put into perspective, because they go in the same sense. If we are removing the individual membership, we need to see their engagement. So that's what I wanted to explain.

Within ALAC, there's a work party that's working on the mobilization or the engagement of ALSes, and I think it's important for us as a participant of this group actually learned a great deal. So I would like to encourage you to get ready to follow what they're doing because the ALAC and AFRALO leadership are creating a new working group to follow on the ALS mobilization. So I think it would be of interest to our community and for the members of the group as well.

I'm going to stop right here, I see Seun is raising his hand as AFRALO chair. I'm going to give him the floor. Go ahead, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you very much. If I understand correctly, what Pastor Peters is trying to say in relation to the fact that the current scope of this team is on individual membership. Yes, there may be an expansion of the scope, but that has not been communicated. If you recall the last time during the call, I indicated that, yes, we are considering an expansion, and in fact, we indeed have made a decision about the expansion, but it has not been communicated yet to the working group.

So [the format] by which the scope of the expansion of the work of the working group is going to take has not yet been communicated. So for now, the work of the working group is focused on individual membership.

I however would suggest that during the review of the agenda items is when this particular item should have been revealed so as to remove the confusion. Since the scope is about individual membership, then there is no need to be talking about ALS mobilization work party at this moment, because the scope, it is out of scope for now.

So it's good for at the moment. At the same time, it's okay that this up-front discussion—it shouldn't affect negatively the work of the individual membership. It's okay that members are actually updated about the activities of the ALS mobilization work party, which is fine. I just hope that the scope of the working group is clear. For now, it's

about individual membership and I think that is all what it should be for now. I hope this clarifies things. Thanks.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Okay. Can I come in, Mr. Chair?

SEUN OJEDEJI: [Which chair?]

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: No, the chair for the working group. Can I?

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Fatimata asked for the floor. I'm going to first give the floor to Fatimata and then back to Peters.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: No. Fatimata, can I have the floor? Hold on. Abdeldjalil, I'm still on the floor. I asked a question and I said I was going to pause for your response. So if a response is given, allow me to exhaust my time on the floor before you have a new person speaking, unless Fatimata wants to enhance the information that was given by Seun. But if she's going to raise another issue, I should be allowed to finish my presentation before any other person can speak, Mr. Chair.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: [Please, let him] finish. I just wrote in the chat that I was thanking Seun because he explained, and if Pastor Peters wants more clarity, I think [inaudible]. I was going to [inaudible] this question [inaudible]. And I think Seun gave some explanation. So this meeting was about individual membership. And I was [going to] ask the same question as [Pastor Peters.] So no problem. Please continue, [ask your question.] I will ... Thank you.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Thank you, Fatimata. I appreciate your—

INTERPRETER: [inaudible]. We don't hear Pastor Peters anymore.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Can I speak? You were speaking, [I thought I was] speaking. So can I speak? I need to be given—do I have the floor, Mr. Chairman?

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: We can hear you.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you, Fatimata.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Go ahead, Pastor Peters.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Thank you very much. Thank you, Seun, the chair for AFRALO, for the clarification. I want this working group—for us not to waste more time on issues that we’re not concerned with. I want us to be focused. That is number one.

Number one, Abdeldjalil, your observation that you’re advising that I should be ready to follow what is going on with the working party, that advice cannot be for me because if you know, I am actively involved in the ALS MOP work party. I am actively involves, so I'm following up.

The question I asked, that how many ALS within AFRALO are following the activities of the work party. I want to believe a lot of other following and [just not] interested in what is going on, or [either we are following and we’re just, okay, fine, let them,] it is coming from ALAC, let them go ahead and do whatever they're doing? Or totally, “Well, I can't be bothered even when objections are raised within I guess the process of that.”

