

YESIM SAGLAM:

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening to everyone. Welcome to the APRALO monthly teleconference taking place on Thursday 21st of July 2022 at 06:00 UTC.

On our call today we have Satish Babu, Gopal Tadepalli, Priyatosh Jana, Maureen Hilyard, Puteri Ameena, Aris Ignacio, Pavan Budhrani, Amrita Choudhury, Cheryl Langdon-Orr, Suhaidi Hassan, Shah Zahidur Rahman, Gunela Astbrink.

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

We have our ombudsman, Herb Waye observing this call.

And just to cover the apologies we received, apologies are from Justine Chew, K Mohan Raidu, Save Vocea from staff, Holly Raiche, and Ali Almeshal

From staff, we have Gisela Gruber, Melody Au, and myself, Yesim Saglam present on today's call. And I'm also going to be doing call management's.

As usual, we have Chinese interpretation provided. Our interpreters are Ray and Sandy. And before we get started, just a kind reminder to please state your names before speaking in case someone joins the interpretation channel, Chinese channel.

And with this, I would like to leave the floor back over to Satish. Thank you very much.

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SATISH BABU:

Thank you, Yesim. Welcome to our July monthly call. We are of course looking towards ICANN 75 and so the bulk of the time of this call, we may be spending on planning for ICANN 75. But I'd like to welcome everybody to this call. In particular, [inaudible] different time zone from us. So thank you for joining us.

And we move on to the agenda. We do not have anything in the membership pipeline. We move on to agenda Item number three, which is the policy update. Today, we have a bit of a problem because the Holly and Justine are both missing, meaning they have regrets to this call. I don't see Naveed either on the call. So what Holly has done is very simply put down the major points in the document. I will go through it quickly. But then I'll ask Cheryl to step in and to kind of cover what is not being covered in that document. Cheryl, is that okay with you?

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

I'm sure it'll be fine.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much. Right, so I will move to the document that Holly has given us. This is from yesterday's CPWG call which the main item discussed was the closed generics, a presentation made by Greg. A closed generic is a generic name, such as Apple or hamburger, which becomes a new gTLD but is closed in the sense only the sponsoring entity can provide second level registrations. It is not open for others to kind of register.

And last round, the GAC advice was that closed generics should only be allowed for public interest purposes. And the allocation of generics was prohibited in the first round. And it was to be considered by SubPro working group and to be allowed in the second round in principle, but SubPro itself could not reach agreement on what terms should closed generics be allowed.

So as of now, in March 2022, the Board proposed GNSO for the formation of a small group between GNSO and GAC. Now, GNSO, and in that process, ALAC was also invited to be a part of the group and Greg is representing us on this group. And Alan is an alternate.

So the main discussions are about, should close generics be prohibited, or should they be allowed? And if so, only there to serve public interest context? And the second question is, how do we define this public interest?

In the CPWG yesterday, there was a good discussion and Justine proposed that why don't we start with the assumption that they are going to be allowed and then develop safeguards in allowing them? So that is a major chunk of the discussion of yesterday.

Then there were continued discussions on transfer policy update. I'm not going to get to the details, because these are more technical. There are three points that ALAC had submitted. And the comments are still open and end on Friday, when the final comments will be submitted.

The next presentation on EPDP on IDNs. So this was not an update, really, but we had an interesting session last week on the EPDP. Instead of the regular EPDP session, we had something called office hours,

which is a feedback session in private, meaning we were given half an hour, the ALAC team, [inaudible] constituency groups are given time with the chairs, Donna and Justine, and we met.

Unfortunately, two of us were traveling and [inaudible] able to make it, but it was a good session, because we got very good feedback that our team was doing pretty well. And yesterday, Justine also spoke about it. So I think we're on the right track as far as this EPDP is concerned.

The last one I'll touch upon—I'm skipping two of them on the accuracy scoping team and SSAD ODA—is the DNS abuse presentation to CPWG. Justine made a presentation about the small group for the DNS abuse prevention or mitigation within GNSO. And Justine is a part of that.

So basically, the two issues that ALAC have defined was one was the bulk registration made with malicious intent and second was contractual compliance in terms of enforcing such compliance. So I'll stop here, and I'll pass on the floor to Cheryl for her to add on anything that's missed out.

