
CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the AFRALO operating principles review working group call on Thursday the 15th of July 2021 at 17:00 UTC.

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

We have Abdeldjalil Bachar Bong on the French channel.

From staff, we have Silvia Vivanco and myself, Claudia Ruiz on call management.

Our French interpreters for today are Claire and Jacques. And before we begin, I would like to remind everyone to please state their name when taking the floor for transcription purposes and also so the interpreters can identify you on the other language channel. Thank you very much, and with this, I hand the call over to you, Abdeldjalil. Thank you.

ABDELJALIL BACHAR BONG: Hello everyone. Thank you very much to the staff, thank you for coming to this call today, thanks to all the members being present today. We're going to—as you see on the screen, we have the agenda. So we already did the welcome and roll call, the adoption of the agenda. Number two, recap on the action items. For EURALO individual association experiences, we really thank Roberto Gaetano for joining us today. Finalization of individual members' voting rights in view of EURALO experiences, Seun and Hadia will cover that. Number six, we have the individual member application process and next steps.

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So without further ado, I'm going to ask the members regarding the agenda. Do you agree with the agenda? Do you want to add anything to this agenda? I do not see any raised hands, so we adopt the agenda as is, and we're going to go now straight to point three, recap on action items concerning the June 29th meeting. I'm going to give the floor to staff.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Thank you very much. I'm going to review the action items. The first one is Claudia Ruiz to send a Doodle to organize today's call. The next one is Seun to start a discussion on voting rights options for individuals on the mailing list, and that is an ongoing discussion. It's the subject matter of this call today. And then Sarah Kiden to contact Roberto Gaetano to contact Roberto Gaetano to invite him to join this call. And thank you very much, Roberto Gaetano, for your availability to join today's call. That's all, and over to you, Abdel.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Thank you very much, Silvia. We're going to go to point number four regarding the experience about voting rights coming from the EURALO individual members' association. And I'm going to invite Roberto to take the floor and tell us about the experience of EURALO. And thank you again. Roberto, you have the floor.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Thank you. We had an exchange of e-mails where there were certain questions that I think I have answered. I don't know how you want to

proceed, but I would like just to spend five minutes to give you the principles that we have adopted, and maybe it will be more useful to have you asking specific questions and me answering rather than doing a long speech.

So the principle that we adopted for the individual users in EURALO was to ensure the participation, give the possibility to individual users to participate, but taking a lot of care in not taking the risk of having individual users being too invasive in a sense that one of the basic principles was that ALAC and the RALOs are based on participation of At-Large structures.

So we were fearing in the beginning a flood of individual users who could change the structure, the philosophy, the approach of ALAC, the At-Large. So we were extremely careful.

The model that we have adopted is to have one dummy, in a certain sense, ALS that has as members all the individual members. That had immediate consequences that the voting of the individuals in aggregate will be as high as one At-Large Structure. That means that in terms of voting power, the individuals were not able to change the situation, so drastically influence the decisions of the EURALO that remains solidly depending on the voting of the At-Large Structures.

This said, I would like to mention the fact that we had now more than 60 individuals and we also have some observers, but that is probably out of scope for the discussion that we're doing now.

But of those 60 plus individuals, a lot have been then elected to positions for instance in the Board of EURALO and are chairing working

groups and so on. So it has been a very positive effect on EURALO and has been a very big help in improving the EURALO firing power in the sense of participation of the policy development.

However, this has not affected the voting and the procedures and the balance of power so to speak withing EURALO. That has remained solidly in control by At-Large Structures. So this is the concept.

I want to add only one thing, that we were extremely careful because those were the ... Not really the early days of At-Large, but it was still—when we started discussing about this, it was still a good ten years ago. So the experience of introducing individual users was at the beginning, it was well before we had the recommendation from the At-Large review. And so that explains why we were extremely careful in the way we introduced the possibility of individual members to participate.

That's basically it. My personal opinion is that it would be more useful if I answer questions rather than if I continue speaking, telling things that might not necessarily be what you want to focus on. Thank you.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Roberto, for sharing your experience. We're going to give the floor to members that would like to ask questions to Roberto Gaetano. Who would like to take the floor and ask questions? Seun, you can take the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. Thanks, Roberto, for joining this call. For me, I think quite a lot has been said in the mail that you sent in response to us, and I think for the benefit of those who are not copied in that particular mail, it would just be good to do a recap. And it would be good if ... I just tried to do a brief recap and I'm using the five questions that have been put in the chat. Please, Roberto, if there's any one of them that requires further clarification from you, please, just either correct me or just clarify it.