But I want to say that that is not an issue I want to debate here, because number one, this is not our activity as a working group. So I want to move that discussion on that very matters should be suspended until we have a larger meeting of AFRALO that we can discuss, that can be tabled as an issue. But as a working group, I wouldn’t want us to waste time debating that because [I have a lot to] speak on that so I wouldn’t want to [join issues, anybody making a report] about what is going on in the work party for now. Thank you very much.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Peters, for your contribution. Thank you. We noted everything and we're going to now go to the contributions of members. I'm going to give Isaac Maposa the floor to talk about the survey for individual members of AFRALO. This is a presentation of draft.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Hello everyone. Just point of correction, I think there is an issue before we go to the survey for individual membership. There's an issue which needed to be looked at which is the "issues under review" item which is item number five.

A link to the document on Google Drive was sent out, and we received a few comments. I think comments are from just a few people. I'm sure everyone has a link to the document. Thanks, Claudia, for sharing the document.

One issue that was added to that document was the individual membership application process, which is an item that was not there previously. Then there are a few comments also on the issue of participation and termination of individual membership. Those are the only comments that were put through.

I'm not sure if all members have nothing to say on this, because that's all we currently have from working group members. I do encourage that if there's something that needs to be raised, it should be raised now before we collect these comments and produce this document.

Currently, why we haven't finalized this document is we also have to have it go hand in hand with the survey that we are carrying out so that we have the comments from the survey and the comments on this document collected together into one document. So I do encourage working group members to put up their comments on issues that they think should be reviewed.

If there's anyone with comments on the issues under review, I do give you the floor to put up your comments on that. The floor is open for comments on issues under review. I don't see any hands raised. Okay, so now I think we can move on to the next item which Abdel highlighted, which is the survey for individual members. Okay, I see a hand raised. Fatimata, I give you the floor. You can go on.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes. Thank you. I was in the Google doc [just now] and I just made a comment on voting rights for individual member-s. I think last time, we raised the issue [of even not considering this] activity for individual members. I don't know what the—

ISAAC MAPOSA: Sorry, I didn't hear you clearly. Abdel, if you heard this clearly, maybe you can respond. Sorry.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Okay. Is it better?

ISAAC MAPOSA: Yeah, I heard you were talking about voting rights. [inaudible].

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes—[That we didn't agree] to keep this, voting rights for individual members. Maybe we should discuss that, [if it's a thing that should be here.] Because if the right is granted to ALSes and if that is the case, the idea is that[that would mean that ALS would not have any difference, being an ALS would be an individual member.] They have almost the same rights. And that is not an encouragement to individuals trying to support the ALSes in their respective countries.

For me—it's not only me, I think most of us, many of us at least did not want voting rights to be granted to individual members. Yeah.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Okay. I hear you, Fatimata. Okay, so your comment is we should strike off the issue of individual membership voting rights, if I heard you well.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA: Yes.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Okay. I see there are many hands raised. I didn't get the order. I'll go to the order I see from my end. I'll start with Hadia. You have the floor.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you so much. I was wondering—I just added this now, and I'm sorry to get you back to it. Do we need to define what unaffiliated person means? Like, it's just a suggestion. And to Fatimata's point, I do agree that individual members should not have voting rights, but down there, we say that they do not participate in decision making, and we could be even here. I don't know if we should keep it or strike it, but I agree to the concept.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Okay. All right. The document here on the Google drive is the original document that had been produced in the previous review, and so those definitions of the unaffiliated members were on the original document. So that means you are suggesting that we have to also remove issues to do with unaffiliated members, which we can discuss as a working group to agree or not to agree to remove that. So your point is taken.

You can also add as a comment as well. I see also Remmy did put a comment with regards to the unaffiliated members as well. So, that input can be considered in coming up with the final document. Thanks, Hadia, for the contribution. And yeah, that's with all the issue of voting rights, individual members currently do not vote, they don't participate, it's true. So it's up to us as a working group whether to strike off the section to do with the voting rights or whether it depends with what the outcome of our review, whether maybe people are saying we should leave it there or we should [tweak] that issue or advise ALAC, AFRALO leaders on whatever input we think is necessary on that issue. Sarah, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Isaac. If memory serves me right, I think we had agreed that this particular item would be moved to the next phase where we would be reviewing all the other rules. So I would like to propose that we move it to the next phase. Thank you.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Okay. Thank you, Sarah. Now I give the floor to Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. I think all the points, all the sections relating to individual members need to be discussed in scope, in this current discussion. When we have the next stage, we're not going to be talking about individual members. So whatever it is that is recommended and finally agreed to in regards to individual members will just be a section that will not be discussed in the next stage. So I think that should be very [inaudible].