CHERYL LANGDON-ORR:

Thank you very much. Of course you haven't missed anything. You've covered everything in the recent policy work admirably with that review of CPWG activities yesterday.

But what I would like to just remind everybody is part of these briefings that go on in the CPWG is to upskill each and every one of us on the subject material as well as give us updates on ongoing policy work. And so even if you can't as an individual make the CPWG meetings—and I

remind you, they rotate in time. They do meet every week, but they rotate in time, so you should be able to find one time that at least once a month, you should be able to drop in and join us.

The material that they produce, so the PowerPoints are there, the presentations are there, the recordings are there, the meetings are there. They are a truly valuable resource. And so for you as an individual, or for you as a lead in policy in another entity that's an At-Large structure, please use those CPWG resources, because they are truly valuable.

But right now, there's not a lot of public comments that we have on the books. But we will have public comments coming down. And that includes the one that I'd like to encourage you all to start contemplating doing a thought process about, because we will be having a public comment with regards to—actually two things. One, the terms of reference for the pilot holistic review will be going out to public comment. And we should think about that, and—I trust—support the ALAC and At-Large views that have gone into the development of those terms of reference. So a regional support and individual support of those terms of reference that would be valuable, but you can't just support something without understanding it.

The other thing that will be coming down the track, of course, is there's going to be a group of bylaw changes coming in the not too distant future as a result of the review of the Nominating Committee. And those bylaw changes will be bundled with some other bylaw changes. And something as important as bylaw changes, our region should also

prepare itself for looking into. That's [inaudible] heads up. Back to you, Satish.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Cheryl, for the update. I see that both Suhaidi and Ameena are on the call. I'd like to specially welcome them because they're going to be our hosts [inaudible] Justine when we go to KL for ICANN 75. So welcome, both of you. There are some points that we will be touching upon in agenda item number six about some of the sessions that we are planning, and we have already reached out to Suhaidi for some support. So with that, we'll move on to agenda item number four, which is the ALAC update. Over to you, Maureen.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Thank you so much, Satish. And I just wanted to follow up on Cheryl and say I wholeheartedly agree on if we can get some APRALO input into these two upcoming policy public comments that are going to come up, especially with regards to the holistic review, which has been a major issue for the ALAC itself. And of course, a review of the NomCom, which is an important part of the whole ICANN process. And they're both issues that impact us, will impact us in the future. So it's important that you have your say.

But just also following on from that, because I had a discussion with Jonathan about, did he get some idea from the CPWG about a recommendation for the plenary topic? There's about six topics that have come up with regards to what might be proposed for the plenary session, because there's only one plenary planned for this meeting.

And unfortunately, as the report that Satish gave conveyed, there was no time to discuss that. Unfortunately, the meeting is early in the morning for me, and I can't attend. But I've asked Jonathan to attend that SO/AC meeting which is tomorrow morning my time. And I'm sure he will listen to all the discussion that takes place and make a decision that [inaudible] our view.

But I just wanted to say that most of the meetings that concern us at the moment, of course, to do with ICANN 75, the SO/AC chairs meetings, the production team meetings, as well as our own APRALO meetings that we're looking at how we can contribute as a region to the meeting program. But we do have to be mindful that although it's the AGM and it's a longer meeting, starting in the weekend when we're going to be having all the At-Large type interactions within our own group, plus with other constituencies.

So it's going to be pretty packed with meetings already and it's going to be very limited opportunities for anything extra. And even our networking event, I know it's proving a bit of a problem, not just for the timing, but the venue and how we might [inaudible]. I have no doubt the leadership team will address and sort that out.

But of course, another thing is that—although this is completely inhouse and confidential to APRALO at the moment, of course, but I'll be supporting the new ALAC chair elect, Jonathan Zuck. It was the only nomination, so unless something absolutely dramatic happens between now and Monday, I think that it's pretty much done and dusted. So he'll be transitioning into the ALAC chair and he will bring a new dynamic to the leadership of ALAC. I'm really looking forward to it.

I will have a different role, which you will hear about in due course, but it's sort of within At-Large, so it's going to be a pretty interesting year coming up. I'm looking forward to it.

