MICHELLE DESMYTER: Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening. Welcome to the joint OFB/FBSC Working Group Call on Thursday the 18th of November 2021.

On today's call, on the English Channel, we do have Holly Raiche, Maureen Hilyard, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Claire Craig. We have Naveed, Raymond Mamattah, Ricardo Holmquist, Sivasubramanian Muthusamy, and Sébastien Bachollet.

We do not have any one on the French channel. We have received apologies from Justine Chew, Satish Babu, and Olivier Crépin-Leblond. From staff, we do have Heidi Ullrich, Becky Nash, Victoria Yang, Kim Davies, Kirsten Crownhart, Margaret Benavides, and myself, Michelle DeSmyter, on call management.

Our French Camila and Jacques. Our Spanish interpreters are Lilian and Claudia. A friendly reminder to please state your name before speaking and to please speak slowly and clearly for our interpreters today.

With this, I will turn the meeting back over to Maureen Hilyard. Please begin, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Michelle, for that warm welcome. And welcome, everybody, to today's call. It's really good to see so many people here anyway for this particular call which is a joint meeting. It's really interesting that we set the joint meeting because we've always had the Finance and Budget Subcommittee which had a role of choosing the

ABRs, the Additional Budget Requests. And it was the subcommittee that basically did all the work, went through all the process of collecting the recommendations from the different RALOs and making that decision.

But it's a specific group and it's especially the members chosen by each of the RALOs so that you have an ALAC member and a regional community member from each RALO that constitutes the subcommittee.

But of course once we organized the Operations Working Group, this has given us an opportunity—which is why we now have this joint committee—of getting more of the community actually formally involved in the discussions around the recommendations that come, and to choose from amongst those recommendations as to which projects are more applicable to At-Large in relation to what we're going to be hearing today—the actual process and the criteria and all those sorts of things based around the selection process.

And so what I sort of think is important is that we have this community process and then from there, the community makes recommendations to the subcommittee to actually endorse … Because they actually do it on behalf of the ALAC. We will actually [involve] the ALAC, of course.

But the subcommittee—and this is something else, too. This is something else that I learned as I was like feeling my way through the whole mire of things that are related to At-Large, the way it operates. But there are different things like working groups and subcommittees especially set up to make—we've only got to, the ALAC Appointment

Committee the subcommittee in this Finance and Budget. And they can actually make recommendations to the ALAC directly as to a decision that's made on those particular areas.

So in this one, once the community decided, goes to the Finance and Budget Subcommittee. They do a review. They endorsed, and that is what actually goes forward to the ALAC for further endorsement in case anybody's got something that they don't like about the decision. I've never had that happen, but it might happen.

And then it actually goes to Finance as our recommendations for Additional Budget Requests. And as you will hear, sometimes they work for us and sometimes they get rejected. But we just have to accept that.

So that's really the purpose of our meeting today. I'll get Heidi to actually do an overview of the budget requests that we had last year and how they're progressing. When I say last year, for the last financial year. And then we're looking at what we're going to be presenting for the next financial year. So I'll get her to talk about that.

Then we'll have Kirsten doing a presentation on basically what the process is just in case anything's changed. We need to know about those before we move forward. And we're hoping that you will take what you learn today, take it back to your RALOs when you're actually making those recommendations from your RALOs.

And then we'll look at what we'll do next. So there's the agenda. And I'll pass it on to Holly and see if she's got any other things to add to that. Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Maureen. Just to point out what we do in the working group. We've really got a year-round calendar, and I would urge everybody to have a look at our website, our page, just to check what we do. We've got a calendar of things we do. One of the things to keep in mind when we are looking at the Additional Budget Requests, when we make Additional Budget Requests keep in mind that, in fact, there are things like Operating Initiatives which indicate the sorts of things that are on the front-of-mind for ICANN. And if we're talking about what we're risk requesting, keep in mind how those relate to the budget, to the Operating Initiatives, to the aims of the organization.

We did have some very interesting discussions, probably about six months back, on those initiatives. And that takes up part of our work. The other part of our work which is also outlined on our page would be to look at the PTI IANA budget, which we have just done and completed, which is the ABR. And then our next task, obviously, will be the ICANN budget. And then we go back full circle to have another look at/and discussions about the Operating Initiatives and planning processes, and then back through.

So this is where we are in the work group calendar right now, is the ABRs. But I just would caution everybody. When we're looking at ABRs, do relate it back to the strategic plan, back to the Operating Initiatives when making those requests. Because we've had those sessions, what we are expecting now is that when we look at ABRs, they're being developed in the context of the overall strategic aims and goals of ICANN.

