YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly call taking place on Thursday, 19th of November 2020.
	On our call today on the English channel we have Satish Babu, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Gopal Gopal Tadepalli, Syuzan Marukhyan, Aris Ignacio, Jahangir Hossain, Amrita Choudhury, Jaewon Son, Maureen Hilyard, Nadira Al-Araj, Ali AlMeshal, and Mubashir Sargana, as well as Hanan Khatib and Namrata Khetrapal.
	Currently, we don't have anyone listed on the Chinese channel, and we have not received any apologies.
	From staff's side, we have Gisella Gruber and myself, Yesim Nazlar, and I'll also be doing call management for today's call.
	As you know, we have Chinese interpretation, and our interpreters are Sandy and Ray. 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, in case someone joins the Chinese channel. And with that, I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Satish. Thanks so much.
SATISH BABU:	Thanks so much, Yesim. Welcome to the November monthly call of APRALO. We've been having a lot of activity this month so far, and many of us are under the fatigue of the IGF which just got over this week, Monday and Tuesday. And it was, in terms of the time zone, not

particularly good for Asia Pacific, so I'm sure many of us have had sleepless nights, and it is kind of unsurprising that we have somewhat low turnout today for this meeting.

Today, before we get started, I have a couple of pleasant duties. One is to welcome formally Nadira as the vice chair of APRALO. This is the first meeting that Nadira is joining after she has taken charge. So welcome, Nadira, and we hope that the future work could be productive as we've been following for the last so many years in the APRALO leadership team.

The second task is to congratulate Amrita who has just been placed on the IGF MAG. It is indeed interesting that Lianna, who has been on the MAG, is now kind of going out of the MAG, and we have another person from the APRALO leadership team who's coming into the mag. So we retain our continuity and we hope that we will continue to work together with IGF. It is a very important part of the Internet governance [inaudible].

With that, we will move on to our agenda. As far as membership is concerned, we do not have anything in the pipeline that is in motion. We have a few cases of applications which are presently on hold for various reasons, and we will now move on to the agenda item three, which is our policy update. It's over to Evin, Holly, Justine and if required, Cheryl and Maureen who will update us on the ALAC policy. So over to you. Who will be doing this first?

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you. Just to say we don't have Evin online and we don't see Holly, nor Justine, and I have sent them a little message to see if they are joining the call. So I'm wondering whether Cheryl or Maureen could assist with this policy update.

SATISH BABU: Right. We have a couple of options. One is that Chery or Maureen, if they can step in and do the update, that's one way. the other would be to defer this item until later in the agenda. We can move on with the rest of it and see if they come back. Which would we prefer? Maureen, Cheryl, do you have any opinions on this?

MAUREEN HILYARD: I would prefer the latter, but ...

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: [inaudible] Oh, really, Maureen? Why do you prefer the latter on label generation rules?

SATISH BABU: Okay, so we will defer this policy update agenda until—

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: If they don't turn up, Satish, I'm happy to step in.

SATISH BABU: Good, Cheryl. That's very kind of you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Way to go, Cheryl.

SATISH BABU: So we will now move on to the next agenda item, which is an update on ALAC and ICANN 69. And I'm aware that Maureen has been jumping meetings. This is the third meeting that she's on and she still has more meetings coming up, so [inaudible]. But thanks, Maureen, for doing this update.

MAUREEN HILYARD: This one, I can actually do on my own. I'm happy to do this one. And I think that, having just a couple of hours ago, Cheryl and I engaged in the APAC Hub ICANN 69 readout session, and so if you want to find out what we said at that session, a good idea would be to listen in, because there was some really interesting information that came out from the various constituency groups as well as the SOAC section. That was a very good session.

I just wanted to say that—and I did make mention of it in my update about ICANN 69 earlier, was a special mention at this meeting that was made about Amrita's session. I have to say, again, because I was really proud of the way in which the session was actually run. It was quite unique in that it's one of the first time that ALSes have actually been not only the main topic but they featured as a key participant in an ICANN session that we've actually had within At-Large, and it was all to do with basically letting the community know what's happening within the

regions and how important ALSes are. So I really have to congratulate Amrita and everyone who took part in that session. Thank you so much. And having something like that every so often would be—especially when we've got something special that we actually all participated in.

