
CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO operating principles review working group call on Tuesday the 18th of May 2021 at 18:00 UTC.

On the call today on the English channel we have Hadia Elminiawi, Isaac Maposa, Seun Ojedeji, Sarah Kiden, and Barrack Otieno.

On the French channel, we have Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong.

Our interpreters for today are Isabelle and Jacques.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco, Devan Reed, and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management. Before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state your name for the transcription purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other languages. Please keep your microphones muted when not speaking to prevent any background noise, and please speak at a reasonable speed to allow for accurate interpretation.

Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Abdeldjalil. Thank you.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you very much for giving me the floor. As you can see on the screen, we have our agenda. Number two and number three—three, we're going to recap on action items for five minutes, done by At-Large staff. Number four will be discussion of the issues under review. That'll

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be presented by Sarah and Isaac. Then point five, update on voting rights by Seun as AFRALO chair as well as by Hadia Elminiawi, and then six is next steps. I will take care of that. And then AOB in point seven.

I don't know if you have any changes that you would like to suggest for this agenda. If so, you have the floor. If not, we will adopt it. I don't know if there are any hands up or any changes. Does that work for everyone? It looks like it, so we will adopt the agenda.

So we are now on point three, which is the recap on action items. So I will now give the floor to the staff.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Abdel. The first action item from the last call was Isaac Maposa to check with Roberto Gaetano on the difference of unaffiliated individual members and individual members affiliated to an ALS. That was completed.

The next one, Isaac, Abdel, Sarah and Hadia will review and edit the document issues under the review, taking into account the recommendations of the unaffiliated individuals mobilization work party report. And that is also completed and ongoing as they are still reviewing and editing the document.

And the last one was related to scheduling this call. That's all, and over to you, Abdel.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much. Now let's move to point four, discussion of the issues under review. As you know, it's a key point for this meeting. It's really the heart of this meeting today for our working group. There are many things that we are working on and discussing right now, so I will go ahead and give the floor to Sarah to introduce these points. Sarah or Isaac, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN: I think Isaac, you should go first, and then I'll [inaudible].

ISAAC MAPOSA: As you can see on the screen, the document which we are working on is shared on the screen, and I'm sure most of us got the link. It's also shared by staff on the chat. We're covering the issues which were the call of our working group on individual membership, and we were [inaudible] the issues that we highlighted in the individuals mobilization work party record and our work, and we have managed to edit some of the items which we actually put as suggestions in the document so that we could get feedback from our working group members. I think you can see the suggestions that we made. For example, the editing of the terms that we're using, like for example, from unaffiliated to the use of individual member, you can see an item for example who can be an individual member, we edited that.

So what we'd want to hear from the working group members is if you've gone through the document and seen the additions that we made, where you feel there's need for more editing or for correction, we'd want to hear your views. On the part of voting rights, that'll come just

after this. It was also filled in by our AFRALO chair, Seun Ojedeji. That would also be covered shortly. It's on the agenda. We'll also cover the model of voting, how it should be conducted.

If there are any hands raised, staff will help me to manage the queue, and currently, I don't see any hands raised, so I will give to Sarah.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi Isaac, sorry for the interruption. We have two hands, first Hadia, then Sarah.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Okay. Thank you. Hadia, you can go ahead, take the floor. After Hadia, then Sarah, you can take the floor. Thank you.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you so much. So my understanding that we need to say our comments in relation to the document. So I have a couple. I think first that the definition of individual member now is actually representative of what we mean by AFRALO individual member, and is consistent with the working group definition.

I would comment on 5.7, criteria for individual membership. So we have an understanding of and interest in supporting and advocating for the needs of nontechnical and non-industry individual Internet users as they relate to ICANN's mandate, and I think this bullet actually covers what the member needs to be doing if he actually wants to be an AFRALO member.