With that, I will turn over to Heidi to talk about the status of FY22 Additional Budget Requests with a bit of where we've been as well. So Heidi, over to you. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH:

Thank you very much, Holly. So we're about halfway, a little less than halfway into fiscal year 22, so this is an excellent time to do a bit of a stock taking. So thank you very much, Holly and Maureen asking for this joint call. And just, again, to preface my status update here. Just to also note that in my memory, in truth, I think the ALAC and At-Large were approved for the highest number of ABRs this past year. So that's something to keep in mind. So there are just a lot of very interesting projects here.

Let's start. You'll see that some of them have made more progress than others, which is great. I mean it's great that some of them have made excellent progress. But also just to find that, for the other ones, there needs to be some more work done. And I think that's going to be really useful to go through this exercise.

So the first one is this Professional Individual End User Poll. We're actually calling that the End User Survey, so it's EUS for short. And that one is being led by Jonathan Zuck. That one has made a tremendous amount of progress and a very interesting work. I know that he's going to update you a little bit more on the ALAC call coming up.

So where we are on that is that there has been a small group formed. They've been meeting pretty much weekly since, I believe, August or so. They've had calls with subject matter experts from various regions,

various countries, talking about surveys in those countries. They've had calls with subject matter experts on various topics.

And what they've decided now is that they're going to focus the survey questions on Internationalized Domain Names (IDNs) and Universal Acceptance (UA). And the country that the survey will be in is India. So where we are now is that the Request for Proposal is being developed internally. The small group has just finalized their criteria for the RFP. So now it comes over internally. And we have a great team [inaudible] with some of these subject matter experts in the region and then the topic. And so we're going to be moving forward with that. And we expect that RFP to launch likely early next year, and then we'll get that survey out. So that's going to be an exciting project.

Moving on to the next one. This is the RTT Zoom of Meetings in Spanish and French. And this is one of the ones that, unfortunately, has not made a tremendous amount of progress. So here we are still … And I just looked into this recently. There is still internal organization discussions, or Org discussion going on. So I will see keep informed of that, and I will let you know as soon as I hear some progress on that one.

So let's move on down. Those were the two ALAC one. These are ones from the RALOs. And I believe that EURALO had the most here. This is Diversity in ICANN Leadership Bodies. This is about a survey and from, I believe, some workshops as well. So we had a kickoff. We worked with Sébastien. We worked with a member from the Public Responsibility Support. And they have a great team, a research team as well, in their department.

So we are moving forward. [inaudible] I was in touch with Betsy from PRS and I've been in touch with Sébastien. So I think more progress needs to be obviously made on this one. We will start focusing on that one towards the end of the year. But it's started and I think we just need to follow up after ICANN72 on that one.

This one is Joanna's. This was Protecting the Internet's Unique Identifier System in an Age of Disinformation. This one requires two workshops or webinars. And one has been completed. That was the Policy Session 2. That took place at ICANN72. I believe that another one is still to be determined, but we have talked … Joanna and I have spoken about possibly holding one at another ICANN meeting or sometime around that time.

And also, she has produced a list of activities that may also be part of this. I'm thinking of calling that the wish list. And we have a call being scheduled for next week to talk more about some of those [issues] there. So that one is in progress, and with a lot of exciting potential there still.

This one is Roberto. This is from his ALS, the Support Participation of Individual Users in EURALO. Again, we had a kickoff from all of the EURALO ABRs, I believe in July or August. And Roberto was going to survey that ALS for individuals and get back to us about what some of the activities that he would like support for.   So we are in progress there. We'll reach out to Roberto to see where he is with that list. His wish list, I guess.

Then the LACRALO. This the Latin American and Caribbean Digital Forum: Civil Society and Government. This one has a lot of potential to be really a highlight for that region. This next term. [This is for year 2022]. I know that Sylvia has reached out to the GSE team there. She's reached out to GAC support team. So we did want to bring that government. In.

And on recent discussions she's had with the new leadership team in LACRALO, she's mentioned that … My understanding is that they are thinking about possible dates. Again, it would be in the next half of the fiscal year 22. It's a three-day virtual workshop, but again I think there's a lot of potential for that one. So those are the updates on fiscal year 22 ABRs.

Holly and Maureen.

HOLLY RAICHE: Excellent. Thank you very much. I think that gives us a really good background as the sorts of things that ABRs can fund and how they can actually contribute a bit to the knowledge and understanding that our At-Large community has, and give us a bit more information—feedback, if you will—from the work that's being done. I look forward to the progress reports and to final reports, but I hope what that does is alert people to the sorts of things that are funded and that can contribute to, I suppose, the knowledge we have about our At-Large community and, indeed, the knowledge we can impart to our At-Large community.

