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CLAUDIA RUIZ: Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly—

MAUREEN HILYARD: Claudia, we've lost you.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Sorry. Should I continue with the roll call?

HEIDI ULLRICH: Yeah, now you're back. Go ahead.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: On the call, we have Satish Babu, Amrita Choudhury, Maureen Hilyard, Adarsh Bu, Ali Almeshal, Aris Ignacio, Asyraf Rahman, Cherie Lagakali, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Pavan Budrhani, Amir Qayyum, Edmon Chung, Gopal Tadepalli, Justine Chew, Mohan Raidu, Le Yang, León Sanchez, Lianna Galstyan, Priyatosh Jana, Satish Babu, [inaudible].

We have received apologies from Gisella Gruber from staff, and Holly Raiche, as well as Jia Rong Low.

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

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

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interpreters can identify you on the other language channel. Thank you very much, and with this, I turn the call over to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Claudia. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, and a warm welcome to this special purpose meeting. The reason why we organized this monthly meeting for December as a special meeting is because we realized that we have had a bunch of newcomers joining us through the year and we felt that we had to get everybody to the same page vis-à-vis the overall picture of ICANN, ALAC, al, and APRALO. The leadership team had discussed this point and come to the conclusion that we should do it. And today, we have therefore the onboarding call.

As you can see on the board, our tagline is celebrating diversity. We're a very large and diverse region, and we have members from different parts of our region. I'd like to welcome everybody who's joined us today. We also have two very important people with us, two Board members of ICANN, León and Edmon. León of course is our own friend from At-Large. I'd like to welcome León and Edmon to this call. And León, I realize that it's a very odd time slot for you and we are grateful to have you here with us. And Edmon of course is from our region, so it's very special to have Edmon on this call. Next slide, please.

So this is an overview. There'll be a number of speakers on this call. We're in point number one now, we're going to go to León and Edmon and then to Maureen, and then to Cheryl and all the leadership team

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members who will be making several presentations on aspects of what we do and how we work. Next slide, please.

With this, I would like to invite Maureen, ALAC chair, to give a warm welcome to our guests and participants.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you, Satish. I've got nothing much to add, because I think you've done it, Satish, but I really would like to thank the APRALO leadership team for putting this presentation together so that everyone can be on the same page with regards to what it is that we're doing within APRALO and the At-Large in general, within the wider community. I'd also like to thank our special guests who are with us today. It's really lovely to have León and Edmon with us. I don't want to take up too much time because I know we've got a pretty big agenda. back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Before we move on to León, I'd like to wish everybody a very happy holiday season and productive new year that's coming up shortly. Next slide, please. We are now moving over to the first part of the presentation, which is about ICANN itself. Over to you, León.

LEÓN SANCHEZ:

Thank you very much, Satish. Thank you, Maureen, and everyone for having me. As usual, it's a pleasure to be in the APRALO call, and even more being the last call of this year. As you might notice, for APRALO,

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it's the [call] of the region, so happy to be here. Well, let's see a little bit about ICANN. Next slide, please.

ICANN is the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, and it has a very specific mission. That is to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. We need to remember that we have two Ns in our acronym. It's names and numbers. So we talk about domain names and IP addresses.

Specifically, what is ICANN's mission? First, to coordinate the allocation and assignment of names in the root zone of the domain name system. Second, to coordinate development and implementation of policies concerning the registration of second-level domain names in the gTLD space. Third, to facilitate the coordination of the operation and evolution of DNS root name server system. Fourth, to coordinate the allocation and assignment at the topmost level of Internet protocol numbers and autonomous system numbers. And last and not least, to collaborate with other bodies as appropriate to provide registries needed for their functioning of the Internet as specified by Internet protocol standards development organizations.

So as you can see, it has a very specific but also kind of wide mission. You can find this mission defined in Article 1 of ICANN's bylaws. You can see the mission there, the specifics, and also something that is as important as defining what we do, which is what we do not do.

In Article 1.1(b), you will see that ICANN shall not act outside its mission. It's very easy to think that ICANN covers more than it actually does. For example, a lot of people, when they first come to ICANN, try to come

with posing questions about connectivity. They ask, why is ICANN not doing something to connect the next billion users? Well, the easy answer is that it's not within our mission. But of course, it's a more complex answer to the question.