Following on from ICANN 69, it's a relatively quiet time since staff were taking a break, and I suppose it would have been so lucky if we could have taken a break too, because for most of us, I'm sure, it was back to normal day jobs and activities until the IGF started. And we're just getting over the time zone thing with regards to ICANN 69 and then suddenly going into the time zone thing again with the IGF. I have to admit that I did not participate in the IGF as much as I would normally have done. We've engaged in particular activities and did that, but I have to say I'm totally Zoomed out, and I'm sure that others are as well.

But now, we're back into the swing of things. And just to give you an idea of some of the things that we're actually keeping pace with, the ALS mobilization document, [inaudible] with Alan did finalize things and he's been trying to make sure that everyone gets further information about it should they need to add further information or clarification. That's still under discussion at the same time as we've got a working group looking at the criteria and expectations of the unaffiliated individual members, as they're currently called. What they'll be called in the future is still to be seen.

So if you're interested in those working groups, especially the individual members working group, even if you're an ALS member, it's still [inaudible] for you to attend.

The CPWG of course continues to meet weekly. They had a meeting this morning which was 3:00 AM my time, and I'm afraid I didn't attend, so I'm feeling a bit sheepish about participating in the policy discussion when I wasn't at the meeting this morning. But I do know that for example the statement on the .jobs agreement which has just gone out to the ALAC for endorsement, and so that's ready to go off to where it needs to go.

But one of the session that we did, meetings that we had today, of course, was the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group meeting, and that started with a bang this morning. I think it had a very comprehensive agenda, and as well as completing a lot of the work that needed to be done. Ricardo was actually able to get okayed two short statements on financial issues, which he's been interested in us penholding and which everyone agreed with. So that was two short statements that are going to be going forward for endorsement by the ALAC as well.

And as well as that, just a couple of days ago, I received the ICANN meeting survey report, which 48 members of At-Large actually participated in, and a small number—comparatively small number when we look at it from the viewpoint of other RALOs and their involvement, but it doesn't matter, I think we got an overall feel of the responses. We're pretty much in line with what it is that we're wanting to ... the way in which At-Large is actually thinking. So that was quite good to see.

And so what I'm doing at the moment, I've actually put in the chat the link to the survey results for the ICANN results. So if you want to see what everybody thought, how they responded to those questions, you

can have a look at that. So the overall responses. What they also gave us was the responses for At-Large alone, and I'm going through those at the moment so I can actually look at how At-Large's responses compare with the ICANN responses and to put together some kind of consolidated analysis of that, which I will send out to everybody to make comments on. I'll probably put out a Google doc or something [for us to make] comments on, which I will take to a meeting with the other SOAC chairs which I think is going to take place in a couple of weeks. So we'll need to get some pretty urgent feedback from that so that we can put it together and get an argument really from At-Large's point of view about what we decide to do and what we would like from a future meeting.

But at the end of the meeting, it was a pretty [inaudible] kind of meeting today, and we had a changing of the guard. Ricardo had announced that he had to vacate the chair after a long time of being one of our key contributors to the finance engagement activities and taking over the chair of the operations group. But with work commitments and that, he can't maintain that further chairing. So we've put in an interim chair who is Holly Raiche. Holly's taking over as the chair of this group, so until such time that somebody steps up.

It's a new group and people are still trying to find their way with that, but we do need to be looking at some new leaders coming through. But I think one of the important things about this particular group, and especially in light of the work that Ricardo's actually done, is that it's the area or analysis of the financial information that actually comes through. We've got lots of people who are very keen on the operations

side of things. One of Ricardo's strengths has actually been his analysis of financial details.

Finally, there is the ALAC appointment selection committee met this week and we had to appoint two people to the NextGen positions. One was as a selection panelist and that person actually came from EURALO. The second, and a quite significant appointment for us in APRALO, was the appointment of a mentor to the NextGen participants over the next year, and that went to Aris Ignacio. You're probably the first group that's actually heard this news, and so it's not fully public, but I just had to raise it because it's appropriate at this meeting.