So I think before I go on to the slides, are there any questions? Or would anyone like to make any comment about your report or progress repress and stuff before we go to Kirsten?

Ricardo. Wait a minute. I've seen two hands and they've both disappeared. Okay.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Siva and Sébastien.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah. Sébastien first and then Siva? Sébastien, go ahead, please.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yes, Thank you very much. It's just to say that I think that in the work done by Joanna, there was more than one call, as some of the monthly roundtables by EURALO were dealing with the same topic. I guess two of them, maybe three. Therefore, it's really in progress and in very good direction of this work. And she's working on having something at the IGF next month in Katowice. And she's also working on a one-day event after the IGF. And the [problem] for the moment is that we don't know yet if it will be in person or not. But maybe some of At-Large and EURALO will be able to go to—it's not in Katowice, it's in Lütz—to support Joanna for this, I will say, last part of the work. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Sébastien. Siva, go ahead, please.

SIVA MUTHASAMY: Yeah. I totaled up the total amount of the different requests on this page. It amounts to less than $100,000 in an organization with a budget of about $100 million. So it amounts to 1 in 1,000. That is ALAC's requirement for funds. And there is a process for each component, and the amount is ludicrously small considering the amount of work that ALAC is expected to do in terms of outreach and policy and all that.

Even if it is on this scale, why not simply allocate every year something like a million dollars or half a million dollars or a quarter million dollars to ALAC. Keep it in a separate account within ICANN, and leave it to the discretion of the ALAC Executive Committee or to the ALAC chair rather than go through such a process? Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Siva. I probably am not going to make comments on that at this stage, except to say that this not the only amount of money that is spent on us by ICANN. I think there's a lot more money that supports the work we do.

That said, I think one of the things that will be important in terms of if we have any requests for money would be that we actually demonstrate that we have projects in mind that will, in fact, lead to support the Operating Initiatives and strategic goals of the organization. So that's a conversation for another day, but thank you for your comments.

Do we have any other questions? Okay. Well in that case, I think we can go on to our next item which is Kirsten.

KIRSTEN CROWNHART: Thank you. Do we have the slides?

MICHELLE DESMYTER: Yes. One moment, Kirsten.

KIRSTEN CROWNHART: Thank you so much.

MICHELLE DESMYTER: You're welcome. [inaudible].

KIRSTEN CROWNHART: Okay, yeah. We can go to the second slide. Hello, everyone. This is Kirsten from the Finance Team at ICANN. Today I'm just going to give kind of a brief overview of the ABR process, Additional Budget Requests. It has not really changed from anything over the past few years, so it's probably something you're familiar with.

It's right now $300,000 that's in the FY23 draft ICANN budget which be coming out for public comment at the beginning of December. And this is a set of funds for requests from the community for activities that are not already included in that budget. All submissions go through process assessments. Basically, ICANN is looking to allocate available resources to those requests which are directly related to current ICANN policy development/advisory and technical work for addressing capacity development objectives through encouraging collaboration with ICANNs

Public Responsibility Support and the global Stakeholder Engagement teams, including developing materials that can be used also now for more online training rather than face-to-face.

We consider available resources, both the financial and staff, to support the individual and collective requests that are submitted and to be equitable and transparent.

For travel related requests, primary consideration is given to events that would take place around ICANN public meetings or other organized ICANN meetings. So that's just a little recap on, basically, the assessment process.

And then on the next slide is the overall timeline and key dates. So the submission period is open, and it will close on Monday, January 24th. And all submissions should be sent to planning@icann.org.

Then the policy groups, the stakeholder groups will have consultations during ICANN73 which will be at the beginning of March. After that, ICANN Org goes through reviewing all the submissions, giving recommendations for approval or not. It then will go to the Board for final approval early May, and we will notify all the SOs and ACs with a report of the decisions. The reasoning behind the decisions will be published as well.

And then, finally, our last slide here has … Everything's located on the Finance Wiki link. It has all the relative dates on that page. It will also have all of the relevant documents. So there's a document on the overall process, one for the principles. Then there's the actual request form to be sent in.

And new for this year, we did add a Frequently Asked Questions just to try to help if there are any other questions. You know, ones that are usually out there for when you are working on any submissions.

So I thank you so much for your time. And I can take any questions there are regarding the process. But it's pretty similar to years past.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Kirsten. Before I go back to Heidi, just as a recap, I think before we have [inaudible] in thinking about the process, we'll need these slides to be on a website because they give the key dates.