But as you will see, if you are newcomers or even if you are longtime ICANNers, the ICANN community is very mindful of ICANN's mission, and we strive not only at the community level but also the Board and Organization level to avoid what we call mission creep, to deviate the mission that we carry in ICANN.

ICANN has different ways of achieving this mission. For that, I would like to go into the next slides. Specifically, the next one, please. So we have an ecosystem within ICANN which is formed by the community, the Organization and the Board.

When you look at the Board, I would also say that it's also part of the community, because most Board members come out of the community itself. So I like to look at the community and Board as one. We have of course different responsibilities, but I think of us as a team and as a single entity as opposed to different entities. So with these three elements that we see here, the ecosystem makes everything that is needed to carry out ICANN's mission. Next slide, please.

Within the community, you'll see that we have two main tasks assigned to different bodies. The first one is the making of policy, which is done by these supporting organizations: the ccNSO, the GNSO and the ASO. Each of them of course is responsible for developing policy recommendations in the areas they represent. For example, the ASO in

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regards to IP addressing, the GNSO in regard to generic top-level domains, and the ccNSO in relation to country code top-level domains.

These are the policy making bodies in the ecosystem, but there are other bodies as important, which are the advisory committees. We have four advisory committees in the ICANN ecosystem. Their task is to give advice and make recommendations on ICANN topics. Each of them in regard to their corresponding interests or remits. Next slide, please.

We have the ASO, ccNSO, GNSO which I've already spoken a little bit about. If we go to the next slide, we'll see the advisory committees. The ALAC which expresses the interest of the individual Internet end users is composed of 15 members, two from each of the five regional At-Large organizations and five appointed by the ICANN Nominating Committee. It is supported by At-Large structures, ALSes.

Then we have the GAC, which provides advice on public policy issues, particularly on interactions with ICANN policy and national laws or international agreements. Then we have the RSSAC which advises on the operation, administration, security and integrity of the root server system. And finally, the SSAC which advises on matters related to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems.

To whom do they provide this advice? To the ICANN Board. There is a process for the Board to address each of the advice that comes in from each of the advisory committees, and of course, there is also a process for handling the policy recommendations that come from the policymaking bodies.

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So, as we speak about the ICANN ecosystem, this is sort of a bird's eye view of how the ICANN ecosystem is formed. And now in particular, referring to the Board, the Board is a body of 20 members which are assigned by different parts of the community, both the supporting organizations and the advisory committees. We also have some liaisons from other technical bodies which are nonvoting, and the president and CEO is also a Board member. So we have 16 voting members and four nonvoting members for a total of 20 members within the Board.

The Board is a body that oversees the organization's activities. We have different duties. Duty of care, duty of loyalty, etc., and we need to perform those with regards to the activities that organization carries. We need to act in the best interest of the organization. That means once we're assigned or designated by any given body within the community, we must act in the interest of the organization and not in representation of those who have designated us to occupy the corresponding seat. Again, once you are seated in the Board, of course, you reflect and embody in some way the views of the appointing body that has designed you to the Board, but you need to be careful not to represent that body because you are part of the wider community once you're seated in the Board and you must act in the best interest of the organization.

It is a lot of work, the work that we do in the Board. Maybe as much as the one that you do in each of the constituencies and constituent bodies of ICANN. and I can tell you that it's a privilege to serve in the Board. Having the privilege and the honor of occupying seat 15, the designated seat for the At-Large community, I am very happy and

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honored to be able to serve you as At-Large members and others in our community as vice chair of the Board.

I think Edmon could also tell us a little bit of how things roll in the Board now that he's an incoming Board member appointed by the NomCom. He happens to be, of course, a member of the Asia Pacific region as well. And as Cheryl is pointing out in the chat, I am an honorary member of the APRALO and we have to remember that Mexico is part of the APAC community. So I can say that I am a proud member of the APAC region as well. Even if a little bit far from where most of you are, I can say that I'm a proud member of the APAC region.

With that, back to Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, León. It's good to see that you're in the Pacific region—because Mexico has a Pacific coast—so yeah, absolutely correct, of course. So thank you very much for your very informative presentation. It's very useful for us to get authoritative information from authoritative sources. Thanks again for joining us, and wish you a very happy new year and holiday season on behalf of all of us here in APRALO. I'd like to invite Edmon to speak a few words about the region and its priorities and the role that he sees for At-Large in Asia Pacific.