The aspect of voting rights, I think the complication that surrounds giving an individual a vote is the reason why a lot of members, including myself, feel that assigning voting rights to individual members is the right thing to do, not at this time. So I think so far, I've not seen anybody against that, and I think it's good that that is maintained. Perhaps there is a need for the wording of the section whereby it says the individuals don't participate in decisional session—perhaps it needs to be reworded just to clarify that it's only when it has to do with votes, because they

participate in discussions, initially when it comes to consensus checking, they also participate in [this.]

But when it comes to a vote, that is when they don't participate. So most of the discussions that we'd normally have which are actually decisional, they are done by consensus. So it's only when it comes to a vote that they don't participate, so maybe there's a need for some rewording of that section. But of course, I personally believe that voting rights should still not be added to individual membership.

Therefore, for 5.6, in terms of affiliated, what it's referring to there is those who are affiliated in ALSes. So if you are an ALS, you're an affiliated member. That means that those who are not affiliated with any existing ALS become an individual member. That is what that section was intending to say.

So if there is now—maybe there is a need to clarify what an affiliated person means. Maybe if it's not already clarified in the complete rules. Because remember that this is just a section of the rules. If we check the complete rules, and we see that affiliated membership is not actually defined anywhere in it, then maybe this working group can actually in its recommendation recommend that affiliated person should be described in the rules of procedure, because generally, we need to have clarity on who can be an individual member. Any individual who's actually a member of an ALS does not need to be an individual member in practice. So that is what that section is trying to address, I believe, but of course, some rewording or clarification may need to be done to make it much more communicated. Thanks.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Seun, for the contribution and for the clarification. Yeah, I think you also highlighted some issues that are of concern on the issue of voting rights. Probably our wording there needs to be looked at on the issue of individual members [under] voting rights and participation in diction making. They do influence decision making since they participate in working groups, in mailing lists, and in other decisions that are made, but they do not vote. You are right there, and I think that needs to be reworded. And thanks for the contribution.

I see Abdel, do you have any comments, co-chair? Okay, I see there's a hand raised. Ore, can you take the floor?

OREOLUWA LESI:

Thank you so much. Two issues. I think since this is a survey that is going out to individual members to find out how their experience has been as part of AFRALO, I think that every aspect should be touched on even if you feel that—so for instance, for the voting rights, I feel that it's still a question that should be asked. It doesn't mean that by asking a question here, you're promising that you're going to change anything in the end, because I realize that changing rules is quite a long process. But I believe that this survey is to get the input and the thoughts of the individual members. And I'm not sure how many individual members are actually part of this working group. So I think that it is important to try and find out about their experience in its entirety. So by already taking out some questions from the survey, I don't think you're going to get the full picture.

And of course, the point was made in the last meeting that, yes, if you asked an individual member if they want to have voting rights, they definitely would say that. But you're not promising to necessarily do anything about that in this survey, but I think it's good to have that information because I believe that's what this survey is all about.

Then I think that can also inform the way we actually describe the individual membership, because when you check the website, reading up about the AFRALO, the individual membership, it states that they don't have voting rights, yes, but it doesn't give the—because I remember someone described individual members as observers, but that word, “observer,” isn't used anywhere on the website. So I think the feedback that we get from the individual members who respond to this survey can also help in terms of clarifying the information that is put on the website so that people who are joining AFRALO can take the best decisions for themselves whether to join as an individual member so they fully understand what that means or whether they should go through the process of becoming an ALS.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you very much for the comment. I'm sure that wasn't really struck out completely from the survey. This was under the issues as an issue, but on the survey, it's also still on the survey on item eight. I think we'll go to that now, it's the next item. And I'm sure also that we need to get their feedback on that issue, from individual members, what's their view about some of those issues raised.

