

YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the ALAC monthly call taking place on Tuesday 25th of August 2020 at 6:00 UTC.

On our call today from the ALAC members, we have Abdulkarim Oloyede, Dave Kissoondoyal, Tijani Ben Jemaa, Justine Chew, Maureen Hilyard, Bastiaan Goslings, Joanna Kulesza, Jonathan Zuck, and Marita Moll.

From our liaisons, we have Andrei Kolesnikov, barrack Otieno, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, and Yrjö Lansipuro.

Also on the English channel we have Vernatius Ezeama, Joan Katambi, Sébastien Bachollet, Amrita Choudhury, León Sanchez, Jaewon Son, Satish Babu, Roberto Gaetano, Alan Greenberg, and Natalia Filina on today's call.

Currently on the Spanish channel we don't have anyone listed, and same for the French channel. We have received apologies from Judith Hellerstein, Shreedeeep Rayamajhi, Priyatosh Jana, Vanda Scartezini, Humberto Carrasco, Javier Rúa-Jovet, Omir Kerry Kerr, Gabriel Boseko, Evin Erdogdu, Michelle DeSmyter, and from Claudia Ruiz.

From staff side we have Heidi Ullrich, Gisella Gruber, and myself, Yesim Nazlar present on today's call, and I'll be doing call management.

Our interpreters are Veronica and David on the Spanish channel and Aurélie and Camila on the French channel. And as you know, we have real-time transcription service provided on all of our ALAC calls, and I'm

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just going to share the link with you here so you can check the service provided.

Before we start, just a kind reminder to please state your names before speaking, not only for the transcription but also for the interpretation purposes as well, please. And another reminder is that while I was doing the roll call, I see new people were joining the Zoom room. Just wanted to make sure that I will be adding all those names to the attendance after the call. And now I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Maureen. Thanks so much.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, Yesim. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, everyone. Welcome to the August edition of the ALAC meeting. Thank you for those of you who have broken your holidays to spend some time with us. And I understand Gisella is experiencing a big storm in her area, so we hope that she's keeping safe and that she'll be able to participate in our meeting later on in the agenda.

The agenda that we've got tonight is a pretty busy one, but I'm hoping we'll be able to get through it as quickly and efficiently as possible, as I unfortunately have another meeting directly after. But let's get started on it anyway.

We'll be starting the meeting off, of course, with our usual policy session, but it's going to be a little bit shortened, and I'll tell you all about it, but we've had a busy month of course with ALAC statements. But there's going to be a bit of a lull, I think, with the SubPro report being probably a major focus. But you'll hear more about that later.

Then of course we'll have a brief update about the ALS and individual member applications, seeing how they're going, and then some updates with any major issues from liaisons and RALO chairs. Following their reports, we'll be able to welcome the vice chair of the ICANN board, León Sanchez who'll give us an update from the ICANN board.

Then we'll have the reports and any updates, any promotions, any requests for assistance from the chairs of the core At-Large working groups that are part of the post-ATLAS III 2020 At-Large activities, followed by an update on the preparations for ICANN 69, and hoping that Gisella can make the call.

We'll finish off, of course, with a little discussion and some questions that people might want to pose to the CEO, who's accepted our invitation to attend our September meeting.

So, do we have any comments, any additions, amendments people want to make to the agenda? It's enough to keep us busy for a while anyway. Nothing? All right. Okay, let's get going then.

First of all, let's go to action items. Is there anything that we need to discuss?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Hi Maureen. Yes, you'll see that there are two of them and they have both been completed. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Okay, so that means that we've been doing what we're supposed to do in-between meetings and dealing with the action items. Thank you very much, Heidi.

Okay, so then we can get started on our policy development activities, and you'll be able to hear the news from Olivier, Jonathan and Ricardo about what's been happening over the last month. Thank you.

YESIM NAZLAR: Maureen, just to inform you that Olivier is not on the call at the moment. We're trying to reach out to him.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Right. Okay. Jonathan?

JONATHAN ZUCK: We have been submitting statements along the way as far as the EPDP, we did a formal statement, then we did an addendum statement, and then also, we did a statement in support of the GAC. So basically, we're forming a little cabal of folks that are somewhat concerned about how the SSAD negotiations went. So it's very possible that we'll not end up with an SSAD at the end of this, but I think it was the consensus of the group that paying that much money for a glorified ticket system was unjustified, and so we can do that a lot cheaper. But it still remains to be seen how this will evolve going forward.

And so as you mentioned, the big thing on our horizon is going to be the SubPro draft final report, which is quite a tome that has come out, and

we'll be going through that in some detail. And my guess is the entire month of September will be spent on preparing our response just to the sections of that report that we think concern individual end users. But that will still probably take all month for us to reach consensus on everything and build a response. So that's what's coming up for the coming month. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Jonathan. Is there anything that you'd like to report, Ricardo?