EDMON CHUNG:

Thank you, Satish, and thank you for having me here. Following up from what León just mentioned, I'm really new to the ICANN Board and learning a lot from León and my fellow colleagues on the Board.

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Certainly honored to serve on the ICANN Board and to join here as the member who I would say I came from the At-Large and the APRALO, working with the APRALO since really the beginning or even before it started.

As León mentioned as well, it's slightly different way of taking it, from being elected from the NomCom process—which for those of you who are new, would be a rather interesting history, but for a different time because it's a long story, but coming from the Asia Pacific, I certainly don't purport to represent the region, but I would love to hear from you and to try my best to bring the voices from Asia Pacific into the Board.

Being on the Board now, I guess some of the things that I've been working on actually is continuing on some of the things that I have been working on as the community. As León says, I think a big part of the Board comes from the community, and I think that continuation is important.

For me, IDNs, internationalized domain names and universal acceptance is a big topic. On the Board, I have just assumed the chair of IDN and UA working group, which was previously chaired by Akinori, another Asia Pacific Board member.

A couple things of course is IDN and UA, the universal acceptance which is the ability to utilize internationalized domain names and new gTLDs and new top-level domains in a seamless fashion.

I think those two topics are traditionally important topics for At-Large and for APAC, so I'm quite excited that Justine here with you is actually—because of my moving to the Board, I vacated the chair

position for the IDN policy development process that's happening at the GNSO. Justine is now assuming the vice chair role in that group, and I'm very excited to see that.

The other thing that I've been working on is to enlarge the ICANN capacity on IDN and UA. No need to enlarge ICANN itself. But I think I've been pushing for ICANN to have more personnel to support the IDN and universal acceptance team.

Universal acceptance is an interesting thing and I think APRALO members should pay attention and perhaps participate as well. The Universal Acceptance Steering Group is a bottom-up initiative from the community, although supported by ICANN, both in terms of funding and in terms of the secretariat support, but is led and operated independently by the community. It's completely open. So do participate. And it has so much relationship with ICANN and what ICANN does in terms of bringing out new generic top-level domains and making sure that internationalized domain names work across the board.

On the Board, there are many other hot topics like the WHOIS or what is called the SSAD topic, the subsequent procedures, bringing out new generic top-level domains, DNS abuse, root server governance. I can go on. But I think as León mentioned, there's quite a bit of work in front of the Board, and every bit of advice coming from ALAC is most important, and your participation from the APRALO, which I grew up in from the ICANN world, is certainly most important. Thank you.

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SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Edmon. Very happy to see you as a Board member from our region. I'm also happy to report that for both the EPDP on IDNs and the universal acceptance, APRALO is very prominent. Apart from Justine who's the vice chair as you mentioned, two of the three members of that EPDP are from APRALO, and we also have fairly prominent roles in the UA work.

So thanks again for reminding us of those priorities. Next slide, please. It is now over to Maureen who'll be talking to us about ALAC.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much. I've got three slides. The first is looking at the At-Large role. The At-Large community and the At-Large Advisory Committee have a role in ICANN policy development and advice, as León actually explained.

But what I think I have to press on people is to remind, whenever they're speaking to others outside of At-Large, is the difference between the ALAC which is the 15-member committee and the At-Large community which is everyone within At-Large.

And that's really important, because remembering that ICANN is a bottom-up community, and most of the action that happens within At-Large happens at the community level, not just within the 15-member committee. They have a special role, but it's not just about them, it's about all of us as the members of the community, and that includes you as the RALO members. And as we share in that bottom-up multi-stakeholder model through our involvement with other members of the ICANN community.

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As seen in the slides, the At-Large community has a role in the development of policy comments as well as policy advice within ICANN. So we're constantly asking people to add their voices to the policy conversations where they can, so that we can be seen to be conveying the end user perspective into these conversations.

You'll be able to access the slides and read what's on them, but what I'd like you to know more—if you'd like to know more about the ALAC and At-Large, there's actually an ICANN Learn course and it's called "At-Large, welcome to our world." I understand from staff quite recently that there's quite a huge number of people that have undertaken that course. And I doubt whether it's just people from At-Large, because there's probably people from outside our community who want to know what's happening.

So there's obviously some value from it, and if you'd like to know more, if you're new and you'd like to get a good overview of At-Large, that ICANN Learn course would be what you need. Next slide, please.

