

YESIM NAZLAR:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the ALAC monthly teleconference taking place on Tuesday, 26th of January 2021 at 08:00 UTC. On our call today on the English channel, we have Maureen Hilyard, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Barrack Otieno, Olivier Crépin-Leblond, Fanny Salyou, Justine Chew, Holly Raiche, Herb Wayne, Yrjö Lansipuro, Marita Moll, Leon Sanchez, Andrei Kolesnikov, Erich Schweighofer, Hadia Elminiawi, Nadira AlAraj, Roberto Gaetano, Sébastien Bachollet, Jonathan Zuck, Chokri Ben Romdhane, Vernatius Okwu Ezeama, Sarah Kiden, Lianna Galstyan, Bram Fudzulani, as well as Jaewon Son.

Currently, we don't have anyone on the Spanish channel. On the French channel, Olévié Kouami, Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong, and Anne-Marie Joly Bachollet, as well as Gabriel Bombambo Boseko.

We have received apologies from Judith Hellerstein, Greg Shatan, Joanna Kulesza, Sindy Obed, Alan Greenberg, Satish Babu, and Matthias Hudobnik.

From staff's side, we have Heidi Ullrich, Gisella Gruber, Evin Erdoğan, and myself, Yeşim Nazlar present on today's call, and I will also be doing call management.

As you know, we have Spanish and French interpretation. Our interpreters are Veronica and David on the Spanish channel, and Aurélie and Camila on the French channel.

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Before we get started, 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 one final reminder is for the real-time transcription service that is present on today's call. I'm going to share the link here on the Zoom chat. Please do check the service. And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to you, Maureen. Thanks so much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Yesim, and thank you, everyone who arrived. It's a really great number of people here. Unfortunately, they don't make up too many of the ALAC members, but thank you, everyone, for making yourselves available today. I know it's our first ALAC meeting of the year and I know it's a very busy time for me, so it's a very busy time for others as well. [inaudible] for coming.

Today's meeting is introducing a few new things for the year. The first thing, of course, will be our action items and how we record those from now on. We don't have any there at the moment, but there'll be a running record of all the action items on one page. We tend to get lost with our action items on a monthly basis. So if we could keep a record on them [inaudible] get easier for us to keep track of progress as we proceed through the year.

And secondly, [inaudible] came up in a conversation with Göran—who so enjoyed his session with us that he's waiting for an invitation to come back—and I think [inaudible] the sorts of things that we're looking at with regards to the operational side of what's happening in ICANN and

the ICANN operations, and that we're setting up I guess speaker programs. Anyone that is related to anything that's particularly topical for us in At-Large, it would be good to get the Org viewpoint on it and present it to us as to how that activity might impact on us in At-Large.

And of course, to start off our guest speakers program, who's better to lead it, is—sorry, Cheryl, I hoped it would be better. Maybe I would need to put up my volume. Okay, so we've got a guest speakers program that we're looking at, and with León leading it and introducing us to the 2021 Board priorities. I think that's an important thing for us to start our year off with. It's really great that he's going to be our guest speaker, although he will have a regular slot in our program anyway in case there's anything he wants to raise at our monthly meeting.

But yeah, we've got John Crain coming [in the February slot, it's going to be really interesting.] Okay, [inaudible] agenda, please, see what we're going to be doing. Moving on through our agenda, I do want to have a quick overview of what's important [inaudible] CPWG before we have a lightning overview of any changes in our membership. And then, of course, we will have any important updates on things that are happening in other constituencies from our liaisons, remembering that they do write reports and that they update anything that's going to be impacting us over the next month or so. And of course, anything exciting that might be happening in the RALOs from the [inaudible]. So these are just quick updates if anyone has anything.

And then, of course, we'll have a look [following that on workplan] activities at what's on top, what's happening in working groups over the next month, so what's on top during February and how we can

encourage anyone to start blocking their calendars up with Zoom calls attending one of those important areas.

And then we'll finish off with—I've asked Gisella and Heidi if they can actually help me out with these, and that's an update on ICANN 70, and just an update on the ABRs. [inaudible] We're not quite there yet, but we do have to get these ABRs in on Friday. So we've got a plan and we'll be [inaudible] to get these up and running.

So that's—[it's all go, I kid you not. It's a busy month coming up] and so if anyone has anything else that they want to add, Any Other Business—I see Sébastien has his hand up.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Thank you, Maureen. You are breaking up, it's not very easy to follow you this morning. I'm sorry with that, but we try to follow. I just wanted to suggest that we may wish to add one slot for a NomCom feedback. As At-Large and ALAC send five people, it may be a good place to have some reminder and update on what is happening in NomCom. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. Yeah, that's a good thought, and I'll see if anyone's available for a start and when they're available to get into this [inaudible]. Thank you very much for that.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: No, my idea was more to add them as a regular item, as the liaisons, the RALO leaders and so on, you may wish to add NomCom to give you feedback on what is happening. It could be when invited, but I think a regular slot will be great too. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. I think that we do try to have that in the ALT Plus. We'll have a look at it. It depends on what's on top for them. I'll consider that. Thank you, Sébastien.

