YESIM NAZLAR:	Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly teleconference taking place on Thursday 21st of April 2022 at 6:00 UTC.

On our call today on the English channel we have Satish Babu, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Bikram Shrestha, Aris Ignacio, Jahangir Hossain, K Mohan Raidu, Ali AlMeshal, Amrita Choudhury, Jee eun Choi, Puteri Ameena Hishammuddin, Lianna Galstyan, Suhaidi Hassan, León Sanchez, Shah Rahman, Eranga Samararathna, Laxmi Prasad, Pavan Budhrani, Asyraf Mierza.

We currently don't have anyone on the Chinese channel.

We have received apology from the Naveed Bin Rais, and Gopal Tadeapalli will be joining us slightly late. And we currently have Maureen Hilyard joining us.

From staff's side, on today's call, we have Gisella Gruber, Sabrina Lim, Mikhail Anisimov, and myself, Yesim Saglam and I'll be doing call management on today's call.

As usual, we have Chinese interpretation provided, and our interpreters are Ray and Sandy.

And before we get started, just a kind reminder to please state your names before speaking not only for the transcription, but also for the interpretation purposes in case we have anyone joining the Chinese channel, please.

	And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to Satish. Thank you very much.
SATISH BABU:	Thanks very much Yesim. Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. I see we have to be from different time zones today. Especially León who is in a very different times known. So once again, a warm welcome to everybody. We seem to have a larger group today. And as the very first item in the agenda, I'm very pleased to introduce to you the new representative from ISOC Malaysia, Puteri Ameena. I'd like to request Puteri to speak to us for a couple of minutes introducing herself and her ALS. Over to you.
PUTERI AMEENA:	Good evening for me here. Greetings everyone. My name is Puteri Ameena. I am the new representative from ISOC Malaysia. I have just been elected last month being the vice president of ISOC Malaysia. So this is my first experience formally participating in At-Large. I'm a graduate of the Asia Pacific Internet governance Academy 2021 last year. So this is very exciting, and I'm looking forward to learning with everyone. Thank you.
SATISH BABU:	Thanks very much. And we hope that you'll have a pleasant experience working with us in APRALO and rest of the ICANN community, and we also have Suhaidi with us. Suhaidi has been a stalwart for us. He's [inaudible] person that we have in the Malaysian community and he has

stepped off from the formal role in ISOC Malaysia, but we hope that he will continue to associate with us, especially noting that ICANN 75 is in Kuala Lumpur and we'll be the host region and Malaysia will be the host country. So very important to have Suhaidi with us. So thanks very much, Suhaidi, for being with us today. Would you like to speak for a minute?

SUHAIDI HASSAN: Hello Satish, all. I would like to [inaudible] Ameena has agreed to join as the representative and I have consulted the president of ISOC Malaysia to get their approval and the Board has agreed for Ameena to be the representative of ISOC Malaysia ALS to APRALO. And I will be I will continue to support her. And I hope if this is not a problem, I will be here as well from time to time to support and to welcome all of you to Kuala Lumpur for this November for ICANN 75. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Suhaidi. And we now move on with the agenda. But before I move on, I'd like to ask León if he wants to speak for a few minutes, because he came from a very different time zone. León, would you like to speak now?

LEÓN SANCHEZ: Thank you very much, Satish. Thank you, everyone, for having me again on your monthly call. And yes, I really appreciate that you allow me to provide you with a brief update on what we've done in the Board lately

and for giving me priority as i am in a different time zone. So thank you very much for that Satish and everyone.

Of course, as usual, the Board has been into many different issues. But the most relevant that I would like to call your attention to are the resolution that the Board passed, allocating $1 million for a fund to provide continuity for Internet connectivity in the conflict zone in Ukraine.