So on the aspect of the individual member that represents the individual members, how are they selected? On that aspect, they're actually elected by the group of individuals. Is that correct, Roberto?

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Yes. Since we are structured as an organization in order to be able to apply as an At-Large Structure, we have set up internal rules. One of the rules was the election of the chair by all individual members, and that chair is the official representative of the organization and so has the voting power within EURALO as every representative of an ALS.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. And the voting for him or her to exercise the voting power within EURALO, what is the process for that?

ROBERTO GAETANO:

Well, the process is we have in the beginning a secret ballot and then when trust gained over the years. We just had a Doodle poll for decisions. For the selection of the individual—sorry, I was answering the

wrong question. Let me restart. Selection of the chair, we have every year an annual general meeting in which we have a vote, and the vote is run by staff, ALAC staff, and following the vote, the elected chair will remain in charge for another year.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Yes, that one was clear. Thanks, Roberto. And if the chair may permit me, I would be running through these. I think it's also going to help us in the next agenda item.

So it's clear how the chair is elected. The chair represents and casts the vote in EURALO on behalf of the individual members. So even though you've said this in your mail, but for the benefit of those who or n the call, it would be good—sorry, you may have to be repeating some of the things that you said in your mail.

So how does the representative—[does it cast his vote?] That's question three now. Does this representative cast his vote however he wishes, or how do you determine how to cast his vote in EURALO? Thank you.

ROBERTO GAETANO:

As I said in the mail, in principle, there's no way that EURALO can make sure that the vote that the chair is casting in EURALO votes on behalf of the individual users reflects the wish of the majority of the users. So it's a matter of trust.

For every vote that is held in EURALO where all At-Large Structures are requested to vote, we do an internal poll via basically ... It's just a Doodle poll, and the chair will cast the vote reflecting that majority.

If the vote ends up not being what the members wanted, the safety measure is that the majority of members who are not happy with how the chair is voting can call an extraordinary AGM and remove the chair. This is the only possibility, because we cannot ... EURALO has no way to determine whether the chair has voted according to the wish of the membership or not.

But obviously, this is a matter of trust, and I think that this is a situation that we've never been even close to. There have been several chairs chairing the individual association, and there has never been any problem about the chair not respecting the wish of the majority. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. I think from my side, that's the two things that I've established. The representative of the individual members is determined by meeting of the individual members by some form of election. The chair is expected to cast the view of the individual members, and that view is determined through either consensus or by voting. The means of voting can be different, it can be Doodle poll or something else, but [in that case there's individual poll.]

So I think those two things have been something of critical importance for our own discussion. So I'd just like to put that summary on the floor, but I'm sure that other members would have other questions that we could use to inform us as we continue. I'd like to hand the floor back to the chair. Over to you. Thanks, Roberto.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Our next speaker is Sarah Kiden, Abdel. Can she speak?

SARAH KIDEN: Hi everyone. Thank you so much, Roberto, for making time to join the call and answering our questions, because on previous calls, they actually had so many questions. So thank you for responding on e-mail and the call.

I have a follow-up question on the question I asked you on e-mail regarding registration of the ALS locally. I don't know if you've answered the question about if leadership moves to maybe a new chair or secretariat, does it affect the registration of the ALS locally, or that has never come up? Thank you.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Thank you for the question. No, actually, at any time besides the annual AGM, members could ask to have a renewal of the leadership body or the chair. Any change of the chair does not affect in any way the representativity of the organization. It is exactly as if any certified AtLarge Structure would change its representative. It's just a change of name in the database. But that doesn't affect any other procedure or any other factor. Thank you.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Sarah. I have a short question. We have the president, the representatives or individual members. And to be transparent, why not have a consensus process to have a representative or a president that do represent the individual members could vote only on the decisions taken by individual members by consensus? So maybe we should have a mechanism that would be very transparent. So in EURALO, do you have such a mechanism or did you set that up, this type of mechanism for the representatives and working only by consensus?

ROBERTO GAETANO: Thank you for the question. Actually, whenever we have a question posed by EURALO for which we need to cast a vote, the first step is always to discuss this on the internal mailing list and to try to reach a consensus. And it's only if a consensus is not reached or is not clear that the chair launches a Doodle poll.

Up to now, I remember only a couple over ten years. I remember just a couple, and it was in the early days, when we had controversial positions.