Okay, so if no one's got anything to add to the agenda, let's get started on it. We've already seen that there were no action items in the November ALAC call, and there's nothing [inaudible] yet. But they're all ready for action, so if there's anything that comes up, don't forget to mention it so that we don't—there we go, Sébastien's suggestion. Awesome.

Okay, so next on our agenda is of course our guest speaker. [I'd like] to invite León to give us an update on anything that [inaudible]. I know that you've just had a meeting anyway, so it would be good to get some feedback [inaudible]. Thank you, León.

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Maureen. Hello, everyone. As you might know, the Board held its first workshop of this year this last week, and we had a four-day workshop. It was different because instead of spending our usual two-day workshop with eight hours straight sessions over Zoom, we spread this over four days instead with three- to four-hour sessions

each day. So again, this was different. We tried to spread our activities through more days than usual with shorter sessions for everyone.

The first day, we held a teambuilding exercise, as you know and you've experienced I'm pretty sure that keeping up with building relationships, etc. over virtual meetings is of course challenging, and the Board is of course not the exception in this. So we wanted to continue to build these bonds between the Board and everyone within the Board, so we did this teambuilding exercise.

Then on the second day, we had some discussions with our CEO, as we usually do. We exchanged some ideas with him. He reported to the Board on different issues. And then we had a session on strategic planning. Matthew Shears who's in charge of the strategic planning committee provided us with some updates on how our strategic plan is looking. As you may know, the strategic plan is meant to be a living document. It's meant to be something we continuously review and if needed, also, we adjust. So Matthew came to us with some updates on that, and so far, our strategic plan is remaining the same and there are no changes to this strategic plan at hand, so we continue to build upon the same strategic plan that you already know.

Then we had another session with the Board technical committee on which they updated us on different issues as well, specifically on the root server system working group.

Then on the next day, we had two sessions which included some aspects of this Operational Design Phase that you might have heard of at some point. And of course, we tried to analyze how a possible ODP

could work in regard to different topics within ICANN, one of them maybe being the subsequent procedures, and this exercise was very useful, at least for me, to try to find out a little bit more about the ODP.

And then in our last day, we had a review to the fiscal year 22 operating plan and budget and also the fiscal year 22 IANA operating plan and budget. So we had a look at this. Danko Jevtovic who is chair of the finance committee walked us through this, and of course, you are aware of this because as far as I remember, it's undergoing a public comment period right now.

And then we had a public session. Some of you were in that public session. I am really grateful for everyone who attended that session. On that, I updated pretty much everyone who attended on the status that each of the Board operational priorities has to date, and it's something that I'm going to comment with you as soon as I finish working through our agenda in the Board workshop.

And finally, we had our last session which was a preview of a subsequent call that we will be holding next week on, again, different issues.

On the Board operational priorities, if you attended that public session, you will already be up to speed on that. But for those who could not attend and did not have the benefit of getting that update, I want to walk you through how we are organizing our work in the Board. To that end, we divided our work into five blocks.

The first block is related to oversight over policy development and cross-community initiatives. The second block is related to ICANN Org

oversight. The third one is related to strategic and forward thinking. The fourth block is related to governance and fiduciary responsibilities, and the fifth block is related to community engagement and external relationships.

So for each of these operational priorities, we have some tasks that have been assigned to different Board members. For example, to give you an idea of what we're looking at, in the first block which is related to oversight over policy development and cross-community initiatives, we have one operational priority. Actually, we have two that are ongoing. The first one is related to understanding the global public interest. To that end, there is a deliverable which is a Board consultation paper, and as you might be aware, this consultation paper was circulated and we have some feedback from the community.

And currently, the last update that we have on this is that a pilot will be conducted by the Board, and some members of the community during fiscal year 21. So far, the plans are being discussed on how to do so with upcoming decisions. So again, this is one of the operational priorities that we have. We know that understanding the global public interest and how it relates to ICANN's mission is of course something of interest to many, and the Board is of course not the exception on this.

Another operational priority we have on the first block is model how policy development evolves. So for this, Sarah Deutsch has shepherded the development of a Board framework for Board liaisons to community groups. So what we tried to do with this is to have a more structured view and a more defined role from the Board towards the different

community groups when we assign a liaison or when we engage with different working groups or cross-community initiatives.

So this framework has been finalized and is being shared with the Board for a final input and review in the forthcoming weeks. With this, of course, we will have again a more clear view on what is expected from the Board to their liaisons.

Then on block two, which is related to ICANN Org oversight activities, we have one operational priority that is ongoing, and this relates to DNS evolution and security. To that end, Harald Alvestrand who is the shepherd worked with ICANN Org and the executives in ICANN Org to develop a matrix of risks that is related to the DNS, and this matrix will be of course a living document as well and it'll be updated accordingly when needed and as they have told us, they are also working along with SSAC on maintaining and reviewing this matrix of risks. So this is, again, something that is ongoing. It's a living document too. And will be, of course, reviewed on a regular basis.

Then on block three, which is related to strategic and forward thinking, we have some operational priorities that are undergoing. We have two of them. The first one is related to the strategic plan, and as I was telling you a minute ago, this is also a living document. The first deliverable for this operational priority is to review an implementation plan for continuous updating of this strategic plan.