Well, as you may have seen in the Skype chat earlier today or late at night yesterday, I posted a link to the blog post in which ICANN Org is letting us know and publishing that they have engaged with [ETC] to allocate these funds and to work with them in order to try to guarantee or to provide continuity to Internet connectivity in the zone

Also, we passed an important resolution, which I reported earlier on the ALAC monthly call related to deferring the SSR3 to comply with the recommendations made by ATRT3. So this is also an important resolution because of course, it deals with an important review that needs to take place, but ATRT3 recommended that it be deferred. So we, of course, followed the recommendation from ATRT3 and we act accordingly.

And we also passed a resolution instructing the BAMC—that is the Board Accountability Mechanisms Committee—to further analyze the resolution on the IRP, the independent review panel on the .web issue. Well, we instructed them to undertake different tasks so that they come back to the Board with recommendations and with those

recommendations the Board was able to act accordingly and follow the IRP resolution.

Last but not least, we will be holding our first face to face workshop hopefully next week in LA. We will also be meeting with the SO/AC leadership in Los Angeles. And when I say we I mean Maarten Botterman, the chairman and myself as vice chair, we will be meeting with the SO/AC leadership. And after that we will be joining our Board colleagues in the workshop in LA.

So with that, Satish, I would like to thank you all. And of course I will remain if anyone has any questions or comments. I will remain for the next five minutes in the call and then I would like to apologize and leave the call.

SATISH BABU: Thank you very much, León, very happy to have you provide us with an update. And we also know that the next meeting of ICANN is going to be kind of hybrid where there's going to be face-to-face participation also. And later on—so if anybody has any questions for León, please leave it in chat before the next five minutes are up so that he can answer them in chat.

Thanks again and we now move on to agenda item number three. And this is the regular policy update. Today we have Holly and Naveed is not on the call, but we have Justine and Cheryl that very kindly agreed to kind back her up. They'll do it together. So Justine, and then to Cheryl.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you. Satish. This is Justine. Yeah, sorry, I wasn't aware that I was meant to give an update on policy, so I'm not really prepared. There has been a lot of things going on on the policy side of things on GNSO side anyway. But a lot of the work is actually being done at a small team level. And obviously, work progresses within each PDP or EPDP as well. I'm just trying to think back in terms of what has been reported or discussed at CPWG. I'm wondering if Cheryl wouldn't mind prompting me on—

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Sure.

JUSTINE CHEW: I'm at a loss today.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR: Okay. Not a problem. Couple of things. First of all, I think Justine, as you and Maureen were well engaged in the most unfriendly time, along with Holly and others from this region, at today's ALAC meeting, one notable thing regarding policy and CPWG, which is the Consolidated Policy Working Group, which I and others will continue to encourage each and every one of you to become involved with—it meets weekly, it meets in a rotating time zone of 13:00 and I think it's 19:00 UTC. So one or other of those should suit most of us, our time zones across the Asia Pacific area.

And it deals with both the discourse, the discussion and development of opinion, that then goes on to be drafted and will either go into

comments and statements from the ALAC or become part of the [inaudible] of the ALAC's what's known as responses to public comments.

And that's what's we're light on at the moment. So that's what Justine was mentioning, that at the moment, last month, there has not been what is often a ridiculously large amount of public comments crying for responses to be written and drafted. But in fact, an awful lot of work has gone on in the engine rooms, particularly in the GNSO, but also in a slightly across the wider community sense.

And two of those topics were covered off today in a bit of a dedication that Maureen made of the ALAC meeting for the work of the Consolidated Policy Working Group to be explored by the ALAC. And so amongst the things that was covered today, if my memory serves, because it's also early for me, we looked at the very important work done by the CPWG regarding a response to a set of questions regarding GNSO small group on DNS abuse.

And as many of you will know, DNS abuse is something our community is quite passionate about. And so some great deal of discussion has gone on in the CPWG. A set of responses to a set of questions were drafted and they were discussed and presented in today's day ALAC call.