But finally, I'd like to congratulate [Amir] for his new role in the NomCom. I just sort of feel it's been a great year for At-Large and for APRALO with respect to getting recognition and starting with Justine and Lianna coming in as ALAC liaison, Satish getting his award not too long ago and soon to be on the ALAC, and now Amir who is starting to get the recognition that people work hard for. It's not given on a silver platter. People have to work hard for it and [inaudible]. It just means that people have got to put the effort into it. So I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you. It's in our region, so I'm hoping that—I mean, there's a limited number of funded travelers. We don't have any say over who goes. There was a set criteria, the ALAC and the RALO leaders. I think two from each region. But there must be some other ways that people can get to either the Singapore meeting, of course, with the Asia Pacific sessions that are on in Singapore the week before Kuala Lumpur, but for the ICANN 75 meeting as well.

Also, I may see some of you at the APIGA meeting, which is next month. And I've been invited by the Korean organizers to attend that meeting, which I'm actually really looking forward to that as well. But that's all for me. Lianna, you have your hand up.

LIANNA GALSTYAN:

I just wanted to give you kind of heads up on the joint meeting, ALAC and ccNSO that we are planning together with Javier, and to give the

information for everyone that the topic we are preparing and chose is DNS abuse. And we will bring a different perspective on this topic for the end users and the ccTLD managers.

This is a very preparatory stage at this moment, but I think it will be tomorrow, the ccNSO Council meeting, and we'll start discussing the details on that. I just wanted to share this update with all of you. I will be in contact with Jonathan as well since he's heavily involved with the DNS abuse topic. And we'll be planning accordingly together. Thank you.

MAUREEN HILYARD:

Yeah, thank you, Lianna. I would like to respond. Interestingly enough, when we had our meeting the other day, we'd had a message that ccNSO was not actually going to have a session with us. But if that has changed, of course, that means we'll have to cram it into a space somewhere. So I suppose if it's confirmed at the Council meeting tomorrow, then that's fine. We do need to get some really quick confirmation about that. It was just that we were given other information, but it's all good. We'll just wait to hear from you. And we'll get on to it. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Maureen, and thanks, Lianna. As Maureen says, this is going to be an interesting year ahead. And many of us are in different positions in addition to our core regional roles. So with that, we will now take a look at the high-level picture of ICANN 75 and over to Gisella for that.

GISELLA GRUBER:

Thank you, Satish. Good morning, good afternoon to everyone. The ICANN 75 AGM general assembly is our second hybrid meeting. And it is going to be held in Kuala Lumpur from Saturday the 17th to Thursday the 22nd of September. Thank you, Yesim, for putting up the block schedule. I will be coming to that very shortly.

But the main ICANN website is already up for those who wish to see what is on there. And I'm putting all the links in the chat at the same time. On the website we already have, for those attending in person, an initial guidance on health and safety at ICANN 75. So for those who were in The Hague, we will just be referring to social distancing, to masks, etc. So it is useful information and it will be updated as and when there are any. So please do bookmark the pages I'm putting in the chat.

And our regular At-Large wiki page has also been set up and on this page, you will find all the At-Large latest schedule. We post the At-Large schedule on this page by day, and we also post all useful information, may it be a template for PowerPoint presentations, the meeting venue, location plan, as well as the setup plan of all the meeting rooms etc. It just helps everyone to find everything in one place. And again, this is where the latest At-Large schedule is always posted.

So coming back to the block schedule, I will just briefly run through what to expect at ICANN 75. Just in addition to what Maureen has already said and what we will be addressing in the next agenda item which is coming to the APRALO sessions. As you can see, the meeting

running from Saturday to Thursday with Saturday and Sunday focusing on the Board workshop, internal SO/AC work and bilateral meetings. There will be bilateral meetings during the week as well.

And then we have a certain number of sessions in there, which we will be deciding on whether we keep them all unconflicted. I know that the plenary in red is definitely to be unconflicted. And what we usually do is those in orange, we have them unconflicted as well, so that all At-Large community members can attend these sessions which are of interest to all.

And then for the rest, we will be slotting all our sessions into the weekend and during the week. And we are in the initial planning stages of these. We have most of the sessions already listed. And the ICANN 75 Planning Committee is looking into this. We meet on a weekly basis, had our first meeting this week. And again, on the At-Large wiki space, you can find the ICANN 75 planning committee space and everything, all the meetings and information is listed there.