To answer directly your question, no, we never thought of setting up a rule that will allow only decisions by consensus to be put forward to the RALO, essentially because it is already so that the voice of the individual users is very much reduced. We are talking about only one vote within EURALO over something like 40 structures.

So it's already not a huge vote, and if we eliminate also the cases in which this is expressed only by a majority, not by consensus. We would really undermine the possibility of participating for the individual users.

So we have never considered to restrict the voting by individuals only to the cases where we have reached a consensus. Thank you.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Roberto. I see that Seun raised his hand. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, chair. Thank you, Roberto. Just a follow-up question. At the moment, is EURALO ... You mentioned something about the vote being a single vote for the individual members. Based on the development or recent experience with individual members, is EURALO in any way considering increasing that weight, or have you not really discussed that? That's the first question.

And is there any other thing that the individual members decide upon that doesn't necessarily have to do with EURALO? Apart from elections, of course. Thank you.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Thank you, Seun. To the first question, we have not discussed this, we have not considered this, and maybe at the next EURALO AGM, if the number of individuals increases further, we could put that on the agenda. But there has been no pressure from the individual members to increase that voting weight. So I don't see this happening in the near future. Also because what is important as a matter of fact is the large participation that we have by individual members in the life of EURALO,

and the voting is really a minor thing compared to all the weight of participating in working groups and also in leadership position.

to the second question, no, we have discussions on different things, but we express positions only when matters are being proposed for discussion or vote by EURALO.

I apologize, but I think that I really have to leave. But feel free to put down some more questions if you have any also after this teleconference. And I would be happy to answer by e-mail and participate if necessary to your next call. I apologize but I really have time constraints now so I need to leave. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Roberto.

SARAH KIDEN: Thank you so much, Roberto.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Thank you, Roberto. Bye.

ROBERTO GAETANO: Bye.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Are Oberto. You took your time to be with us and to contribute to the very important debate. We thank you so much for

it. And we'll be able to ask him more questions. As he told us, we can send him an e-mail. So without waiting, we're going to go to the next point, five, finalization of individual members' voting rights in view of EURALO experiences. So Seun Ojedeji, AFRALO chair, and Hadia Elminiawi are going to lead that discussion. Seun, you have the floor.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you. I think this is basically a follow-up on what we have already been saying, been discussing with Roberto, and now we just need to go back to our Google docs and see if we can have—Sarah, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN: Seun, I think I can go after you, because my comments are about this subject. I can go after you go through the document.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. So we can just go to the Google docs if staff can open that on the screen. So the section we are looking at is the one about voting. Option one. That should be page three. The first option is the one to still stick with a single vote. This option does not set up a structure like the EURALO one but it allows, instead of the individual members having the formal ALS structure and having the vote or election, having the Doodle within themselves and so on and so forth for election and officers, etc., whenever there's a need to cast a vote, this one would be done by staff.

So that is what the option one is about, and [it still] restricts the cumulative vote of individual members to one vote.

Option two is the one that's not really had majority support, but it's basically about [increasement] of the number of votes that individual—[inaudible] vote that individual members would have in AFRALO as their number increases. So that's just the difference between option one and two. None of them is proposing to set up an ALS structure as with EURALO.

So the question now is, do we go with the option of going by structure, or do we go with the option of going without setting up a structure? I think those are the two areas. Since option two, it seems majority does not really want to increase—does not want us to look into possibility of addressing an incremental for individual members' weighted vote within AFRALO at this time, then I think the only option we have at the moment is option one, subject to what this call then suggests, especially if you went to go for a structure. But irrespective, both the structure option or the option one, they all have voting in them.

So I would open the floor now and see if—I think Sarah can go. Sarah, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun. So I think I would like to suggest that we could either strike out option two or replace it, because now it feels like there are two option ones. There's one where we create a structure and one where we don't. And those are separate options.

So I would like to suggest that either we strike out current option two and replace it with an option where we have to create a structure, or we create an option three and allow other members of the working party to vote.

Though if we go with a method of creating structures, I don't know if we should think about it some more or leave it up to the individual members to decide how they would want to handle creating of the structure. So that's just something to think about. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Okay, so I've heard Sarah. Any other suggestions? Yes, Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Thank you. Sarah's option to create a structure of individual members, I'm concerned about it being confusing. We're going to have the end users, we're going to have another structure, and it might take time and might overlap a little bit as well.