This next slide explains probably the most important part of our work in relation to the Board, to ICANN Org, which involves the CEO and staff, and other ICANN sections such as that León mentioned with regards to the GNSO, ccNSO, the GAC, the SSAC and other organizations that make up the ICANN community to whom we actually contribute comments in relation to policy that they're developing within their areas.

I won't go through the whole process, but suffice to say that with the Consolidated Policy Working Group, rather than having several different working groups working separately, discussing policy issues in little

siloes, we decided to create a Consolidated Policy Working Group with small groups maybe studying issues that they're working on with other sections of the ICANN community like the IDN working group and the SubPro working group, those sorts of things.

They study the issues that they're working on within the other sections of the ICANN community, but they come to the Consolidated Policy Working Group and get their direction on any end user position that At-Large has on any policy issue. So the position they present to the working group that they're working with comes from the group that actually makes up this thing, and that all views—anyone who has anything to say about a particular topic can say it in this group. But what happens is the group makes a decision as a consolidated decision about what actually fits in with what is important to At-Large, and it's passed on to the small group to take back to the wider community in the EPDP or the cross-community working group where they may be discussing that particular issue.

So the CPWG is made up of people from all over the place, different communities, different backgrounds, and your voice is as important as anyone else's, especially if you've got an interest in a particular area. The CPWG also works in the same way—as León says, because not only do we comment on policy from other areas of the ICANN community, but we provide advice to the Board. And we do this in the same way especially if there is an issue that we feel very strongly about and want the Board to know about it. And as León said, there's a process, but it's still advice that comes from the group, bottom-up.

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CPWG also reports to the ALAC meetings each month, not only on progress that they're making but they also notify the community of any upcoming topics in case people are interested and want to come along and add their voice in the discussions. But I'm really pleased to say that we've got several active participants from APRALO in the CPWG and it's really great to see.

As well as policy, there are two other Work Stream areas that At-Large is involved in. One of them is outreach, which is an important role for everyone in APRALO because you're getting the messages out about ICANN into your community, and the third Work Stream is Operations, and Finance. This is the group that studies what ICANN is doing and how we in At-Large can support their work through our own activities in At-Large.

So those are the three areas. And as León and Edmon have said, we need to have your voices at the discussion tables. Initially, you may not be able to contribute because you haven't quite understood what's going on, but sometimes you might have a question that would be, once you ask it, it can help to develop better understanding by a lot of others as well. So think about it. Join the meetings at least.

And the final slide that I have is about the composition of the At-Large organization and the ALAC. I'd like to explain how you might be able to get on to the ALAC. There are two ways and both have been mentioned. The first is you can be elected by your RALO. You have a chance to vote the next person to be on the ALAC at the next election.

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But the election by the RALO is normally by a single designated person from each ALS, plus one person who represents the interests of individual members. And I can't remember how many ALSes we have. Plus one who represents the individual members. Each have a vote each year to elect someone who's been nominated to stand for the position on the ALAC.

Currently, the two people who are the two elected members of APRALO are of course Holly Raiche, one of our policy gurus—her term ends at the end of 2022—and I am the other elected member, and I've just been reelected for another two years so that my term ends in 2023.

Interestingly, this upcoming year 2022 will also be my fourth and final year as chair of the ALAC. So when I completed that year, I'll have a second year where I'll be able to relax a bit more, I hope, but help to transition the new ALAC chair into their role. So still going to be a busy time, I would say.

The second way to get onto the ALAC—and this was actually mentioned by Edmon of course—is to apply through the NomCom. Naveed Bin Rais is the NomCom appointee for this two-year term. And the NomCom is pretty special to ALAC because we have RALO representatives who have a special role on the Nominating Committee, and they fill in some very important gaps.

If you look at this diagram, this makes up the three members from each of the regions, which is our 15-member ALAC. That's where they come from. Two from the RALOs and one from the NomCom.

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One of the important roles of these 15 members, along with the five RALO chairs, is that together, they select the At-Large representative on the ICANN Board. And León was the member of At-Large who was selected by those 20 members to represent us. Was it four years ago?

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Yes.

MAUREEN HILYARD: And now they're sitting in the At-Large seat, but he's also the vice chair of the Board and for that, we're very proud of him and we're very grateful that we have someone like León representing—not really representing us, but sitting in the At-Large seat on the Board.