I actually don't think that the fourth bullet in red which says AFRALO individual member must affirm his interest in learning about and/or participating in ICANN policy [process,] because not all members need to be like into policy. So some of them would be into more like technical aspects, more into implementation, more into outreach and advocating for essential technical aspects, but not necessarily involved in policies, and others would be. So I think the first bullet actually covers everything, supporting and advocating for the needs of nontechnical and industry. So that support could be in any form. It could be through policies, through technical development, but to [specify that] the member needs to be involved in policies, I don't think that this is really necessary. And not all members will necessarily have this ability. Thank you. And then I had another comment in relation to the voting part, but I will leave this to later when Seun explains it. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Hadia, for the comment. So if I may just respond to that particular bullet point that you raised, I think this one came directly from the report that came out of the work party, but since each RALO can adapt the report to suit their own needs, I think we can edit that part to suit AFRALO. Thank you for the suggestion.

So there's a hand up from Seun Ojedeji. We'll go to Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thanks. That's one of the questions I wanted to ask, whether this particular text was from the report. And if it's from the report, the report has various sections. Are they actually the compulsory section

that must be adhered to, or do we have the leverage of actually rewording it? That's the question I wanted to ask. And if we do, I personally also agree with Hadia that we can actually change some of the text and remove that bullet point that talks about AFRALO individual member must [inaudible] interest in learning about and or participate in ICANN policy. So I think we can remove that, the first bullet point adequately covers it. But I would like to know if we have that leverage of doing that, and whether this text is actually a compulsory section of the work party report. Thanks.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun. So I remember this particular item was discussed for a while in one of the meetings, and I think mostly, it was about applicant support showing interest that they are here and they're ready to support this thing and willing to put in the extra time. But I also understand what you, Seun, and Hadia is saying about duplicating, that like one of the bullet points already states that. So it's not one of those things that must, must, must. Because if you remember in the report, it still says that at the end of the day, the RALO will determine what suits their own individual RALO's needs.

And personally, I don't think it's something that [inaudible] for this particular one, we can change it, is what I would say. Thank you.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Sarah, thank you, Hadia, and thank you, Seun. I think I do concur with Sarah that at the end of the day, as a RALO, we have to come up with recommendations that suit our RALO, as also highlighted

in the work party report that we can customize that according to our needs as a RALO and as we see it fit. I think that's what I think [inaudible]. Thank you, Hadia, for pointing out that, and thank you, Seun.

Back to you, Sarah.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Isaac. So I've taken a look at the final report, and I see it actually says must affirm—I think maybe this is something we should check with Roberto, because here in the report, it says like must affirm his or her interests. So it may be one of the mandatory things. I thought it was not really a requirement. But yeah, it says “must” in the report. I see Seun's hand is up.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thanks. So two things. What is the status of the report? Has it been approved yet at ALAC level? Secondly, I'd like to plus one the aspect of checking on the must, shall aspect of that particular text. I would also like to suggest that we start cleaning up some of these sections. So if the first section we say is who can be an individual member, if we are fine with the current draft, I would suggest that we resolve that so at least we know we made some progress, and then we can move to the next section. So I suggest we treat this section by section. If there's a section where we still have clarifications to make, we'll leave it open, because I expect that at some point in time, this complete draft will still need to go for comments from the community. So I think we should start

cleaning up so we can feel like we have also made some progress on the document. Thanks.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Seun. I'm of the idea that we can do that. Sarah, would you mind taking charge of resolving the issues of the document?

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. Thank you, Isaac. But before we move to resolving the issues under the issues under review, I think there's an item that we have not talked about at all, and that is application process, which is issue number two. So like the document doesn't mention anything about the application process, and yet if you remember from the survey from individual member, there are still comments about the application process. I think generally, people were happy, but there were a few questions about inclusion in something like that. So I don't know if that's something we can assign maybe one or two people to follow up on that, maybe write a short paragraph. I'm happy to work with somebody. And I see Hadia is saying that we need to draft this particular part. Yes, we have to talk about the application process. I think at some point, maybe we need to look at the form and see, does it still fit our needs?

I remember, I think some of the individual members were not very clear and we had tried to design an online form, but that was not complete or approved, so I think—so Isaac and Abdeldjalil, if it's okay with you, we can add this as an action item and then I'll work with Hadia, and if anyone else is willing to work with us to try and look at the current application process, the form that's available and then [inaudible]. Are

there comments or questions before we start cleaning up the document?