If there are no other questions, I'll hand the floor back to Satish and we will be able to talk about the APRALO events which we are planning at ICANN 75. Thank you for your time.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Gisella. that is very helpful to get the big picture. So I see that Suhaidi has to leave. So Suhaidi, would you like to speak for a minute since we're all coming to your country? Would you like to tell us anything?

GISELLA GRUBER: I believe he may have left.

SATISH BABU: Okay. Ameena, do you have anything to tell us?

PUTERI AMEENA: Hi, everyone. I am the vice president of Internet Society Malaysia chapter. We're still planning internally. And Suhaidi have forwarded me your e-mail, Satish, and I've brought it to the committee. We're discussing it and we'll get back to you guys. Hopefully, we can meet everyone in Kuala Lumpur next two months. Thank you.

SATISH BABU: Thanks very much. So I will explain what she was referring to when we come to the agenda item. So here we have agenda item number six, we have the different updates from the APRALO related or organized sessions. The first event is a networking event. Normally we have a kind of event where we invite our ALAC colleagues and maybe some Board members and [inaudible] as a host region.

But this time you see that there are a bunch of restrictions related to COVID which makes it almost impossible to kind of have the regular kind of event. Gunela, do you have anything to tell us at this point?

GUNELA ASTBRINK:

Thank you, Satish. As Satish and Maureen have already indicated, there are some complexities in organizing a networking event, because of restrictions in the venue with food and timing and so forth. So we are looking potentially at an outside event in a restaurant and looking at three different types of invitations, the number of people going, and location and so forth. And I believe that Gisella will be helping with that, and Justine on the ground will hopefully also be able to make some suggestions. So we are doing the best we can under the circumstances. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Gunela. So we will be getting back on this, especially if you're going to have some kind of showcasing or a presentation from [inaudible]. So our member ALSes of APRALO, we may be calling upon you to you to do one slide or a short video, 10 seconds to say hello in your own language and script. Because we are all about diversity. And we're also talking about IDNs and other scripts than English.

So those are some of the things that we can perhaps highlight. And this would require reaching out to our ALSes and individual members. And Amrita and Aris have kind of volunteered to do that, depending on how this is going to evolve. So the consensus at this point is that let us do a virtual presentation series of all our ALSes and individual members, will make a template and we will ask them to contribute.

We do not know how the end audience is going to look like. We will not have any what with strong restrictions. That's going to be worked out. But our leadership team members will be reaching out to ALSes over the

next two or three weeks, we will see how the event shapes up. But Amrita and Aris will be in touch regarding—not even—having a long, very long period of dormancy kind of COVID-induced slumber, we're coming out of it now. Next year, we're going to have our general assembly. So it's time to wake up I think. So this is going to be an occasion to wake everybody up. Please stand by for further announcements on this over the next few weeks.

The next item is APRALO in-person monthly call. Now this call for example is the July call. The September call is going to be hybrid. Whosoever is there in Kuala Lumpur is going to meet in a room with Zoom connectivity so that the regular people who are not in Kuala Lumpur can also join just like you have done today.

So we will get the Zoom link for most people who are not there in Kuala Lumpur, there's no difference. You will get the regular Zoom link and login into that just like today. For the people who are physically present in Kuala Lumpur, we will assemble in the room. So that is regarding the second item.

The third item is engagement with ICANN fellows from APAC and NexGen. Now, this is a group which is going to be the next generation for us in APRALO. That is the fellows from the APAC region and the NextGen who are anyway from APAC region. Now I will request Aris and Amrita to kind of talk to us about what is being planned.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Thank you, Satish. So for the program of the fellows and the NextGen, we are currently in coordination right now with Siranush and Deborah

with regards to what should the program be and also the schedule on when and where it will happen. And we are also planning to have a joint session in regards to all the fellows and all of the NextGen coming from the APRALO region. So as of the moment we're still in the initial stages. We don't really have a detailed update as of the moment. But we will be giving some updates as we go. So thank you so much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Aris. Amrita, would you like to add anything?

AMRITA CHOUDHURY:

Nothing to add. Aris said it all.

SATISH BABU:

Right, thanks. So the next item is what Puteri Ameena was talking about earlier. The leadership team of APRALO has discussed this point that we're going to Kuala Lumpur in person. The ICANN meeting comes to Kuala Lumpur and then it goes away, and what is the legacy that it leaves in Kuala Lumpur and in Malaysia?