Seun, go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you. I think the chair has touched on one point I wanted to make in response to Ore. My understanding is that we're discussing the issues that we may have apart from the issues that may come up from the survey.

So I'm absolutely in support—I'm also fine with getting as much understanding of issues from the survey from the individual members sharing their experience, and of course, we shouldn't strike out any question that has to do with voting or any other points. Let's give them the opportunity to actually express themselves and hear the opinions from them. But of course, what I believe the agenda item was talking about right now is in terms of the issues, which we as members of the group right now are observing. Of course, as the chair earlier mentioned that the feedback from the survey, we also [see from] part of the inputs to the issues which we will then collectively look into. However, I'm absolutely in support of what Ore was saying in terms of the content of the survey, which I believe, as has been said by the chair, has already been covered as well. Thanks.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Thank you, Seun, for the contribution.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Sorry, chair, one more thing. I forgot to ask, in terms of the observer, I don't know where the point about observer came into being. If we have it, even in the current information, if we have observer written

somewhere on the website, then we should correct it. We should do that soon enough. Individual members are not just observers in AFRALO, they are more than that. So of course, if it's somewhere written in our principles even though I don't think it is, then that should be a major issue that we should actually address. They're not just observers in the sense of observing. Thanks. They're participants.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Seun. Yeah, I don't remember seeing the word "observer" anywhere on the document, on our rules of procedure. I will have to also double check on that, but I don't remember seeing that. And if it's there, there's need to correct that. Thank you so much.

I see Sarah. I'll give you the floor.

SARAH KIDEN:

Hi everyone. I think I know where Ore saw the word "observer." I don't know if Evin is on the call, but there are people who have reached out to staff and said that they would like to join the mailing list but don't aren't affiliated to any ALS and don't want to apply as individual members. And if you recall a few AFRALO meetings ago, we actually agreed to reach out to these people and ask them if they would like to join as individual members. I think some of them did, and three of them did not say anything, so in the list of individual members, we see that three of them are listed as observers. Thank you.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Thank you, Sarah. I see also Ore commenting that it was raised also on a comment which Remmy made, which is not part of the—it's just a comment. Silvia, you have the floor.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes. Thank you very much. I can confirm what Sarah just mentioned and add that way before 2017, before the AFRALO operating principles included the wording of individual members, the way members that didn't belong to any ALS but still wanted to be part of the discussions were subscribed to the mailing list and not only the AFRALO mailing list, for example LACRALO mailing list, were subscribed as observers because that's informally how they were presented. They were just watching the proceedings and they were not assigned any specific category because there were none. But then the operating principles were passed and approved in 2017 and many of those became individual members. So there may still be some people that are subscribed because in general, all the mailing lists of all the RALOs are open, so they're just watching and maybe commenting from time to time but they are not officially members of AFRALO. So I want to clarify that for everyone. Thank you.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Thank you, Silvia, for clarifying that. Thanks so much. I see there are three raised hands. We'll go to those three and move on to the next item. So Pastor Peters, you can go ahead.

[REMMY NWEKE:] [Mr. Chair, I would like to speak.]

ISAAC MAPOSA: After Pastor Peters, Seun, then Liz. Sorry?

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: [Who is speaking?] Pastor Peters speaking, or Seun wants to speak?
Seun can go ahead.

[REMMY NWEKE:] Sorry, I said I wanted to say something as well. [Remmy Nweke.]

SEUN OJEDEJI: No, Pastor Peters can go ahead. I've spoken already. I'll come after him.

PASTOR PETERS OMORAGBON: Okay, Seun. Thank you very much. With the explanation of Silvia, one could understand why we had observers [in quotes.] Now that the rules of procedure were enacted, [inaudible], and a lot of those observers became individual members. And now we are reviewing that.