And a couple of things I would like to stress. Clearly, this has to relate back to current ICANN policy development, advisory and technical. So this is kind of go back to the documentation that we have been looking at back in June/July to get a better understanding of what we're talking about.

And then the timeline. The timeline has started, this whole ABR process, the timeline for this group. And from here I would hope, Heidi, that we can actually go back into the RALOs as well. But submissions are due on the 24th of January, so it means we've really got December and January to work up the proposals within the individual RALOs or At-Large and have them approved before we submit them.

So there's a bit of a process that's going on that's just started, but it means that people with ideas on projects really need to start thinking now—and I would suggest to be done within the RALOs as well as

ALAC—to start to meet the first big deadline which is the 24th of January.

So with that, let me open the floor to any questions or comments. And Sébastien, you're asking me "why Holly" and I'm not sure what that's referring to. So could you …?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Yeah, I can. I am not sure that I understand why you say that it must be in line with what is in the ICANN Strategic Plan and operating plan. It's a specific budget in advance for At-Large, for projects that we think, as end user, are useful for us as end user representatives, for the end user in general. Of course, I hope that it will be also useful for the ICANN.

But it can be something which is not yet or is not at all within the plan buy staff. If not, it will not be an advanced budget request. It will be something that it will be included in the budget. And why it's called, from my point of view or understanding, ABR (advanced project request) it was because it was to help projects to be started before, just at the beginning of the fiscal year. And if we wait for the announcement and the exception of the full budget by the Board, it would have been too late to start.

For example, when we had an IGF in July, if we asked within the budget, we can't ask [inaudible] in advance for the travel, for example. And therefore, it's born like that.

Therefore I think, really, we need to take into account that it's some projects that could be useful for us even if it's not totally aligned with the with the operating plan of ICANN. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Sébastien. I take your point. I still think, however, that if we put in any submissions for funding and they don't relate to the larger purposes of ICANN, I think that probably—

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Which is not what I say.

HOLLY RAICHE: I realized that. But what I'm saying is that it will help to tie in what … If we understand the strategic goals of ICANN, it would be very useful. And Kersten, you can actually comment on this as well. But I would be very surprised if ICANN will be funding something that they did not see as, if you will, the larger purposes of ICANN.

Now I'm looking at the ABRs that have been granted, and you can't directly look at them and tie them back to the strategic objectives. But if you look at the overall purpose of them, they're very much in line with what ICANN's.

So, yes, it is a larger, if you will, remit. But I think that if we don't actually start from where ICANN is and their objectives and then how the community can support those objectives, I would be surprised if we get funding for that. But I can be corrected.

Kirsten, would that be your understanding? And Heidi?

KIRSTEN CROWNHART: Yes. I would tend to agree. I mean it probably depends on the scope of submissions that are received. But I think, yeah, prioritization would probably be those that fall more into the scope and strategy that ICANN has laid out and the scope and strategy that the Policy Team and the Global Outreach.

HOLLY RAICHE: Excellent, thank you.

KIRSTEN CROWNHART: Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: And Heidi, did you want to talk to what you put in the chat? Just a reminder.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah. The next item on the agenda is actually going to be Maureen and I talking about the additional At-Large steps which Cheryl alluded to in the chat. And I think things will become a lot more clear for those people who have not been part of this process before.

And again, just as I noted in the chat, you'll see in just a moment that the At-Large criteria for ABRs are not hard and fast. These are suggestions.

HOLLY RAICHE: Well in that case, why don't I pass back to you and to Maureen on this to clarify . That would be very helpful. Thank you.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Maureen, I think you'd better go ahead and do the first part. These criteria.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sure, okay. Yeah, I think one of the … Just listening to the conversations that we've just had, I think one of these relationships between the successful applications we made last year and what we're looking at for moving ahead is actually like being a little bit more out of the box and innovative about how we can address what ICANN needs to know that incorporate from our perspective and how we can actually contribute to it without being …

Because we're not the technical experts in the whole ICANN ecosystem. We're the people who are thinking practically about how whatever we do is going to impact on the end users. And I'm just looking, for example, at the End User Survey that we're actually engaged in which is, I mean, it's got the potential for a whole lot of different things.

And even as we've been preparing for getting that ABR actually on the road, it involved talking to community members about what are the impacts of the IDNs. Just even selecting the topic was interesting. But talking to people from communities that actually use IDNs. How help how much do they use it? What are the perspectives of the end users in the area? I mean it was actually something that in involving a whole lot of research. And even with Joanna's thing within EURALO with the DNS abuse work that's been done and the other sorts of areas that EURALO's actually looking at and the different ways in which they've organized themselves to actually collect information for the report on this.