RICARDO HOLMQUIST:

Hello Maureen. For the OFB working group, September seems to be an easy month. We are just beginning this week with the IANA PTI operation plan budget, but it's just the first request from IANA to have a conversation with the different SOs and ACs. The real budget will come in October. So September so far seems to be an easy month. Then September, October, November will be the heavy workload with all the budgets, beginning with the PTI and IANA, and then going to the full ICANN operating plan and budget. Maybe December will be the heavy one. So, so far so good.

The July month was very busy. August and September seems to be good. But anyway, once we have our meeting, please join to begin these discussions. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Thank you, Ricardo. That seems to be a very busy place to be in over the next couple of months. So if you aren't already in the OFB working group, please register through the staff to get yourself on the mailing list.

Okay, so policy updates all done. There has been a lot of work happening there and still a lot more to be done. Who's giving the update on the ALS and individual member applications? Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yes. Hi, Maureen. Alp's not able to be with us today. Just very briefly, for the ALS, the At-Large structure snapshot, we currently have 245 ALSes in 104 countries and territories. That is an increase in one, because number 314, going in LACRALO, joining.

in terms of the individuals, we have two awaiting advice, number 317 and 305, and two going through due diligence, number 318 and 282. And in terms of individuals, we currently have 138 and 20 observers, and I see a total of three have been recently accepted, one each in APRALO, EURALO and LACRALO. Back to you, Maureen. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD: That was a very quick update. Thank you very much, Heidi. And I just noted that the new individual member in APRALO, Jaewon Son, is actually on the call. So it's great to have people coming, getting involved straight away. Thank you very much, Jaewon.

Moving forward—we're really zooming through our agenda at the moment—is this is our report section, and just wondering if the liaisons

have got anything that they would like to bring to our attention at this time or if there's anything that the RALO chairs have got that they would like to bring to our attention as well. Yrjö, thank you.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Hello everybody. Just to say that I think that we should have an intersessional call, GAC and ALAC leadership, and also topic reads before the next full ICANN meeting. That is to say, during September. So I'm working on that and I'm going to be in touch with our topic reads and also with the GAC. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Yrjö. And we've actually been having quite a bit of discussion and contact with the GAC, of course over the support that we've been sharing for each other's EPDP statements. Alan, just because we've got a bit of time here, would you like to mention or explain what those support documents, what it is that we're actually supporting within the ALAC and GAC statements?

ALAN GREENBERG:

Sure. There were two different things that we've done. Three, actually. You'll recall several weeks or a month ago now, which was the deadline for releasing the final report of phase two of the EPDP, we put in a minority statement which essentially said that we can't support a number of the aspects of the SSAD and the other work of the PDP, partly because some work which was promised to be done was never

done, partly because we don't believe the SSAD as it's currently described will meet the needs.

Now, that's all very unfortunate because we do desperately need something equivalent to the SSAD that actually works, but in our belief, what we have ended up designing is not going to meet that need.

Now, if it doesn't get implemented, we still don't have it, but the concern was if we do implement something, it'll be expensive, it'll take a long time, and it won't meet the needs and it's clear that the GNSO will not undertake a new development process anytime soon to replace it. So we're between a rock and a hard place.

In the interim month, a number of other reports have been submitted, other minority reports, several of which from the colleagues that we've been working with, that is the GAC, the SSAC, the IPC and the BC. All were quite well done in our mind and had some important things to say.

Moreover, there have been complaints or comments from people such as the registrars and some registries—individuals, not the groups themselves—that basically have said we're just complaining because we didn't get our way. We're just unhappy we didn't get our way, so now we're crying and say we don't like it.

And that's not the case at all. We may not have gotten our way, but the concern is not that we didn't get our way, the concern is we're going to end up implementing something which is downright wrong and bad.

So in any case, the GAC has been working on a statement and finally came out with one officially as of today. I haven't seen the formal one

yet, but it should be out by today. And they had requested whether we would like to endorse their statement and say we support it. And that's something we did with another statement they did earlier in the process, and after a fair amount of deliberation, the ALAC decided that yes, it would support it, and we have as of today told the GAC officially that we are supporting their statement, and their statement has a notation in it saying it is being supported by our group.

We also however felt that it was important to qualify our original minority report saying that in addition to our report that we felt the ones issues by the SSAC, the GAC of course, the IPC and the BC had a lot of merit to them and that we believed that we could endorse them as well. We didn't endorse them point by point, but we said generally, we support them. So the ALAC also—this was discussed at the CPWG, and the ALAC has decided that it would support those as well and we issued an addendum to the report essentially saying that.