But it's really great to see that APRALO members are stepping up and bringing the experience that they have within their communities and what they're doing within At-Large and groups that are associated with us. So congratulations to Aris and also to Amrita and Nadira, all these new people who are coming into At-Large in a new role. Great. That's it from me, and I see Cheryl has her hand up.

SATISH BABU: Yes, Cheryl, please go ahead.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Maureen. Thank you, Satish. I just wanted to, I suppose, embellish a point that you made regarding the opportunity for new leaders to be developed in the space of operation, finance and budget. That group is the big picture group. There's the specific subcommittee as well, but it's all very nice and easy, and anybody with basic and well

enough developed administrative skills can convene meetings. We're not in jeopardy of it all falling apart. And Ricardo has not dropped off, he's still part of the team, but what is so valuable and what has been incredibly useful is his particular experience in financial analysis, the ability to loo kat spreadsheet, to look at the strange and arcane language that only accountants seem to be able to talk to each other in, and quickly get to the hub of things.

And so if there's anybody in the Oceanic Asia Pacific area who either has these particular skillsets in their daily work or is, dare I say it, even training to develop these skillsets, it seems to me, Maureen, that there's an ideal opportunity for us to get those people who are obviously and proactively engaged in this bigger working group, and that, should their contributions shine out as obviously as Ricardo's did, that they might, not necessarily immediately but at least in the near term, if not midterm, look to become a future, if not the future, full-time appointment, not interim appointment. I cannot believe that we do not have that talent in our region.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Agreed, Cheryl. And what's more, I think what we've got on the agenda coming up about mentoring, I'm really pleased to see that this is on the agenda because if anyone feels that they'd like to just get some support about achieving a leadership role, this is your opportunity. You'll be matched up with a mentor. I don't want to go into too much depth because they're going to get that later, but this is an opportunity for us to build some leadership. And I'll tell you, it's [inaudible] work. We've got leaders on our team now who have been through this process and

we are thrilled to have them, and also knowing that we helped train them. That's good. So that's it from me, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Maureen, and thanks, Cheryl, for this addition. First of all, congrats to Aris for this role. It is good to see that we have more and more leaders, including n the ATLAS III ambassadors, coming up in various ... We had Shreedeep coming up in social media. So we are actually seeing that the investment made in the ATLAS III is actually bearing fruit, and we have of course some more work to do, which is what the mentorship program is setting out to do later in the agenda.

One more thing regarding Cheryl's point about the vertical skills for finance and running budget and so on. This one actually fits in neatly with what the policy forum has planned to do, which is to create an inventory of skills among our community, and this is one of those skills ... At this point in time, we value this pretty well as a high demand item, but there could be other items as well and it would be good to have a kind of inventory or database where we could see people with these kinds of skills or any other specific skills that might be of use to our community. And that would be one of the activities among the agenda item five, the first point. So I hope that Justine will be speaking to us on this.

Justine is back now, so Justine, we would like to hear from you on the routine policy update, and Cheryl would be happy to supplement your presentation. So please go ahead.

JUSTINE CHEW:	Sorry I was late, I had an overrun in an appointment. So, what did you want me to speak on?
SATISH BABU:	The routine policy update.
JUSTINE CHEW:	Policy update.
SATISH BABU:	Agenda item ... I think three?
UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE:	One.
JUSTINE CHEW:	Agenda item one. That's roll call.
CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:	Just SubPro and label generation rules. Only two things, just bring everyone up to speed. Basically what you did in CPWG.
JUSTINE CHEW:	Okay. Well, I didn't do anything on label generation rules, so I can't really speak to that. I think that's something that ALAC really sent a statement into that was drafted by Bill Jouris. That was some time ago

anyway, so I'm not quite sure whether it's worth speaking about that now.

In terms of SubPro, under agenda item three, the second one, the draft final report for subsequent procedures, the public comment period has closed or closed in end of September, and what the PDP working group for SubPro has been doing even before the close of the public comment period is to start looking at anticipated, expected as well as submitted public comments received from commenters through the public comment period as well as before.

We are going through the motions of looking at all the comments to see whether there are new information that we need to consider in terms of whether we need to revise, update or tweak any final recommendations or even add to them, as well as vary or add to any implementation guidance that might be associated to any recommendations.