I think that one of the things is, how can we be more imaginative about the way in which we deal with the requests that we make that can still add value to us as a community? But again, how can it contribute to the operational which Holly's been mentioning within ICANN? And if anything, At-Large has got the best group of thinkers. And this is why when you look at—when you attend the policy sessions—the discussion that comes out of that, that people are actually analyzing and looking more deeply into how it is that At-Large works and how we can contribute to ICANN's work in general.

So getting back to what I'm supposed to be doing and looking at the criteria, hopefully what I've said has covers it. The only thing is that, for example, in the third point here, or the second point [inaudible]. Looking at that outreach, which I know is an important area for us, shouldn't be the focus.

And of course, that's probably because most of our outreach, originally when we started putting these ideas in the [originally] outreach was

transporting people to an area to do outreach. And I think that this is where, like in Kirsten's notes, the outreach—if there's any outreach—it needs to be focusing on online stuff because the face-to-face isn't going to happen for ages anyway. So let's look at something that's going to be practical for us.

But at the same time, we've got a lot of people who are pretty skilled in that the whole area of outreach. And I think that this where we've also got to be looking at how can we be more creative and … And probably in a way that needs financial support. The reasons why we haven't actually done that.

But just look at ways in which we can actually sort of approach the masses which is our job in a more innovative way. I know that most times whenever we've even mentioned outreach, they knock it back. But I'm sure there are ways and means. It's not just the outreach. It's actually engaging people in what it is that ICANN does. And if they want to join us, even better. But at the same time, it's just making sure that we're getting out the right messages.

Heidi's going to be talking later on about the actual time frame for us. ICANN's got it's time frame, but we actually have to have our own time frame as well to make sure that we can meet those deadlines. And I mean one of the things that we've already discussed this morning, for example, is that, in January the ALAC meeting, which is when we actually do the final endorsement of our ABRs, happens after the closing date of the thing. So if we're late, we don't get them in.

Because we want people to be involved in that process, we are thinking of bringing the ALAC meeting a week earlier so that we actually do meet those deadlines and make sure that all the hard work that you're going to be doing over the next two months is going to be worth it and we can put those in and hopefully get them accepted.

Are there any questions relating to this? Heidi will probably cover them in her turn, which is coming up right now. Thank you, Heidi.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Thank you very much. And again, as I noted in the chat, there is … Keep in mind, within CORE there is that $20,000 [inaudible] discretionary funding. And primarily, that's used for Outreach and Engagement when travel is allowed. But that is in CORE, and that was something that we'd like to see it. It was as ABR for years and then it moved to CORE.

But before I start, I see that Holly has her hand raised. Holly.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yeah, I was just saying it's important for this group, for ALAC, to be talking about this. But I would also say it's very important for the RALOs themselves to be looking at projects very specific to their area so that, in fact, when we look at going out with budget requests, we go beyond ALAC. We go into the At-Large community through our RALOs. So that's got to be part of the process as well. Thank you. Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Okay. Thanks, very much so. If it's okay, Maureen and Holly, I'm going to go ahead and just start talking about the fiscal year 23 At-Large Additional Budget Requests. Again, as we've mentioned, this is in addition to the finance part.

But just before we go too far down, Michelle, I do want to stress that we very much follow everything that Kirsten and the Finance Team have set out. And you'll see, due to that important …

Even though it is on the Finance Wiki, we paste it here. We basically put everything that the Finance Department has sent out and put onto their Finance Wiki, we've put it onto this one. So all FBSC members and OFB members interested, please do bookmark this page. This will be updated with all of the ABRs that we've received. And as the FBSC goes through them and reviews them, they'll all be listed here. So again, a key reference page here.

And if you haven't looked at those, please do look at the ICANN Additional Budget Request Principles because that's going to provide a lot more overview of what principles they're looking at. Okay?

So let's go through the At-Large fiscal year 23 Additional Budget Requests. This year it did kick off a little earlier. It sort of caught us by surprise because we were focused on ICANN72. So we developed this workspace. We're holding this call, obviously, today. And what's going to happen, as of either later today or first thing tomorrow, is the next step.

And then getting that call, getting the announcement that the ABRs for fiscal year 23, that that process has now officially started for At-Large,

usually the ask either the FBSC members in the region to do that or, I know that we're not all here today, so we can have staff … I'm happy to go ahead and send that to your region or, again, I think what normally happens, actually, is that I send it to the regional leadership team and then they push it forward into the individual regions.