And this document or this mechanism of review of the strategic plan has been completed now. Matthew Shears, again who is the chair of the strategic planning committee, updated us on this, and we do have now

a process for updating the strategic plan and it has been incorporated to the working plan of the strategic planning committee.

This strategic planning committee has undertaken the first review of the strategic plan, and they used this tool that was developed by ICANN Org to review the strategic plan and to see if it was needed to update or align with current circumstances.

So the next review of this strategic plan will occur on an annual basis, and for that, they will continue to use this tool which basically looks at trends of how things are evolving in the ecosystem, and of course, with that, we get an idea of whether we need to adjust this strategic plan.

Then the other operational priority under block three is monitoring the threat landscape. This is of course tied to the strategic plan, so they pretty much go along on their reviews. So along with the review of the strategic plan, there is also a review of the threat landscape, and the Board risk committee, which is the one in charge of this monitoring of the threat landscape, is of course working along with the strategic plan committee and in this coordination, they look at the threat landscape and of course, make the adjustments if necessary to the strategic plan.

Then under block four, which is governance and fiduciary responsibilities, we also have two operational priorities that are ongoing. The first one is related to ensuring effective ICANN reviews, which is of course under the scope of the OEC, and this is an operational priority that has been shepherded by Becky Burr.

There is a lot going on on this end. Of course, different committees and different working groups within the Board are involved in this. And it's

an interesting exercise of meeting periodically with the OEC and with Org staff to discuss the strategy and to address prioritization of community recommendations, of course, and also incorporating new recommendations such as the ATRT3 recommendations.

As those who attended the call heard, the ATRT3 recommendations are being incorporated to pretty much everything we do in the Board. So with these suggestions and recommendations that the ATRT3 team delivered, we are looking at things we do within the Board and incorporating again these recommendations and suggestions that came from the ATRT3 in their last report.

Then we have another operational priority which is related to Board effectiveness, and to that end, we conducted the Board self-evaluation survey and we reviewed the questionnaire that is applied during the survey with a perspective of optimized synergy and continuous improvement. So we have completed this review of the questionnaire. This was shepherded by Ron da Silva. This review was completed, but it's worth noting that the BGC in its most recent meeting, which was held on January the 14th, agreed that new operation priorities on board effectiveness should be drafted to match the Board self-evaluation process with other mechanisms for Board evaluations, including for example external ones to the extent appropriate and feasible, and of course, carry out a new review in the near future of these Board evaluation survey and mechanisms.

And under block five, which is related to community engagement and external relationship activities, we have also two operational priorities that are undergoing, and the first one is to improve interaction with the

community and of all or some external actors, and again, this is related in a way with the previous operational priority, which was the Board effectiveness. And to that end, Lito Ibarra who is shepherding this operational priority has provided an update in which the work that is being carried out to improve service satisfaction, so to speak, from the Board to the different parts of the community and stakeholders, is incorporating again the suggestions from ATRT3 so that we can, of course, improve how the Board performs and how the board works and engages with the community and also with external actors.

And finally, we continue to work with ICANN Org to complete the one-time review of the community's understanding of the current anti-harassment policy. It was shepherded by Sarah Deutsch and there has been an antiharassment training model developed. It's currently under review within the Board, and there will be a training model that is to be published by March 2021, hopefully, and of course, plans are still underway to incorporate antiharassment scenarios in leadership programs, and as soon as we have our next in-person meeting, of course, this training would be implemented and this knowledge shared with members of the community.

I have also suggested that this module could be available through ICANN Learn, because I do believe that antiharassment is something that we all look at in a very serious way, and I think this resource should be available to everyone through this platform, and of course, in the different languages that is available under that platform.

So with this, Maureen, I would like to hand it back to you and of course, thank you for having me and for being the opening speaker for this

series of guest speakers within the ALAC. And of course, wishing you the very best for this year, although it's almost the end of January, but it's the first ALAC call of the year, so wishing you the very best for this year and looking forward to continue to working and serving you as I have done, and happy to be here again. Thank you very much, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

It's been a real pleasure having you too, León. Interesting to hear what the Board priorities are. I can say from my perspective, it's very much aligned to the sort of work that we're doing in our workplan of this year. I did note there were a lot of questions being raised in the chat, and I just wondered if you could take a couple of questions anyway, [the first two] hands up for anyone who'd like to ask León a question related to what he has just been speaking about the board activities for this year. Is there anyone who has a burning question they would like to ask León at this point in time? Marita, please, take the floor.

MARITA MOLL:

Thanks, Maureen, and thanks very much, León, for that. Unfortunately, I did not attend that meeting so my question might not make any sense. I'm not sure how much of your meeting is in camera. I understand that a lot of it probably needs to be. But I'm particularly interested in some of the changes or trends that you would have seen in how the strategic plan is evolving, and to what extent is that in the public domain? To what extent is that part of what the public could see and attend? That would be very interesting for us in responding to some of the things that we respond to. Thank you.