And so far, I presented an update at CPWG earlier today touching upon some selected comments as on selected topics. Although the SubPro PDP working group has gone through about 17 topics out of 41, as of 14th of November, we've been having meetings twice a week, so we get through a couple of topics each time, but in any case, I was just giving an update on selected comments that either have some element of ALAC statement or comment in it or whether it was something new that ALAC CPWG might want to consider giving a recommendation to ALAC to act upon.

So I'm not going to go into details. If you want to know about that, then I would invite you to listen to the recording of the CPWG call from yesterday or earlier today depending on where you are. So that's going to happen. Anticipate that's going to take a couple more meetings to provide a series of updates, because this process within SubPro PDP working group is going to go on until Christmas, I believe, is when we are expected to finalize the final report.

And part of that process that I'm giving an update to CPWG is also to establish whether we want to take action, for example, put in ALAC advice to the board and/or put in a minority statement to the final SubPro report or any ancillary action that we wish to take depending on the topic. So that's that.

Anything else that I need to cover? I think Maureen already mentioned the proposed amendment to the .jobs registry agreement. The recommendations [inaudible] early warning root zone scaling, that's not something I'm [following closely] so I can't really speak to that. And the third one which is preliminary issue report on the PDP to review [inaudible] there is a combination of several PDPs that's happened in the past, so there are many documents that pertain to this particular issue. It's quite voluminous. Two main documents. One [inaudible] pages, another that runs into, I think it was about eight pages, that's more of a summary. But this is, I would say, although it's a combination of several PDPs in the past, it is a first step to another PDP which is why it's an issues report. That typically is the element that kicks off a PDP. So I think the CPWG's position on this is that we weren't going to make a comment per se, this is just something that we noted. But as and when the PDP actually comes online, then we should be looking at

participating in that because it affects transfer policy. In terms of registrar-registrar transfer policy, obviously, which would affect the interests of registrants of domain names.

Okay, that's it, right?

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Justine. Cheryl, is there anything you'd like to add?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Just very briefly, Justine mentioned the CPWG discussion of what ALAC may or may not want to do. Justine, I haven't listened to the tapes as I've been in meetings, so forgive me for not having caught up on the CPWG meeting, but I thought I heard that there was an indication that we might be expecting a minority report or recommendation for ALAC to put in a minority report. Is that correct, or am I hearing wrong? And the second thing was not directed at you but rather just with the label generation rules statement, to draw this group's attention to the fact and for the record that the very brief statement that I believe is articulated in today's agenda, which is that label generation rules has been an important matter for our region. That's it from me. Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW: If I may just answer Cheryl's question to me, yes, what we ended up doing with CPWG earlier last night or today was that there is a note for me to look into drafting or crafting ALAC advice to the ICANN Board as well as ALAC minority statement to the SubPro PDP final report on two topics at the moment, which is to do with ALAC standing and

community objections, and DNS abuse. So those are the two that were identified so far in the part one presentation that I made.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you. I have warned the ICANN Board members who are shepherding and working on the subsequent procedures, our liaisons, we met with the executives, our liaisons to the SubPro PDP and the new leadership of the GNSO council today. So I have warned them that we should expect, based on what I'd heard, a minority report. So I'm sure they'll all be looking forward to reading it.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl, and thanks, Justine, for the update. We now move on to agenda item five, which are the normal updates. we have two agenda items here. the first is the activities of the APRALO policy platform which we have revived a month back. Justine is heading this. And what I wanted to discuss here was a couple of things. One is that the policy forum is open for participation and we would like to welcome anyone who would like to learn more about the ALAC policy process, how to join the CPWG and what are the issues of relevance for our region.

Cheryl just mentioned the LGR, the statement that ALAC has put out. That of course is important for our region because of our language diversity.

Now, we still need to have some more people sign up for the policy forum. That's one thing. So I'd like to request all of you, whoever is not signed up, to please consider signing up and joining the calls.

The second point is that Alan's group has done some wonderful work on the ALS mobilization, which is as a result of the whole review process, how to make ALSes more relevant and making them contribute to our policy processes. So they have submitted a comprehensive set of recommendations.