We also in parallel to that discussed in today's ALAC call interaction with the GNSO Council on what we might be doing in terms of possibly contributing later on, I should say, to further work. And I think Justine might pick that thread up and talk more on that because she's part of the group as ALAC liaison to the GNSO sitting in those meetings. She will

be able to let you all know at least part of the GNSO was concerned that some of the activities were a bit too limited to the industry side of the entities and a wider than just the GNSO and Government Advisory Committee interest on the very important matter of generic names, should come to pass in the not-too-distant future. So I'll let her pick that thread up.

Threads that are finely knit together just before I close off was a very exciting thing. A lot of the work in policy in ICANN and certainly in the CPWG has awfully long shelf life. But one that's gone for a great deal of time—and Justine and Yrjö and [inaudible] have slaved on this one, we have got a completion of what's known as the intergovernmental organizations final report has come to pass. It's a huge amount of work. Credit to them and the rest of the group that has got a contentious issue finally settled after many years.

And I think Justine, I've thrown you enough threads there to tie that one in a little bow as well. So other than that, the CPWG is currently working in another thing that we're very interested in. And that is, of course, the feeding into the transfer policy review policy development process that's going on. So do join us. Justine, hopefully, you can tie those other two threads back to work that you have a passion for. Thanks.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you so much, Cheryl. Sorry, I lost my bearings a bit, a little bit earlier. But yeah, thank you for setting me straight, Cheryl. Always a great backup.

Okay, so just in the interest of time, I'll just touch on a few things that Cheryl brought up and maybe provide some more context to it. And obviously, if there are questions, we're happy to answer questions, if there are any.

I'm not going to touch on the transfer policy review stuff, because I'm not entirely intimate with that area of things. But yeah, do join the CPWG calls if you want to follow any of the PDP sets, policy discussions that's going on in GNSO, as well as other places like ccNSO as well, I think.

But I will touch on a few things, which is like the first one is the final report for the expedited policy development process for special curative rights protection for international government organizations. That's a bit of a mouthful, as ICANN terms normally are. but that is abbreviated to the EPDP on IGOs special curative rights protection mechanisms for IGOs.

And what that means exactly is and what that particular EPDP has been working on is remnants of a previous policy development process but narrowly focused on how to best, in simplified terms, protect acronyms of IGOs, intergovernmental organization acronyms, so things like World Health Organization as an example, their acronym is WHO.

So the question that was remaining from the past PDP is that in terms of such acronyms, how can the IGOs protect their acronyms against abusive actions by say, for example, bad registrants because the acronyms aren't protected in the sense that they aren't prevented from being registered because it's not like a trademark where WHO has WHO

as a trademark per se, but we recognize that certain acronyms, particularly International organizations' acronyms is well known in the sense that people are well aware of acronyms like WHO so presumably they could be subject to abuse by bad registrants, and therefore, there should be some kind of mechanism to help the specific IGO to protect against such abusive practices by bad registrants.

And one of the mechanisms was to avail IGOs to ICANN specific dispute resolution processes, which is the UDRP or the URS. UDRP is uniform dispute resolution procedure and URS is uniform rapid suspension procedure. But both are meant to be lightweight dispute resolution mechanisms available to third parties to file a complaint and have a complaint adjudicated by a panel to protect against such abusive practices.

The service providers are actually appointed by ICANN. And they are not necessarily just ICANN related bodies, but they are globally accepted dispute resolution service providers such as—I forget the name of it. Sorry, I'm rambling on a little bit.

But the outcome of the final report is that there has now been policy that's made by consensus within the EPDP itself to make sure that the UDRP and the URS are available to IGOs without any barriers, so to speak, because the earlier barrier was that in order for IGOs to avail themselves of UDRP, or URS, they would have to give up their immunities, they would have to waive the immunities and privileges as an international organization, which means to say that with the immunities and privileges, they can actually say that they're not bound by a particular jurisdiction in terms of legal action. So, yeah, and if they

were to use the UDRP, for example, then they would have to give up that right. Which is not something that is appropriate for IGO.