But regardless of how that gets there, it has to basically start today or tomorrow because we'll see that there's to a huge amount of time until we need to start seeing some of those proposals coming in. And for some, there's the holiday period there.

So that's today. And then, again, the 7th of January is when those requests need to be sent in to either At-Large staff and the FBSC. And that's, I believe, the first week back.

And then we also have the start of the discussion by the FBSC between the 10th of January and the 13th. Not a lot of time. So what we're encouraging is that as those proposals start coming in, for the FBSC members to keep [inaudible] this page because, as I've mentioned, what I usually do is post the actual proposal that we've received. And I post also the key description of what's being described. So you can very quickly just see what's being requested.

Then we'll have a call between the 14th and the 18th of January, and we'll go through every one. That might be a longer call because we do need to go through every one of those proposal. There'll be feedback provided. Then staff will get those back to the people who are proposing those proposals. And then, as Maureen's mentioned, because the deadline is the 24th rather than the 31st, we're actually going to

move the ALAC monthly call in January to the 18th, just one week earlier so we can have them review that.

Again, then the next step is the key one. It's that right after the ALAC Review them, the FBSC gets that final review. All final reviews kind of weight input. Any kind of revisions will come in. And then staff …

And this is really important, and that's why it's actually in red. Please don't have anyone from your region submit a proposal to the planning@icann.org. Staff will do that because that means we can control, and we send them in chunks by RALO and by the ALAC. And we're in touch, so we just make sure that everyone has received them on that side. So it just gives us a sense of confidence that we know that they've received your proposals. Okay?

And then it goes into that internal Org process from the 25th of January through the 4th of March will be preliminary reviews internally. And then during ICANN 73, there'll be a possibility to talk about them with finance, possibly—in the past, we invite some of the people who are part of this process back even earlier than that and we can fit that into the schedule as well.

Then from the 21st of March through the 8th of April is a final assessment by ICANN Org and then it goes up to the Board, the Board finance committee will look at it, and then finally, the full Board will review and it'll be within the approval of the fiscal year 23 budget. And that's going to be what it looks like between the 6th and the 9th of May.

And then I should basically add one more step. Once we see which ones have been approved, we start producing the implementation page for

the fiscal year 23 ABRs, we start again reaching out to those people who are community leads and then first thing, as soon as we can within fiscal year 24, we'll have a kickoff call with those people leading those ABRs. Maureen and Holly, I think that's it. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE:
Thank you. And it's just a suggestion, but I'm wondering if it wouldn't make a bit of sense to have a meeting—and Maureen, your advice on this—have just a special meeting with the RALO chairs and maybe Kirsten, maybe us, to talk just through the timeline and the criteria that Heidi's gone through and say each of the RALOs should be thinking very seriously about any request that they have and based on the criteria and the timelines to come up with suggestions. We've just missed a round of RALOs because APRALO just was yesterday. But Heidi, what do you think about that? Because I'm just aware of how close the timelines are coming. People are going to be worried about Christmas and so forth. But to g et the RALOs actually thinking along the lines of what can be done. I know, Sébastien, you're there, but I'm thinking about the other RALOs as well.

Just to go through this process and say that this should be something that all of the RALOs are thinking about in terms of what sorts of projects will meet the criteria, will enhance the sort of objectives of ICANN and in the general sense, the community. Just a suggestion.

HEIDI ULLRICH:
I'll let Sébastien speak here and then I have something that should probably—and actually, I can add some text to one of the existing steps

that we normally ask the RALOs to do. But [inaudible]. Sébastien wanted to say a comment.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Heidi. Why don't we wait for Sébastien, and then you go ahead. Thank you.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Sorry, I just put that we will discuss that at EURALO at our next call on next Tuesday, and we have our general assembly the 14th of December. Therefore, we will try to keep with those dates and use also all those meetings to populate. But in the same time, we have already to run three ABRs this year and that's maybe a constraint to have new ideas. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you, Sébastien.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, Holly, so that was actually a perfect segue. [inaudible] sub-steps here with the [inaudible] that we're going to do today or tomorrow is really to ask the RALOs—either the RALO leaders or the FBSC members from the region—to definitely get the news out, get on their next monthly meeting, definitely have that as an agenda item, talk about that, get some ideas going. And again, we're happy to have staff on there as well. We've been working with you for many years and we've seen—and many of you have as well—some of the reasons ABRs seem

to be approved, what makes a stronger proposal. And what comes up over and over is that there's a need to reach out to the staff, the GSE staff in the region, see if there's room for collaboration, particularly if that's going to deal something with engagement activities, just so everyone is aware of what's being proposed. That seems to help as well.