On that happy note, I'll pass you back to Satish. If anyone has any questions, they can ask at the end of the session. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Maureen, for the very informative presentation. We will have an opportunity for questions at the end of the session, so please keep them ready. We can open them up at the last ... Next slide, please.

Now we move on to Lianna. Lianna has been driving this whole meeting and she actually put together this large set of slides. It has been quite a big task. It's over to Lianna for the next phase, which is about APRALO [inaudible].

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you very much, Satish. For the next section, we will speak about the APRALO, which is the Asia Pacific Regional At-Large Organization. In the next slide, we can see all these regional organizations that are from a geographic region. Starting from North America, NARALO, then Latin America and Caribbean, LACRALO. For Europe, that is EURALO, and for Africa, that is AFRALO. And of course, as we are in the Asia Pacific, we sometimes say Asia, Australia and Pacific Islands. So APRALO.

You see the number of ALS, At-Large Structures in different regions. One of the biggest in the RALO is the APRALO. We have 61 ALSes, and of course, we have individual members. Next slide, please.

The Asia Pacific is a very large and diverse group, and I will just explain a little bit about the structure. The regional leaders, as you know, the chair of APRALO is Satish Babu, and he's also the geographic diversity that we have, he's from India. We do have two vice chairs. It's my self from Armenia and Amrita Choudhury from India. Amrita started her term this year and I'm very grateful to see all this diversity within work and the background that we have.

We have secretariat. Our secretary is Pavan Budhrani from Hong Kong. He's been serving his term—this is not by election but appointment from the leadership. So Pavan has been serving for many years and we are very happy to have him in this role, helping out with onboarding our new members, welcoming them and helping with our work.

Of course, the leadership and the structure include ALAC members that Maureen has already mentioned. For this term, starting from ICANN 72, we have new seats for Naveed who has been elected from NomCom. And our other representatives are Maureen from Cook Island and Holly Raiche from Australia. And Naveed from Pakistan is another big diversity that we have in the region.

And our NomCom delegate from Asia Pacific region is Ali Almeshal who used to be vice chair of APRALO. Now he went to the NomCom. This is another Important role for a member to start and see what can become for the whole community and [inaudible] position.

So these are the leaders of APRALO. The structure, as I mentioned, we have At-Large Structures and the membership itself. So At-Large Structures and individual members. We equally appreciate and value the contribution of everyone, not only as a structure but as individual members, those who come to contribute to the work that we do on their behalf, the unaffiliated members, but also those members who are in the At-Large structure. It's not only the primary leadership role in the At-Large but they are regular members. We very much appreciate the work they do and would like to see more of you contributing and working with us. We always welcome everyone to be with us and doing the whole work collectively.

For the next slide, about core values that we have in APRALO. As we mentioned many times, the diversity is one of the more important parts that we value. As mentioned, APRALO is a very vast geographic region. It encompasses a diversity of cultures, languages and scripts and presenting—even the challenges are different, starting with the time

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zones, [inaudible] ICANN meetings, especially with virtual meetings, the time zone is very challenging, of course. But we celebrate the diversity. [That is our motto.]

[inaudible] collaboration. That is another core value of APRALO. We value the partnership with different organizations, starting with APNIC, that is Asia Pacific [inaudible] and APTLD who are the TLDs within Asia Pacific, and DotAsia, another great partner of APRALO starting from the beginning. So Edmon is the CEO of DotAsia and now the linkage of APRALO and DotAsia which is really great to have.

So we do have MoUs—memorandums of understanding—with these partners, and we participate in those meetings and contribute to different activities that are being gone on both sides.

So we see the opportunities how to expand with our collaboration with our partners, and we will continuously improve this. And of course, we have the collaboration with the APAC Hub, our members do participate in the work and meetings that is being organized in the APAC Hub.

So those are the most important things we've been doing as part of core values. Back to Satish to continue with the other important aspects that we do in APRALO. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you very much, Lianna, for that coverage of APRALO. Next slide, please. We now come to a very unique aspect of APRALO. We have an APRALO policy forum which is led by Justine. Justine will talk about the policy forum and what it is seeking to do. Justine, over to you.

JUSTINE CHEW:

Thank you, Satish. As some of you know, I hold a number of roles in ICANN, but today I have the pleasure of speaking to you all as the co-chair of the APRALO policy forum. The other co-chair being Satish.