So the essence of this EPDP is actually to make sure that they have the ability to do that without giving up the immunities and privileges, but at the same time, also find a way to enable registrants to still have a way to review any UDRP or URS decisions by way of court process or by arbitration. So I'll stop there.

And in terms of DNS abuse, as Cheryl mentioned, there was a process where the GNSO Council small team on DNS abuse issued a questionnaire to certain parties, in the first instance to ALAC, GAC, SSAC and the DNS abuse Institute, basically asking them three questions. And if I can just simplify them, is to get an idea of what they think could be the role of GNSO Council in terms of tackling DNS abuse, which can be handled by way of development policy processes within GNSO. Okay, so that's ongoing, and the ALAC input was considered just earlier today. And I think an update will be given through the CPWG call. So join that.

And in terms of closed generics, the interesting development would be that the Board had actually invited GAC and GNSO to have a dialogue of some sort, to resolve the issue of whether closed generics should be available in the next round of applications, and if so, how. And it was a bit strange that the Board offered the opportunity just to GAC and GNSO. So GNSO considered it and the Council has now pushed it back to a small team, another small team to work out recommendations back to the Council on how should the GNSO conduct this dialogue with the GAC. There was an earlier objection that it should perhaps not only include these two parties, but also other ACs, which includes ALAC,

because ALAC had been also interested in the issue of closed generics and we had also been asking for a seat at the table. So I think that's happening and that's going to be discussed by the small team. So I think I've taken up too much time. So I will hand the floor back to Satish. Thanks.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Justine, and Cheryl, for stepping up and for the update. We now move on to the ALAC update. Maureen is going to speak to us on this. Over to Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you so much, Satish. Just very quickly, I just wanted to mention about the ALAC meeting this morning and that the introduction of the policy reports, one of the things that I felt was really, really important was that the CPWG puts out all these statements in response to requests for public comments from other ICANN communities or advice to the Board.

And we send them away, and then nobody gets any feedback. So what I thought would be really important was that for those who come to the ALAC meeting, those statements are actually explained. And I think that the sessions that we had this morning on DNS abuse the IGO report was really interesting. And I think that others would find it interesting as well.

But just going on to some other things that are happening with the ALAC. Of course, we've got the ICANN 74 planning team, great to see

some of our APRALO members at that. We're organizing—Friday's the last day for putting in any further proposals, but we've got one policy session organized on DNS abuse and another on closed generics. And both of those were introduced during ICANN 73. And these are going to be follow ups, mainly for our community to help us understand those two topics and how it impacts us as end users.

Another thing that's happening at the moment, and Satish has been involved in this as well is that we've got the IDN survey that Jonathan Zuck has been—he put it in as an ABR because in my discussions with Göran Marby, he mentioned that in the next round of a new gTLDs, IDNs are going to feature. So Jonathan took that on board. And he's set up a survey.

And interestingly enough, it says it doesn't affect us, because after having made inquiries with other communities that use us IDNs, we decided on the Hindi community of India would be the one that we'd focus the attention of this particular survey.

We had a meeting yesterday, and it was quite involved. The whole hour was talking about how we prioritize our questions on the demographic questions. So it's going to be an involved process, but we want to get this done, we want to get the survey done and finished by December. So it's a lot of work to be done. We've got a team that's going to be working on—a professional team in India, who's going to be doing that with us.

Another thing is that we're reestablishing the Outreach and Engagement Working Group. This had a bit of a hiatus over during the

pandemic. And Daniel got sick and just everything just collapsed around us.

So we're going to get that started again. We're going to give a lot of focus to the RALO liaisons. They're gonna get special attention, but the main focus is going to be on making sure that the Outreach and Engagement strategic plans that the RALOs actually develop for FY 23 just to sort of see how we can actually help RALOs implement them, and what sort of support that they need. And that's what this working group was supposed to be about.