So that's where we stand right now. The GNSO will be considering this report in September, and we look forward to seeing how this turns out because it's not at all clear. This is an unusual case that a PDP has ended up with recommendations that are divided, that do not have consensus from the whole group, and it's not clear how the GNSO will treat that. In the past, they have taken things that don't have consensus and said we can't pass them on to the board. So it remains to be seen. A lot of new ground being broken. Thank you, Maureen. That's about all I have.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Great. Thank you, Alan. I see Yrjö has his hand up again.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO: Thank you, Maureen, and thank you, Alan. I just read the GAC statement this morning, and there's one thing that I was curious about. It mentions something like phase three. Is it possible that a phase three would be there to handle all the issues that are still subjects of controversy? Thank you.

ALAN GREENBERG: It's not only possible, it's exceedingly likely. The GNSO council is looking at how to address a number of these issues, and for the issues that were carried forward from phase one into phase two and not addressed, the current thinking within the GNSO based on a discussion that was held at the last meeting a week or so ago is that here will be a phase three. So at this point—I might have originally said I think it's highly unlikely, but it does look, at this point, like there will be a phase three.

MARUEEN HILYARD: That sounds like another couple of years.

ALAN GREENBERG: It will be tightly constrained in terms of time. Now, how we go into this and actually get a different outcome than we had in the previous discussions on the same subject is not at all clear. But clearly, if we're going to do it again and we're going to continue the discussions, the dynamic has to be different than it was last time. But that's not clear how that happens.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Right. Thank you for that update. The EPDP has been a pretty critical topic, especially within al, and thank you to Alan and Hadia for their hard work. Just moving on, I noticed that Cheryl had an update on the GNSO meeting. Do you want to give a brief overview of what you've written?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: There are some things. I've put the results that were all part of the consent agenda, and two of those had to do with EPDP phase one, and then I've just mentioned a couple of things in chat which was supporting what Alan said regarding limited scope and fixed time, and added that the scoping may start—not necessarily—in September regarding next steps. It would be a tightly and limited scope activity, certainly not a full-blown EPDP as we had seen them. Thanks.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Great. Okay. So, are there any questions or queries to Yrjö, Alan or Cheryl? No? Okay, moving on then. Now we have our guest star. We have León Sanchez from the ICANN board, the vice chair, and of course, the director selected by us. León, the floor is yours.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Maureen. Hello, everyone, again. Thank you for having me. As usual, it's a pleasure to come back home, as I always say, and I really miss you all, guys. Not being able to meet face-to-face has a lot of consequences, and one of them is of course missing the people

that we usually interact with and see at face-to-face meetings, and this means, for me at least, all of you. So it's good to be at least virtually close as we continue to navigate through these trying times for everyone.

One of the things that I wanted to update you, first and foremost, is a pilot program that Org has set up for supporting our volunteers during the ICANN 69 meeting. This is the ICANN 69 pandemic Internet access reinforcement program pilot, and this, as you know, has been a topic that I have had on top of my issues and that I have pushed with my colleagues in the board and have been, of course, very well received by my colleagues in the board, but also by Org

This ICANN pandemic Internet access reinforcement program pilot aims to facilitate activate participation during the ICANN 69 meeting for some community members with limited Internet capacity. This is a topic that we have been discussing for months after the Cancun meeting, and as you might remember, I asked Maureen to compile those challenges that we are all facing through this pandemic, and one of the top—or the top— issues that most of us are facing is exactly the cost of Internet connectivity.

So community members who meet the program criteria will be reimbursed for necessary increased Internet bandwidth, like capacity or data limits, for the duration of the month of October in 2020.

Those interested in participating must apply for the program in advance of the meeting, and it hasn't yet been officially announced. You are receiving this as a heads up, and of course, as an early notice from

myself as the board will be passing a resolution on this this week, and we expect that this program will be announced shortly and we would expect to have the deadline for applying by the beginning of October 2020, of course.

Eligible participants will be reimbursed up to 60 US dollars for trying to mitigate this increased cost in connectivity that carries participation in this virtual meeting.

So of course, there are some criteria that have been established to qualify for the program, and the first is that any applicants must be active members of an SO or an AC and have been an ICANN-funded traveler within the 18 months prior to ICANN 69 or have been selected to participate in the current ICANN 69 fellowship or NextGen program.

Also, they need to be registered to attend and participate during ICANN 69 and also require additional bandwidth at home to actively participate. Of course, anyone who is eligible should pass or must pass the trade regulations review conducted by ICANN Org which we are all familiar with if we have been supported travelers. And of course, have a valid personal bank account in which ICANN could wire transfer the reimbursement of funds.

So I think this is an important program that will help mitigate connectivity costs for many of us in the community, but I would like to acknowledge, recognize, and of course thank Göran Marby and the organization for their continued support to our volunteer community, and for taking this to heart and listening to what we as the community raised with them and how they embraced this program within Org, and

of course, to my board colleagues for supporting me and supporting us all by also supporting this pilot program.