Now we would like to adopt a consultative process with our ALSes to see how they react or respond to these proposed additions. So this is a process that we have to undertake with the ALSes and this could be done either through a survey where we outline the recommendations that Alan has put forth and kind of sound out the ALSes on what they think of the recommendations, are they feasible, do they see any operational or other kinds of issues?

Now, this could be followed by maybe a call where we discuss the output that we receive from all the ALSes together,, but I had requested Justine to take this on as an activity under the policy platform. Gopal, please go ahead.

GOPAL TADEPALLI: Thank you, Dr. Satish Babu. It was very nice listening to Dr. Alan Greenberg and his [29 meeting-based] report. But then statistically, are we strong in APRALO region as to how many ALSes are active, how many are dormant and how many are [inaudible] have almost quit but the ALS will be operational in some other format? Is there any such report that we can think of from APRALO, the status [in three four things?] Survey sent to people whom we think [inaudible]. But then these are the other categories.

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Gopal, for the comment. I think it's a very insightful point that we often do not know what the status of our ALSes. Now, we were trying to send the survey to all our ALSes, and those that respond are the active ones according to us. But we are open to of course discussions on this, and I'd like to bring in Justine at this point as well as anybody else who has some comments on this. Justine, over to you, and then Cheryl has her hand up as well.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thanks, Satish. I don't really have a comment per se. If the group here decides that this is the way we want to go, and you want the APRALO policy platform to be the facilitator of that, then obviously, I will set aside some time to look into how to do that. The question is, is this the approach that we want to go? So I'm open for suggestions.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Justine. Over to you, Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thanks, Satish. And here, I'm speaking very much from the convener of the metrics subcommittee as the At-Large Advisory Committee point of view. One of the reasons we asked the work party on ALS mobilization to do the work it did, obviously coming out of our work from the review implementation, but it was also to establish some regionally supported mechanisms by which we could better establish the ... Not the validity, the viability of our At-Large structures.

I guess I'm loathed to start going into particular mechanisms within our region before we had the time to even put into place the mechanisms that are recommended in the report, because the mechanisms that are recommended in the report, assuming that the At-Large Advisory Committee adopts any or all of them, include things like having more than just one contact person for At-Large Structures, and that will make a huge difference to the number of returns we will get on such a survey. So I'm a little concerned about if we do a survey before such time that we have three or more as the number of contacts as opposed to one who may or may not be reading your e-mails, that we many to do justice to the data as it's collected. It might be highly untrue or biased data.

And the other thing of course is the recommendations, it's not all of them, these are two critical ones whereby there is a regular and ongoing interaction, a report, for want of a better word, but it will be basically a survey-type tool, between our At-Large staffing and the At-Large Structures directly, which is in itself a survey. Two things there. we ought to give that a bit of a go, and we don't want to cross over and duplicate there, but we also don't want to have our At-Large Structures confused as to which of the surveys is the critical for their viability to be measured, because if they respond to our surveys and they don't respond to the ones from the greater At-Large, it's going to be the one from greater At-Large which counts. And we could come into problems there.

So just while you're thinking about things, think about the when, the how and the purity of the data which you're intending to collect. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl. All valid points. We will not jump into this, we will examine and discuss both within the leadership team as well the policy forum, and then we can take a kind of consensus-based decision on this. Nadira, please go ahead.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ: Thank you, Satish. I'm with Cheryl regarding the approach, but since there is a timeline where we have to get the responses of APRALO on this report, and being part of this team and was busy, not going into details into that discussion when Alan shared his views, shared the findings and the discussion went on, I wanted to kind of have time to read through. And I'm with Satish regarding having a meeting, maybe with Alan, just with our ALSes to discuss and kind of approve this report. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Nadira. Cheryl, is that a new hand?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Just to say, Nadira, Alan has indicated that he's more than willing to do that for regions, for RALOs. And in fact, I know he's done it for at least two if not three other RALOs. So I'm utterly supportive of that, but we need to get on to that fairly soon. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Cheryl. Gopal, please go ahead.

GOPAL TADEPALLI: When was the last time when APRALO ALSes were [inaudible]?