And the answer to that was that if it should leave a legacy, that we have to engage with local communities there. We do have one ALS there, ISOC Malaysia. So we discussed then, we reached out to Suhaidi and asked him if he can organize a session with students, maybe college students. Either we can go out to the university where they [inaudible] and we can talk to them about ICANN about the need to engage with ICANN, what it is, how they can engage, etc., or they could come to ICANN venue.

Now this is, again, subject to—Gisella will have to find out [inaudible] the meeting team to see if this is allowed, especially given the fact that [inaudible] 150 students can come to the ICANN meeting venue. However, if they come there, we have a problem with space, and we're not allowed to give any food or drink. So if we have hundreds of students and we don't give them anything, it's going to be a bit of a problem. So we're trying to sort this out. But Aris and Ali had volunteered to kind of [work this out with] Suhaidi and Ameena. So Aris, do you have anything to add here?

ARIS IGNACIO: Yeah, thank you. Satish. As of this point, we're going to also coordinate with Ameena [inaudible] contacting some of the universities around Kuala Lumpur. Maybe Ameena has something to say, Satish.

SATISH BABU: Ameena, please go ahead.

PUTERI AMEENA: Thank you. I just have a question. Having everyone here, maybe you can contribute on what subject or background of these college students that are preferred, because I am a computer science background and I see that this topic is relevant. But there are also other students that are practicing law. So maybe if you know what kind of background that we can invite, that will be easier. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Ameena. It's a very interesting question. What is really ICANN's domain or discipline? It is interdisciplinary, basically, it brings together technology, law, maybe geopolitics, social aspects. Not a lot of social aspects, but definitely there are things like public interest.

So it is a mixture. And just like ICANN and this group here right now is interdisciplinary, we would recommend diversity. But the main elements would be law and technology. But can anybody else add on to this? If there are any other suggestions on this.

I don't see any hands up, so I assume that this is good enough. So we are looking to talk to an interdisciplinary group of students, and [inaudible] more clarity on whether we should go there or they should come here, etc. But this is a core concept that we leave behind the legacy of ICANN 75 that will last into the future.

Right. The next is the UA policy session. Unfortunately, Justine is an apology for this meeting. What we're planning out is that the APRALO policy forum was organizing a series of talks called the fireside chat. The fireside chat basically wants to introduce in a very nonthreatening manner a particular topic to kind of laid back conversation.

So now for ICANN 75, we were originally planning that we will have a session on IDN. And given the fact that ALAC has just completed a survey on the end user perceptions on internationalized domain names, IDN. And that results are with us. So we thought this would be a good occasion to share the results with the community and get some of our leaders in this IDN space, especially from the Board working group on IDN, to respond to these findings and kind of share their insights about

what these things really mean. So that is what we're planning. And we had mandated Justine to talk to [Jonathan] and come back with more information. So that's happening right now. And we'll hear more of this later.

I see something in chat. Yeah, somebody's asking, [inaudible] huge number. Yeah, the original number was 300. So we have cut it down to 150. Now, this, of course, will depend on the level of interest. So we will defer to Suhaidi and Amina for the final numbers, but we have actually cut it down by half. Okay, I know that we do have some time. So any comments or questions are welcome.

I see Ameena's comment saying that Internet governance is not very common. For many people, it's also very boring so we have to make it interesting. I remember a JPRS video wherein it shows a person explaining to another person [inaudible] Internet governance. And the first 30 seconds, the other person falls asleep. So there is really a need for making Internet governance more interesting to especially young people.

All right, moving on. The last session is technically not an APRALO session. It is a cross RALO session. So normally, regional leadership, there is a session that brings together only the leadership, which is RALO chairs and the vice chairs [and the entire community.] That session is already on. And that is to look at various aspects of running RALOs, the changes and ALS mobilization, individual member mobilization and those kind of issues.

But this time, we had asked for not exactly a policy session, there's also an organization session. We have seen that there is a fairly significant change happening in the leadership positions across the different RALOs. For example, for APRALO, we have a new team coming on board, wherein all the chair and the two vice chairs are new to this particular job. So the same thing is happening in other RALOs.

So we thought this is a good opportunity to bring together the outgoing and incoming leaders so that they will work [inaudible] So it's good to establish some kind of a comfort level with each other. So we haven't figured out exactly what we're going to cover in this session. But that has been proposed by the RALO chairs. And we'll have to see how that works out.