This particular policy forum—there have been other policy platforms in the past, but I'm going to speak to you about this particular forum itself. It was established late in 2019 and as you can see, it is meant to, number one, facilitate, inform inclusive regional position development on issues which are within ICANN's remit.

So I'm going to try and break it up into little bits so that it's easier to understand. To facilitate informed means we have to discuss issues based on data or knowledge about things. Inclusive regional position development means that we're trying to achieve a bottom-up approach, meaning from the community upwards rather than top-down from leadership downwards. And issues within ICANN's remit, those have been elaborated earlier by León, so not going to touch on those.

And the other aspect of the policy forum is basically to support the APRALO's participation in the ALAC policy platform from Asia Pacific and Pacific Islands region's perspective and also from the end users' perspective.

Membership is open to all APRALO members and it's by way of subscription to a mailing list. So if you are not currently a member and you're interested in policy issues for the region and also a spillover from the ALAC side of things, At-Large overall, by all means, I invite you to contact staff to express an interest to join the APRALO policy forum

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mailing list and staff will contact you to go through the motions of how to subscribe you to the list.

I would like to just touch on and give you examples of what the APRALO policy forum does. We don't really deal with governance issues per se, and we don't necessarily deal with outreach and engagement in the way that the typical outreach and engagement efforts are done.

We do touch on engagement a little bit, and we do touch on capacity building a little bit as well. So if I give you examples of what the APRALO policy forum has done in the last two years since its inception in 2019, you will see descriptions of this in the Wiki page, the link I've just posted in the chat box.

So examples of things that we have done is because it is policy-focused, we try to aim at discussing policy and from a regional perspective. So it is always a challenge to try not to overlap too much with what At-Large is doing within the Consolidated Policy Working Group from a policy discussion point of view, because it's not very useful to duplicate things and it's better to have At-Large perspective in terms of policy.

But having said that, we do have certain nuances within the region of APAC that touch on specific areas of policy. One of the things is in terms of subsequent procedures, the APRALO policy forum did produce a statement on the subsequent procedures output, the policy recommendations for subsequent procedures, and in particular, we touched on the ALAC statement, but we focused specifically on things like an increased adoption of universal acceptance and IDNs. So those, UA and IDNs are very important issues for APRALO.

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We also talked about increasing and making equitable access by the Global South to more community and niche TLD in the next round, and through things like applicant support program and community priority evaluation processes, and also to support ALAC in its call for automatic standing in order to file community objections. So there are specific nuances within APRALO that we would like to highlight to the Board as well as to the other policymaking bodies.

So that's an example of a policy matter that the policy forum deals with. We also touch a little bit on capacity building in terms of IDNs. We organized an IDN webinar back in July 2021 to bring folks who are interested in IDNs up to speed with what IDNs are all about. [inaudible] have been accumulating for IDNs as well as what the work of the EPDP, the expedited policy development process on IDNs is taking on this year and next year, and possibly early 2023.

In other matters, we're embarking and continuing on two projects. One is the [inaudible] interest and the other one is the regional hot topic survey. I won't go into too much about it, because I have limited time today, but I would invite you all to have a look at the APRALO policy Wiki space. There's descriptions of the issues and projects we're taking on.

Also, we had a survey done—in fact, I'm going to extend the survey into next year, January, because we haven't had too much response, but it is a way of us asking the community whether what we're doing within the policy forum matches your expectation and also what other ideas or things that you as a community member would like us to do in terms of from a policy perspective. So I'll leave it there. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Justine, both for leading the work on the policy forum as well as for presenting it to the community today. We now move on to another very active initiative of APRALO, that's the newsletter. Next slide, please. I invite Amrita to talk to us about it. We are running a bit short on time, so I would request her to kind of speed up.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Hi everyone. Thank you for being here. I'll be very brief because I had a quiz, some feedback which we would run at the end. So we have an APRALO newsletter which comes out every month, but in the last three months, it has been coming every two months. Primarily, we try to give information about what is happening in APRALO, what ALS members are doing. So this is a joint collaboration of staff, of us as well as the community who want to showcase things in the newsletter and want everyone to know about it. And at the end of it, we also have what is called the yearbook, which is created by Maureen, so that it can be a repository for all kinds of activities. Next slide, please. If you have any information which hu want to showcase in the newsletter, you can reach out to staff or me. Next slide, please.