I think part of our recommendation in this working group will be that we, AFRALO, should not encourage observers in our activities in the sense that opportunities are there for people who want to be involved in our activities to either take the route of belonging to an ALS or registering as individual members.

In that way, they have the same opportunity like every other member. But the idea of just allowing anybody—I know this is a public forum, but

then we should have rules in place. [inaudible] observer, you also contribute to the discussions that could influence the decisions, that could even impact on members of the group that you do not subscribe to.

So I don't see anywhere in any organized organization that that is allowed. So you cannot eat your cake and have it. If you somewhat believe in the activities of AFRALO, the opportunity is [now] there for anyone and everyone to belong if you are from the region, either as an individual member or as an ALS member. So I think those are things we may have to consider even if we're not able to discuss it today, maybe in our next discussion, it's [worth looking into] and taking a position on. Thank you very much.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Thank you, Pastor Peters, for the contribution. Seun.

[REMMY NWEKE:] [inaudible] if I could say something [inaudible]. [My name is Remmy, I would like to say something after you.]

SEUN OJEDEJI: Chair, may I?

ISAAC MAPOSA: Yes, you can go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay, that's Remmy on the queue. But can I continue, chair? Okay, thanks.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Sure, you can.

SEUN OJEDEJI: I think the point that has been raised by Pastor Peters in terms of observers, I see where he is coming from and I see the point. I think that it's not a bad thing to have, it's okay to have observers. But if we have observers, we have to implement it as observers in the [inaudible].

So if we want to have a section on our website where we have people that are listed as observers, then indeed, our rules of procedure should also have that information. So that individual, or maybe the [entirety of individuals, we should have mention that there are] people who are observers. And they should be observers in terms of read-only observers of the mailing list. That means that if they're indeed going to be observers, they should be able to read the information but they should not be able to comment. That is what an observer means in practice, perhaps. But of course, if we want to say observer in this sense is now—they're going to be able to read and write, then it needs to be clarified in our rules as well.

I understand that in the past instead of individual membership, we had individual members. Now that we have individual membership, I think that it is either we stop formally listing observers, or if they're going to

formally list them, then we should have clear operating measures for observer role on the mailing list.

I still maintain that the list should remain public. It's good for us. It's also [inaudible] makes our work accessible to the entire Internet end users, which is our responsibility. But of course, when it comes to participating, people should participate as individual members or as ALSes. Since we have now individual members, observers should remain read only, in my opinion. Thanks.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Seun, for the contribution. I think due to our time, we can continue the conversation on the mailing list because now our time is running out. We move on to the next item which is on the issue of the survey. I give the floor to the staff, to cover the issue on the survey which was prepared for individual members. And there is a link on the agenda to the TTF document for those who've not managed to get it. You can click on the link on item number six on the agenda. I give the floor to staff.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Okay. Thank you very much. Isaac, I think at the moment I provided the input from our team members, Alperen who is on the call today—thank you, Alperen—Heidi, myself and Evin Erdogan. We've put together the basic and you were still in the process of reviewing, discussing and editing the survey, which this is the last thing I learned about this survey. So I don't know if this is still under discussion or you have it ready in final form.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you. It wasn't finalized on the document. There are still some comments. But I think if there is anything more to be put in, it should be now so that we finalize this, myself and the co-chair, and it'll be shared on the mailing list. So this week, and then we give it back to staff to send it to the individual members to actually conduct the survey itself.

For those who think they still need to put their comments on the survey, we are finalizing it now, so we just need your final contributions and we put up the final document which will be sent out to the individual members for the survey to take place.

Abdel, if you have any comments, you can go ahead.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Thank you very much, everyone. That was a very rich debate and very [inaudible] regarding individual members. I think that we should use a Google doc and make sure we can work on this document. So I think we should use the link access document and look at the survey. I'm going to ask you to contribute to finalizing this survey. That's all I would like to say. And we have just a few minutes before we conclude anyway.

I think Fatimata is asking for the floor. Fatimata, you have the floor.