So if you're interested in outreach and engagement, and you've got some ideas of how we can actually get the messages out about ICANN's work into the communities, do come along and join this group and support your RALO liaison. [inaudible] I believe.

And finally, I just wanted to remind everyone that in the [inaudible] of the ALAC meeting in May, we're actually going to have Graeme Bunton, we've been talking about DNS abuse, and the DNS abuse Institute, which I have to tell you, I'm a member of the advisory council.

But ICANN 74, the DNS Abuse Institute is actually going to launch a special tool, it's going to be called Net Beacon. And it certainly will affect us as end users and anyone who's a registrant who might be experiencing DNS abuse and how to report it and get something done about it.

So that's going to be happening in ICANN 74 for those who are going to be there or even watching virtually. You'll be part of that launch as well. So I think that is everything. Thank you Satish for giving me that chance.

SATISH BABU:
Thanks very much, Maureen, indeed a very rich kind of update. And yesterday's meeting that you mentioned is a very interesting meeting and Jonathan ended up giving us a crash course in econometrics for the design of the survey. So it's a very interesting project, actually.

We now move on to two other important announcements from staff and Gisella will be making these announcements, one about the ICANN 74 which is coming up and the other is about APRALO election, which has already started. Over to you, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER:
Thank you, Satish. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to run through the highlights of ICANN 74. As we are still in the planning stages, just to point this out. ICANN 74 is a hybrid policy forum. So it will be held over four days from the 13th to the 16th of June in The Hague in the Netherlands. So that will be on UTC+2 for the timing.

It's a shorter meeting than the community forum and the annual general meeting. And as Maureen mentioned, from the At-Large perspective, we have our planning committee who meets weekly, and they have drafted the schedule for At-Large. And I'm going to run through that momentarily.

But a reminder that this is our first hybrid meeting, which means novel to both our staff and the community. we have to take into account many restrictions when scheduling. And we also have a limited number of meeting rooms. And a kind reminder that for all our ICANN public

meetings, we have what we call the One Stop Shop, which will hopefully help you to navigate around the meeting and to find all the useful information. For those of you on the Zoom, I have put the link in the chat. And this is also available on the main agenda page.

So just running through the main sessions, I'll keep it brief. We have three main sessions, which will be the session on subsequent procedures working together on progress. So this will be an unconflicted session for most groups. And we'll kick off the week on the Monday with the first block on Monday, the 13th of June. We then have the plenary session on Tuesday, which the topic is the five year follow up to those who set ICANN priorities. And then on Thursday, we have the geopolitics political forum, which will close off ICANN 74 as the last slot of the day.

For the At-Large policy sessions, again, just following up with what Maureen mentioned. Two sessions were proposed. The first one on Monday is involving the DNS abuse conversation and end users' perspective, the role of At-Large. So this is suggested and moderated by Hadia Elminiawi.

And our second session that we have received so far is the session on Tuesday, which is on closed generics, finding a balance. This session was suggested and will be moderated by Jonathan Zuck.

We also have, you may notice that during ICANN meetings, we meet with several other groups, our bilateral meetings. Unfortunately during this meeting, we are unable to meet with GNSO and the ccNSO purely

due to time restrictions. We have a short week, many sessions to fill and as I said, restricted meeting rooms.

However, we will be meeting with the SSAC on Tuesday, and with the GAC on Wednesday. Coming back to those we won't meet with we'll do an intersessional meeting with the GNSO after ICANN 74. And we are planning a face to face with the ccNSO at ICANN 75 in Kuala Lumpur.

Other meetings to touch upon for At-Large is the welcome session on Monday, followed by the regional leaders meeting. We're also allowed to discuss several cross regional topics of interest. And the agenda will be put together over the next few weeks.