So this will be announced officially shortly. As I said, the board will be passing a resolution about this this same week, and of course, we expect that this program will help mitigate some of the many challenges that our volunteer community is facing through this pandemic.

So that is the hot-off-the-press announcement as Maureen put it on the chat, and the board has been continuing to work on many topics, as you might be aware. There have been a couple of posts or blog posts on the ICANN website. The most recent deals with the CCT review. There was a blog post by Maarten posted on August the 20th. And in this blog post, he talks about the approach that the board has taken on the review team's final report and the recommendations, how these recommendations were grouped in three subcategories, the pending recommendations, the accepted recommendations, and the pass-through recommendations, and this blog post pretty much highlights how within the board, we managed to follow up on these recommendations by the CCT.

Also, we are following of course with interest EPDP phase two final report during the public comments, and of course, we will be taking action on that too, and also, I might have already mentioned this in some of the regional calls that I have attended, but we also passed a resolution approving the ICANN president and CEO goals for fiscal year 2021. As you know, there are ten goals that are approved by this resolution. Six of them are goals that are set by the CEO himself, and four other goals are goals that the board sets on the CEO. So this is also

something that we have been doing lately, reviewing these goals and setting them in agreement with the CEO.

We have continued to plan on our board workshop. As you know, all travel for the ICANN community, including the board, of course, and Org, is currently suspended until further notice and according to how this pandemic evolves. So the board has taken action on continue to work and to take care of the pending issues that we have on our plate by having weekly calls. We have an increased amount of calls during the week, and also for this traditional workshop that we hold before each of the ICANN public meetings, we have designed a set of calls that span through many days and of course, help us continue progressing our work in different topics.

Currently, we are finalizing the program for our September board workshop which will be, of course, ahead of ICANN 69, and one of the things that will be taken into account in this workshop is of course the renewal of leadership. So we will be electing the chair, vice chair, and the board governance committee chairs. So I can of course anticipate that I will be reapplying for vice chair next year, so I would expect to have my colleagues' support, hopefully.

So these are the topics that we have been following on and the different issues we have on our plate, and I would of course remain open to any questions or comments that you may have, and once again, reinforce my gratitude to Göran and Org for following on this pilot program and the effort that they have put in, the work that his team has put into making this possible. So, thank you very much, Maureen. I of course remain in the call for any questions or comments that anyone may have.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, León. I think we all need to thank León, Göran, Maarten, people that I've actually spoken to, for their continued support for the concerns that we have raised within At-Large, and this is recognition that our voices are heard. That's one of the things we say. We may as well take it out there. And I'm so pleased that something is actually being done, and it's very much appreciated. There's comments in the chat. Especially for you, León, the work that you've done on our behalf.

I know that you're not supposed to identify any particular group, but at the same time, we have really and truly appreciated that your heart is still with us and that we do get your support. And I know that I had a message from Göran and he has acknowledged that a lot of the push and the effort has come from you at board level, and that's made all the difference. So, thank you so much.

I don't have anyone putting up their hands at the moment, but there's lots of messages in the chat, so please note those. So after that bit of news, it's something to bounce our way through the next agenda items. Looking now at our workplan, looking at the core areas, policy, outreach and engagement, operations, but just remembering that within the outreach and engagement, of course, capacity building is a big deal.

So one of the things that I did want to raise first was that the post-ATLAS survey analysis, within that report, there were several recommendations that were specific to each of those core areas, and I would really be interested—probably not today, but to hear in the next

meetings of these groups as to how some of those recommendations that have been posed as a result of the feedback from the ATLAS III participants, how they've been incorporated into current programs, just so that we can actually note those as part of our report at the end of the year.

I know there's lots of things happening, and perhaps Jonathan, you might want to lead us into what developments are happening with regards to the ICANN Learn course on ICANN policy development. Just a brief summary. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Sure. We have gotten to the point on the ICANN Learn course on At-Large participation in the ICANN policy development, but we are prioritizing the onboarding course first, and that's coming along well, the "welcome to our world" course. All that remains to be done on the policy course really is coming up with assessment questions, quiz questions and some graphics, and that's ready to go. But I guess someone else should probably speak to the intro course, because that's the one that we're trying to push over the finish line first, I believe.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Okay. Perhaps we better have something from Joanna. Sorry, Abdulkarim's got his hand up first.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE:

Thank you very much. Probably, I would like Joana to go first, then I'll come after Joanna.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Okay. Joanna.

JOANNA KULESZA: Thank you, Abdulkarim. Thank you, Maureen. My understanding is that we are trying to get both of the courses out simultaneously, and it should happen for the next general meeting [even though it's happening] virtually. And my understanding is also that Heidi is making sure that the contents and the technical side of introducing those courses is done promptly and timely. So from my perspective, we are working on those two courses, happening as soon as possible, and that would be the starting point for building further courses.