So Roberto told us about EURALO. Instead of having the chair representing or voting, having the vote for individual members—we can talk about representatives that would be better. We would have a representative and that representative after the vote of individual members would cast a unique vote representing the votes and the opinions.

I think it's going to be too complicated to set up a structure. Thank you, Seun.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you, Abdeldjalil, for the feedback as well. Okay, so we have two options now, and I think it's obvious from our discussion, option two, as Sarah has also suggested, is not on the table. It doesn't seem very much supported. But option one, [it's actually] 1A or 1B, one that actually is done within a structure and one that is not done within a structure.

So really, I think that as from our region, we also need to face the reality of our region. So I think one that may be least complicated and also easier to implement and less political at the same time may be the one without a structure. We probably don't need to have a different set of leadership, different set of rules. There's going to be a lot of differing version of politics. Now the aspect of registration as well for the ALS would also be a different thing entirely as well.

So one would take a lot of time to do, the other would be very straightforward to do. I think for the one without the ALS, the only thing is just that whenever there's a need for votes, staff runs the Doodle for individual members or whatever they're going to use for voting. I think they use Big Polls or something like that.

So the outcome of the voting for the individual members is what a representative or somebody maybe—it can even be staff themselves, or maybe the chair of the RALO or whoever then takes that results and casts it in the AFRALO ALS voting process as the view of the individual members. I think that may be less complicated and [inaudible] that we also give individual members some sense of participation.

But again, this is just a single opinion and I think it would be good to ...
Yes, I see Sarah is asking about—no, this representative is not going to be in the—I'm just saying—the question is, how will [inaudible] be selected and who coordinates them? So just like when it's time for election, when it's time for voting, that is when their votes will be—their own ballots will be created separately, just like other RALOs are doing it apart from EURALO. We've gotten feedback from staff on how they're handling it for other RALOs. It's just going to be the same approach. So maybe staff can actually refresh our memory as well on how they handle individual members voting for other RALOs who are not using a structure.

So, do we have Silvia?

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Yes, Seun. Our colleuage, Evin Erdogan coordinates the voting of indivudals in the case of APRALO and NARALO, and they have a different poll. I think there are maybe 20 indivudals for example and they are sent the vote credentials to the group of individuals, and they have a result, let's say there are two options, A and B and B is the winning, and that's how the vote will be directed. And then the individual representative is the one who votes in the general poll.

And each year, as I recall, around the AGM time is when all the indivudals select one representative.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

I'm not hearing Silvia very well. is it from my side?

SILVIA VIVANCO: Can you hear me okay, Claudia?

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Hi Seun, hi Silvia. Yes, I can hear you fine, Silvia. Seun, I believe it's your audio. Thank you.

SILVIA VIVANCO: So the person who is elected as the representative of individuals is who coordinates them. So every year, they select one representative and he is the person who coordinates them. And while I have the floor, I'd also like to point out that in the past month, as you recall, we tried to contact all the individuals asking them to fill out a GDPR form in order for them to create a new mailing list. But we didn't have a good rate of responses, and there was also a survey as you may recall and the survey, I think, out of the 16 individuals I believe, we had like four answers only. So this is something that is of concern, so perhaps it would be a good idea if the AFRALO secretariat could contact each of them and try to see if they can become more proactive so at least a mailing list can be formed for all AFRALO individual members and start getting them to be a more cohesive group. I hope that's clear.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thanks. So maybe we then need to incorporate—based on the feedback that we're getting—a line in the current option one to indicate a process by which individual members would appoint a representative. Should we do that? That's a suggestion. Or should we just have the leadership

of AFRALO coordinate whenever there's going to be an election, whenever there's going to be a voting for individual members and for ALSes whether—I think the executive can just coordinate that process, or staff can coordinate it just as they're doing it right now.

I think individual members would also be subscribed to the mailing list just like ALSes. The only time that the coordination will be required is when there's voting that needs to be done. There's no other time that they would need coordination. Any other coordination that needs to be done will be done at the RALO level. That means that everybody, all the membership, both the individual and the ALSes, they will all be seen as one. It's only when we need to cast a vote that would need some coordination.

The question now is, do we make their coordination representative when it's time to cast a vote or come to making a decision, do we need to make that representative formal by selecting one amongst the individual members, or do we leave that to the RALO leadership to coordinate? And that simply means RALO leadership asking staff to coordinate whenever they're having an election, just like staff normally coordinates the voting process for ALS at the moment. Those are the two things that come to mind. Sarah, you have the floor.