On Tuesday, we have the EURALO policy session, which will be on the topic of laws and regulations in the European Union. And we have Pari Esfandiari, ALAC member for EURALO and Olivier Crépin-Leblond, co-chair of the CPWG who will be moderating and leading that session.

And then on Wednesday, we have joint AFRALO-AfrICANN meeting. And we have that at all our ICANN public meetings. The topic for the statement has not yet been confirmed. But again, this will be posted on our one stop shop as soon as we have it.

And then to end up the week, we have the At-Large leadership wrap up session. We will have more information on all the logistics for ICANN 74. As I said, it's a hybrid meeting, a lot to take into account, a lot to also put into practice for how best to meet for the first time after a very, very long time over two and a half years. And all the information that we do receive will not only be put on the wiki page, but it will also be sent out to the to the various mailing lists, all the regional lists etc. So

you will definitely be kept into the loop as how to best participate during this meeting. So stay tuned. That is the update on ICANN. 74. Thank you Satish. Back over to you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Gisella. Any questions about the presentation on ICANN 74? I have a question, actually, what is really meant by hybrid? Is it that there will be some speakers on site and others are joining by Zoom? In this case that was the practice even prior to COVID. What is the difference?

GISELLA GRUBER: Yes, Satish. So the hybrid is yes, we will have a part of the people attending in person. And I think that the community members—there will be fewer community members possibly traveling to this meeting than we would usually have. But the setup of the hybrid meeting—and I've joined some of the IGF sessions when they will held in a hybrid manner. It is just the running of the session which will be a little different as we will have far more interaction from those attending remotely and not able to be there in person.

Fortunately from an At-Large perspective, we are hoping to have our main actors from ALAC and from the regions and our liaisons attending. But there will be a different setup on how to ask questions and using the Zoom feature as well not only for those virtually, but also for those in the meeting room. And staff will be trained on that as soon as the schedule is finalized, because at this stage, we will also have as I mentioned, restrictions with meeting rooms, which means we will have

for some of our meetings where we are not able to accommodate everyone in the main room, we will have overflow rooms for those sessions.

And again, we haven't had the full briefing yet because we are putting the pieces of the puzzle together to see how many rooms we have available, etc. So I'm looking forward to this new setup and all instructions on how to participate will be posted. There will also be something slightly different. We will need to register for meetings. For those people on site, they will have to register for meetings ahead of the time, they won't be able to do that on the day at the session. That is just to allow for us to account for actual persons in the room and to make sure that we don't exceed the number of people that we are allowed per room. I hope that gives you a little bit more information, Satish. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Great. Thanks very much, that was very helpful. And Justine in chat mentioned that there's going to be SOP for persons attending in person. And you just mentioned that there are indeed more restrictions. We now move on to agenda item number six, APRALO election. Over to you, Gisella.

GISELLA GRUBER: Thank you very much, Satish. So I'm just going to keep this brief, we have sent out the call for nominations on the 18th of April for the various positions that are across the ALAC, the RALOs and also the NomCom positions.

So I'll just run through the timeline at this stage. And I'm also putting for your information the wiki page in the chat. And please do take a look at this. And please also, if you haven't already seen it, please do look out for the email that was sent out on the 18th of April, from a staff account for the call for nominations.

So the call for nominations will be running from the 18th of April to the 29th of April. And nominations accepted for 10 working days. On the 5th of May, we have the deadline for nomination acceptances. So all the candidates who have been nominated need to accept their nomination by then or decline it. And then from the 9th of May to the 12th of May is the window when we can have the call with the candidates if it is so desired by the RALOs. It is not something that is mandatory. So the leadership will make a decision on that.

And from the 13th of May to the 20th of May, we have the elections, again, if required, and the elections will begin no later than one week after the deadline for nomination acceptances and end no later than two weeks after the deadline. And once that has been completed, the newly elected ALAC members and regional leaders will be seated at the end of the 2022 AGM following the close of the Board meeting on the 22nd of September, noting that the AGM this year is earlier in the cycle. It will be held the third week of September in Kuala Lumpur.