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thanks, Sarah. That's a great initiative. I think you can go ahead, along with Hadia, and anyone else who'd want to assist on that. Thank you so much. I'm okay with that. I think we can go ahead and start cleaning the document. You can [inaudible] [resolving] the issues one by one from the start of the document. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. Thank you, Isaac. So, okay, we can start from who can be an individual member. Are people happy about the changes, items that have been deleted? I was personally happy. And I see an old comment from Hadia, we have already [defined this.] So maybe we can say we are happy with this. Yes, no? Okay, let me just clean it up and then we see if [inaudible] happy. So there's a comment from Remmy who says he'd like to reword it, and I don't think that comment still holds, because now we know that you don't have to be affiliated or unaffiliated in ALS. So maybe we can say this is resolved as well, right? Yes. No one is saying anything.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

We're putting comments in the chat.

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. Sorry. So next part is the criteria for individual membership, which is 5.7. I think we will renumber the items afterwards. Are we happy with the changes? Looks okay. Then there are some comments from —okay, so this is just Abdeldjalil adding—so this is an item that was actually discussed at the work party level, and I don't know how our working group feels about this.

So one of the comments was you can be a citizen or a permanent resident or just a resident. And this means that if for example you are a citizen of one of the EU countries, maybe the UK for example, but you are from an African country, or if you're a citizen of the EU and you reside in Africa. So that was something that we discussed at that level. And I don't know what this working group thinks about that. Should we restrict it just to permanent residents, should we say citizens who are also based in other countries? This is open for discussion, and I'm trying to look at the chat. Hadia, you have the floor.

HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you. So I'm not sure, actually, about having non-citizens who are just like temporary residents of an African country to be an AFRALO member. I'm not sure if it makes much sense if you're only residing in an African country for a temporary period and you are a citizen of a country from another region. Does it make much sense to actually have an AFRALO member from there, or does it make more sense to have that individual member a member of his own RALO? I would agree with a permanent resident, but temporary, I'm not sure.

SARAH KIDEN: Okay. That's noted. Let's hear from Seun Ojedeji, then I'd make a comment. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. This is going to be a comment and a question. Did we—[inaudible] work party from ALAC, [inaudible] ALAC work party on this in the report, did they actually say anything about this? Because I remember that as an observer—I forgot the title that I had on that work party, but I was an observer kind of member. I noticed in a couple of calls that I joined, there was a discussion about this, and if I recall, one of the things that was also a factor for me, while listening to this discussion and the mailing list, was, can an individual member actually apply and be accepted in more than one RALO? If an individual member cannot be accepted in more than one RALO, then I think that what we have here is fine, [inaudible] any other stricter approach. But maybe we can even just change it from permanent to resident, being a resident of one of these ...

But of course, like I said, the question of whether an individual member can be a member of more than one RALO is something that we'd first need to answer. If that is not the case, then it means that there can only be individual member in one RALO. So it means that we can remove the permanent from here and make it even more encompassing whether the person is in the region for some time. And if he goes back to his previous region, then it means that he would actually have to—the member from the AFRALO region and became a member of another region. So if that is possible, if that was considered in the report, then I think we can capture this better. Thanks.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun, and thank you, Hadia. So I take note of a comment on the chat from Abdeldjalil who posted the example of the EURALO examples. So I looked at the work party report, and I see that the issue we're discussing actually ended up in the minority report, sort of, if you say that, because there was no agreement. There were people who had strong feeling about having it one way, and we didn't agree on this. So it's on page 14 as a minority item.

So I think what this means is basically we can decide as AFRALO what we want to do about this. And actually, I'm trying to think about it. I think we can say permanent resident but it's also good to have citizen as well. But we can leave it as a resident. Though from what Hadia says, if someone is in an African country for six months, do they apply for the six months? Does it make sense for them to apply for just six months?

Then regarding if you can be an individual member of two RALOs, I see it was also part of the same paragraph, basically in the minority report, and we didn't agree on it, like there was no agreement on it, so mentioned somewhere. Yeah. I see Hadia has her hand up, so Hadia, you have the floor, and then Seun Ojedeji.