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Thank you, Marita. Yes, so this exercise is not something we do over a single session, as you might imagine. The review of the strategic plan and its evolution is something that is ongoing. And it's pretty much taken under the work of the Board strategic plan committee. To that end, of course, as you said, there are some sessions, so pretty much most of the sessions are in camera, because the strategic planning sometimes includes sensitive information. But also, during this process of building the strategic plan, there is engagement with the community.

You might remember that for this last version of the fiscal year operating plan, there was a series of sessions involving the community and providing or getting input and feedback from the community. So maybe this one time, there was not that kind of engagement, but I am sure that during ICANN 70, there will be some engagement sessions with community also. All the feedback that the Board gets from the different sessions that we hold with the community is something that the strategic planning committee takes into account to factor into their review of the strategic plan and the different plans that they analyze to see if it's necessary to adjust the strategic plan or not.

I hope that answers your question, Marita. If not, I'm happy to clarify further.

MARITA MOLL:

Just a quick follow-up, León. Will we know if the Board decides that there has to be some changes in the implementation of the strategic plan? Will we know about that?

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Yes, absolutely. That's something that the Board will consult accordingly and liaise with the community before making any changes to the strategic plan.

MARITA MOLL: Okay, thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Marita. Holly, if your question is [inaudible] a yes-no answer from León, can we leave it for now? Because we're actually a little bit behind time now. Holly?

HOLLY RAICHE: I've already asked my questions in the chat. So if maybe León could answer them offline, that would be very useful.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you very much. Yeah. Okay, León, there are quite a few questions in the chat, so if you've got time to have a little browse through there and perhaps give some answers if you can, or wait until later. It's not a problem. We really do need to move on now. Thank you so much for that, and looking forward to working with the Board.

I don't know if you are aware that we've said that we would like to have an informal session with the Board outside of the ICANN meeting rather than the more formal ones that we actually have. So it's something that

we'll discuss with you as we prepare, perhaps for another ALAC meeting where we actually have [inaudible] engage in something that's a little bit more meaningful for both of us. So we'll work on that as we move through the year.

Okay, so now if I can have a quick update from Olivier, Jonathan and Ricardo about what's on top with regards to the CPWG and the Operations, Finance and Budget. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Sure. I don't know, Evin, if you want to give an overview of what's transpired most recently in terms of what's been ratified, etc.

EVIN ERDOGDU:

Thanks, Jonathan. I'll just go through this quickly. Thank you. I just wanted to note that instead of Ricardo's name, Holly Raiche's name should be there as the chair of the OFB working group. So apologies for that. But recently ratified statements by both the CPWG and OFB are listed in the tabs there. That includes draft PTI and IANA FY22 operating plan and budget, the IFR initial report, the correspondence with OCTO from Maureen Hilyard as ALAC chair regarding the Mozilla, DoH and the trusted recursive resolver comment period, encouraging ICANN to comment in their comment period, which they did.

And then two recent statements via the CPWG, one on the SubPro PDP final report and the other on the ODP which is the Operational Design Phase regarding policy concept paper. And both of those were just submitted within the past week or so.

There's currently no public comment for decision, but there are two other statements currently in development. One is a follow-up to the ALAC statement on SubPro PDP final report, that's the ALAC advice to the ICANN Board. The CPWG will discuss that during our call this week. And the other is a statement via the OFB working group and that's the draft FY22-26 operating and financial plan as well as the draft FY22 operating plan and budget.

Thanks very much. I'll turn it back over to you, Jonathan and Olivier, and Holly. Thank you.

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Evin. So that's what we have stirring the pot right now. Most of you, I think you're on the CPWG calls. I'm happy to answer questions. I would say that the Operational Design Phase concept paper, the primary issue, especially since we have León on the call, the primary issue is just making sure that nothing gets set into stone that limits the participation of At-Large volunteers in policy development. So there's still a wait and see kind of attitude right now surrounding the PDP r.0, and I think our comments on the ODP surround that same issue, making sure that the lines of participation are still open to At-Large volunteers whenever possible.

On the subsequent procedures PDP final report, our comments focus on issues related specifically to individual end users and to communities. Looking at applicant support was a big issue, looking on community priority evaluation was a big issue, and one of the things that's coming up that I think is something that might end up adjudicated by the Board

instead of the subsequent procedures PDP is the issue of private auctions. The At-Large, the BC and a number of others have suggested that private auctions should be eliminated, but absent a consensus within the subsequent procedures working group on that issue, the default was to go back the way it was in 2012. So that sort of status quo wins in a tie framework they had stymied efforts and made it easy to kind of prevent a big change like that. So it seems very much like that issue of private auctions is going to be adjudicated in front of the Board because that's something of great concern to a number in the community, and I think only being protected by a minority in the community. So that's something that's coming up in our advice to the Board.

So those are a couple of the things I thought I'd just raised. Holly, I don't know if you're raising your hand to talk about this stuff or your stuff, but I'll hand it over to you.

HOLLY RAICHE:

I was going to talk about the second item, which is the Operations, Finance and Budget-Working Group. Maureen, is this that time to do so?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

[inaudible].