Right, so that is about the sessions in ICANN 75. Now, are there any other questions or comments regarding any of these sessions that are being proposed? As Maureen said earlier, this is going to be a very crowded meeting, and we're not sure whether everything that we proposed or others proposed is finally going to materialize given both the time and space constraints as well as the COVID related issues. So at this point, we are open. Maureen, would you like to add on anything?

MAUREEN HILYARD:

No, you've covered everything. I think that there's been some really great stuff. And as chair, I've really appreciated the inputs that people have had and have made. There's things to be sorted out. But I think that with some people on the ground, you might be able to get a little

bit more information and support. But you'll be good. I have every confidence in the APRALO.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks, Maureen. Yeah, so if there are no other comments, we will move on in the agenda. If you have any comment, please do not hesitate to reach out because we do have some time left. The next agenda item is outreach and engagement update. Over to you, Aris.

ARIS IGNACIO:

Thank you. For outreach and engagement, just like what was mentioned, everything has been concentrating for ICANN 75 and what we have mentioned, we do have again programs for the fellows and the NextGen. [inaudible]. And we do hope that we are going to have more coordination with Ameena with regards to how we can lay out and also provide a foundation for us to be able to make everything more [inaudible]. So as of the moment, that is all. Thank you so much.

SATISH BABU:

Thanks very much, Aris. And then we had an update from Ali on NomCom. As Maureen said earlier, we have two new leaders for the next year's NomCom. Both from At-Large. Vanda of course from At-Large and we also have Amir who's coming in as the chair elect, so good for At-Large and also for our region, because we have more leaders coming up.

Now, at this point, our agenda is over. Is there any topic that any of us would like to raise? Yes, Amrita, please go ahead.

AMRITA CHOUDHURY: As usual, Satish, I have a request to all. In case you or your ALS have done something, please send the detailed picture, details within 50 words or 100 words to me, preferably by 26 to 27. It will help us to kind of put it into the newsletter. And Satish, I don't know if Shah is there. [Do you want to hear what his plan for the social media outreach is?]

SATISH BABU: Thanks, Amrita. We will go to Shah just in a moment, because I see Maureen's hand. But even before that, I remember last general assembly we had in Abu Dhabi, some of us together under Maureen's leadership had brought out 10 years of APRALO compendium, as an eBook. It is a very useful compendium with the kind of documents or history and it is done by stitching together newsletters from different months. So the newsletters really have a lot of value because they are kind of capturing history. And the reason why [inaudible] routine, they are actually not just routine, it is to update but also to capture for posterity. So, please, whatever work you do, ensure that you pass that on to Amrita so that the newsletter has it, and thereby the next GA, maybe we will bring out another compendium. Right. So Maureen, please go ahead.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Thank you, Satish. I just thought if you had about five minutes, I could give you an intro—confidential to APRALO because it hasn't been publicly announced yet—on outreach and engagement for next year. Would you like that?

SATISH BABU: Yes, please.

MAUREEN HILYARD: Okay. One of the things, of course, outreach and engagement has been—we haven't really done as much as we would have liked over the last year because we just didn't meet. Haven't met for a long time.

So with my leaving the chair and because I like to keep busy, and because I see a gap in our three work streams, I think the CPWG is going excellently, the OFB working group is going excellently, and it's got its own subgroup, just as a subgroup with, say, prioritization working group that is working, they're both going brilliantly.

So before I leave the ALAC, which is at the end of the next year's term, and I hope that people are making plans to look at a successor for this role, this position on the ALAC. I want to work on the outreach and engagement. And it's going to be getting a bit of a restructure and a little bit more emphasis on RALOs.

And also, I'm revisiting something that we did not get the chance to do over the last three or so years because of COVID and the fact that outreach and the sorts of things that we wanted to do just weren't possible, is to get back to what we had assumed that we would do following the summit, which was the outreach ambassadors, the policy ambassadors that we had planned to direct and train.

But we're going to do it a little bit differently. Because at the same time as I was [inaudible] this, I then got told that ICANN Org is actually doing

something similar for the NextGen. They want to build their policy capacity to encourage them to join the GNSO.

So the program that I'm planning for the outreach ambassadors—I'm calling them policy ambassadors in my mind, because I want an acronym that's actually sort of like going to be sensible, like PA.