SATISH BABU: No, we had a general assembly in 2017 October in Abu Dhabi. That was the time when the APRALO came together. Then subsequently, they had the ATLAS III, which did not bring together all our ALSes, but most of the active ones were represented in the ATLAS III meeting as well. So those are the documented signs of activities that we've had.

We also had an inventory of skill, but that is not open to just ALSes, it's open to the entire mailing list, so our community, which is slightly different from the ALSes. So we have a fair bunch of information on our ALSes. We also know that several of them are inactive, been inactive for some time, and we have had discussions on like some other RALOs of decertification of these dormant or inactive ALSes.

And we should also remind ourselves that we have ROP review going on which is pending on hold because of the work party that Alan was leading. When the final report is accepted by ALAC, we will be again free to make modifications to our ROPs to ensure that we have a periodic process of kind of not [inaudible] heartbeat so that every year, we send out an e-mail and they respond and we know that they are alive and well, plus whatever is recommended, for instance, have two contact points. So, are both contact points active? That's a metric which we can figure out.

So I think a lot of work needs to be done as far as the ALSes go. Now, this is a parallel process. We also would like to groom our individual members, because in some countries, it's not been possible to have ALSes in our region, and there, we would look to individual members for representation from that country. So this is a challenge that APRALO will have to deal with in the next two years or so, and we will take it up one by one, is what I think is the [inaudible] as far as the ALS mobilization party is concerned. Let's plan for a meeting, hopefully within the next two to three weeks' time where we bring in Alan and we also pull our ALSes together, and let's have … We'll reach out to our ALSes and we will know then how many are likely to join the actual meeting.

So, are there any other comments? Looking at the time, we have …

GOPAL TADEPALLI: I just want to wish that this idea of structuring of what is just happening is a very brilliant one, very difficult. It's almost an exercise which all of us need to participate. We need to also keep in mind that presently in the world of [IoT and edge devices, they] keep saying that even the [form of the machine] is also not so serious, as long as it connects to the net. So the notion of ALS is something which we will have to really look into. And, good, this is two years planning time by [inaudible].

SATISH BABU: Right. Thanks, Gopal, for those inputs and those questions. Now moving on, we would like to go to the next item which is the mentoring program. Ali had, a couple of months back, proposed that we reactivate. We had one batch of mentoring program earlier, a year back or so, and

we wanted to again try to bring our ATLAS III ambassadors into the inner group and develop leaders from them.

So the plan was that Ali will kind of drive this program and seek volunteers from the leadership team to be mentors, and we will match the mentees and the mentors and have a formal assessment program, a process by which we will know how effective this program has been. I will request Ali to speak about this. Over to you, Ali.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you very much, Satish. Thank you for this wonderful team, for giving me the opportunity again to run this program based on the previous successful achievement, a result of the first mentor program that we have run before. Luckily, we can see a lot of outcome of that. We have now number of them in the leadership team and active participation.

So based on that, and going forward, I think now we have much better ground and base to run a second wave of mentorship program. As you all see now, we have a well-organized capacity building working group and they are very much active. We have the policy platform that we can as well capitalize on, and we have the outcome from the ATLAS III which are the ambassadors that we are having. Again, this can be all used to help in running this program again.

So the foundation and background I can see is even much easier than when we have run it in I think 2016 or before 2016, 2015 I guess, and at that time, we were having around 11 volunteers that as a mentee, and then we were having around five or four mentors that have taken care

of all of this mentee class, the super guidance and help from Cheryl being on the top for that, helping us as mentors to drive this.

So, going to the program, yes, I have started this, and as correctly Satish mentioned, we want to start this again, and my plan is to pick up this as early as possible and have it running almost up to nine months so we end up, before the last meeting of ICANN, so in our last ICANN meeting of 2020, we can have the full assessments and reports and everything ready and we see our mentees coming up.

So to do that, with the permission of the leadership team, we would like now to create, let's say, if we can create a Wiki page and have our volunteer mentors first from the leadership team and then we put the plan there and what we will be doing, what is our plan, how we will utilize the capacity building, policy platform and the ambassadors, and going forward, we'll announce it to get the mentees, and this, I think, will take around a month and a half, maximum two months, and the new can go ahead with the program. So I'm very much welcoming any ideas, suggestions from anyone of the team so we make it successful again with the full support from the team here.