We also have something called a mentoring program so that we can help people to groom them up to the next level. This current mentoring program is being led by Ali and Lianna and I am supporting it. We have six mentees at this time, from India, Turkey, China. This is a more loosely done structure wherein we try to help them understand and go

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through the different APRALO processes, hopefully have them contributing to the policy processes at some point of time, and then also groom them up so that we have the next level of people equipped for leadership. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Next slide, please. The next part of the presentation will be handled by Cheryl. This is about ICANN Learn and some of the very important work that's being done for the entire community.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much, Satish. I won't take long at all, I'll just try to get you all excited about your own ability regardless of whether you're an oldy, an ancient possum like myself, founding like Edmon, honorary like León and whether or not you're running stuff like your leadership team that you've heard from, you've got so many resources that ICANN has available. Not always easy to find, I will admit, but this, ICANN Learn, is perfect.

I popped into the chat a link which I would encourage you to follow. You will need to log into ICANN. But if you're involved with us, an active part of APRALO, you should be logging into the ICANN site anyway. Come on, guys. Get your identity, get logged in and visit ICANN Learn.

Maureen's mentioned some things, and also, she took you very briefly through the CPWG. "Welcome to our world" from At-Large is a great starting point. A lot of the materials we've covered today is covered in greater detail in that course. It is essential, in my view, for you all—

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regardless of who you are and what you think you know—to do those sorts of in-service training, all at your own time and pace. You can resume, drop off, start off, get through it whenever you like.

But if you're interested in policy, and even if you just want to dive into this local APRALO policy forum, to feel more comfortable in what happens with the outputs of those policies, I would strongly encourage you to also look at our policy course.

That very tiny lots of little blocks graphic that Maureen showed you, every one of those has a wealth of information behind it, it's all interactive. Dig in, join us, you get out of it what you put into it when you're a volunteer in At-Large, and certainly if you're an active part of APRALO.

But the other thing you've got is a whole lot of people like me, Maureen, Satish, Lianna, Amrita, the whole team who you can just reach out and ask a question of. That's it for me.

SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Cheryl. Thank you for the work on this, and I must say that there's [a multiplier effect. Some people are putting in but many others are taking out.] So that is a great thing.

Now I will be managing the next few slides, but before that, I have an announcement. Amrita is going to be using menti.com for some feedback. So she will be giving you this question code shortly, but please tune into menti.com and wait on that site while we're handling the next few slides. Next slide, please.

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Some quick points about APRALO. We have our general assembly [inaudible]. The last one was in Abu Dhabi, 2017. Now because of COVID, our plans to have our next GA was kind of blocked. Our current schedule is for 2023. And these are some pictures from the Abu Dhabi GA, which was a very participatory kind of thing. Next slide, please.

Now, we have monthly meetings, and this is of course a special meeting so it's not on our designated day and time. Our designated day and time is third Thursday of every month at 6:00 UTC. It's open to everybody to come and participate.

This particular meeting that we have today is a special meeting to onboard people as well as to report to the community what we've been doing in the last couple months. [inaudible] We also use—most of our communication is through our e-mail, but we also have a really active Skype group and WhatsApp for specific purposes, and we have an active social media presence as well. You can visit our page to see more of our online content. Next slide, please.

Now, there has been some discussion on the expectations from the members of APRALO. This is a shortlist of what we expect from our members, both individual members and ALSes. This is why we've put individual members first, because they're a very important [category] for us. Expected to contribute to APRALO, ALAC and ICANN policy process. That's the primary expectation that we have.

The next one is to contribute to outreach and engagement within APRALO and their own community. Individual members, although they're individuals, are still a bridge to their own local community. And

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then contribute to APRALO's organizational development and decision making processes, including maybe electing their own representative to the leadership team.

Now, ALS members, these are institutions. So the expectation that we have from them is that they encourage participation of their members in APRALO activities, in a fashion very similar to APRALO's direct individual members.

Second expectation from them is that they help [internalizing] the views of their communities into APRALO's policy development. Ultimately, that feeds them into ICANN's policy development. So this is a way of getting the voices of local communities into APRALO and then into the ICANN process.

Finally, participate in APRALO's decision making processes, including elections. So this is the [inaudible] of expectations that we have for individual members and institutional members. Next slide, please.