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HADIA ELMINIAWI:

Thank you, Sarah. I think yes, we could leave it as resident, because the term resident has a concrete definition within ICANN. So I just need to

pull it out. According to that definition, I think it is fine to keep it as resident.

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. Seun, and then Isaac. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

I agree with Hadia. Let's leave it as residents, remove the permanent aspect, and I see that has been done. The other thing I wanted to mention, which is a follow-up to what Sarah said in terms of what about somebody who is in the region for six months? Should the person be able to apply? So I'm wondering whether we should qualify it, been a resident of an area for at least one year or something like that, if that could make that more descriptive.

Then the other thing is that we also need to decide or consider whether we should be explicitly clear that anyone who is an individual member in other regions cannot be an individual member in AFRALO, because what this means is that for instance, the reason why I'm saying is that there may be a RALO that allows, since there was no agreement within the work party, there may be a RALO that allows their own individual member to exist in other RALOs. So the question is, do we want to be explicit about disallowing that for AFRALO? That's another question that we may need to address.

Personally, I'm neither here nor there on that particular one, even though I don't think it's really—especially considering now there's going to be voting, and I really don't think that it's really [inaudible] for people

to be having multiple presence in various region, even though I don't think it [inaudible], so on that basis, I'm neither here or there about this. Maybe we'll be silent about it or very strict about it. I'd just like to think about it today [inaudible]. Thanks.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun, for the comment. So [I added something to say for more than a year.] That's one. I just want to, still, before we go on to the next thing, talk about a scenario that was raised by Judith in the work party calls, because she gave an example of someone who is like in our example, someone from an African region, but they're a student in Europe who is North America for a period of two years. What would happen in that scenario, and should we remain silent about it and just say that we will consider them a resident, or should we talk about the citizenship as well?

So I think there are some hands up. We'll start with Isaac Maposa, then Abdeldjalil and Hadia. So Isaac, you have the floor.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Sarah. Yes, and thank you, Seun. I do agree with Seun that maybe we just put it minimum time of residence. Then also note that moving out of the RALO or out of the continent to being a resident in another automatically will lead to termination of membership. I think we have to look at that or note that on the termination of membership. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Isaac. Just to see if I get you correctly, you're saying that if someone applies to another RALO to become an individual member, they lose their AFRALO individual membership, right?

ISAAC MAPOSA: For example, if a student was in Africa and applied for individual membership and now is moving out of Africa, going back maybe to Europe, now he or she is no longer a resident. That means he or she will cease to be within AFRALO and that terminates membership. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Isaac, for that. And to reverse it again, so if it's the other way around that it's the African citizen in Europe or in North America, how do we handle that? You don't have to think about it now, but I'm just throwing some scenarios out there for us to think about. So we'll go to Abdeldjalil as Isaac thinks about it, and Hadia and Seun, and we'll come back to you, Isaac. Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much. As far as being a resident in an African country and being a resident for one year, I think it's a good thing. The other thing is that we need to be sure that the nationality is in an African country. I think that it can be either/or. It can be nationality or citizenship in an African country as defined because ICANN.

INTERPRETER: The interpreter has a hard time understanding.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: I don't know if there's a possibility for individual members to define whether they are member of another RALO, maybe part of the criteria, maybe that person needs to fill out a form and declare whether they already are a member of another RALO. So that was my other point. Thank you very much.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Abdeldjalil. So we'll go to Hadia, Seun, and then I'll read out the comment from Silvia on the chat. Hadia, you have the floor.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you, Sarah. So for the purposes of [inaudible] geographic diversity in the NomCom, a person is considered from a country and thus from a region if actually, the person is domiciled in this country for more than five years or is a citizen of that country. And I would suggest that we adopt this same thing. So you're either a citizen or you've been in the country for like five years. We could make it a little bit less if you wish, but actually, I think this does make sense, because if you're actually going to be part of a RALO, you need to know the local community and actually, this is one of the points we have in our criteria. You need to know your community and know how to interact with the local community. And if you've been there only for like three, four months or maybe six, you don't yet have this ability. Therefore, I would suggest actually refer to the resident as such either a citizenship or residency. As I said, for the NomCom, we say five years. We could go with the same

thing or make it a little bit less, but I would say not less than a year, [definitely.]