I have one more update, but since Abdulkarim has raised his hand, he might want to speak of the same thing, so I would like to hear from him first. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Okay. Thank you. Abdulkarim.

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: Thank you very much. Mine is a question. [inaudible] if the [meeting] of the ICANN Learn courses [inaudible] to staff copying Maureen, and I never got a response back as to why I was removed from the [room]. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Sorry, which course were you talking about, Abdulkarim?

ABDULKARIM OLOYEDE: The ICANN Learn development course, the one Jonathan was talking about earlier.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Am I the only one getting that buzzing noise?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [inaudible].

YESIM NAZLAR: Sorry Maureen, just had to mute someone on Zoom. That was coming from someone's line. It should be gone now.

MARUEEN HILYARD: All righty. I'm not quite sure with Abdulkarim just mentioning not being allowed to get into a room. I think that, for example, it may have been a course development team that was actually working as a small group on something and it was actually a closed group. But we can look at that offline, Abdulkarim, please.

Joanna.

JOANNA KULESZA: Yes. Thank you. Just wanted to address Abdulkarim's concern. And I take your feedback. I'm certain this is something we can resolve. Most of the work has been done over e-mails, and there's a mailing list. So if there's any issue, just reach out to me or Heidi and we will try to address [those concerns].

One of the capacity building items I'd like to address and just raise awareness of is Abdulkarim and myself working together with GigaNet or the GigaNet outreach officer on building a curriculum of syllabuses that deal with Internet governance, trainings and courses—

YESIM NAZLAR: Joanna, I'm sorry for interrupting. Unfortunately, we don't have good audio for you, and our interpreters are having a really hard time trying to interpret. Would you like us to dial out to you? I'm sure you're trying to tell something important and we don't want it to get missed. Would that work for you?

JOANNA KULESZA: That would be fine. Thank you. I apologize. I'm going to stop here. Please go on with the agenda. Thank you.

YESIM NAZLAR: Okay. And so sorry for interrupting. We're dialing out to you right now.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Yes, we'll get back to you, Joanna, because it would be good to get your feedback on this. And also, remembering too that—I was just looking to see if Hadia was on the line, because I know that she's got some important webinars coming up as well.

Do we have Daniel?

YESIM NAZLAR: Hi Maureen, no, we don't, not yet.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Okay. Well, I know we've got Natalia, and she will have some news about the Social Media Working Group. I know she's very recently done something to assist the webinar team, and also with Social Media Working Group working up to the EURALO ICANN 69. Natalia.

NATALIA FILINA: Yes. Thank you very much, Maureen. While we are waiting for Daniel, I can say very shortly we will have a call today for the co-chairs of outreach and engagement subcommittee to discuss and coordinate our action for upcoming and hopefully very intense and eventful autumn. So we will conduct a short revision of our outreach plans for fiscal year 21 and see what works and what maybe needs to be updated, because we still don't have face-to-face meetings yet, but I think now we have maybe more opportunities because as we see, the [whole world] and our audience are live online, and now I think people don't feel like outsiders if they don't attend our meetings. And I think now, everyone who has Internet access has this opportunity to be with us. And I think

for us, this is a big positive and I think our community is very flexible. And as I see, for example in EURALO, very quickly revealed the planned activities and adapted to new reality, and it's a very good and positive moment for us.

And on Wednesday, at the outreach and engagement call, the call of our subcommittee, I will present for discussion in At-Large a plan for our actions in social media to properly support our At-Large sessions and our At-Large leaders during ICANN 69, and of course, we will use the previous success of my really brilliant colleagues and our great experience during ICANN 68, and I'll make sure that we will add the ability to gather metrics and prepare a report after the meeting and before [inaudible] very important event for us. Thank you very much.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Natalia. I really do think it's great that there's lots of cross-working group work that you're doing as well. Fantastic. Joanna is back on the phone bridge, I see. So Joanna, did you want to finish off anything from your report?

JOANNA KULESZA:

I'm afraid I dropped off the dial out, but since [I hear Maureen laughing,] it looks like I might actually have a better connection. If that is the case, I'm going to continue. If not, just stop me. I just wanted to give a brief update in terms of Abdulkarim's participation on the ICANN Learn courses team. Do make sure to follow up with an e-mail, Abdulkarim. We'll make sure to fix whatever has been broken.

And a very brief update. Abdulkarim has been wonderful working with me together, making sure we build an alliance with the GigaNet community in terms of building a database of syllabuses of courses on Internet governance. We will likely be reaching out to the schools of Internet governance community trying to set up an initial database on information how people teach Internet governance, and we would like to use this as a starter for the work with the [academic] community that we have, as At-Large, been talking about for a while.

So those were my two points, one update and one feedback for Abdulkarim. Thank you for making sure I actually am audible. Thank you very much.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Joanna. Okay, so, is there anyone else from the policy or capacity building, outreach and engagement group who want to say anything here? Don't see any hands. All righty. Just from my side of things, there is the At-Large communication strategy which has been online for a while. We're still waiting to get some feedback. There's been some good comments being made by Eduardo, I noted, but all comments are welcome, and we do want to close that off very shortly.