SATISH BABU: So, thanks very much, Ali. So I think it is a good initiative that we must get started with. I have a question here for all of us. We have said that this is a program restricted to ATLAS III ambassadors, but we also see that ATLAS III ambassadors have already come up in several ways and we see several names being talked about who have broken into the

leadership ranks, and they may not further require mentorship, but others may require from the same ATLAS III ambassador community.

Do we open this up for others also, or do we still keep it only for the ATLAS III ambassadors? What do we feel?

ALI ALMESHAL: If I may comment, Satish, maybe the number of ATLAS III ambassadors that we will have from our region at this stage, I don't have the figure exactly, the number, but we might not have that much, unless they are like more than eight or ten people, I'm not so sure.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Ali. And I see on chat [inaudible] mentioned, and Justine says depending on demand and supply, and Maureen says active members who were not able to attend ATLAS III. So I think we will keep an open mind about the mentees, and Ali will, in the next meeting, maybe not December but January, announce the next step in the process of calling for mentees to apply in all that. So, thanks very much, Ali, and looking forward to further work on this initiative.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you. Just one more comment. Sorry, Satish. Going forward—and I will leave this to Maureen as well—if this has success, then the bigger plan is to have sort of a cross-RALO mentorship, but this is coming forward later.

SATISH BABU:　　　　　　Thanks, Ali, for that comment. Noting that we have only six more minutes to go, we now move to agenda item number six, which is the NomCom update. Over to you, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:　　Thank you, Satish. For NomCom, I have nothing much to update because we would be having the first call for NomCom 2021 in the first week of December. So I'd like to use two minutes here to request everyone that if you've done any events this month, or your ALSes have done, please send me and staff the update by the 27th, especially those who have participated in IGF as a speaker or have organized a session, please send an update, preferably within 150 words, mentioning what the session was, whether you were a speaker or whether you organize it, what was the session all about.

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SATISH BABU:　　　　　　Thanks, Amrita, for the update. Now, following on from that last point about the IGF itself, we had a discussion within the leadership team about showcasing the work done by our community at the IGF which concluded this week. So, we were planning to reach out to people who organize workshops and other events at IGF, and we would like them to speak to us briefly, maybe in the December meeting.

We were also planning to invite the IGF MAG Chair, Anriette, to make a short presentation on the high-level aspects of what transpired, what were the discussions in the IGF. And we could also then make a presentation from the workshop of our communities which focus on very narrow vertical topics so that we get both the micro and macro picture. So we will write to the MAG chair and request her to participate in our December call, and somebody, one of us from the leadership team will be reaching out to see if ... I think it's already been done. Nadira has put out a mail to ask the community if there's anyone who'd like to share their experiences at IGF 2020. So if you have done some work, please note that we would like you to forward it to Amrita for the newsletter, but also for that form to be filled out for making a presentation in the December call, APRALO monthly call.

With that, we come to the end of the agenda. Our next meeting is currently scheduled on 17th of December. Before we close, are there any last comments? Anybody would like to raise any issues or comments? Nadira, please go ahead.

NADIRA AL-ARAJ: Thank you, Satish. Just a point about the importance of having this intersection between our community's engagement in the IGF and the policy work of ICANN. Even ICANN is kind of specialized with that domain name, finding interested people into the Internet governance, once they understand what is ICANN doing, we might find people also interested into the policy comment and we development with ICANN. And that's what, kind of, I would encourage our leaders and from ALSes here and participants to disseminate to their community, because I

could see during my attendance to the IGF that a lot of, especially the youth, are really engaged into the Internet Governance Forum, and it would be nice to see and hear them and to give them empowerment by giving them space, as it was agreed as Satish has said. I will be happy if you push this forum to your community. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Nadira. So, with that, we come to the end of our agenda, and I don't see any other hand up, so I'd like to thank everybody for this meeting, and as both Cheryl and Maureen have pointed out, this is a good meeting with good interaction, and we hope to continue this level of engagement as we go forward. So, thank you, and back to you, Yesim, for closing the meeting.

YESIM NAZLAR: Thanks so much, Satish, and thank you all for joining today's call. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye.

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