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Holly, I see Justine's hand up, if we can let her—she's probably going to [speak] and then we'll go right to you, Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Oh, of course.

JONATHAN ZUCK: Thank you.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, Jonathan. In addition to private auctions, I think the topic of closed generics is another one that's probably going to need adjudication by the Board. Thank you. Just wanted to mention that.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Justine. Holly, [two minutes.]

HOLLY RAICHE: Just very briefly, there are sort of three parts to the work we're doing in the Operations, Finance and Budget. The first is actually a comment on the document itself, and I have to say Ricardo's already made some initial comments, which we can have a look at.

There are two things that are going on. The reason I asked León about prioritization, because there's a subgroup—and Cheryl may want to talk to it, or not, but Cheryl's leading the subgroup look over priorities from various recommendations and then from an end user or ALAC perspective to rate the recommendations in terms of their importance and then to put two additional criteria next to them, their urgency and their ability to be implemented.

Now, Cheryl can report on where that's up to, but that's one of the priorities which—thank you, León—León clarified. The other is the additional budget requests, the original deadline was the 18th but that has been extended. And Maureen, I was not able to attend that meeting. So, do you want to fill in from where we're up to? I believe there's a slight extension to this Friday for additional budget requests.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes. We'll be talking about those later on.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Well, that's my piece. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: All righty. Is there anything else? This is just on the actual public comments, what's been raised already. Then can we have a lightning talk on the membership status, Evin?

EVIN ERDOGDU: Sure. Thanks, Maureen. Very quickly, there are currently two AFRALO ALS applications under ALAC accreditation vote, and that vote will close on the 1st of February, that's next Monday. So the current number of ALSes is 248, but hopefully, it'll soon go up to 250. But there's actually one ALS in the process of decertification. This is from EURALO. We'll be discussing with EURALO leadership for next steps, but this came as a direct request from the ALS to be decertified. And again, if you click on the tabs, you can see the different snapshots and information.

For individuals, there's currently a total of 142. There was recently one accepted from EURALO, and there's currently an application from NARALO. So that's it for me. Thanks so much. Back to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. So, again, we're up to the ALT Plus leaders, remembering that our leaders do actually have reports, liaisons, chairs, and any working group meetings [inaudible] they have an opportunity to speak at the next section. Yrjö, you have the floor.

YRJÖ LANSIPURO:

Thank you, Maureen. I just updated the GAC liaisons report page with a report on two intersessional meetings we have had with the GAC since ICANN 69. Now you see the last report on the page.

We had this format which I think is pretty good, leadership plus topic leads. There was a meeting on the 15th December on the EPDP, and then quite recently, on 20th January, last week, on SubPro.

I'm happy that actually, the GAC, Jorge Cancio, replied point by point, commented the eight points that Justine had given to them a month ago. I think that we now have an idea of where the positions of the GAC and ALAC are sort of converging or similar, or even identical, on major SubPro issues. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: It is an excellent session. Do you want to add anything to that, Justine? Because I thought it was very enlightening, very much in line with what we're talking about.

JUSTINE CHEW: Yeah, sure. Thanks. Very quickly, I guess at this point, we'll need to do some follow-up because at the call, what was relayed to us were the leanings of GAC leadership, so it wasn't by any means consensus, so I think they're going to try and go back and see if they can get GAC consensus. If that happens, then we would appreciate being notified of that, I suppose. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Yes, that's right. We have to remember that the GAC process is a little bit different. I did like the responses that were between the two leads. Cheryl.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Thank you, Maureen. Just very briefly, there's an audio track of what I put into the chat from a GNSO liaison point of view. I don't often pull out resolutions from the GNSO council meetings, but the January meeting did have two parts of particular importance, in my view at least, for the ALAC, and certainly for an number of members of the At-Large community.

So in advance of the minutes—because I always post all the minutes, etc. replacing the agendas when they become available in the liaison report page—I have grabbed the resolutions as they are writ and have

copy and pasted them in for people who may want to take a look. They are, first of all, regarding recommendation 7 of the EPDP, and specifically to do with the final report, the [inaudible] final report, and the other was to do with specifically the GNSO policy development PDP on rights protection mechanisms.

The rights protection mechanism one, which is in response to its recent final report that was passed on to the GNSO council in December, all 35 if not 37 recommendations have been endorsed by council, and I've got for your leading pleasure at the link provided in the chat all the whereases and therefore-type clauses.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much. Yes. I think what it actually shows is how much business is actually happening around us [when we get this from our] liaisons, and it makes for some interesting discussion. And one of our chairs, EURALO, would like to give an update. Sébastien.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes. Thank you very much, Maureen. I will try to go quickly. We use the slot of the monthly call to organize roundtable, and the first one was Europe's role in contemporary geopolitics. Next slide, please. And I wanted to inform you, even if we don't yet know the exact date, we plan already three roundtable, one is February, Internet & Jurisdiction, domain name issues. In March, we will have Europe networking readiness and digital transformation, and in April, Internet governance, Europe versus the rest of the world, and you are always invited in that.