Of course, Alan has been working on the ALS mobilization, and I think he's sort of concluded a lot of the work that they've been doing over this past year or so today. Alan, do you want to give a couple of minutes on final words on the ALS mobilization group?

ALAN GREENBERG:

I'm not sure they're the final words. From the ALAC point of view, they're probably the starting words. We have been spending the last—well, since the beginning of the year, effectively, reviewing what we believe should be the criteria and expectations for ALSes. We then moved on to the application process of how the ALAC and the RALOs interact to review and potentially approve ALS applications, and we have been looking, in the last couple of weeks, at issues related to changes in the bylaws and whether anything needs to change in the memorandums of understanding between the RALOs and ICANN.

We've come to the conclusion at this point that the MOUs do not have to change at this point. They're an interesting combination of consistency and inconsistency between the RALOs, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. And certainly, it might be something we want to change. But it's nothing we're going to have to change at this point as far as we can tell.

The one issue that did come up with regard to the MOUs is that, with the exception of the North American RALO, none of the other MOUs allow for individual unaffiliated members, and the bylaws explicitly say right now that the MOU has to address that. But we found a way that we can address it with a minor change in the bylaws and not have to address the MOUs.

So going forward at this point, we're now in a position where we think we've essentially done all of the analysis and we have to pull together the report—or perhaps reports, it's not clear right now—that will be going to the ALAC for discussion in the ALAC, and of course, for discussion within the RALOs. And it will be nice if we could have a

decision made on this at the annual general meeting, so that's certainly our target. I hope we'll have something for the ALAC in a relatively small number of weeks, but there's still a fair amount of work to be done, but the group is making really good progress.

So at this point, I'm optimistic. We are of course just starting the individual unaffiliated member aspect of this, and there will be some feedback and changes to what we're looking at, because there are some places where we have interactions between the two. But in general, we're getting close to the end. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, Alan. That's been a lot of work going into that work party. And of course, Roberto is starting work on, as you say, the unaffiliated individual members mobilization work party. And I do note that Roberto is here and wonder if he might like to do a bit of a promo to get people along to his working group. Roberto.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes. Thank you, Maureen. We are going to have the first meeting. Actually, we did have one preliminary call last week, but the work party was not fully formed yet. We require to have for a fully formed work party both a representative from the ALSes and one representative from the individuals for each RALO, plus one person appointed for each RALO from the RALO leadership so that we can ensure continuity.

Now, the work party is fully formed, so later this week, we will have the first call with a complete work party, which means the call is going to be

tomorrow, I believe at 16:00 UTC. Everybody is welcome to enroll to apply for participation in the work party, and then once they're a member of the work party, to join the call.

So tomorrow is going to be the real kickoff, because as I said, now the work party is fully formed, and there's already a brainstorming discussion on the mailing list so that we are really starting working.

My personal idea is to push for some work to be done on the mailing list and use the calls only to verify the consensus and endorse some of the decisions, but especially during these times, I think that if we work on the mailing list, we can save precious time of the calls, especially considering that this is a work party that, like ALAC as a whole, spans over multiple time zones so it's really a challenge to find times that work for everybody, and that will suggest even more to push the work on the mailing list where we also keep a record of what is happening. That's all. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Awesome. Thank you very much, Roberto. So if you are interested in joining the unaffiliated individual members mobilization work party, you can still do so as a participant by contacting staff and registering your interest and filling in the GDPR form. And I do note that Daniel has joined the meeting. Nice to see you, Daniel. And you just made it to—I'll give you two minutes to report on what's happening with outreach and engagement. Thank you.

DANIEL NANGHAKA:

Apologies for joining late. I'm following up on the updates on outreach and engagement. I'm happy to share that at least we're finalizing the strategy, and most of the RALOs proceeded to implement the strategy. Joanna is leading the discussions regarding capacity building and webinars are being held. At least I'm very sure, I guarantee that there is useful participation there.

I'm also happy to share that a lot of milestones are going to be happening, especially with Natalia taking on the leadership for ICANN 69 that will be taking place in Germany, and also, preparations are going on there. So there's at least tremendous work that is going on.

During this month's call, the different co-chairs will be sharing updates regarding to what has been transpiring in their respective regions regarding outreach and engagement. That's just a brief of what is transpiring, and also, lastly, I'd like to share that we've had discussions on onboarding program which has previously been run by Dev. EURALO held a call whereby we discussed how could we consolidate all the respective works to avoid replication of work. And at least with that, action is being done and all this will be documented as time goes on. So there's a lot that is happening and we just have to simply centralize the communication. Thank you. Let me hand the floor back to Maureen.

MARUEEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Daniel. Obviously, it's really great to hear how busy everyone is in their particular areas. There's a lot of exciting things happening. Thank you very much, and I'm glad you made it in time for that.

Okay, so moving on therefore, because it's like we don't want to take too much time, we do have a 90-minute call but I hope to get it a little bit shorter. We've got our discussion of what we're actually planning to do in ICANN 69. And I noticed that Gisella is here. Going to have a look, first of all, at the block schedule. That's the official ICANN schedule. Gisella, can you speak?

GISELLA GRUBER:

Hi Maureen. Yes. Thank you very much, and welcome to everyone. We will take a quick look at what ICANN 69 holds for us, bearing in mind that we are still very much in the drafting stage of the prep, so we will not take up too much time on this as we will be able to fill you in much better on the next call and also keep you posted if you would like to at any time we have an ICANN 69 planning committee call which is held weekly and where we do most of the work for the At-Large scheduling for ICANN 69.

To give you a brief overview, ICANN 69 will be held in over three weeks, as in we have—which is not here on the block schedule—the prep week which will be the week prior to week one, and during prep week, as per usual, we have a certain number of webinars to introduce us to ICANN 69 and what lies ahead. The number of sessions has not yet been finalized, so that will be the week of the 5th of October, and as soon as we have further details on prep week, we will make sure that it is posted on our lists.

Then we will have week one, which has been set aside for the SOAC internal work. As you can see, that is running from Tuesday the 13th to

Thursday the 15th of October, running from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Hamburg time, which currently stands at UTC plus two hours.

Again, please do not take anything on this as final. We are yet working on the timings of the sessions. We haven't yet started working on the conflict of sessions. But this is just to give you a general overview. We will later have a look at what we've already started working on and where the gaps lie on where we can have our sessions and decide further on when we're going to hold sessions in week one and when we're going to hold sessions in week two.

We will be meeting with the board in week one. The time that is up there at the moment is not a set time because it does conflict with another meeting scheduled, which you don't see there yet. Then we're going to go on to week two which will essentially be the main ICANN 69 week where we hold the plenary sessions as well as the Org sessions. Again, the day is running from 09:00 to 17:30 this time, Hamburg time, with some 60-minute session and some 90-minute sessions.

Currently, we're looking at holding three plenaries on Monday through to Wednesday and then on Thursday, holding a public forum. You will note that as it stands now, we only have one public forum and that will be on the last day. The Q&A with the ICANN board execs, which we usually hold during the ICANN week, is likely to be held now during the prep week, that being the week of the 5th of October.

Maureen, would you like to add anything to what I've just said about the three weeks? And then we can go on looking at what we've put together so far. Thank you.

MARUEEN HILYARD: No, I don't have too much more to add. At the moment, as it was mentioned, the SOAC chairs are looking at what the topics are going to be for the plenaries. They have three plenaries detailed at the moment. But apart from that, there isn't that much more that we can report, even at that level, until we have our next meeting. So we can just have a look at our own schedule now, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you, Maureen. What we've put together here is working on week one, which is the SOAC working week, and week two which is the plenary week. Looking at week one, in the ALAC column, again, all the other sessions that are noted are yet in draft stage. We have not yet submitted our meeting forms which are the forms to submit our meeting requests. So the various SOs and ACs are in the process of doing that, and again, as mentioned, we haven't even started looking at any potential conflict.

But in this way, the SOACs, when we as the SOAC support leads work on the schedules with our various groups and the planning committees, we try and avoid at an early stage as many clashes as possible.

So just running through what we currently have on week one, which is three days, we will have an At-Large welcome, currently only down for 60 minutes. Again, we can work on extending that if necessary. We have our EURALO general assembly on Tuesday the 13th of October, and what I've put in red is the meetings when the GNSO, ccNSO and GAC will

be meeting with the board. And during those times, we will have those times unconflicted that we are able to attend those sessions.

We have a potential slot for the ALAC and GAC meeting on Wednesday the 14th of October. Again, the joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting which we have at all our ICANN public meetings has already been put on the schedule. It is, again, subject to any clashes there, and I've also listed the GNSO sessions, for instance, the subsequent procedures, which we will keep free.

Thursday, we have, as you can see in yellow, a few sessions available. Again, as to whether we're going to fill all the sessions is yet to be decided depending on the topics we need to discuss and the meetings we need to hold. Again, the ICANN 69 At-Large planning committee meets weekly on a Tuesday and we have a meeting today at 19:00 UTC, which means, again, we will be developing the schedule and we will be completing the Wiki agenda pages which we usually have up, and I will make sure that the link is readily available to everyone so that you can keep an eye on how the At-Large schedule is developing.

Then if we go on to week two, during week two—which is the plenary week—as it stands at the moment, the only session that we've put down for ALAC will be on the Thursday, is the wrap up for At-Large which we may extend to two hours, and other than that, we haven't put any other sessions in week two. Maureen, would you like to complement this information?