Sorry, Holly, one more thing about your suggestion for going to the RALO leaders. And Sébastien, since he's the EURALO chair, he might be able to taker that back to the other RALO chairs and suggest that on their next cross-RALO meeting—I'm not quite sure if that's been scheduled yet, but that might be something that either staff can talk about or Maureen, as chair of the FBSC, she can come and talk [to them] about that. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: I think that's an excellent idea. And just picking up on the point that Maureen's making, RALOs back in October [were told] that they should start working on ideas for ABRs. I think that it would be useful to make sure that staff—first of all that we use Kirsten's slides which would be very useful, plus the material that Heidi has talked about today which also [inaudible] useful in terms of each RALO getting their head around the opportunities that are presented.

I think those are probably where we go from here. Maureen, do you have any final words that would make any further suggestions?

MAUREEN HILYARD:	I think what's been raised already—and I do agree, Sébastien and his team have obviously thought about it. I'm just looking at, for example, APRALO. [I think they've been mentioned.] But that's probably our fault as well.

So we've really got to push this because we've only got 'ill end of December, really, to start getting some concrete ideas organized. So it's going to be a real focus for RALOs to be looking at what they might need.

I think too, there's going to be an outreach and engagement meeting soon. And looking actually at strategic plans and things like that, and if we're looking at the outreach area in regards to how can we do it better, and that we might look at—especially with resources and toolkits. We've been talking about that kind of thing. It's just getting people to really look at how they might more critically look at how we can support our members in some way using this ICANN resource. It's available. They've got $300,000 and they gave us quite a bit of that last year. So let's see if we can better that opportunity.

But I think it's really important that everybody keeps an eye on especially the people who are on the FBSC for example. Heidi, did you have that list of the FBSC members available?

HEIDI ULLRICH:	Yeah. Michelle has that. There we go.

MAUREEN HILYARD:	Thank you very much. So as we can see, there's an ALAC member and a community member as I mentioned earlier before. So it is hoped that these people will get that message about what's expected. This is the Finance and Budget Subcommittee, so therefore, they have a real responsibility to make sure that their RALOs are also making some consideration of just this effort.
	And also remembering too that even though we're saying individual RALOs, there's nothing wrong with the members talking amongst themselves anyway and sort of saying, well, it's something that might be coming to everybody that we can actually use across the system. And some of the things that for example, RALOs have come up with, that would have been great as a cross-At-Large kind of initiative. So let's think about things we can do in that respect as well.
	Have we not got somebody from the ALAC and LACRALO yet? I'm sure we have. I'm sure we'll be able to get somebody from there.
HOLLY RAICHE:	Claire is here. [inaudible].
MAUREEN HILYARD:	No, I'm just looking—someone's name hasn't been put in yet. But I'm sure an ALAC member will jump into that spot. Just checking.
HOLLY RAICHE:	At least one person from each area.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Heidi, go ahead.

HEIDI ULLRICH: We have Naveed, Raymond, so they're incoming ALAC members on the call.

MAUREEN HILYARD: I'm just saying there's a TBC in the LACRALO. I just wondered why that name hadn't been put in yet. I'm sure there is someone who's volunteering. Got it?

HEIDI ULLRICH: I understand. Let me follow up. I thought so as well. Let me see what that is. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. So yeah, but apart from that, if there are any other questions—and thank you, Sébastien, for contributing, a longstanding member in making lots of ABRs over the years. It's really good to get that—we've had lots of rejections, don't worry. But at the same time, hey, put it in. As long as it's coming from the community and everyone in your community says yeah, put it in, do it. And then everybody else will talk about it and they'll say whether it actually fits in with what everybody else thinks is important, and they'll go for it.

HOLLY RAICHE: Heidi, go ahead, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Really quickly, it seems like there might be a cross-RALO call. We'll see about that. That's one thing. Just to confirm, I'll go ahead and develop the e-mail, I'll send that to all of the extended regional teams just so they can see the message and I'll ask them to forward it to their RALOs. But again, I ask that as you work with your regional members, to please reach out to At-Large staff, to GSE staff. We're happy to get on a call. We have this RPEP, the At-Large regional policy engagement program. That connects all of those key links. At-Large staff, we've got the regional members and the GSE team. So we can definitely get on the call and talk about those proposals. When there's a proposal that doesn't get accepted or approved, it's [inaudible] for everyone. So we rather have strong proposals from the very start. Thank you very much.