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Hadia. I actually agree with you that we should go with what NomCom or the ICANN bylaws say so that we are not so far off from what is already the norm.

So I don't know how other people feel about it, but Hadia, maybe you can add some text in the document and [inaudible]. So we'll go to Seun, and I see a hand up from Abdeldjalil again. So Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. Considering that normally, people will—the scenario whereby we have existing AFRALO member going to Europe or UK or North America or any part of the world outside the continent for studies, for example, or for a visit for one or two years, if we put five years, those people will not be covered.

So master's program is from one year to two years, some PhD three years. So five years is a lot. So I think NomCom is much more high-level, so to speak. I think for individual member in a RALO, I don't think we need to put that much number of years. I would suggest that one year or more is still fine. And I also suggest that based on the text of the bylaw, which is [inaudible] I added "or a citizen" to the line there. And I think this should do.

The other aspect which I think we may need to then decide, which is the second line, whether someone who is an individual member in a

different country—sorry, in a different RALO but who happen to—this scenario would not happen often anyway, but who happens to also be a citizen of this region, whether that person can apply to be an individual member in our region. I think it's going to be a very small catchment. Maybe we can probably just be silent on that and just let's see how it plays out whenever the case happens. That's my suggestion, but I'm open to what other colleagues think. Thanks.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun. I just wanted to respond to something you said about someone going for a master's or PhD. I think since they hold an African passport, maybe it still falls under citizenship. So maybe that's okay. I feel that we sort of solved that problem.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Yes, it solves the problem, so they still qualify. That's the point. But the thing is if we change the number of years to five years for instance, then it means that that could actually maybe not give such person an opportunity to be able to apply until the person gets to five years. Thanks.

SARAH KIDEN:

Okay. Thank you for the comment. I see hands up from Abdeldjalil and Hadia. Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much. I just wanted to talk about that criteria and the EURALO case. We have this geographic definition at EURALO, the ICANN definition. In Africa, we have many issues sometimes with different passports and nationalities. For instance, [inaudible] or the Sahara area between Mauritania and Morocco. And we know that to define the geographies that way is not always easy. That's why I believe that AFRALO is going to grow and we have to think about that as well, and maybe think about something like EURALO did [and that is] type of criteria that would be useful for the future for new members. So we have to look at the geographic regions as defined by ICANN. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you, Abdeldjalil. Apologies, I've actually forgotten about the comment you made on the chat. So if members can look at the definition that Abdeldjalil is talking about, I think it's good because it still says what we are saying in ours currently but it covers all those issues with the geographic region. So I sort of agree, but let's see what other people think about it. So we'll move on to Hadia and then wait for comments from other people. Hadia, you have the floor.

HADIA ELMINIAWI: Thank you. So I haven't read Abdeldjalil's comment, so I need to go back and read it. But again, the problem is with—I'm not sure it's a problem, because according to what Silvia just posted, the RALO may also include individuals who are citizens or residents of the RALO. So it just says residents, and it does not say if they have been residents for how long.

But then we have the bylaws Article 12 and we need to take a look at that as well, and I haven't [inaudible] that yet.

However, just to respond to Seun's comments in relation to if someone from Africa goes to study abroad, but yeah, still, they're a citizen, so even if they stay [inaudible] forever, they still qualify to be an AFRALO member because they're citizens of an AFRALO country. So we are basically talking about, say, someone from Europe, America or any other region that moves to Africa. And so, when can that individual become an AFRALO member? Can that individual become an AFRALO member right after they set foot in Africa and become a resident? That is the actual question. And I think we need to look at the bylaws, and depending on that, we should follow what the bylaws say, because whatever we decide, in the end, the bylaws should apply [inaudible].

And let me ask also, if an African citizen goes to live for example somewhere in Europe or America, any other region, are they allowed to become RALO members of that region as soon as they become residents of this region? If this is the case, then we should also apply it. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Hadia. So we have nine minutes to the end of the call. I thought we were going to cover much more, but maybe not. Regarding what you just talked about, I know during work party calls, this issue was discussed quite a bit, and we really failed to agree. So I understand what you mean. And I'm not sure what other regions are doing. I don't know if for example—I don't know. I don't know what other regions are doing.