MARUEEN HILYARD:

No. I don't have anything more to add at the moment, because I think the next meeting that we actually have of the ICANN 69 planning committee—and we want to start looking at what people are wanting to propose to include into the program and how much time they might need and how we can slot those in.

I did see a comment in the chat from Olivier asking about why the weekends weren't being used, especially as, for example, I know that for me, the meetings start at 9:00 PM and go until 5:00 AM. So I'm hoping that every session isn't going to be used because it means I'm going to have to be awake all that time, and I'm probably going to have to take time off work during those days during the day job.

So it's going to be pretty hectic time. But the weekends, which we've traditionally used, I'm not quite sure why they haven't been—it would actually be quite convenient to be able to use the weekends, but that hasn't been offered this time.

Taking into account that every meeting that we've had this year has been—I think they're just trialing different meeting formats. So I'm not quite sure—gives us an opportunity to give it a go, and then provide some feedback at the end of it. And of course, it's all reliant, too, on, are they going to stick to timing that actually relates to where they were originally going to hold the face-to-face meeting? Because even the future meetings look as though they're going to be bad for our region especially, which covers like half the world.

There's 12 hours' time difference between the western and eastern end of the APRALO region, so we do have to—hopefully the planning

committee is looking at being a little bit more aware of that and plans it equally within the meetings.

But yes, if you have a proposal, we would like to see you at the weekly meetings, and even just to provide some support and suggestions to some of the proposals that are being put forward. Also, we need to look at for the presenters when would be the best time for them to—it's really helpful if the presenters can be awake for their sessions. So, are there any other questions or queries relating to this? It's just an introduction to give you an overview about what is happening and of course, all the guts, the real stuff is done during the ICANN 69 planning sessions, the weekly ones.

Okay, any more, Gisella, on that? I don't have any questions, there's no hands going up, so we can therefore move on to our final item, and we'll be able to finish this before [half past nine.] Final item, which is of course the questions for Göran in regards to his accepting the invitation to attend our meeting next month.

I would like him to have questions beforehand so they can prepare, and I'm only going to give him 20 minutes, so he can't take a whole lot of questions. So if you have anything that you'd like to thank him for, ask him about, please send your questions to me and I can get them to—we'll put them up on a Wiki space. We might have to prioritize them when we get all the list, and we'll let him know—he can choose what he wants to answer, I guess.

So, I don't see anyone shooting their hands up to make a suggestion right here and now, but Heidi will let us know—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: If I can speak.

MARUEEN HILYARD: Sébastien, yes, go on.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you very much, Maureen. Just to say that it seems that Göran is asking a lot [to have] questions because we had a RALO meeting with him and he's asking for questions. My experience with the last two meetings like that is that he gets the question and he talks about something else, or we talk about something else. Therefore, it's work not so very useful.

And I would like very much that we stop top down things and maybe he must know about us and ask us question but [inaudible] for his job to do, and what we can answer him as a group, it will be also interesting, not just top-down but bottom-up, will be great.

I know that with RALO, we have already a few questions sent to him because staff is pushing us to ask questions well in advance, but I am wondering if we can change a little bit the way we are dealing with the CEO. Thank you very much.

MARUEEN HILYARD: I know what you mean, but I think one of the important things is that it's no use writing—even three or four questions. Really, one question

that you know that you would have the answer to, or two at the most. But I think that what you've got within your regional leaders meetings, of course, the question that you will ask there and what the ALAC may want to ask in this session, will be maybe a little bit—there's going to be a whole different context, so I think that we need to be thoughtful about what we ask, and we can [ask for the answers to our] questions first. We'll try that approach.

I do take note of Jonathan saying by then, September, Org will have ceded to all of our demands on technology for 69, so we can thank him for that. And to take onboard what León has mentioned with respect to the support that Org and the board has given us, but Göran, in the meetings that I have had with him, was very supportive of At-Large, very supportive of the work that we have done. For those sessions, not only does Heidi give a report but I give my own report as well. So I think that he's said that he's very impressed with what's been coming out of At-Large, and of course, [I'm] part of that too.

Well, I am pleased to say that we have come to the end of the agenda, unless somebody's got something burning for AOB. No heads. Great. So at 9:24—and I have another meeting at 9:30—thank you very much, everyone. It was really great to see we reached 40 participants in our meeting tonight, which is great considering half of them are probably on holiday anyway. Thank you so much for everyone sticking it out and being here with us and participating. Thank you to all the people who've presented tonight and passed on those messages of value to us.

So, enjoy the rest of your day, your morning, your afternoon, your evening, and we'll see you at the ICANN 69 or any of the other meetings that we're having during the week. Thank you.

YESIM NAZLAR:

Thank you all. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye.

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