HOLLY RAICHE: I think that sounds terrific. First of all I'd like to thank Kirsten and her team for the slides and the presentation. Those slides will be on the OFB working group website for people's information along with timelines. And Heidi, I think your rundown of the ABRs and a link to that would also be really useful so that people can look at the requests that have been made that are successful. I think all that's really important information to help people in developing new ideas and projects that can be funded.

Any questions or comments? If not, we can have an early mark. But I think there's plenty to do. There's a very tight timeline because really,

we're most of the way through November. By the end of December, people should already have been discussing and finalizing some projects that they would like. But Heidi, the calls that we were talking about will also be very useful.

So, are there any questions of Kirsten and staff?

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Thank you. Just to say that I just sent to my chair RALO colleauges a note to suggest a call in December about ABR for all of the RALO leaders. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Good. Thank you, Sébastien. And Sébastien, it might be useful to have available Kirsten's slides and maybe Heidi's rundown as well of that call. Just a thought.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: Definitely, we will be happy to have them. We will organize with staff. No worries. And if you can be with us, I know that it's the other side of the world but if you can be with us, it'll be great. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: We're used to actually getting up at really odd hours.

SÉBASTIEN BACHOLLET: I know, but I don't want to add too much burden on you. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Well, look, that's an excellent start and the other RALOs can also use the information that Kirsten has kindly provided as well as the really good briefing that Heidi's given. So I think we've got a way forward here. Heidi and Maureen, are you happy with the way forward on this one?

MAUREEN HILYARD: Sure. It's good.

HOLLY RAICHE: Excellent. Well, if there are no further questions, I'd like to thank particularly Kirsten and her team. Heidi, go ahead, please.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, if we can just scroll down to the very bottom of the agenda, I wanted to just highlight—we know what we're going to do with the FBSC, but Holly, for the OFB members here, [I was in touch] again with Becky earlier today and she has confirmed that—let me just—dates here. So the public comment on the fiscal year 23—

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, I thought you'd be interested. And Ricardo too. Public comment on the fiscal year 23 operating and financial plan. Sorry, that's the fiscal year 23-27 operating and financial plan, and the draft fiscal year 23 operating plan and budget. That will come out on the 7th of December and there's going to be a public webinar on the 8th of December on that. So we'll definitely send that information to you so you can join— that information.

HOLLY RAICHE: Excellent.

HEIDI ULLRICH: And Holly, my question to you was, did you want an OFB call right after that? [inaudible]

HOLLY RAICHE: I probably absolutely will. I think probably after the webinar, it'd give us an opportunity to attend one of the webinars, and then have a meeting right after that so that we can talk about what was said in the webinar and start to ask questions and develop a process to respond. So absolutely, yes, that's an excellent idea. Thank you. Judith, go ahead, please.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: First of all, if you could have the webinar—that wasn't why I raised my hand but I'm adding this in—a week later so it gives time for those of us

who are attending the IGF to come back, because that happens during the IGF. So it would be helpful if it would happen after we're back.

But my other question is, I think they have the information wrong. As I recall, on NARALO, the other person is Marita Moll and not Javier.

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: And the information the sheet said Javier.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. We can look at that. Marita isn't here but she was an apology to this meeting. She was concerned she couldn't make it. So she will be listening in later.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yeah, so that was my question. Thanks so much.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Thank you. Just to reply, Judith, I would imagine that the webinars, even if you can't attend, usually, they're available on the website.

JUDITH HELLERSTEIN: Yes, so I'd look at it, but if you could have it before—if we have our meeting afterwards, so I can ... I'd be grateful. Thanks so much.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Thank you. With that, I'm going to say thank you to everyone. And Heidi, to answer your question, yes, we absolutely need the next OFB working group after the webinars on the 7th and 8th. Should be our next meeting, and we will be concentrating totally on the webinars and on the budget.

And if we could have somebody from staff at that meeting, that would be very helpful if that's okay.

HEIDI ULLRICH: Holly, I'm assuming you mean Becky from that, right?

HOLLY RAICHE: Yes.

HEIDI ULLRICH: So I'm thinking we might hold it—and Michelle, I think your regular time is on the Thursday. So that should give everyone time to get back from Poland and right before people might be taking that next week off in advance of the holidays. Thank you.

HOLLY RAICHE: Okay. Thank you. Any Other Business, and we've already talked about our next meeting. So thank you all. Thank you, Kirsten, thank you, team, and thank you, everyone. We'll talk at the next meeting. Have a good day fore the rest of the day, whatever it is. Thank you.

KIRSTEN CROWNHART: Thank you so much.

HOLLY RAICHE: Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Kirsten. Thank you, everyone.

MICHELLE DESMYTER: Thanks, everyone. Meeting is adjourned. Please take care. Bye.

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