SARAH KIDEN:

Thank you, Seun, and thank you, Silvia. Regarding the selection of the representative, based on the experience we've had with coordinating individual members, I would go on the side where they actually select somebody so they get engaged with the process, they know that we're

selecting someone to represent us. And if we only wait for when we have votes, it will be hard to even get any of them to respond, as Silvia has already noted that it's hard for them to engage. So the engagement should not just come, "Now we have voting, should we coordinate them?" It should just be an ongoing process [inaudible] selecting a leader, and I think that way they feel engaged in the process and they're happy to contribute.

Then regarding AFRALO leadership coordinating it, I would honestly feel that AFRALO leadership should not, so that it's either staff handling it or it's the individual members handling it on their own but not being coordinated by AFRALO leadership. But that's just what I feel. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Thank you. At the moment, the AFRALO leadership with staff coordinates the process for the ALSes. So the feedback I'm getting from Sarah now is that we should not allow AFRALO leadership to coordinate that of the individual members but rather, appoint someone ... So I see a comment from Esther, it says let staff coordinate the process.

So yes, staff does coordinate the process. Maybe Claudia can explain what happens whenever we need to take a decision that requires voting. What happens is that staff would do the drafting to prepare the draft poll, and they will share the draft with the leadership. So the leadership would then say, "Yeah, this is okay" or "The text needs to be edited" and so on and so forth. That is already a thing that the

leadership does. And then staff coordinates the rest. When the result is out, staff releases the results. That is how the leadership does.

But before staff can push the results or the announcement, they coordinate with the leadership. So that is all that is involved in what the leadership of AFRALO does at the moment. So based on this explanation that has been provided, do we still think that there's really a conflict?

If the leadership has been doing it with the ALSes without any issue, would there be a problem if the leadership and staff are still doing it for the individual members as well? Do we see a problem with that? That's the first question.

And the second one would be, which routes do we follow in terms of ... I would like to hear preference here. I've heard from Sarah: Can somebody also raise ... Do we have any other person that also believes that we should select a representative to do this instead? Sarah, is that an old hand or a new one?

SARAH KIDEN:

it's a new hand, because I'm the one who raised the concern. I think we are saying the same thing using different words. So I'm not saying that AFRALO leadership should not handle it with ALSes. Since we've determined that individual vote is equivalent to one ALS vote, it's the same process. What I thought you meant is that like AFRALO leadership is getting involved in coordinating the individual members and doing all this and that, which I thought was not good. But if you're doing it the same way you handle the ALS thing, then I'm totally happy with that.

But I think we've still not addressed the issue of engaging the individual members, because at the moment, that's the biggest problem we have. Even if we have a vote for them and they still don't participate, we'll find ourselves in this place again. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Thank you, Sarah. So Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you for your contributions. Regarding the designation of from the individual members, I agree with what Sarah said. They can elect or design a representative and it's not ... it can be for one year or two years, or it can just be for the vote. And they can have a different person for every vote. And that person would be the representative so they can decide that between themselves. And if we have two, three votes in a year, they can have two or three representatives that wouldn't be a chair type of position. We would keep it simple. And I agree with the staff for the ALS to coordinate that with AFRALO. Thank you very much.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Okay. Thank you. Sorry, I'm not sure I understand the aspect of representative for each vote. And I think Sarah seems to plus one that, so maybe Sarah can explain. What does that mean?

SARAH KIDEN: From my understanding, the representative does not have to ... the rep can be selected by individual members for the purpose of casting that

vote. So it's not like this person is a leader all year around, but they're selected when they have to cast a particular vote, was my understanding, which I agree with. Thank you.

SEUN OJEDEJI: So we'll first have a process for them to select a representative before a vote happens. Then we'll now have another process for them to cast that vote which the representative will cast in AFRALO. Is that what we're saying?

SARAH KIDEN: No, it's actually what you were saying before, where they work among each other and then select, this is what we want to vote, this is our vote.

Earlier, you had suggested one way is to have staff cast the one vote of individual members. The other [inaudible] which Abdeldjalil suggested is for them to select one of their people to cast this particular vote. So it's —

SEUN OJEDEJI: Yeah, so I'm saying that the process for them to select that one particular person, what is the process?

SARAH KIDEN: This is a question I asked earlier on on the call. So we are in agreement.