Anyway, these policy ambassadors, I'm thinking of doing a training. There's going to be a first initial training group of 10 people, two from each region. Now, they have to be people who probably could be leaders already, because what I want as people who are prepared to gin themselves up on policy so that we have proper policy ambassadors going into the regions and who are sort of like expressing the end user perspective of what it is that's happening within ICANN.

So that's going to be sort of like a three stages. The first one will be—the policy ambassador program is going to be part of the outreach, because it has to do with outreach, but it's going to be outside of it. So it's running in parallel. The second part of it is that the leadership is at the moment divided between Daniel and Natalia. Now, they both had a role, and both were unable to participate over the last year. So that fell apart a bit.

Now, during the year, I would say there will be another review of that leadership. But at the moment, I'm leaving it as it is until we get some sort of ability in the actual process going on so that Daniel will be in charge of the running of the meetings and coordinating the social media and capacity building working group. Natalia, because of her sort of like very versatile and creative sort of bent, I'm really hoping—she's so

desperate to get back to us—that she will actually have a role in training the regional liaisons.

Regional liaisons will have responsibility for the implementation of the strategic plans—outreach plans of their RALO. It's one of the things that we never really get a hold of within the outreach engagement working group, we don't ever know what's happening in the RALOs. So regional liaisons are going to be people who are going to be looking at creative ways and making sure that those outreach and engagement teams are being implemented appropriately. So that's the second level.

And the third level is what happens at the working group meetings. So with the working group meetings, we've got all these people doing things. There will be reports from a progress of the policy ambassadors. There'll be reports from the progress of the implementation of the outreach strategic plans of each of the RALOs. And there will be—for the second half of the meeting, it will be basically brainstorming, working in breakout teams, looking at how we can make outreach more effective in the regions.

So this might be working in as RALO groups, as breakout—so that's really interactive. And what I want is a toolkit, to develop a toolkit that comes from ideas that are developed from each of the breakout groups who might have small groups, who actually might—like somebody might want to create another ICANN Learn module or something like that. It's got to be something that can be meaningfully used within the outreach sort of situations that everybody will be able to have an opportunity to do now that COVID—well, at the moment, we're sort of

like assuming that the COVID cloud is lifting and that we're going to be more able to ...

So that's basically it. I'm putting together a plan, a proper development plan, but that's an overall picture. So from APRALO and from each of the other RALOs, it's an application process. If you want to be part of it, you have to apply. You have to be able to tell me what your qualifications are, what your networks are within your community, what you've done in the past within ICANN, how you can contribute, what policy areas that you're interested in. All those sorts of things are going to be really important to choosing people who are going to be policy ambassadors for APRALO and the other regions.

And I'm trying to see if I can get two groups, two cohorts done within the next two years, so in this next year so that we've got four people within APRALO who, when Justine says, "I'd like some policy people to join the policy forum group," that we'll have four volunteers already and they'll be encouraging others to join as well.

And it's very much aligned with what ICANN Org is—I mean, I raised this with David Olive and Sally Costerton while we were in The Hague. They said, "What are you going to do as chair?" "Well, I've got this idea." And surprisingly, they liked it. So I've had another meeting with them. They really want to support it. I'm trying to get some rewards slotted in there. They don't like giving people rewards for some reason. They don't mind us doing work, but it's really hard to get something out of them to say, "We really value what you're doing."

So this is something that I'll be pushing until the AGM of 2023. Keep it under your hats for now until it's made official, but just so that Aris has got something to talk about next time and so that that's basically what we're going to be working on in outreach and engagement. I hope it works. As long as it works for us in APRALO, I'm sure it'll be good. Thank you.

SATISH BABU:

All right, thank you, Maureen. I hope that you'll will have a kind of proper document at some point in time in future where we can look at it and discuss and maybe even contribute to the document.

So we have come to the end of the agenda. The next meeting is on Thursday, 18th of August. The following meeting in September will be a hybrid meeting in Kuala Lumpur. So if there are no last comments or questions, I will hand the floor back to Yesim to close the call.

Are there any other last-minute questions? If not, thank you very much for joining this call. This was a very informative call. And we hope to see you at the next monthly call in August. And it's back to you, Yesim, for closing the call.

YESIM SAGLAM:

Thank you, Satish, and 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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