Next slide, please. Just to inform you that we are trying to set up a readout in different languages after ICANN meeting. We will try to have one in English, French, Russian and Spanish. Next slide is to show you how my colleagues from the EURALO Board are supporting EURALO. Next slide, please. We plan general assembly in June, and if it's not happening in June, we hope that it will happen alongside IGF in Poland, and if not, we will move it to '22 along with EuroDIG, but we hope that we will be able to do it this time. It's a hope but not a certitude, of course.

Next slide is to inform my colleagues from the other chairs of RALOs that I will discuss with them the CROP issue, and the last slide is to thank staff support we get specifically from Gisella. Thank you very much.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, Sébastien, for having that all ready and being able to zoom through. Very interesting program. Okay, so what I would like from the leads who are here, if we can actually just get what is on top for February, that we would like to have people coming so that in the policy area, we've had the CPWG update. And Jonathan, is there anything else that's happening with regards to the policy development or anything regarding that work that's happening outside of the CPWG?

JONATHAN ZUCK:

Thanks, Maureen. Yeah, we continue to put the finishing touches on the policy development [course,] and the rest of this is happening principally within the CPWG, although there's some increasing EPDP—as Yrjö mentioned, GAC collaboration on the EPDP and some other issues.

Joanna may have a sense of whether or not NCSG collaboration continues apace on human rights or where that stands, but I think we reached a consensus to take a wait and see attitude on what that looks like. So I don't think there's been progress on that particular issue.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. So that's fine. I think we've had an update from Holly with regards to the operation side, and there is of course the additional budget request thing coming up later. Cheryl, do you want to say anything more on the prioritization activities and what's happening in that group?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Sure, Maureen. I can very briefly do that. I guess just to bring the ALAC up to speed on some of the overarching issues, right now, what the small team has done for the Operations, Finance and Budget Working Group is to go through the Work Stream 2 prioritization with respect to all—there's quite a few of them—Work Stream 2 recommendations. We're recognizing where these are if not superseded then captured or rolled up by successive reports and recommendations such as ATRT3 for example, and we're putting them through a triage or sorting filter to give whoever goes to the other AC/SO chairs and puts forward the perspective from the ALAC and At-Large point of view the filters we're using are a matter of how important or where the priority should be on a high, medium, and/or low from a purely end user perspective. So it may be that it is a very important issue, but unless it resonates from an end user perspective, it's not going to rank higher than a medium or a low from our point of view. And as Holly briefly mentioned, we're also

giving data in terms of how we believe the degree of difficulty or complexity of the task will be on a high, moderate or minimal scale, and also, the importance in terms of timeliness. In other words, does this need to be a short-term, a medium-term or a long-term activity? And all of that will be hopefully in the hands of the Operations, Finance and Budget subcommittee in this coming week or ten days, and then it will be up to them to accept it or otherwise and pass it on to whoever gets the great job of arguing the points to the rest of the community.

Once that little blip of work is done, however, we'll be moving on to the recommendations from RPMs, CCTRT. Obviously, we expect that the commitment to ATRT3 is getting concreted in, but we'll be running through the whole kit and caboodle. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you. And I know it's a lot of work, literally hundreds of recommendations that have to be prioritized. So [inaudible]. Now, with respect to capacity building, I don't see Joanna. She was an apology. And unfortunately, Justine's just asked about the expert survey and I don't see Abdulkarim, who was in charge of that expert survey either. But I do know that Hadia is here, and she must have an update on the webinar program that is being developed at the moment. Hadia.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Maureen. The Capacity Building Working Group webinars team met twice since the beginning of the year. We determined At-Large capacity building webinars for the upcoming six months. And so we have Lilian de Luque, she's the chair of the Social Media Working

Group, and Alexandra Dans from Global Stakeholder Engagement from ICANN. They're presenting on the 8th of February a webinar under the title social media best practice. The idea here is to prepare for the ICANN meeting in March.

And then we have Jonathan Zuck on the 15th of February with creating promotional videos and PowerPoints, and that's again in preparation for ICANN 70. In April—in June, in March, we don't have any webinars because of the ICANN meeting, and there will be some pre-ICANN meeting webinars.

In April, we have Melissa Allgood. She's from ICANN policy department. She's a conflict resolution specialist, and Melissa will be presenting to us a webinar about consensus playbook. This will be particularly focused on At-Large.

And then we have Jonathan again with creating videos with PowerPoint, and the idea here is to have attendees from ICANN's wider community because the first one in February most probably, we won't be able to promote it enough in order to have a larger attendance from the entire ICANN community.

And then in May, we have Sandra Hoferichter. Sandra is the chair of ICANN Academy working group, and Sandra will be presenting about intercultural awareness for At-Large like how we interact and communicate with each other.

Then in July, we have Melissa back again with facilitation skills. In August, we have [country code domains] and DNS marketing, but we're still discussing that.

So we have a stack of webinars that we hope that are useful to the At-Large community, and also, I would urge you all to look at the Wiki page, the At-Large Capacity Building Working Group Wiki page, and if you have any suggestions, please go ahead and put them there. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you very much, Hadia. [I've attended some] very busy discussions at your webinar meetings and there's some really great stuff [inaudible]. Okay, so moving on, unless someone else from that team has got something burning that they'd like to present.