Maybe staff can advise us and let us know what other regions are doing. And I agree that we should follow what the bylaws say so that we are not very far off from what the bylaws say, basically, because we are bound by the bylaws at the end of the day. So Seun, you have the floor, and then maybe Silvia or Claudia can help us, tell us what happens in other regions.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. Based on what is being said now—it's interesting that our [time is fast spent.] I'm surprised, I guess the discussion is quite interesting, that's why it doesn't seem like we spent one hour already.

The one-year then may need to go. If what I'm understanding now is that we have to be 100% in line with the bylaw, then the one year or more may need to go. But I think it should be good to have staff check with ICANN Legal on whether wording it like this is against that section of the bylaw or it is still okay, because I personally would prefer that we still put this one year, but let's put it in tentatively, subject to confirmation from staff on whether it will still not be against the content of the relevant text of the bylaw.

The other thing I wanted to mention is if we are going to put a requirement that someone from other RALO, individual member from other RALO cannot be a member of AFRALO, then someone who goes to study abroad and joins the RALO in that region, [inaudible] resident of that region, would then mean that the person is automatically demembered, would not be able to either apply to AFRALO as a citizen or the person may be demembered because they applied to a different

RALO. So I think that's the other scenario that I wanted to capture. So if for instance I'm a member of AFRALO individual member, I travel abroad for studies, and because EURALO allows me to become an individual member there, I then become an individual member, it means that I'm now an individual member in two RALOs. If we are putting a requirement to say that we can't have such in AFRALO, then it means that the member will also not be able to become a member of AFRALO. I'd just like to mention that.

Maybe we also need to have a way of doing this call in a way that maybe we should do more talking on the Google docs so that when we come on the call, we've actually finalized a lot of things [inaudible]. Thanks.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun, and thank you, everyone. We have three minutes to the end of the call, and I don't think we can finish discussing this issue, so I would like to pass it back to Isaac and Abdeldjalil. Maybe you could send this document again on the mailing list and tell people we are discussing these issues, but specifically point out the issue about resident or citizen so that we see if other comments will come on the chat. Or we could also check with Roberto as well. Maybe we don't even have to really discuss it for long. So, over to you, Isaac and Abdeldjalil for the next steps. And thank you, everyone, for the comments.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Thank you, Sarah. Abdel, you can take over.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much. Thank you, Sarah. Just like you said, we have other things to look at on our agenda, and we have to organize another call to take care of that and to talk about the rights to vote [inaudible] as well. So Hadia and Seun, do you want to keep going, or should we have another call to cover those points?

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. The time is fast spent. I'd just suggest that we need to schedule another call, but before then, we need to all put our comments on the Google docs so that at least we actually have agreed on a lot of things on the Google docs before we go for the next call. So the next call would be doing a final cleanup. Thanks.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you, Seun. So we're going to have another call, so we are on the 18th. Can we have the next call on the 25th? On the 1st, I think we are busy because we have the prep week on June 1st. So, when can we do our next call? So it looks like it would fall on the 25th of May for our next call, in one week. Does it work for you all in one week, on the 25th?

Very well. So we all agree, and we're going to meet again on the 25th of May at the same time. Thank you so much for all the participants, for the interpreters as well, and we're going to finish this call here. Thank you very much.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Sorry. Excuse me. I think there was supposed to be an action item that staff will check that text on whether putting a number of years would

actually be against that section of the bylaw. I'm not sure whether it was captured.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Hello. Yes, Seun, so what I would recommend, because we have to open a ticket with our Legal department, perhaps it would be a good idea to go over the entire document and if there are other questions, they can address them all together as to avoid going back and forth with them. I would recommend having a more in-depth review and maybe come up with a final wording and then that can be checked. That would be my suggestion.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

That makes sense. Fine by me. Thanks.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much, Seun. Okay, so I think that the call is now adjourned by the chair. So we have taken the action items, I will send it to you all shortly for your review, and then the group will meet again next week on May 25th at 18:00 UTC. Thank you very much, all, for your participation.

CLAUDIA RUIZ:

Thank you all for joining.

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