FATIMATA SEYE SYLLA:

Thank you. This is about question number eight. I don't know who was talking earlier saying we could put that in the survey, we should ask the question. This is about the voting rights again. I think last time, we

discussed that saying that if someone wants to be involved truly, I would say I would like to be part of the decision-making process, to be able to vote.

And if you put a suggestive question like this, you already know the answer. And then so what? So my suggestion is not to put it here. We have open questions like what would you suggest, what would I improve, things like that. And then if you have those recommendations from the members, we can discuss that. But if you put a suggestive question like this knowing ahead of time the answer, I don't see why we would do that. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, Fatimata. I believe that Isaac has dropped the bridge, so I don't know if someone wants to take over. We have one minute left. Abdeldjalil perhaps wants to continue and address your concern.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

I if may just add, I think question eight may not be necessary. I think it's already covered in point ten. So individual members may contribute, may still mention about voting rights and all those things in point ten. So I think if we can actually remove question eight and then leave question ten—so that way, any other thing can actually—question eight itself can actually be addressed in question ten. So I would suggest maintaining ten and removing eight. Thanks.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Seun, for your contribution. I think we're nearly over with our meeting today. There are a few points we were not able to cover, but we will do that at our next meeting. But I see that you have people that proposed to have the individual members not having the right to vote. So, we have to talk about it during our next meeting, and all the members in the call do agree for individual members not to have voting rights. So this is a key point, and I think we'll come back to it at the next meeting.

SILVIA VIVANCO: We cannot hear Abdeldjalil.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: I'm not sure he's on the French channel, but he should be. One moment. It looks like he's not speaking but he is connected to French. Looks like we're going to have to dial out to him again, there's issues with his audio. Apologies for that.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay. In the meantime, if I may, I just wanted to bring up the interpretation. As you know, ICANN 68 is in preparation, so our language services department has informed us that the last week for interpretation will be next week, so I don't know if you would like to hold a call next Thursday, same time as the interpretation will be not available until July 6.

So I would like to ask the membership, please, to let us know if you would like a teleconference next Thursday. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. The two chairs are not available, as I understand. Oh, Abdeldjalil is there.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Yes, I'm back. Some suggested that unaffiliated members or individual members wouldn't have voting rights within AFRALO. Do you think we should adopt this document, or should we postpone any decision-making?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Chair, may I?

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Yes, Seun, you can go ahead.

SEUN OJEDEJI: We are at the top of the hour. Just to say that when you left and came back, I suggested [in the chat] that we continue—we finalize the survey on the mailing list so that we can just end the call. I see some support for that as well. This survey does not need to come—as long as you come again during the next meeting, I think I can finalize within a week on the mailing list.

Basically, the point of discussion is just question eight, and I made the suggestion that question eight can be removed while we still maintain the rest of the question, especially question ten needs to be

maintained. Other people can make suggestions on the mailing list and then we can finalize on the mailing list. Thanks.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Hello.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you, Seun, for your contribution. I'm going to apologize to the interpreters because we're five minutes late. As you said, it is a good idea. We're going to discuss this on the mailing list, and I'm now going to yield to the staff to tell us when we should hold our next meeting, and in the meantime, we will progress on the mailing list.

SILVIA VIVANCO: I just wanted to repeat, I've put on the chat that the interpretation services will be until next Friday, June 5th. They will be unavailable and started again on Monday, July 6. So if you wish, we can schedule a follow-up teleconference for next Thursday the 4th of June, or this group can reconvene after July 6th. So please let us know.

"After the 6th, then," Isaac Maposa is telling us. Okay, so we will schedule the next teleconference for after July 6th. So that'll be July 9th. Great. Okay, and in the meantime, everybody will continue with the discussions over the mailing list and the Wiki page, and the Google docs. Thank you very much.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you, Silvia. I think this brings us to the end of our meeting. Thank you for having participated today. And thank you to the interpreters. Apologies for being late. Thank you all, and talk to you soon. See you next time.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you everyone. Take care. Bye.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you everyone. This meeting is now adjourned. Please enjoy the rest of your day.

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