We don't have Daniel here, I don't think. I know there's an outreach and engagement meeting coming up shortly, so I think that everyone should make an attempt to be part of that and be part of the activities that are in that working group, especially in relation to social media. And I know that Lilian's got a really great program planned in the leadup to the Cancun meeting. So do pop into that meeting when the call goes out.

Just from the operations viewpoints, highlighting a few things that we are going to be working on, Roberto is still working on the unaffiliated individual membership mobilization work party at the moment. Things could change [inaudible] to that title as a result of the great discussions that are happening there. And as Yrjö explained, we've got some really good relationship building activities happening with the GAC. Hoping we can do more with the NCSG. They have offered, so we need to build some [roots] with them.

We've got an ALAC appointments subcommittee meeting this week, on Thursday, to look at some positions that we need to finalize and get into ICANN as soon as possible. We already mentioned the ABRs, we're coming up on that. But of course, a priority for us is going to be ICANN 70. So based on that, we can now get an update from Gisella on what—things are coming through pretty slowly, and we would like to have more ideas of things that people want to participate in with regards to ICANN 70, so do come to the meetings, but Gisella can give you a quick update on where we're going with that one. Thank you, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you, Maureen. Yes, we have ICANN 70 which is just around the corner. The dates for ICANN 70, it will be running over four days from the 22nd to the 25th of March, and on Cancun time, which is UTC-5.

As Maureen mentioned, we have an ICANN 70 planning committee which met late last year to set the scene and now we have weekly meetings until probably end of February, early March.

Prep week will be the week of the 8th of March, which leaves a week between prep week and the actual start of ICANN 70. And again, for those of you in the Zoom room, I am just putting the link for ICANN 70 into the chat, and this is where all useful information is posted and as and when we progress with the At-Large schedule, it'll be updated on this page that I've put in the chat and which is also available on today's agenda.

So if we could kindly show the block schedule which is now up on the screen. Thank you very much, Yesim. We have two plenary sessions, the

ICANN plenary sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon to accommodate the various time zones, and you can see that the public forum is on the last day.

The submission for the plenary topics was last Friday. There were a couple submitted already by At-Large, and the final topics will be communicated shortly for the session of the 23rd and the 25th of March.

The planning committee is working on the At-Large schedule, prioritizing sessions, and Maureen wishes to keep the schedule pretty slim as it's only a four-day meeting and we would like to avoid an overload.

So we have our main At-Large sessions, and then a fair amount of the work will be done either before or after ICANN 70 and also a little bit more integrated in our regular work as we are very much in a virtual world for now and who knows where we will be in the next few months.

The next ICANN Org production call with the SOAC leaders is on the 11th of February, and all the At-Large session requests are due in by the 12th of February, so that leaves us just under three weeks to get our schedule tied up, and I'm working very closely with SOAC lead support and we are working on a general schedule to avoid as many conflicts as possible.

Another important event at ICANN 70 is the LACRALO general assembly. So again, I'm going to post the link in the chat. Please do take a look at that. I don't know if we have anyone to give us a quick update on this call, but all the information is on the link that I'm posting in the chat.

And this, again, will be two sessions which will be held prior to ICANN 70, dates yet to be concerned, and then two sessions during ICANN 70.

Please do bookmark the ICANN 70 Wiki page, the first link that I put in the chat. As I said, all the information will be posted on this page and we also have our ICANN 70 planning committee calls listed there.

Last but not least, please also register for ICANN 70. Registration is open and the link is posted on our Wiki pages as well as the main ICANN 70 page. Again, all links are on the Wiki page. Maureen, do you wish to add anything to the summary? Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

No. I don't have anything additional. You said it all. Thank you very much. I'm just reading Heidi's note in the chat. There are four sessions of LACRALO. I thought EURALO set a really good trend, initiated a trend at the last meeting, and it's good to see so many people from At-Large actually participating. And I'd like to see the same for LACRALO, which is why I don't want to put too much more in to—for those who actually see something that's really important to include in the program, fine, but I'd really like [inaudible] support LACRALO in their efforts with regards to the GA as well.

Are there any questions or queries related to that? [Come] along to the next ICANN 70 meeting. That would be really good. Yeah, let's have your input and comments on anything that people might want to suggest. Happy to have people come along.

Next, we've got the additional budget requests. This is sort of the priority for us at the moment. Heidi [inaudible] about that one, [inaudible] Are we ready to implement that plan that we said we were going to do, Heidi?

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Hi everyone. I've actually been spending my time listening to the ALAC call, but also updating some of these final fiscal year 22 additional budget requests. If we could scroll down and start with the ALAC ones. We've received a total of four ALAC additional budget requests this year, as well as 17 RALO additional budget requests. So quite a few, and they've come in in the last two weeks for the most part, so there's been a lot there to look at.

Today, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee held their call to review them, and what they decided—and you'll see this year there's a little bit different look to these tables, is that there's now a table for FBSC comments, and you'll see that they are doing that, they're in the process. However, on today's call, given the number of ABRs that there are to look at, they've decided to hold an online version of that. So we're in the process of updating all of the changes we've received. We've received some relatively last-minute over the weekend, so we're updating those. And then we'll be sending a survey or a poll to the members of the FBSC where they can respond yes, yes with revisions, or no to these 21 ABRs.