SEUN OJEDEJI:

I think it's less complicated by just allowing staff to reflect their outcomes. But if we want somebody else to vote for that, so maybe during the ballots of the individual members, for every vote, we can also include the one about representative. Who do you want to represent? Because [I don't think] we should have two sets of process. We can use the same voting ballot so it would just be an extra question. Who among the individual members do you want to cast a vote in the main voting process of AFRALO? But there's also a risk in that in that you cannot determine how that person will cast the vote.

But at least for staff, you can easily expect that staff are not conflicted irrespective and they can easily always cast whatever is the outcome. So those are the two options, that is the [risk] I would also like to just [pose] on that. Abdeldjalil, you have the floor.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG:

Thank you very much for giving me the floor. One detail regarding the individual members, as I proposed, there is normal voting procedure, even representative will be able to vote. So 15 people would vote and at the end of the vote, it should be coordinated by staff so there's going to be a result, and they chose A or B, those individual members, and internally, they're going to designate Mr. A or Ms. B—

SEUN OJEDEJI:

Hello. Sorry, I lost connection.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: And that will represent the vote of those individual members. So they can design and designate one person to cast the vote. So they should have an internal procedure for the vote, just like we do in each ALS, and then they can designate one person who's going to give the message at the level of the global voting.

SEUN OJEDEJI: Sorry, I lost connection. Thanks, Abdeldjalil. What I would suggest, because we're at the top of the hour and it seems that we are still on this point, we're actually now focusing on option one which is ... the only thing that is still pending agreement is who casts the vote of the individual members in the AFRALO voting process. So we are already clear that there's going to be voting whenever they have to make a decision. Who casts the vote is [inaudible].

So I would suggest that Abdeldjalil, I hear your observation. Sarah or any other person, I would suggest that we [add] the text of what we prefer under option one as a new bullet point and then others can also comment on it. So I think that was what I wanted to—because I think we have not really agreed on this yet, so maybe we put pen to paper to it and see what it will read like. I may also add a text as well. So action item is for us to look at the option one and propose a text on who casts the single vote on behalf of the individual members.

So that's the only thing that is pending. I hope I've summarized this where we are clear about every other thing [inaudible] who casts the vote on behalf of the individual members. So that is the only thing

pending. Thank you. All right, I will hand this back to Abdeldjalil perhaps to close the meeting. Thank you.

ABDELDJALIL BACHAR BONG: Thank you very much, Seun. I'm going to give the floor to Isaac Maposa to close the call. Isaac, you have the floor.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Hello everyone. Thank you, Seun. Thank you, everyone and thank you, Sarah and thank you, staff. Now, the next item on our agenda, we'll move it to our next call. [inaudible] go on to the next item on the agenda, and we have to continue with this issue of voting rights through the Google doc and with finalize the issue on our Google doc. So I encourage everyone to go on to our Google doc and make your contributions there.

I'm sure some may have not been able to say their voices out, so we can continue there, make some suggestions, and also on the mailing list.

Now I give the floor to staff on the issue of when we have our next call.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Yes, I was wondering if you would like to hold the next call next week. I see that there is a call on the 22nd of July at 18:00 UTC, but perhaps you wish to have a call right before at 17:00 UTC. That'll be two back-to-back calls. Or you would like to have it maybe one hour after or two hours after, 19:00 or 20:00 UTC on Thursday? Or would you like staff to send a Doodle for next week or the week of the 26th of July?

So, when would you like to have this call? And I see that Abdeldjalil says that DNS Forum Africa is next week. So I don't know if next week is appropriate for you. Okay, so Abdeldjalil is requesting a Doodle. What about if we send a Doodle for next week as to keep the ball rolling? There is a lot that has been done.

Is next week okay then, Abdel and Isaac, to send a Doodle?

ISAAC MAPOSA:

I think [you said] we have the Africa DNS Forum next week. So wouldn't the week of the 26th be more appropriate? I think it would be more appropriate. Okay, Seun is saying it's not next week, so I think next week is okay.

SILVIA VIVANCO:

Okay, perfect. Then we will send a Doodle to set up a time for next week offering—I'm looking at the calendar. It looks like the 21st is kind of full, but we can investigate. Maybe 21st, 22, 20, so Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week could be offered at the usual AFRALO-friendly times. So we will do that.

ISAAC MAPOSA:

Awesome. Thank you so much.

SILVIA VIVANCO: Okay, so stay tuned for the Doodle next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday with options at AFRALO-friendly times. Thank you very much, everyone.

ISAAC MAPOSA: Thank you. Bye everyone.

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