Again, please do look at the open positions on the page that are put in the chat for those on Zoom. This is also posted on the ICANN wiki, and we will be sending several reminders out over the next couple of days. And that's the update. Thank you very much Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Gisella. So we now we want to be the next item in the agenda, update from two of the working groups. The first is the outreach and engagement, the other is NomCom. So over to you, Aris, for the update from the outreach and engagement.

ARIS IGNACIO: Hello and good day to all. So for an update coming from the Subcommittee on Outreach and Engagement. As of this time, the only updates that we have would be, I would like to call up each and every ALS out there to update their current information with regards to their respective ALSes.

And we will need the following information. The complete name of the ALS, your respective logos, if there's any, contact persons, positions in the ALS and their respective e-mail, short information or description about the ALS, and if you do have a list of current and upcoming projects or activities, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have already all of this information, it would be great to email staff and hopefully people CC me. If you want some more details regarding that, you could contact any one of us and you could also check the APRALO newsletter from March 2022. And some of the details are out there. So as of the moment that is all for O&E. Thank you so much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Aris, for the effort that you're taking for updating ALS information. This is very important for us as we move towards our General Assembly next year, hopefully. I also note that it is quite likely that some of our ALSes are kind of defunct, partly because of COVID, partly because of other reasons. So we may not get the response from a number of our ALSes. So we have to then figure out what to do with that situation.

Currently, we have 61 aliases, but I would say maybe 10 to 15 are probably not going to respond. But let's see what happens when we start to contact them. So thanks for the effort. Now we move on to an update from NomCom. Lianna, please go ahead.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

Thank you, Satish. I do have some updates in this outreach and engagement topic. I've been invited from the [Minhaj] University is Pakistan to make an academic session of the engagement and to cover the end user perspective in participation of the APRALO from end users' perspectives in multi stakeholder engagement couple of years ago, well, some years ago, I don't remember. That was before the COVID. I believe [inaudible] in this university and did the same session talking about end users' participation in a policymaking, ICANN and especially in APRALO.

So they invited me again to make such a session along with Mikhail Anisimov, head of GSE for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. And I think this is very important for APRALO because we don't have representatives and ALS members from Central Asia. And I hope that this continues. Already, we can say that they invited me for the second

time, engagement for Central Asia might raise the participation, and especially with this situation COVID situation lifting gradually, I hope we can have members, ALS from this region. Thank you very much.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much Lianna. I think that's an important piece of information. Although we may not have an ALS there, we can definitely identify individuals, we can be individual members. And hopefully that might lead on to ALSes also, and also the remaining four of the Central Asian republics if there is participation in the region from there, then we may be able to get some contacts in the other -stans also. So this is a good initiative. Thanks for that. And Ali, over to you for the NomCom update.

ALI ALMESHAL: Thank you Satish. As you all know that we were having eight positions or eight vacancies open, three seats for ICANN Board, one for PTI and two for At-Large, one for Europe, one for North America, and one for GNSO and one for ccNSO.

If you have been following up the emails from NomCom operations team and leadership, the closing have been extended two times to get as much as possible more applications and which we have received a good number. All of these numbers will be officially published very soon once the operation team within ICANN is finalized to get that officially there.

So we have the steps that we have taken. We started with the soft dive on all of these applications. And after all of that we have done our first assessment. And that was the first face to face meeting we have in Washington DC. We spend a number of days going through all the applications, filtering them. And very soon by next week, we will start our deep dive on all of those applications as well. And hopefully by Hague, we'll be conducting our second assessments once we are done with all of these deep dives. So this is an overall on what we are doing. Numbers and figures about specifics will be very soon published and we will be sharing it. Back to you Satish. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Ali. It is good to note that NomCom has started face-to-face meetings again. It was really, really tough for the NomCom during COVID Because of the time zone issue, so we really appreciate the work of our NomCom delegate [inaudible]. Yeah, it's good that you started.