Actually, a few of them have already been approved. You'll see on this table being shown that most of the ALAC ones have been approved. So

I'm just going to go through those quickly. For the ALAC ones, there is the real-time transcription into Spanish and French. The English version of RTT has been moved into the core, so we don't need to submit a request for that one.

There are three from Jonathan and they're the threaded discussion and consensus tools, in particular Loomio or Slack to help with building consensus within At-Large. There's also a professional individual end user polling tool. [inaudible] in order to get a real professional poll for the views of end users. And there's also one in order to implement an education campaign on DNS abuse. There's a request for translation and publication of materials on DNS abuse, including coming from the US government and the EU. They would collect, evaluate and translate these materials, and then hold a webinar and prepare an ICANN Learn course. So those are the four ALAC ones.

Moving to the RALOs, there were 17. I'm going to lump them together. So AFRALO had a total of eight. I know there's one that was renewed from last year, it was not acceptable last year. This is with the trans bot tool for their mailing list. Currently, it's in English, so looking for this automatic translation into French. It's very similar to the one that LACRALO is using.

And then the other seven are various requests for training. Most of them are virtual. Well, actually, the AFRALO ones are a lot that are face-to-face requests for training. So that's what we're looking at there. For APRALO, there's one and it's looking at three additional CROP slots for the APRALO leadership to attend the Pacific IGF, which is Maureen's

PICISOC, and they're hosting a two-day IGF and they're looking for a little bit more travel support to get some of the leadership there.

Moving down to NARALO, there are six, and there are four related to the global IGF that is being, again, held, hopefully this time face-to-face, in Poland. Those are various workshops. One is [support to the] European individual users association. They're looking for staff support as well as building a website and some brochures, and there's also one on the travel for young people to a number of ICANN meetings in order to increase diversity within ICANN.

Moving to LACRALO, there's one and then it's the LAC [inaudible] forum. It's a roundtable for civil society. And I haven't quite updated that one. They've moved this one. This one currently is fully virtual, but they've now updated it to have it partially face-to-face, partially virtual.

And finally, the last one is NARALO and they are looking for funding for translations for their virtual SIG, school of Internet governance which they formed late last year, and they're looking for that, as I mentioned, translation for their documents on that program. Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Heidi. Yes, and as you can see, when we first set the schedule, we set some deadlines, and to be honest, when the first deadline came, we actually had two applications. We couldn't believe it. But we didn't feel that it was right, that we should just put into—so we put out another call and we extended the time from 2 to 17.

So there are some that we're looking at [inaudible]. Heidi, would you like me to [inaudible] asking the FBSC to [inaudible] whether an application should be approved or approved [with conditions] which mean that they've got about a day to actually make the amendments that we think are necessary for it to be approved, or [inaudible] but we'll get to see [everybody putting their vote.] And it's only, of course, the Finance and Budget Subcommittee who are nominated by their RALOs to represent them on the actual selection panel [for the particular applications.] So there's only ten [inaudible] for each of those. That's how we [manage it.]

And Friday's the deadline date, and that's when everything that has been approved will go forward [inaudible] may give others a chance to add the extra bits that we think are really important [inaudible] competing with other constituencies, and for some reason—I have actually seen that with other constituencies ask for basically the same things that we do [inaudible] we just want to look a bit more carefully at some of these applications and how they fare.

Okay, so we are now at the end of our agenda, and [inaudible] within time. Is there anyone—I see Sébastien's hand up.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

Yes, Maureen, I just wanted to say two things about ABRs. First of all, thanks for extending the period to give the ABR proposals. The second is that as we didn't have time to discuss all of them, just to let you know that EURALO leadership is ready to answer any question a member of this subcommittee may have. And the third one is that even if it is

written under EURALO, you will see that there are a few, at least two or three proposals who are not just for EURALO but it's more general. For example, the young, it's for all the RALOs, and for the delegation to IGF, it's not at all for EURALO, it's for everybody, the chair of the ALAC, the chair of EURALO if it's in Europe, and the chair of the O&E, and that means that even if it's written under EURALO, it's much more broad than that. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yes. And also noting that the FBSC may need to read through some of those ones again because they were updated. And I'm assuming that is the updating version that we've actually got on the Wiki at the moment. Is that correct?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET:

[inaudible] told me that she update everything, I guess except the last one. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Okay. That's great. Thank you. So seeing as we've sorted that one out, can I just have any hands if there's anything else? No other business? One minute, [inaudible].

Okay, so we can close the meeting. Thank you very much for everyone for coming today. Actually really thrilled with the number of people who turned up, and it's been a very interesting meeting thanks to León and the discussions that our leads have actually raised with us tonight. It's 11:30 PM for me after a long day. But thank you very much for coming,

thank you for joining, and we'll see you at another meeting very shortly in probably two hours' time. So, thank you very much. Enjoy your day, night, morning, whatever.

YESIM NAZLAR:

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

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