All our meetings, online or face-to-face, are subject to the ICANN expected standards of behavior. I won't go into detail, but you're encouraged to read it and ensure that there's no deviation from these principles, whether we are meeting face-to-face or on chat or WhatsApp or physically or Zoom. We are bound by these expected standards of behavior. Next slide, please.

These are our contact information. As Cheryl mentioned, you can reach out to any of us. Many of us can be of help in whatever way we can. Before we open for questions, I will hand the floor to Amrita for her feedback session.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thank you, Satish. I have a few questions for you, and this is going to be on menti.com. And you will see the code on top of the screen.

SATISH BABU: The code is 91117071.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yes. So, have you ever received the APRALO monthly newsletter? It is anonymous, so you can use it as you want. And even staff and leadership can participate. If you have never seen it, please feel free to say, because we want to do something which is meaningful for you. If it isn't, we will stop it.

Some say they sometimes receive it.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: I pasted it into the chat so you can copy it from there.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thanks, Lianna. Okay, the next question is, if you have received the APRALO monthly newsletter, do you circulate it to your community? Generally, we want to find ... If you have ever received it, have you ever circulated it to your community? We'll give you a minute and then go to the next set of questions.

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Thank you. The code is going to be different. The code is there. How can we make the newsletter more impactful? Please, you can type in anything you want, anyone. It can be the staff, it can be the leadership, anyone who's participating or even the Board members. How can we make the newsletter more meaningful? You can put in any words which you want to change.

Human interest articles. Please do remember that the newsletter has to be within the remit of ICANN and APRALO. Share it via social media. Okay. A bit shorter. Member of the month. Make it on a fixed date. Very relevant. Anything else? Okay, youth look, member of the month, local stories from members. Great. Anything else?

You can keep putting in your answers, but due to scarcity of time, I will go to the next one, which is, what changes would you want in the newsletter in terms of content? I think we have certain messages, and you did give an indication. But in terms of content, how would you want it to be changed? Do you think we give too much policy updates, or too less, or it should be more easily given? Just like you said, we should have someone—okay, member section, youth section. Anything else? More coming up or upcoming. Okay. Brief tutorial. Shorter articles. Okay.

I'll go to the last question which I have. Just give me a moment. This has a separate code. The code is 49521967. In terms of display, how would you like to see the changes? In terms of the layout. If you can be a bit quick, you can see it now, or I will share the—since we don't have much time, you can key in your responses.

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And we have another question up there, which is, any other suggestions. So you can keep doing it, I will put the codes in the chat since we don't have much time. I can pass it on to you, Satish. Whatever comes in as feedback, I will share. Thank you so much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Amrita. So participants, please, you can continue updating your positions on menti. In the meantime, I'd like to open the floor for one or two questions. We have a few minutes now. Does anyone want to make any question, comment, suggestion?

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Satish, [inaudible] anyone has raised their hands for questions, etc., I want to say that the presentation will be published on our meeting page, and it has all the links that we've been talking, all the policy forum, the ICANN Learn course, whatever we've been talking, all these links are included in the presentation for everyone to know. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Lianna. If you haven't [had enough time] to read through the presentation, please download it and take a look. It's very informative and it covers most of what we are doing currently. So I'm just looking to see if anybody's hands are up. I don't see any hands up. So what we will do is I suggest that you go through the presentation and get back to us if you have questions or comments, and we can respond through e-mail. Back to the agenda now.

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Item four is the next call. The next call is on a regular schedule at 6:00 UTC on 20th of January 2022.

Now, Cheryl is making a suggestion, can we get a gallery shot of people? Can we put on the cameras, please, and take a shot? Okay. So who's an expert in pictures?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Yes, even I can take a screenshot.

SATISH BABU: Right, so I hope we've captured the screen. Thank you very much. And once again, before you leave, I'd like to thank you all for joining, especially our special guests. Edmon has stayed on until the very end. Thank you, Edmon, and León had to leave, but thanks to León also. Thank you, everybody who participated. Thanks to Lianna who has done the bulk of the work regarding the slide deck, and also Amrita who's been following up on the newsletter with the community and her efforts to make it more relevant.

So with that, we are now closing this meeting. Thanks once again. Happy holidays, happy new year, and have a great time ahead for the holiday season. Thank you, and back to you, Claudia, for closing the meeting.

CLAUDIA RUIZ: Thank you all for joining. This meeting is now adjourned. Please enjoy the rest of your day. Goodbye.

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