Right, so we have seven minutes. Are there any questions that anybody would like to raise, or comments? Justine, please go ahead.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thanks, Satish. I had a very short question for Ali, which is, did NomCom manage to get applications or candidates for every single vacancy? Thanks.

ALI ALMESHAL: Yes, we did.

JUSTINE CHEW: Thank you, good to know.

SATISH BABU: Right. So, I had a comment, which may be useful for address, but before that, Amrita has requested an update. Please go ahead, Amrita.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: Thanks, Satish. As usual, I would request all of you present in the call and also in case others—and spread this message also, that in case there is any update or any information which you would want to share in our bimonthly newsletter, please circulate it to me or staff so that we can add it into the newsletter, any developments, for example, like there is a new team in Malaysia, if you want to share that we can have that updated so that each of the ALSes get more update of what we are doing. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much. Maureen had actually pointed out something regarding the outreach and engagement. Now that COVID is kind of going away and we are back to face-to-face events and meeting, we need to gradually plan for how to reopen our normal interaction, even apart from our general assembly, which we might be able to invite at least to the active aliases, if not all. We need to plan for it. And I think Aris would be very useful to kind of start working on this. And the first step, of course, is to update the information. That's being done. But subsequently, we will have to plan for it. And the leadership team will

have to work on the outreach and engagement strategy plan. And that's one of the things that we'll share with the community shortly.

So I don't see any other hands up at this stage. That's fine. Lianna, go ahead.

LIANNA GALSTYAN: Thank you. I just wanted to briefly update about the progress of mentorship that we we're running this year. Since the last update was before the ICANN meeting. We keep our rather informal meetings between the mentors and mentees, and for the ICANN 73, we asked our mentees to participate in sessions, some of them at least to pick up depending on their interest, and prepare a report and their involvement in this way making a higher involvement and learning about the processes and the policy being developed at this time.

And of course, due to the challenging time for them, it was quite hard to be a daily meeting online during the session, but due to the possibility of recording, they could prepare the report. And I hope that everyone has seen this newsletter as we featured them in our bimonthly newsletter. And that is a good progress anyway. We have individual [pages] for different members, which is absolutely fine, because this is not a coaching but a mentorship process. And I like the way how the mentors and the mentees have been involved and developed in this process.

And another very quick note about the upcoming [inaudible] ISOC Armenia about the girls in ICT Day, which will be in a week time on 28th April. We are planning a hybrid meeting, especially with participation of

teachers and parents, since this is about the girls' involvement in the STEM education. And once we have some results afterwards, probably on our newsletter or the next call, I will make updates. Thank you very much. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much, Lianna. That was informative. Ali, please go ahead.

SATISH BABU: Thank you. Just a quick note, thank you Lianna for reminding us for the mentorship. I really wanted to take this opportunity to thank Lianna and Amrita for their dedication with the mentees and the continuous follow up with them and even the digest and adjust into the programming for the best of it to get the mentee, get involved, which they are doing. And thank you very much, Amrita and Lianna, for your dedication. Thank you, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Ali. And so I'd like to thank the team of Ali, Lianna and Amrita who have been coordinating the mentoring program. And it's coming up nicely. And we hope that the mentees will find it very useful.

So I think we have come to the end of the meeting. Are there any final comments from anybody? I don't see any hands up. So thanks, everybody, for this very informative meeting. And hopefully some of us attend face-to-face and then most of us can come together next year. Of course, Kuala Lumpur is one option, but otherwise for our general

assembly. So I'd like to adjourn this meeting and hand it over Yesim to make the formal closure. Thank you.

YESIM NAZALR: Thanks so much, Satish. Thank you all for joining today's meeting. This meeting is now adjourned. Have a great rest of the day. Bye.

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